

ernor General of Canada. We can never forget the inspiration of the visit of Lord Dufferin, with his eloquent Irish tongue and grace of manner—the first Governor General to visit Manitoba and the man who did much to reconcile British Columbia to Confederation. His progress through Manitoba was unique, and Lady Dufferin in Belfast three years ago, expressed to the writer her memory of the visit to Manitoba as being one of the brightest of her life.

Nor was less good done by the notable visit of the Marquis of Lorne in his famous drive for a thousand miles through the prairies of the Rocky Mountains. The Marquis of Lorne represents to the Canadians the modification of the Downing street policy toward Canada, and it was fitting that he should so thoroughly visit the wide west, when the railroad era had but come in. The great leader of the House of Lords to-day—Lord Lansdowne—with his genial, high-spirited and marked judicial attitude, left the best of recollections in the prairies of western Canada. So with Lord Stanley. The frequent visits of Lord and Lady Aberdeen belong to a period when the great engine of civilization—the railway—had conquered distance; and their interest in all things Canadian cannot be forgotten, nor can the memory of the service and advice on the Northwest battlefields of the soldier Governor—Lord Minto.

But no representative of Queen Victoria or King Edward has shown so intelligent, sympathetic and penetrating an interest in all things western as the present Governor General. Lord Grey and his hospitable family have visited every part of the wide Dominion, and held a modified Canadian Court in all our principal cities. Thus we have been taught to be thoroughly Imperialistic Colonials or Colonial Imperialists. We sincerely regret his departure from us, but we shall not forget how thoroughly he has identified himself with everything national, social, and religious in our Canadian life. We know that when he again climbs the white cliffs of old England he will receive from His Majesty, King George, the hearty commendation of being the most successful Canadian Governor.

No young nation of the Empire could have had viceroys more suited mentally, socially, or politically to draw closer this eldest daughter of the Empire to the Motherland. There can be no doubt that the paternal interest of the Governors sent us, let us say from "Home," especially in Western Canada, has done a vast deal to strengthen our attachment to the Empire and at the same time allow a self-respecting Canadianism.