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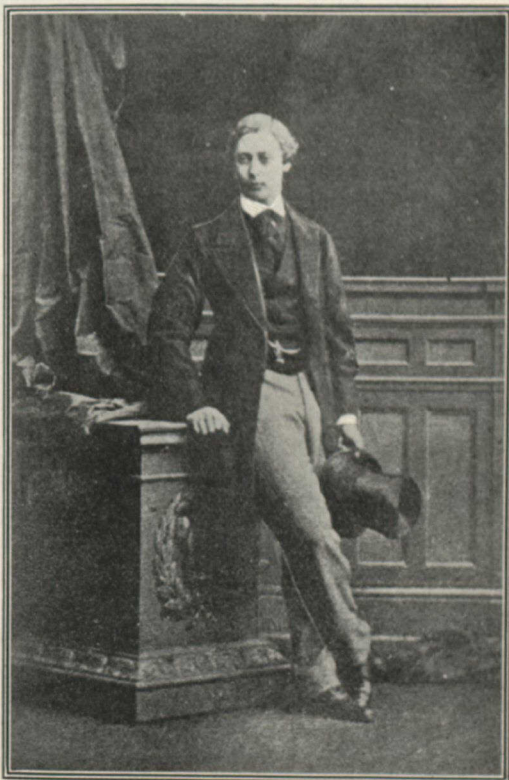
RARE ROYAL PICTURES

CANADA possesses at least one photograph of His Majesty the King which is entirely her own. This is one which was taken during his visit as Prince of Wales to this country, and is reproduced herewith. For a youth of twenty years

of age, he had a prepossessing appearance, and as a youth he is still remembered by many people in Canada. There are still living some sweet old ladies who treasure a copy of this photograph, and remember with pride the honour and pleasure of a dance with the Prince. He danced a great deal when here, and it is reported that he enjoyed the pleasure almost as much as his partners. He seldom missed a number on the programme and was never in a hurry to leave the balls given in his honour. Of course that is a long time ago, and with the change in personal appearance comes a change in desires and pleasures, and no doubt the King to-day, even when in good health, would hardly appreciate staying until three or four o'clock in the morning at a ball, even a Canadian ball.

There is also a rare portrait of Her Majesty in this country. It is an oil-painting made in London

in 1863, and presents Queen Alexandra in her wedding dress. It was painted by the late M. Berthon, who afterwards came to Canada and settled in Toronto, bringing this portrait with him. M. Berthon was one of the best portrait-painters who ever lived here, and many of his portraits of leading Canadians now hang in Osgoode Hall, Toronto. The photograph reproduced herewith will give some idea of the excellence of his work. There can be no doubt, com-



KING EDWARD VII—A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN WHEN HE VISITED CANADA IN 1860