

SOME OF THE PERSONAGES WITH THE DUKE AND DUCHESS



SIR CHARLES CUST.

Commander R. N., Aide-de-Camp to the Duke of Cornwall and York.

It is but natural that considerable interest should attach to the entourage surrounding our future King and Queen upon this memorable visit to the Dominion. Never before has the heir-apparent to an Imperial throne been privileged to make such a circuit of the world under his own flag, and lucky, indeed, therefore are the ladies and gentlemen who have been allowed to share in these travels around the globe. In years to come, it may well be that the descendants of the members of the suite of their Royal Highnesses will point with much pride to the fact that their ancestors shared in this Imperial tour of Greater Britain than do many peers of Britain claim to-day descent from participants in England's wars by sea and land. The attaches of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York will undoubtedly long remember their experiences on the present tour, and, if rumor speaks aught more than one of them has kept a diary of events, as they have progressed, which will be of historical value in the future.

The chief lady-in-waiting, Lady Mary Lygon (pronounced Ligon), is one of the Duchess's oldest friends, and in "service" with her as lady-in-waiting from the earliest days of her having a "household" at all. Lady Mary is a sister of Earl Beauchamp, and not long ago did the honors of Government House in Sydney, getting from the Duchess a reluctant "leave of absence" for that purpose. She has held, too, a public position at home as May-oress of Worcester, when her brother, acting on the Disraelian axiom that "the gentlemen of England were no use unless they were the leaders of the people of England," accepted the civic chair, Madresfield Court, Malvern Link, the family seat of the Beauchamps, is one of the "show" places of Worcestershire, and in its ballroom Lady Mary Lygon has often been the admitted belle as well as the best dancer. She has, besides, a marvellous power of saying "No." Hence it is that she has reached the age of thirty-two and managed to remain single. Her two younger sisters have both "settled" in life—one as the wife of Lord Antrim, a private secretary of Mr. Chamberlain, and the other as Lady Susan Gordon-Gilmour—her husband a captain of Grenadier Guards. Lady Mary has always declared that she wanted to "see more of the world" before settling down for better or for worse. She has now had her wish literally fulfilled.

Lady Katherine Grey Coke is the elderly member of the party. She is the chaperon of Lady Mary Lygon, its unmarried lady—as far as a chaperon is needed. A daughter of the second Earl of Wilton, Lady Katherine Grey Egerton was very young when she married in 1861 the Hon. Henry John Coke, son of the Earl of Leicester. Her father bore the name of Grosvenor before he assumed that of Egerton, and her mother was a Stanley, a daughter of the twelfth Earl of Derby. Lady Katherine was lady-in-waiting to the Duchess of Teck, and has seen as much of "Princess May," almost from the time of her birth, as if she had been her own daughter. Lady Katherine has two good-looking sons, who both served in the Scots Guards, and one daughter, Sybil Mary, married in 1887 to Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Critchley, also of the Scots Guards, who lived up to his name rather disastrously by being too lame to walk without supports. Mrs. Critchley is a very well known woman in society, having the reputation of being the best amateur actress alive, barring, perhaps, Miss Muriel Wilson. The talent is hereditary, for Lady Katherine Coke (pronounced Cook, by the way) was herself distinguished on the private boards. She has always been devoted to music, punctual at concerts, unfailing, too, at picture "private views." She was one of the earliest friends of Sir Arthur Sullivan, and perhaps the sincerest mourner at his funeral.

The Hon. Mrs. Derek Keppel is a supernumerary of the Royal party, albeit a particular welcome one. The indispensable Major, the Hon. Derek Keppel, did not care to go away for seven and a half months without his wife; and with so excellent an excuse for adding her to the party, the addition was made. Mrs. Keppel had to undergo one parting in any case; she said good-bye to a very young baby. That is a point on which she had unbounded sympathy from the Duchess of Cornwall. "Are you taking the baby?" had been the frequent question put to Mrs. Keppel by the casual London friend, who makes unintentionally cruel inquisition. The quavering but conclusive answer always

the same: "The Cornwalls aren't taking their own." Mrs. Derek Keppel, as an attendant on Royalty, is to the manner born. The Hon. Bridget Harbord, before her marriage, she was the youngest daughter of Lord Suffield, Lord of the Bedchamber to the King, and formerly lord-in-waiting to Queen Victoria, and one of her militia aide-de-camp. He was the chief of the staff on the Prince of Wales's famous visit to India. Mrs. Derek Keppel's sister, the Hon. Judith Harbord, was the favorite Maid-of-honor-in-Ordinary to Queen Victoria. Their brother, the Hon. Charles Harbord, was Groom-in-Waiting-in-Ordinary to Her late Majesty. Mrs. Derek Keppel has a little nephew, too, named Victor, to whom Queen Victoria stood sponsor. Lady Hastings, Lady Carrington, and Lady Musgrave are Mrs. Derek Keppel's sisters.

The Hon. Derek Keppel, the Duke of Cornwall's equerry, has the good fortune to be at once useful and ornamental. White's Club, with its famous bow (and bean) window in St. James's street, loses during the absence of the Ophir one of its most attractive as well as one of its most familiar figures. He has a strong resemblance to his elder brother, the Earl of Albemarle, both of them being types of the best sort of

the Church of England, when his father joined the Church of Rome, to the slight perturbation of Lord Beaconsfield, whose Under Secretary of State for War he then was; married, three years ago, the lady of whom mention has been made; has everybody's good-will.

Lord Wenlock was Governor of Madras for five years at the beginning of the "nineties." His mother was Lady Elizabeth Grosvenor, daughter of the second Marquis of Westminster—an alliance which makes him a cousin of the present Duke. Esrick Park, Lord Wenlock's seat in Yorkshire, knows him not. It has been let for some years to Mr. Monies, its owner being unable to keep it up. Lord Wenlock is an old Etonian and a Light Blue; he sat in parliament for Chester as a Liberal (eldest sons of Peers sometimes were Liberals in those days); and he married in 1872 Lady Constance Lascelles, daughter of the Fourth Earl of Harewood.

In her brother the Duchess of Cornwall and York made a very popular and agreeable addition to the staff of the Ophir. Captain Prince Alexander of Teck, V. O., was born at Kensington Palace, twenty-seven years ago; educated at Eton and Sandhurst; entered the 7th Hussars, and served in Mata-

M. G., precentor and canon of St. George's Chapel, Windsor. He was also deputy clerk of the closet in ordinary to the late Queen, and he was one of the three divines who assisted in her final funeral rites at Frogmore. But his chief post was that of tutor to Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales, whose governor he was on board the Baccante. The canon, who has now passed his three score of years, married fifteen years ago Katherine, eldest daughter of Charles Evan Thomas, Welsh by birth as well as by name.

Sir Arthur Bigge, who is the Duke's private secretary, learned his business very thoroughly when he served the late Queen in the same capacity. Before that time his career seemed formed in another direction. The son of a north country clergyman, he entered the Royal Artillery in 1859, served in the Zulu War and was A.D.C. to Sir Evelyn Wood. Then as Groom-in-Waiting to Queen Victoria, he began in 1880, at the age of thirty-one, the court life with which he has since been associated. He became in due course assistant private secretary, equerry in ordinary, equerry, and finally private secretary. When the household of Queen Victoria was disbanded by her death, the King, with his



THE HON. DEREK KEPPEL.

Equerry to H. R. H. the Duke of Cornwall and York, during his trip around the Empire.

where by his resemblance to the late Mr. Parnell. Of the Chevalier de Marino, who paints water-colors of water and knows all the points of a ship, it is enough to say that he is one of the seniors of the company, that he was born in Naples, that he served in the Italian navy, and that, going to England, he was nominated marine painter to Queen Victoria.

Sir John Anderson, of the Colonial Office, who is the Duke of Cornwall and York's private secretary for official business, is another of the numerous Scotchmen on board the Ophir. At Aberdeen University he got the gold medal as the most distinguished student of the year; at Gray's Inn he was Baccalaureus, and he took the Inns of Court Studentship in 1888. He served as private secretary to the late Sir R. Meade, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and then went on the staff of the Behring Sea Arbitration in London and Paris. He was secretary to Mr. Chamberlain at the conference of Colonial Premiers four years ago. He has edited the Colonial Office List, and is thoroughly acquainted with the personnel of the various governments in the colonies visited, as well as of the Dominion.

There are various A.D.C.'s: Commander H. Godfrey-Paquet, R. N.; Major James Bor, R. M. A.; Captain Viscount Crichton, and the Duke of France nearly as well as Mr. Bodley knows it, and who has travelled or lived also in Germany, Russia and Turkey. He acted as private secretary to two Viceroys of India, Lord Dufferin and Lansdowne, and he was attached as political officer to the Czarowitch during his tour in India and Ceylon ten years ago. He is a man of the Times, having been editor in chief of its foreign department.

The expedition has its illustrators as well as its scribe, Mr. Sydney Hall, the well-known artist of the Graphic, was on the Indian tour of the Prince of Wales, which means that he is a certain age as well as a very popular companion. He has a great eye for likenesses, and he himself will be greeted every-



MAJOR MAUDE, A. D. C.

Military Secretary to the Governor-General, who has charge of the general programme for the reception of Their Royal Highnesses.



LADY MINTO.

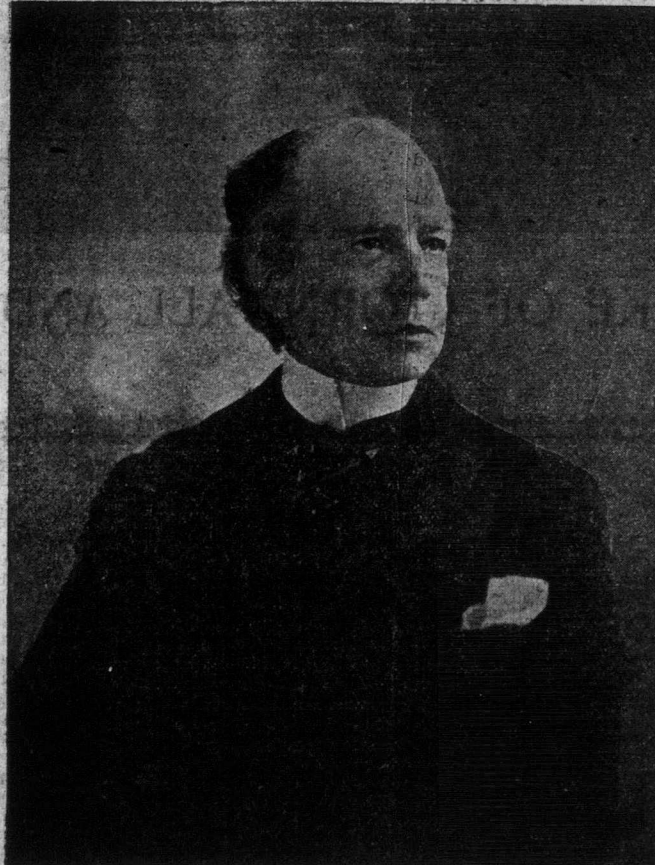
Who Accompanies Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.

a sporting Englishman. Like yet another brother, the Hon. George Keppel—who is at present in the United States, where his wife (the greatest intimate at Marlborough House) has recently joined him—the equerry has the knack of always appearing to be particularly well dressed. Not that he gives anything of that attention to clothes which Stevenson said "is a shame in a man"; nor yet has at all that air of being garmented anew—which is usually Mr. Chamberlain's. But by good luck he looks always well and everything fits him—even his uniforms. A rather sore subject with equerries in general is the cost of the trappings of office. Gold lace adorns most of the very few hundreds of pounds a year the office carries; and the Keppel younger sons did not inherit very much more from their father than his very good name. From their mother they have Canadian traditions to be remembered by Mr. Derek Keppel; for she was the daughter of the Hon. Sir Allan Napier McNab, who formed the coalition ministry in 1854. Mr. Derek Keppel is 38 years of age; was educated at Chatterhouse, remained a member of

becland and South Africa, whence he returned last year. The good-looking Prince makes an excellent A.D.C. to his brother-in-law.

Lieutenant Sir Charles Cust, R.N., who has served as equerry to the Duke of Cornwall and York for nine years, was born in Shropshire in 1864, the eldest son of his father, whose baronetcy he inherited when he was fourteen. He was then on board the Britannia, where he became a midshipman the year after his father's death. He served on the Newcastle, the Achilles, the Carysport, the Minotaur, the Alexandra, the Rodney, the Crescent, and the Royal yacht Osborne, becoming Lieutenant in 1887. He is a popular member of the Navy and Military Club—Lord Palmerston's old house in Piccadilly, in the drawing room of which, by the way, Leo XII. attended one of Lady Palmerston's receptions in 1843—the only salon in London which certainly boasts such an association with a Pope of Rome.

The Royal chaplain of the Ophir is the Rev. John Neale Dalton, M.A., C.



SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Who accompanies Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.



LADY MARY LYGON.

Lady-in-Waiting to the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and accompanying H. R. H. in her trip around the Empire.

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THE EXHIBITION.

the excitement of the times, the people of Victoria should not forget the exhibition which was opened yesterday. As far by the best thing of its kind has ever been held here, and is worthy of many visits. It would have been a better for all concerned of course if it had not been a conflict of dates between the Victoria and the Westminster fairs. That was a matter which no one could adjust. All that can be done is to make the best of the situation, and trust that a proper understanding will be arrived at before this time next year. The department that is principally affected by the two shows being held simultaneously is that of live stock. But even here the co-operation of some of our mainland friends, visitors will behold an exhibition of stock worth going a long distance to see. The other departments furnish an object lesson of the progress which has been made in British Columbia, mining, agriculture and manufacturing. The special attractions are also worthy of note, but the truly patriotic will be chiefly interested in the exhibits which indicate the lines of development upon which will depend the future of the province. The exhibits have remained faithful and show already an assured success, with the hearty co-operation of all it can be made more abundantly successful.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

the figure of the Premier of Canada, Wilfrid Laurier, was notable in the English party which accompanied the Royal couple through the streets of Victoria to-day. What he has accomplished for the country he loves so fondly we Canadians know; what he has done by precept and example towards consolidating the Empire and uniting the day when the bonds of fraternity shall be drawn yet tighter between the central and the remotest parts, has been testified to by the men who have seen the destinies of the British Empire in these perilous times. His speeches on the South African war have been quoted as models not only of eloquence, but of a rough grasp of the situation and understanding of the causes which led to outbreak. His action in sending the Canadian contingents to assist the Boer country against the Boers has been heartily approved by all sections of people, and by none more sincerely than the men of the West. As has been pointed out, the result of the conspiracy of the Boers has been an object lesson of the world of the forces that must be reckoned with by the enemies who are in dreams of Empire disruption. The prestige and integrity of one part of the concern of the whole. The Canadians are jealous of the reputation of the Premier. These are some of the principles which the Premier has striven to inculcate into the minds of Canadians since he came to the front. How well he has succeeded the state of public opinion in the country to-day bears witness. In his present trip he represents not only himself but all the people of Canada. He is welcome to this home of Toryism, where the true faith has been steadily making headway for some years. He is not to talk on matters political at this time. The only feature of the present trip to be regretted is the fact that it may prevent Sir Wilfrid from making the tour in his capacity of Premier, which, we understand, has for some time been contemplated.