

made no manner of difference to him, and it was therefore feared he would go overboard some day when the sea might be so wild that it would be dangerous to lower a boat for his rescue and recapture. Therefore Cabot was kept chained up while at sea, rambling about a dog's house large enough to accommodate a small family.

On the Saturday following the ball the royal squadron quitted Newfoundland and proceeded under easy steam for Halifax. For such a cruise there was plenty of time and to spare, before the hour fixed for the arrival at the capital of Nova Scotia. On Sunday afternoon, therefore, the ships turned aside into the harbour of Sydney, the chief town of Cape Breton Island. Here His Royal Highness landed quietly, and took a short drive round the small though very clean and pretty streets of the capital. It is almost needless to say what was the delight of the inhabitants, who were not the less excited by the honour from the fact of its being totally unexpected. A very thick fog set in soon after the royal party re-embarked from this small province, but the weather was then of small account, for the ships were close to Halifax, where the real state progress through the provinces and Canada was to commence. The squadron accordingly lay to for the night, off the entrance of the harbour, so as to be ready to steam into Halifax at once with the return of daylight.

I had arrived at Halifax some two days or so before the time when His Royal Highness was expected to land at that ancient colony. A telegram had just been received from St. John's, announcing that the Prince of Wales had arrived safely at Newfoundland on the night of the 23rd. But beyond this very meagre amount of information, little if anything was known for

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