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The Duke is Made Great Chief of the Red Men

By Francis J. Dickie

AFTER a term as Governor-General, protracted two extra years through the exigencies of war, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has ended his term of office as representative of the King to the Canadian people.

Had the Duke been any other person than the son of a Queen and the brother of a King, he would most likely have been "one of the boys." As it is he stands as the most democratic of royalty who have ever served in the capacity of Governor-General to the Dominion. And he was the best liked both among the masses and the classes of any of the varied men from the English aristocracy who have held the post since its inception in Canada.

It will be remembered that the Duke

Dominion was made by the Duke. Perhaps of the many interesting incidents occurring upon it none stands forth more than his being made a "Great Chief" of the Mountain Stony Indians, at Banff, Alberta, recently.

At Banff the Duke and party made a two weeks' stop, the longest of the entire trip. The Indians had gathered outside of Banff for the annual festival of sports, and their pointed teepees formed a picturesque and typically wilderness setting for the highly formal ceremonial of creating the Duke one of their tribe, following the bow and arrow shooting, pony races and bucking contests which the royal party viewed with much interest, for this annual event is perhaps the last real touch of the West



His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught greeting Major Griffiths of R. N. W. P. during a farewell gathering of Indians. Note the mixed garb of the Red men.



His Royal Highness as he appeared in civilian garb previous to outbreak of war.

was on his farewell tour of the Dominion in August, 1914. He had arrived at the city of Edmonton two days previous to the declaration of war, and, after his usual fashion, had inspected the militia then in training in that city. And these same men just ten weeks later were part of the army that stopped the famous advance on Paris.

The Duke's farewell tour, which still required the visiting of a large number of cities and places, was promptly cancelled and the royal train hurried to Ottawa, where the Duke, by reason of his long military experience and training, was of invaluable aid in the guidance of the bark of Canada on the strange seas of war.

His term as Governor-General was then protracted, and for the next two years the Duke labored indefatigably.

During the last two months another, and this time final, farewell tour of the

that is to be seen upon the North American continent to-day.

On the second day the Duke accompanied by the Duchess, Princess Patricia and the Royal Suite, drove to the Indian enclosure before the camp. All about in a great semi-circle in front of the tents the squaws and children and the braves were gathered in their order of rank and position. Opposite them the royal party drew up. It was a quaint and unusual sight this, for here with the grim snow-capped peaks looking down was meeting representatives of the oldest aristocracy of two worlds. And the white women in their plain blacks and other quiet colors, worn chiefly since the war, were strangely in contrast to the bright-hued dresses of the squaws. The braves and lesser chiefs wore a strange motley garb, mixture of ancient custom and their long association with the whites. Only a few of the more famous chiefs were in full regal attire. On the