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A ROYAL WELCOME

Lord and Lady Aberdeen Cordially Received.

LORD ABERDEEN'S SPEECH

An Enthusiastic Demonstration at the Reception in the Opera House—The Program for Today—The Party Will Visit the Mines.

It was a royal welcome that Rossland gave Tuesday to Lord and Lady Aberdeen, when, for the first time, they honored the city with their presence; all the loyalty and patriotism of a patriotic people found vent in the ovation tendered them, and it was one of the days that will live long in the history of the town.

Although it had been promised that the train bearing the vice-regal party should arrive soon after 10 o'clock at night yet it was lacking only a few minutes to midnight before the train drew into the Columbia & Western station. The delay was due first to tardiness in leaving Robson, and secondly to an accident as the train was drawing into Trail, when it ran off the track and chugged along over the ties for some distance. By good fortune no one was hurt, and the transfer was quickly made to the private car of the narrow-gauge division, which carried the party to this city.

The trip down the lakes was made under the escort of Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, and as it was a pleasant day the voyage through the mountain-locked lochs was a delightiul one. Halcyon hot springs was briefly visited, and at Trail there were some 150 citizens present to greet the party, and to bestow upon Lady Aberdeen a magnificent bouquet of roses.

At the hotel the guests were shown at once to their rooms, and after half an hour reappeared to attend the ball in their honor at the opera house.

The entrance of the party into the ball room was marked by the same enthusiasm that has greeted the appearance of His Excellency and Her Ladyship wherever they had appeared.

Lord Aberdeen was the first to enter the stage, escorting Mrs. H. S. Wallace, the wife of the mayor. They were followed by the mayor escorting Lady Aberdeen, while the members of the suite and the councilmen and the committeemen succeeded them. On the platform, at the request of Mrs. Wallace, were also Mrs. H. W. C. Jackson and Mrs. Geo. Naden.

His Excellency was dressed simply in light trousers and a dark frock coat, with a black Ascot tie, while Her Ladyship was costumed in a salmon-colored silk gown, overlaid with jet passamenterie, and a small bonnet, trimmed with red roses. The governor-general and his lady were introduced by the mayor, and the address from the city was read by W. J. Nelson, acting city clerk. His Excellency stood to hear the address—a slender, serious-faced, black-bearded man, with dark, thoughtful eyes, overshadowed by a thoughtful forehead. He listened carefully and courteously throughout.

The address, which was beautifully engrossed upon parchment, and was enclosed in a leather case, was as follows:

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable Sir John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, P. C., Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same:

Your Excellency:—

We, the mayor, the council and the citizens of Rossland extend to you and to Lady Aberdeen a hearty welcome to our city, the treasure vault of the golden Kootenays.

We trust that Your Excellency will consider this welcome, not as a mere perfunctory ceremony, but as springing from a true appreciation of those sterling qualities which have so eminently fitted Your Excellency for the discharge of the responsible and arduous duties appertaining to the Governor-Generalship of the Dominion.

During Your Excellency's tenure of office we have had abundant evidence of your capacity to govern, and of the advantages of having at the head of our affairs such a worthy representative of our gracious Queen. Nor have we failed to appreciate the kindly interest manifested by Lady Aberdeen in the social life of Canada.

We sincerely regret that your Excellency's duties as governor-general of Canada will soon terminate. We know, however, that the conclusion of your official duties in this regard will not lessen your interest in the progress, prosperity and development of Canada, and more especially of British Columbia, in which province you have already acquired valuable agricultural interests.

During your Excellencies' short sojourn in our city, every means and facility will be afforded your Excellency to appreciate the vast mineral resources of this part of the province—a province rich in agriculture, rich in pasture, rich in timber, rich in coal, rich in precious metals, in short rich in everything necessary to make it the brightest gem in the diadem of our great confederation.

Your Excellency will also be afforded an opportunity of witnessing the great development that has taken place in the mines of this district, with especial regard to the fact that such development has been wholly accomplished since your Excellency assumed the office of governor general.

It may be of interest to Your Excellency to know that there are already 14 shipping mines in the Rossland district, and further to learn that there has been expended in mining machinery and plants not less than the sum of $1,000,000, and that as a result over 170,000 tons of ore have been mined, amounting in value to over $5,000,000—the gold production alone being more than 275,000 fine ounces.

We trust that an inspection of our mines may impress Your Excellency with the great wealth which lies buried in the mountains of our district, requiring only the aid of capital for its extraction, and that Your Excellency may be further impressed with the grand and prosperous future which awaits this portion of the Dominion.

We trust that on Your Excellencys return to the motherland, you may be in a position to do justice in representing to the empire the untold mineral resources and possibilities of the province, and of the great development work of this district, of which Your Excellency will have been an eye-witness.

We extend to Your Excellency and to Lady Aberdeen the freedom of our city, and esteem it a high honor that Your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen consented to become its guests during your visit.

In conclusion, we wish Your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen health, wealth and prosperity.

Signed on behalf of the corporation of the city of Rossland,

W. McQueen, City Clerk. H. S. Wallace, Mayor.
[L. S.]

Rossland, July 19, 1898.

At the conclusion of the address on behalf of the city, J. B. McArthur, president of the board of trade, presented John McKane, secretary of the body, who read the following address:

To His Excellency,

The Right Honorable Sir John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, P. C., Earl of Aberdeen, Viscount Formartine, Barron Haddi, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland, Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Governor-General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same:

May it please Your Excellency:

We the president and the members of the Rossland board of trade, desire to extend to Your Excellency and to Lady Aberdeen a cordial welcome to Rossland, "the city of a few days old," and yet the metropolis of eastern British Columbia.

During your visit we trust that we may be permitted to join with the mayor and the council of the city of Rossland in doing honor to you as representative of Her Gracious Majesty, the Queen, and to assist in every effort to enable Your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen to view the vast mineral resources of the Trail Creek mining division, a district so rich in metalliferous ores that it is now attracting the attention of capitalists in all parts of the world.

We trust that Your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen will be much interested in the inspection of the mines, and in viewing the great development that has been accomplished during the past four years in connection therewith.

We feel assured that your interest in the welfare of Canada will cause you to rejoice with us over the discovery of the wonderful mineral resources of the district.

We think that the progress and the development of the mining and commercial interests of the district will be of interest to Your Excellency, the more especially as it has all been accomplished during your occupancy of the vice-regal chair.

Four years ago the mineral output of the district was not begun; the site on which the city of Rossland now stands was to a large extent uncleared land, and the district had contributed nothing either to the Dominion or to the province.

Now the output of ore from the Rossland mines have amounted to 170,000 tons; the value of realty within the city has already exceeded $2,000,000, the value of the permanent improvements in connection with the mines, exclusive of roads and trails, is estimated at not less than $1,000,000, while the present capital value of the mines is at least $25,000,000.

The revenue derived from the Rossland postoffice has been $35,000, and the customs receipts total $350,000, without reference to inland revenue.

Last year the district of West Kootenay contributed to the provincial revenue the sum of $310,000, of which Rossland produced a large proportion.

We trust these figures, when coupled with the evidences of active progress and prosperity everywhere apparent throughout the city and the mines, may awaken within you hope and enthusiasm as to the great future of the district such as each member of the board now entertains.

We venture to hope that when Your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen shall have severed your official connection with Canada you will continue to remember its people with the same warm feelings as they entertain towards yourselves.

Signed on behalf of the Rossland Board of Trade.

John McKane, Secretary. J. B. McArthur, President.

Rossland, July 19, 1898.

His Excellency spoke briefly and pleasantly in reply.

"We are delighted to be once more in British Columbia," he said, "and in particular we are delighted to find ourselves at last in Rossland. (Applause.) I say 'at last' because the present visit is the fulfillment of a desire which we have cherished long—long in a moderate sense, for we all know that Rossland has as yet attained no very great antiquity.

"The loyalty and the patriotism of the people of Rossland are famous, but we were not prepared for the splendid reception and the kindly hospitality that have been shown us everywhere since our arrival here—a welcome perpetuated in the form of these addresses, which I cannot deal with tonight as fully as I should like, yet I hope to dwell upon them more extensively tomorrow. I may, however, express my cordial concurrence with the sentiments expressed in these addresses regarding the marvelous mineral wealth of this district.

"Let me again thank you for the most hearty welcome you have shown us, and in particular let me thank you on behalf of Lady Aberdeen for the courteous references to her contained in these addresses."

In conclusion, His Excellency expressed the hope that the dancers would continue their program, and he gave way to them, for, as he humorously recalled, a Greek philospher had declared it folly for one to speak when a musician was present, and here were the musicians all ready to play for the merry makers.

VICE-REGAL GUESTS

All of Rossland United To Entertain Them Yesterday.

VISITED THE MINES

A Pleasant Banquet at the Allan—Some Excellent Speeches—Lady Aberdeen Discourses at the Opera House—Reception at the Theater.

"We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the courteous hospitality and the gracious welcome that has been extended to us while in the city. We shall never forget it, and our best wishes are with Rossland and its people."—Lord and Lady Aberdeen's farewell word through The Miner to the people of Rossland.

The entertainment of Their Excellencies, the governor-general and Lady Aberdeen, yesterday, included a trip to the mines, a luncheon at the Allan to his lordship, and an address by her ladyship and a general reception at the opera house, after which the vice-regal visitors were escorted to the station, where they left for Nelson.

Everywhere they were greeted with the most profound respect and esteem, and for the genuine heartiness of the welcome it was an ovation such as few public personages ever receive. It was the first visit of the vice-regal couple to the city, but in the few hours they were here by their rare tact and courtesy they won the hearty friendship and respect of the whole population.

THE MINES VISITED.

Vice Regal Party Shown the Centre Star Ore Bodies.

The entertainment of the vice regal party commenced yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, when the children of the city, under the tutelage of D. D. Birks and Mrs. Thos. Parker, sang a number of patriotic anthems on the platform erected for the purpose by the Bank of Halifax. The party, accompanied by a number of committee men, then proceeded to visit the mines of the camp.

The Columbia-Kootenay, the Monte Christo, the Virginia, the Iron Mask, the Le Roi, the War Eagle and the Josie were all visited, but it was through the Centre Star that His Excellency and suite made a complete underground visit. The great mine had been lighted with some 2,000 candles, so that every nook and cranny through it was easily open to view. It was such a trip as few persons have ever made underground, and the manager of the mine, Oliver Durant, was warmly thanked for his courtesy. At the conclusion of the trip Lady Aberdeen was presented by the miners with a magnificent hand made miner's candlestick, which she assured the givers should be one of the most treasured souvenirs of her trip.

LUNCH AT THE ALLAN.

Was the Most Impressive Public Function Ever Held in Rossland.

The luncheon given yesterday afternoon at the Allan to His Excellency the Governor-General, was one of the most impressive public functions ever held in Rossland. The attendance numbered over 100 citizens and the speeches were of far-reaching importance. The menu was excellent, and the decorations were unusually elaborate.

Mayor Wallace presided and occupied the head of the table. At his right hand sat the guest of honor, His Excelleny the Governor-General. Farther down the table in order were Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, T. Mayne Daly, John Charlton, M. P., Chas. S. Warren, A. S. Goodeve, Edwin Durant, Chas. F. Fondey, John McKane, Frank Oliver, James D. Sword, R. D. Morkill, Dr. D. Kerr, Dr. J. T. McKenzie, Dr. A. Kenning, W. McQueen, C. C. Woodhouse, S. A. Hartman, Mr. Mellor, Mr. Cheown, Wm. T. Reddin, L. A. Campbell, C. O'Brien Reddin, Chas. Lockhart, Ernest Kennedy, R. C. Waterson, E. W. Liljegran. James Hunter, D. J. Macdonald, Henry Kehoe, J. Kirkup, Wm. Dunn, D. B. Bogle, C. O. Lalonde, Geo. Ashwell, A. J. McMillan, Mr. Waterlow, W. Oliver, S. Geo. Ridout, T. S. Gilmour, W. S. Deacon, J. S. Kirk, Dr. Coulthard, John Boultbee, W. J. Maxwell, Jas. B. Dabney, Edwin Finch, R. Marsh, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Moss.

To the left of the mayor was Captain Tharp, W. A. Carlyle, J. S. Clute, Jr., Ross Thompson, J. B. Johnson, J. B. McArthur, F. W. Rolt, J. S. C. Fraser, Lionell Webber, A. B. Irwin, W. H. Jones, J. B. Hastings, A. C. Galt, J. W. Ferrier, Oliver Durant, John M. Smith, Geo. H. Bayne, Mr. Mercer, J. Ferguson McCrae, Fred Schofield, Geo. Richardson, W. J. Nelson, N. A. Burritt, Dr. Reddick, Wm. Harp, Rev. D. McG. Gandier, Frank Guse, P. McL. Forin, J. W. Jenkins, Captain James Morrish, Clive Pringle, Dr. Senior, J. W. Astley, Chas. R. Hamilton, Claude Cregan, Sol Cameron, W. J. Harris, Mr. Waterlow, W. Hart-McHarg, Dr. Johnson, Mr. McMillan, T. R. Morrow, Mr. Cusack, David Stussi, C. H. Jackson, Edward Baillie, Olaus Jeldness, John Y. Cole, Alfred Woodhouse, Charles Mackintosh.

The opening toast, "The Queen," was given in rousing fashion, and the singing of the national anthem followed enthusiastically.

Mr. Carlyle's Speech.

"The Mineral Resources of British Columbia" was responded to by W. A. Carlyle, chief engineer of the B. A. C. Mr. Carlyle was not allowed to proceed until he had been honored by a hearty singing of that good old air "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Carlyle's Speech.

Mr. Carlyle responding to the toast of "The Mineral Resources of British Columbia," said: "For the second time, it is my very pleasant duty to rise to respond to a toast in which most of us are very deeply interested—the Mineral Resources of British Columbia. It is my purpose to say but a very few words and to detain you but two or three minutes, and it is a pleasure for me to speak upon the mines and resources of Kootenay—a noble part of a noble province—the land of mountains, exquisite lakes, magnificent rivers and, moreover, a land of mines of wealth yet untold. It is almost needless this afternoon to remind our guests that this country but a short decade ago was a terra incognita, but we may be more able to appreciate its advance if we remember that the history of this district has been written during the regime of His Excellency. [Applause.] During the past five years that he has governed this country so wisely and so well, it must be, I am sure, a source of gratification and of interest to His Excellency as he makes this brief visit through this district, to see the wonderful development that has taken place, to remember that six or seven years ago nothing was here but a wilderness, where now are large and flourishing towns and cities, with connecting railroads and lines of steamships. I am sure along with others, he will be impressed with what has been accomplished in Kootenay during his term of office in Canada. It is hardly necessary for me to recite what has been done, but still we may take unction to our souls and just recite a few but interesting figures. Looking back after a peep in the blue books, with which until lately I have been more or less intimately connected, we find that ten years ago the mines of Kootenay—and remember we are speaking of all Kootenay extending from the Rockies westward until we reach the Yale district—a decade ago these mines produced $26,000; five years later the production had increased to $100,000, while last year the production was $7,000,000, and when we total up what Kootenay has produced within practically the last three years, we find that it is $17,000,000. In speaking of our own camp, in which we are here more deeply interested we may recite a few figures, and we find that in the early days of our camp, in 1894, the shipments of ore from our camp amounted to $75,000, while last year it had increased to $2,100,000, and we find that from the mountains within a rifle shot of this room, $5,500,000 have been produced. These figures are not great when compared with Africa and Australia, but they are certainly figures that we are to be proud of. We know that they increase from year to year and we have not now that boom element which was here a year and a half or two years ago, when all kinds of people were exploring these hills and coming back with bags of rock that could hardly be called ore; that time has gone by, and now we are settled down to good, hard, honest work. I am sure a good many of us who met here at a dinner held about a year ago, given by the enterprising people of this city, had an idea that that dinner would influence some of us. I understand now it influenced my career, at any rate, and that in a short time it ended my connection with the government. In looking forward, gentlemen, to the future of Kootenay, we cannot indulge in prophecy but I am sure that all who know what we know, and have seen what we have, cannot but have the very strongest faith in the future of this great district. In my report last winter, I said that we had more capital than we had mines and I was sharply taken up for it, but I think I was right in what I said, and now that the time has come for digging, and that digging is being done, I am sure capital will find more and more encouraging places for investment. Last year I spoke in most encouraging terms of the future of Rossland; at the present time I am well familiar with its present conditions, having seen most of the properties during the last few months, and I may say that the progress here has been most encouraging within that period, and most mine managers who have driven down deeper and drifted in further are quite satisfied with the amount of ore disclosed. Your Excellency, we hope you will not only enjoy the scenery of this most beautiful part of the Province, but that you will be impressed by the magnitude and possibilities of the mineral resources of this district, and that when the tenure of your office in Canada ceases and you leave these duties which you have performed so admirably, we sincerely hope that you will carry with you to the motherland, kind and fond memories of Kootenay."

James D. Sword entertained the banquetters with the classic song of the steel, "Drill, Ye Tarriers Drill," and it goes without saying that it was well sung, while the audience joined in the chorus with a vim. Mr. Sword was accompanied by Chas. F. Fondey.

Mr. Mackintosh's Speech.

The toast to His Excellency, the governor-general, was given by Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, in one of the most interesting speeches of the day.

"The citizens of Rossland," said Mr. Mackintosh, "could not have conferred a higher honor upon me than by requesting me to propose the health of a gentleman so conscientious, so distinguished, so respected, so deservedly popular, as His Excellency Lord Aberdeen, the governor-general of Canada. [Loud applause.] Some one more capable might have been selected, but none more sincere, none more truly appreciative.

"You all know in what esteem the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava was held when 20 years ago he closed his term as governor-general. [Applause.] I am not unmindful of the fact that he, loving our people today as he did a quarter of a century ago, consented to accept the chairmanship of a great mining corporation, a corporation destined, I am convinced, to prove how rich British Columbia is in mineral wealth. You have heard what that eminent authority, Mr. Carlyle, has said. I can add no more. [Cheers.] To my connection with that corporation I doubtless owe the compliment paid to me. Gentlemen, in mentioning Lord Dufferin's name I am proud to be able to say that the interest manifested in Canada by that distinguished statesman finds a responsive chord in the heart of the noble lord who today accepts your hospitalities. [Loud cheers.] Eight years ago, when member for the capital of the Dominion, I had the honor of meeting His Excellency for the first time, and since then, like all observant Canadians, never failed to recognize His Excellency's devotion to every project promising to add to the progress of the commonwealth. [Applause.] He is here, and that alone should be sufficient proof that I am indulging in no questionable flattery. [Applause.] All will agree with me when I venture to add that Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen has endeared herself to vast numbers throughout Canada and the United States; that she has beautified social life and set an example of perfect womanhood." [Loud applause.] (A gentleman here rose and proposed three hearty cheers for Lady Aberdeen, which were given with hearty good will.)

Mr. Mackintosh continued: "A majority at least of those present are endeavoring to solve the problem of making British Columbia the great mineral producing country of the world. I am satisfied this will be accomplished, but the same indefatigable industry, the same singleness of purpose displayed by our guest throughout his term of office, will be necessary if we are to succeed. [Applause.] The noble lord five years ago administered the oath of office to me as Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories;—more than that, he subsequently publicly proclaimed me one of his coadjutor bishops. (Laughter.) Naturally I was duly impressed by the temporal and spiritual responsibilities, and being an enthusiast was perhaps carried a little too far by a desire to promote the welfare of the northwest. When a great exhibition, held away out in the prairie took place, His Excellency considered neither distance, fatigue nor hard work too great a sacrifice, and to him and to Lady Aberdeen, the northwest owes much for their self-sacrificing efforts on that occasion. [Loud applause.]

"Why then should I not speak in terms of eulogy, why not rejoice, doubly rejoice, to welcome them to another province, which bids fair to outstrip many an older one, so long as the people work and are true to themselves; [Loud cheering.] a province in which Their Excellencies number hosts of friends and hold such important interests. [Applause]

"Gentlemen,—We part today with one who has been a good friend to Canada, a truly constitutional governor. He has had difficulties to face, obstacles to overcome—but he knew the constitution of the empire and every action of his is indorsed by all thinking and reasoning Canadians. I say this advisedly because, if there is one subject I have carefully studied it is Canada and its government from both a colonial and imperial standpoint.

"Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, I am perhaps speaking at too great length '(No, no, go on!') but there is one more subject I wish to refer to, namely, the presence of many friends from across the border. [Cheers.] Some one was ungenorous enough to insinuate that there has been a significant increase since war was declared. [Loud laughter.] That, of course, is badinage. We all appreciate what they have done in developing our mines both in the Rossland and Slocan districts. [Applause.] To be candid, while I admit this, I failed altogether to appreciate the figures they put upon their properties when our corporation proposed to purchase them. [Loud laughter.] I think we got them down to hard pan at last, though. [Laughter.]

"Pleasantry aside, we thank them for assisting in doing honor to the governor-general of Canada. [Applause.] We congratulate them upon recent achievements of their army and navy while waging a white man's war for the extension of modern civilization [Cheers] and we implore them, when the auspicious hour arrives, to cast their influence with those who advocate the white man's policy of an Anglo-American alliance. [Loud cheers.]

"Gentlemen, there can be no legitimate civilization where a bible is carried in one hand and a drawn sword in the other. [Applause.] Once usher in that era when the 'war drum throbs no longer and the battle flag is furled'; when English-speaking races backed by better thinking men of other nations, determine to link their fortunes, then will be perfected a union worthy of man—a union sanctioned and blessed by the Almighty. [Immense cheering.] Then, too, will be written by angel fingers the brightest page in history—that recording the coming together of two powers owning the same origin, speaking the same languabe, but long severed by passions and prejudices for which the older must be prepared to accept some responsibility. [Applause.] Then and only then will be established the greatest confederation of freemen the world has ever dreamed of. [Loud cheers.] A consummation devoutly to be wished for;—an epoch during which each star upon the flag of the United States will represent a civilizing power, each British colony a great auxiliary force, all working in concert with the parent country, all honoring the brave old flag of our fathers, all revering the banner that has ever been the harbinger of liberty and patriotism, the protector of the oppressed of all lands. [Applause.]

"'Tis only a small piece of bunting,
'Tis only an old tattered rag;
'But thousands have died for its honour.
'And shed their best blood for the flag.'

[Loud cheering.] The Stars and Stripes! the Union Jack! Your Excellency, Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, long may their varying tints unite and form in heaven's light one arch of peace! [Applause.] My Lord Aberdeen, we soon must part. We will ever reserve a warm spot in our hearts for you and yours. We know you will gladly convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty a message of loyalty and love. We know you will be proud to carry the message across the ocean, assurances of our patriotic devotion and unswerving allegiance. [Loud applause.] Assurances, too, that should ever storms and passions of envy and hatred beat about the Motherland the hardy sons of this western hemisphere will surround her during every period of gloom and despondency, their strong arms bear her through all the dark clouds of trial, tribulation and adversity into the glorious sunshine beyond. [Applause.] Mr. Mayor, gentlemen, I give you our guest Lord Aberdeen, governor-general of the Dominion of Canada." [Immense cheering.]

Lord Aberdeen's Address.

"I am most grateful to my friend Governor Mackintosh for the beautiful address which he has given," said His Excellency, "and although I may believe that he has referred to me in too enthusiastic terms, [no, no, no,] I must leave that to you.

"While I appreciate to the utmost the personal greeting that has been extended to me, yet I know that beyond all this the real hospitality shown us springs primarily from the loyalty and patriotism of the people of Rossland, and you may depend upon it that when I return to the motherland I shall represent to Her Gracious Majesty personally the fervent love not to say reverence, in which she is everywhere esteemed. In my capacity as Governor-General I have had frequent occasions to write letters of almost a personal character to Her Majesty, and I have at times written at some length, knowing as I do her keen interest in the Dominion, but never have I received complaint that these letters were too long.

"To revert to the present gathering, I may truthfully say that if I should have no other opportunity of seeing Rossland, yet I should have gone away with an intimate acquaintance of the town merely by having met the gentlemen gathered here today—hard-headed, intelligent, energetic and good-looking—[applause].

"I have had this morning the pleasure of seeing a few of the more prominent mines in the camp, and I was able to form some superficial idea of your vast mineral resources, and we have also had the pleasure of taking a trip to the Centre Star, for which I again wish to thank the manager of that property, Mr. Durant. [Applause]. Let me also give thanks for one of the most cherished souvenirs which we shall carry away from Rossland—a beautiful miner's candlestick, made by a number of the miners at the Centre Star and given to Lady Aberdeen.

"Regarding an allusion in the addresses presented to me that I might make known something of the development of this favored region, I am proud to say that I shall be happy to take part in that work. The district has become pretty well known, and not only are its great resources recognized, but I am glad that the period of booms and inflation is over and that permanent work is now under way. In this connection I shall be glad to do what I can to attract the attention of the world to the magnificent scenery of the Kootenays—scenery which I have not seen equalled apy where in my travels throughout the whole world.

"In closing let me express my deep appreciation of the kindly references you have made to Lady Aberdeen, and I assure you that if you knew her personally you would not abate those sentiments one iota. [Immense cheering.]

"We are about to return to England, and let me assure you that we shall carry with us only the fondest recollections of the people of Canada, and of the manner in which you have received us everywhere."

The conclusion of His Excellency's address was marked by a veritable ovation, and it was some time before the applause ceased.

The following feature of the program was the singing of "The Maple Leaf," by Frank Oliver, and at its conclusion General Charles S. Warren responded to the toast, "Our American Cousins."

General Warren's Speech.

"In replying to the toast, 'Our American Cousins,' it gives me great pleasure to say that I am an American in every sense of the word, and that my countrymen are engaged in the industry of making history that will stand as long as the English language is spoken. One last May day, while children were picking flowers in celebration of the return of spring, one of your cousins named George Dewey placed 'Old Glory' above anything written or unwritten on the pyramid of fame.

"The war between Spain and the United States is a war, not for conquest or glory, but a war in the interests of humanity. The Americans are responsible for this war. Almost since the beginning of time England has been to the forefront to protect the weak against the oppressed, but this war means somewhat far and beyond even that.

"Your American cousins have set the pace for civilization, have set the pace in arts and the sciences and wherever you find an American he is free born, and answers at all times when it comes to the roll call for good government and the advancement of the human race.

"There is no doubt that the attitude of England in this war has kept the wolves and the hyenas from interference. All I can say is 'Here's to the Anglo-Saxon; may he live long and prosper.'

"Your Excellency, as you saw down the Arrow lakes last night the hundred camp fires reaching from the lake shore to the timber line, it is safe to say that those fires were built by your American cousins. They blazed the trails for you to follow—they are responsible for the Kootenays, they are responsible for the Klondike. They do not build railroads in this country, they simply blaze the way for you to do so. The winter or the summer storm has no terror for your American cousin. Wherever you find him in this broad land you find an enterprising, progressive law abiding citizen, proud of you, proud of your institutions and proud of the greatest and noblest queen the world has ever known, but prouder still of the land that gave him birth." [Cheers]

Speech of T. Mayne Daly.

"Bonny Prince Charley" was well sung by John McKane, and then T. Mayne Daly toasted the mayor and the council of Rossland. "There is no better governed or more orderly town in the Dominion than Rossland," said he, "and for this the mayor and the council, as well as the citizens of the town, are to be congratulated."

Mayor Wallace replied briefly, as the hour was growing late. The tribute paid to the mayor and council was, he felt, a tribute to the city rather than to the officials of it.

W. J. Nelson, who gave the toast, "The Ladies," made an unusually witty speech, which was happily responded to by F. W. Rolt.

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