

Visit of Duke of Connaught.

the benefit of our City and the Colony generally, and I may say that I do so with extreme pleasure, living as I have been practically all my life amongst you, having been born here and my father and mother before me. It might be interesting to state just at this moment that out of our directorate of twelve members, eight were born in St. John's, and although many of them have had to leave here many years ago, yet they maintain and keep up a keen interest in the Colony. When this memorial centennial gift was first brought forward, I found that every one of my co-directors were just as anxious as I was myself, that this Park should be given to the City. The Park, I think, promises to fill an urgent public need, for we find that even now, with insufficient communication with the town, there are one to two thousand people coming here each fine Sunday and holiday, and I have no doubt that later on, when we get better communication, and when the Park is completed, the number of visitors will be very largely increased. As you know, the Park is by no means complete yet, and it is our duty to finish it, and we intend to go ahead with it as speedily as possible, and when completed finally hand it to the City Commission to look after, but until it is finished we will do what is necessary, and put it in as good order as we possibly can, in the hope that in the future it may be of great benefit to the whole town as a recreation ground and healthful place to visit. Whilst we will hand this over when complete to the care of the City Commissioners, I would like to say that we are at all times only too willing to co-operate with the Commissioners towards its successful development and maintenance and we shall always take an interest in this project, but for successful operation we must have the public with us, and in this connection cannot do better than commend you to the signs we have placed in different parts of the Park, viz., CITIZENS PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. It is up to you to do this, for in spite of all we may do, in spite of all the Commissioners may do, we must have the help and support of the public.

Your Royal Highness, I would like to ask you to officially declare this Park open to the public, and hand over the title deeds to the Chairman of the Commission for him to hold in trust for the benefit of our citizens and the public generally.

THE PARK DECLARED OPEN.

His Royal Highness was then graciously pleased to make the formal presentation, which he did in the following words:—
"Ladies and Gentlemen,—
"It is now my pleasing duty to declare this park open, and may it ever be a source of pleasure and enjoyment to the citizens of St. John's and to Newfoundland in general."
Then, speaking to Chairman Gosling, of the Municipal Board, he added:
"In handing these papers (the title deeds of the Park) over to you, it is a great pleasure to me to be associated with so splendid a gift as the one of Bowring Park."

CHAIRMAN GOSLING'S ADDRESS.
Mr. Gosling, in accepting the gift on behalf of the citizens, said:—

Your Royal Highness, Your Excellency, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It falls to my office, on behalf of the Citizens of St. John's, to receive at the hands of Your Royal Highness the title deeds of this beautiful Park—the gift of the firm of Bowring Bros., Ltd., to the city. It was the wish of the generous donors to commemorate in some way the centenary of their firm, and they elected to do so by presenting this delightful Park to the people of St. John's.

The record of Messrs. Bowring Bros. has been an honourable one. For over one hundred years they have been associated with the chief business interests of the country and their name has been a synonym for generosity and fair dealing. Their firm has prospered, and has now branches in many parts of the world, but they have not forgotten that it was in St. John's that the foundations of their business were laid, and it is here that they have chosen to place their memorial. It has occurred to me that perhaps this might have been, that "garden" to which the merchants of St. John's conducted Sir Humphrey Gilbert when he landed upon these shores in 1583. But when he reached the spot he found it was not a cultivated garden. As the narrator of the voyage thus quaintly expresses it: "But nothing appeared more than nature it a life without arte, who confusedly had brought forth roses abundantly wild but odiferous and to sense very comfortable."

For and on behalf of the present Municipal Board, I can promise that during their short regime, so far as the duty may involve them, they will be pleased to co-operate with the donors in the completion of the Park, and I feel sure that the care of this beautiful Park will be one of the most congenial tasks of our successors in office.

It is my pleasing duty, on behalf of the people of St. John's, to acknowledge the receipt of this magnificent gift, and to tender to Messrs. Bowring Bros. the sincere and heartfelt thanks of the community.

I also beg to tender to Your Royal Highness our appreciation of the honour you have conferred upon us by declaring this Park to be open for our use and enjoyment.

His Royal Highness was then presented by Mr. Bowring with a silver spade, on which was the following inscription:—

Presented to
His Royal Highness
THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G.,
on
the occasion of the opening
by him of
BOWRING PARK,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
July 15th, 1914.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Royal Party and guests proceeded to another part of the grounds, where His Royal Highness planted a Lime or Linden tree to commemorate the occasion. Mr. Cochius, the Landscape Artist, to whose genius and personal direction is due the admirable blending of Nature and Art into its rare scenic beauty, placed the tree in the earth, holding it whilst the Duke threw three shovelfuls around the roots, and until the planting was completed.

Thereafter the Duke and guests



H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

were invited to partake of refreshments, which were served at an adjoining tent. His Royal Highness, accompanied by His Excellency, Mr. M. W. Furlong, K.C., who on behalf of Mr. Reid, said:—

MR. FURLONG'S ADDRESS.

Your Royal Highness, Your Excellency, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Reid Nfd. Co., and of Mr. W. D. Reid, I desire to thank Your Royal Highness for laying the corner stone of this Hospital. I trust that the foundation of the work of making provision for those who may be afflicted with the disease, having been begun under such auspicious auguries for its continued success may remain favourable, and that the expressed gratitude of those whose sufferings may be alleviated within the walls of this Sanatorium, will be the finest and most lasting memorial of Your Royal Highness's visit to our Colony. We recognize and appreciate the generosity of Your Royal Highness in giving to us a portion of the time and labour devoted to the Government of your great country, and while we endeavor to honor you, it is very gratifying that Your Royal Highness is willing to give to us service.

We have traditions of the visit of William IV and memories of those of Edward VII and his Present Majesty, and it is a matter of grateful acknowledgment on the part of this Company that Your Royal Highness should approve of and inaugurate this benevolent and philanthropic work of the President and his brothers, and Your Royal Highness may be assured that this event will remain in our memories until it, too, becomes a tradition and is one of those vastly important, apparently unimportant, little things which will draw closer, if possible, the tie which binds Newfoundlanders to the Throne and the Royal Family.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught followed in an impressive and eloquent speech, telling of how much pleasure it gave him to know that since the commencement of a vigorous campaign against consumption in Canada there has been a remarkable decrease

in the number of deaths from this disease, and that doctors were hopeful of eventually stamping it out entirely. At the close His Royal Highness said:—"I thank you one and all for the kind manner in which I have been received this afternoon and on the streets of St. John's. It has been a great pleasure to me."

Enthusiastic cheers were then given for the Duke by the multitude of people present.

DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
His Excellency the Governor entertained His Royal Highness at dinner last night. Among the guests were the Bishop of Newfoundland, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Bond, Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Morris, Hon. R. J. Squires, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Hon. S. D. Blandford, Hon. M. P. Cashin, Hon. J. Crobie, Hon. R. K. Bishop, Hon. M. P. Gibbs, Hon. C. H. Emerson, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Piccott, Mr. Kent, Mr. Clift, Speaker Goodison, Mr. Gosling, Mr. Ellis, Mr. W. D. Reid, Hon. E. R. Bowring, the Captain of the Essex and the Captain of the Calypso.

THE DUKE AS GRAND MASTER VISITS MASONIC TEMPLE.
Last night at 10 o'clock His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Masons visited the Masonic Temple. The exterior of the Temple was a blaze of white and coloured lights, marking the outlines of the features of the building and relieved by Masonic designs and a Dical Crown. The interior, hall, corridors and stairway were decorated tastefully with bunting and foliage, and reflected credit on Brothers Evans and Baggs, who had charge of the decorations.

At 8.30 the Lodge Room was open, Director of Ceremonies, Past Master Barker being in charge, assisted by the Grand Stewards.

At 9.30 W. Bro. Dr. Brehm, W. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 579, opened the Lodge. Deputy District Grand Master Stott, accompanied by the officers and members of the District Grand Lodge, entered the Lodge Room. Bro. Arthur Mews acting as organist. A District Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Stott, after which the R. W. D. G. M. Duder and officers of the District Grand Lodge, under the Scotch Constitution were received. By instruction of the D. G. M. Clift a deputization withdrew in order to introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

At 10 o'clock His Royal Highness arrived, and as they stepped from the automobile, the Connaught Coat of Arms, were flashed from the front of the Temple. A guard of honor, consisting of a detachment of the Church Lads Brigade lined the approach to the Temple.

As the Grand Master was conducted to the Throne, a verse of the National Anthem was sung. After the Grand Honors had been given, D.G.S. Edgar read the Address of Welcome.

The Director of Ceremonies then placed it in a beautiful casket, and delivered it to D.G.M. Clift, who asked the Grand Master to accept it.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM THE ENGLISH BRETHREN.

To Field Marshal His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., etc., etc., etc., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Freemasons of England.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:—
On more than one occasion it has been the joy and privilege of this most ancient of the British Dominions overseas to welcome members of your Royal and illustrious line, but never hitherto has the Grand Master of our beloved Order honored Newfoundland with his gracious presence.

As Free and Accepted Masons, and, therefore, as loyal citizens, we extend to your Royal Highness a cordial and Masonic welcome. We rejoice in the opportunity afforded by your visit to express our fervent admiration for one whose personal merits and unexcelled service have endeared him to Britons the wide world over.

The presence of your Royal Highness in our midst marks the dawning of a new epoch in the long and honourable history of Freemasonry in our Island home. Succeeding generations have looked to the East, and guided by well-skilled Masters, have wrought the great and beneficent designs of the Grand Geometrician. At times the workmanship may have been faulty, and the ashlar have remained rough and rugged, but the glorious tenets of our Order have been upheld. Your visit to us will be an inspiration and an incentive to the cultivation of those Masonic virtues so pre-eminent in the life of the Master.

That the Most High may continue to abundantly bless and prosper our Order under your wise and gracious guidance, and that you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, may long be spared in health and vigor to rule the myriads of Craftsmen enrolled on the registers of the United Lodge of England, in the fervent prayer of every member of the Ancient Fraternity in Newfoundland.

We pray, moreover, that you may be enabled for many years to come, in health and happiness, to add increasing lustre to the long and honourable record of devoted service to the Fatherland and Empire, for which your Royal Highness is so justly and universally distinguished.

Signed on behalf of the Free and Accepted Masons of Newfoundland, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

J. A. CLIFT,
District Grand Master.
J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
District Grand Registrar.
W. J. EDGAR,
District Grand Secretary.

Dated at the Masonic Temple,
St. John's, Nfld., July 15th, 1914.

In presenting the Address and Casket the District Grand Master spoke of the pride and pleasure which the Fraternity felt, and their profound sense of the great honor thus conferred on them. He also expressed the thanks of the District Grand Lodge, and of Freemasons generally, for the generous donation by the Board of Benevolence towards the Sealing Disasters Fund.

H. R. H. the Grand Master was graciously pleased to accept the Address, and replied as follows:—

H. R. H. THE GRAND MASTERS' REPLY.

Most Worshipful District Grand Master and Brethren of Newfoundland:—

It affords me the greatest satisfaction to visit your Masonic Temple, and I have listened with great pleasure to the words of the loyal address which have been so well read by your District Grand Secretary. I assure you I shall ever value the very handsome and appropriate casket which encloses it. It will ever find a valued place in my house. As Grand Master it affords me a special satisfaction, to be able to assure you of the warm greeting of the brethren in England, and I shall not fail at my next attendance at Grand Lodge to assure them again how much you appreciate the evidence of their devotion to you in Newfoundland, in the contribution they sent to help those poor men, and the widows and children of those who suffered during the terrible sealing disasters of last March.

The large number of brethren here this evening, proves to me the loyalty and affection that you have desired to show you the head of your order.

I call on the Grand Architect of the Universe to bless all your undertakings, and may Peace and Charity ever be with you.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM SCOTTISH BRETHREN.

D. G. S. Cowan then read an Address of Welcome from the Scottish Brethren, which was passed by D. G. M. Duder, who, in a well worded and loyal speech, requested its acceptance by the M. W. Grand Master.

To Field Marshal, His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., etc., etc., etc., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Freemasons of England.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:—

On behalf of the Brethren of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons resident in Newfoundland, holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, we join with our Brethren of the English Jurisdiction in extending a welcome to your Royal Highness.

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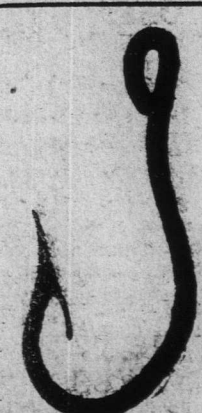
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