

# HIS HIGHNESS, THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, HAD LONG AND DISTINGUISHED MILITARY CAREER

The announcement that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the only surviving brother of King Edward the Peacemaker, and uncle of King George V., will in September next become Governor-General of Canada, has excited the keenest interest all over the Dominion. The appointment of His Royal Highness for a term of two years, but it may be extended. The Duke and Duchess with their suite will take up their residence in Rideau Hall next fall.

It had long been mooted that the Duke would succeed Earl Grey. King Edward was anxious that his brother should represent him in Canada, but the death of His Majesty rendered necessary a rearrangement of plans, as the Duke was the most fitting person to represent the monarch at the opening of the parliament of United South Africa. His Royal Highness will again be needed at the coronation this summer, and when that great event is past he will, in due course, enter upon the duties of Governor-General of Canada. A post which, it is understood, commends itself greatly to the Duke and his charming Duchess.



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New Governor General of Canada, S successor to Earl Grey.

This is the first time in which a prince of the blood has been called to preside over the dominion of the Dominion. It is understood that there is no intention of establishing a Royal Court in Canada. His Royal Highness will like his predecessors, be a democratic Governor, and, save for the fact of his royal lineage and the added éclat and dignity thus given to the post, there will be no change in the present happy relations of Governor and people.

**SERVED AS A SOLDIER DURING FENIAN RAID**

The Duke's connection with Canada is a long and pleasant one. Forty years ago, when a young man of twenty, he came to Canada and served as a soldier through the Fenian raid. Since then he has several times returned to Canada, each time enhancing not only his own but the family's popularity.

The Duke of Connaught is a gentlemanly, affable man, and his affable manner is not likely to be passed by in a crowd. His fine figure, soldierly bearing, and some fact of his aristocratic lineage were particularly attached to him. "Arthur" has recently been hard-working soldier, and it is interesting to note that he has been in the army when he first entered the army.

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Many perils had been predicted by her English advisers; and at the very least it was thought that she would receive insult. On the contrary, the perfect confidence with which she would only come to Ireland herself, but brought her children with her, appealed to the chivalry of the Irish people. So that her reception was marked by enthusiastic expressions of loyalty. From one of the arches which had been erected in her honor, she uttered a few words, and then she stepped and nestled in the Queen's lap. This appealed to a certain vein of superstition among the ignorant, and everyone accepted it as a sign of good omen and peace and quiet. As the Queen was passing through the streets of Dublin a red-headed Irishwoman thrust her way to the front and called out: "Oh, Queen, dear, shake one of them children Prince Patrick and one of Ireland will die for you." The hint was taken, and when the Queen's next son was born, less than a year after, Ireland was taken, and the name Arthur was bestowed on him by his godfather, the great Duke of Wellington. Later, he received the title of Duke of Connaught, in honor of his father's brother, Prince Alfred, was created Duke of Edinburgh, in compliment to the royal Scot.

The Duke of Connaught was bred up as a cadet in the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, being gazetted lieutenant in the engineers two years later. He became a lieutenant in the Royal artillery in November, and in the following year was transferred to the Rifle brigade. In his first active service he was in the Fenian invasion of Canada. In 1876 he became acting brigadier major at Aldershot, and next year was transferred to the mounted army, being posted to the Seventh Hussars, Assistant Adjutant General at Gibraltar in 1876-77, he was appointed personal aide de camp to the Queen in May. In the autumn he was put in command of the first battalion of the Rifle brigade, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Promoted major general in 1889, the Duke of Connaught became commander of the Guards brigade in the first division under Sir Garnet Wolseley in the Egyptian campaign of 1882, was present at the battle of Matruh and Tel el Kebir, and was three mentioned in despatches, much to the joy and pride of his mother.

**WON RANK OF FIELD MARCHAL IN 1902**

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**SOME ANECDOTES ABOUT HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS**

A strict disciplinarian and a diligent commander, the Duke of Connaught commands the respect of soldiers, while his good nature and his sense of humor win their affection. Only a commander of such high caliber could be so successful in his military career, for which his royal highness is an honor. A certain subaltern put on a military uniform and yet nothing could be done with him. The Duke, who was determined to ascertain personally the conditions under which the naval stokers performed their duties. The quarter deck protested, but the Duke was not to be deterred, and, donning an appropriate kit, he descended into the boiler room, where, provided with a shovel, he proceeded to ply it with all the vigor at his command.

Another interesting story is told of the Duke at the Boer war. On one occasion, attended in South Africa, he was witness to the departure of troops at the Cape Town station. He was formally inaugurated with a reporter's eager for news. There and everywhere through the population, which became immensely popular.

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**RED DEER.**

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Red Deer is fast coming before the eyes of the people through the active work of both the Alberta Central Railway and Canadian Northern Railway which are building east and west of here and as a consequence a great deal of real estate is being purchased by both local and outside men.

The following are a few of the most recent having taken place during the past week: J. F. Boyce purchased the lot on Ross street, occupied by the Cash Meat Market for \$5,500; H. H. Goetz sold two lots on Ross street, east of the Alexandra Hotel for \$7,000; C. P. R. agent Geo. Lindsay, has purchased the residence of Judge Crawford on Fifth street north for \$4,500; J. A. Carwell has purchased the residence on Gaetz avenue south, lately owned by Wm. Postell, for \$3,800.

Red Deer curriers are preparing for a big time on Feb. 21-23, when they hold the first bonspiel ever held here. There will be six sheets of ice and as there will be four cups and about \$200 in prizes, it is expected that there will be a great many rinksters.

The real estate men of the town have organized a "Red Deer" committee, being elected: Hon. pres., E. Michener, M.P.P.; pres., W. J. Botterill; vice-pres., P. Pigeon; sec., J. A. Carwell; A. P. Borden; sec-treas., C. H. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brumpton and J. R. Davidson, the newly appointed public commissioner arrived with his wife in town this week. Mr. Davidson has taken up his residence in the town, and we are sure great results will be attained through him in advancing the town.

Messrs. Bawtinsheimer and Sons are now installed in their new butcher shop on Gaetz avenue, and have one of the neatest shops in the town.

A. Loisele, of Stivan Lake, has received a car load of furniture for his new home, which he is looking for this winter. Loisele is looking for big things for our popular summer resort this summer, and wishes to be prepared for them.

Red Deer, Feb. 7th. (Special to Bulletin News Service.) Hon. Geo. E. Foster, W. E. Payne, and S. N. Carscallen are among those who are spending a few weeks in California.

Norman Michener, of Michener Bros., dealers in Holstein cattle here, left this week for Ontario to attend a meeting of cattle men. A good party to bring back a shipment of purchased cattle.

**BEAVER HILLS.**

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. Smith's sale on Jan. 21, was a decided success. Nearly everything offered for sale found a ready purchaser. No doubt the frosty weather encouraged brisk bidding.

# BORDEN AND BEGIN

**Leader of the Opposition Decares a Magnificent Speech on Government in Spite of Cons Measures That Have Aid for Good of the Country Speaking When House A**

On Feb. 12—the great reciprocity agreement which was the cause of so much speculation since Hon. Mr. Fielding gave out his proposal in the House two weeks ago got under way in the Commons yesterday. It gave way to other business again Tuesday night, when it will be resumed by Hon. Geo. Foster, who moved the adjournment.

As an unexpected preliminary there was a debate and a division on motion by Mr. Borden, the leader of the opposition, in order to give the country an opportunity to consider the agreement and its effect. The discussion was confined to Mr. Monk and Mr. Fielding, who on behalf of the government declined the proposition. The division was set going at a government majority of 25, the amendment was rejected.

Then the House went into committee on ways and means, and R. L. Borden defined the attitude of the opposition, declared himself as unequal to anything that had happened, particularly on the ground that would undo the work which the Canadian people have accomplished the way of nation building since the confederation of the provinces and the union of the British Empire.

Hon. Mr. Paterson, Minister of Customs, who followed combatively in his usual vigorous style, declared that the agreement would be more for the development of Canadian industry than anything that had happened since the adoption of British preference.

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The annual meeting of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Leudic, was held last week and showed a satisfactory condition of affairs both from local and missionary standpoints. Messrs. A. M. Anderson, F. J. McRae, J. P. Stiles and A. Bisset were appointed a committee to confer with similar committees from sister churches with regard to union.

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