

IN NEW YORK
IN 1860.Incidents of the Present King
Edward's Stay There.The Trees He Planted Still Stand in
Central Park—He Had a Good
Time.

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Col. Richard Lathers, of Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, recalls with convincing particularity of detail a number of interesting incidents in connection with the visit of Albert Edward, then Prince of Wales, now King of England, to this city in the autumn of 1860. Col. Lathers was the youngest member of the entertainment committee in charge of the arrangements for the prince's reception, and he believes he is the only surviving member of the one hundred of New York's representatives who met and welcomed officially at the imposing function.

The prince was accompanied by the Duke of Newcastle and a suite of eight gentlemen, representatives of the leading families in the British empire. Immediately it became known definitely that the distinguished visitors had included this city on their tour, Mayor Wood appointed a committee to arrange the details of a public reception in keeping with the importance of the occasion. This committee of one hundred was subdivided into minor committees, all under the chairmanship of Peter Cooper. A select committee of nine was named to arrange the banquet. The members of this committee were William B. Astor, William Kent, Pelatiah Perit, Moses Taylor, John A. Dix, Robert B. Minturn, John J. Cisco, Wilson G. Hunt and Julian C. Verplanck, not one of whom is among the living today.

Amos B. Field, the managing secretary of the general committee, had exclusive control of the funds contributed for the prince's entertainment. So popular was the young prince, and with such favor was his visit regarded that considerably more money was subscribed than was really needed. The surplus was distributed among the city's charitable institutions.

THE PRINCE'S ARRIVAL.
On the arrival of the prince and suite they were escorted to the Clarendon hotel, No. 217 Fourth avenue, where they remained during their stay in the city.

On the Sunday following the services in Trinity church were so marked by an innovation which was accomplished only after a great deal of persuasion on the part of the vestry. In honor of the prince and suite the choir was arrayed in surplices. This, it is believed, was the first surplice choir in an Episcopal church in this city, and certainly was the first surplice choir in Trinity.

"The ball in honor of the prince," said Col. Lathers, "was fruitful of a great deal of anxiety to, and productive of considerable maneuvering on the part of, ambitious society leaders who wished their daughters to receive the honor of dancing with the prince. The committee awarded the honor of dancing the first set with the prince to the wife of Gov. Morgan, the chief executive of the state. Col. Lathers slyly remarked that Mrs. Morgan was a large, fine-looking woman, while the prince was a boy in stature and years. After the first set the prince exercised his own sweet will, and selected more youthful partners nearer his own size.

The ball was held in the Academy of Music. The pit had been floored over temporarily. During the rush of the crowd to get a first glimpse of the prince on his entrance, this flooring gave way, sinking gradually some four feet. The Duke of Newcastle became alarmed for the prince's safety, and hurriedly led his royal highness to a reception room adjoining. The floor was immediately strengthened by a force of carpenters. In the meantime, says Col. Lathers, one young lady caught the prince's fancy, and his royal highness devoted his attention almost exclusively to her. After the dancing commenced, however, the prince chatted or danced impartially with many of the ladies present.

VISIT TO WEST POINT.

From this city the prince and suite went to West Point, where they were entertained at the Military Academy by Col. Deland, the commandant. Gen. Winfield Scott presented the invited guests, or some of them, to the prince. Gen. Scott was a man of imposing stature, and fully appreciated the importance and dignity of the occasion. He discriminated among the guests, being of the opinion that only the more prominent should be presented to the prince. This led to an amusing incident, of which the late Ward McAllister was the victim. Mr. McAllister told the story himself to Col. Lathers.

"I approached Gen. Scott and asked him to present me to his royal highness," said Mr. McAllister. "Great as he was in height, he bent down his head to me and asked sharply: 'What name, sir?' I gave my name, McAllister, but at the sound of 'Mc', not thinking it distinguished enough, he said quite brusquely, 'Pass in, sir.'"

"Subsequently I was presented to the prince by the Duke of Newcastle. He was an old man and an English oak in Central Park. The prince, accompanied by and in the presence of his suite and a number of distinguished citizens, invited for the occasion, with 200 of the park laborers drawn up in line, on October 12, 1860, planted with his own hands the two trees, which are still standing in the park. Mr. Green, who placed the trees in the holes prepared for them, being, with the prince, probably the only survivor of that interesting occasion.

The ceremony being completed, three hearty cheers were given for the prince and his royal mother, the Queen of Great Britain, and for the president of the United States. Mr. Blatchford, the

commoner of the park, closed the proceedings by saying, to the prince, 'Long may these trees flourish as a lasting memorial of your visit to our park.'

FIRE DISTRICTS.

Discussion of the Proposed Building
Law Promoted by the Fire
Underwriters.

A meeting of the bills and by-laws committee of the Common Council was held last evening. Ald. Armstrong, in the chair, to discuss the proposed building law promoted by the fire underwriters. The committee of one hundred were present on behalf of the underwriters. A number of gentlemen from the north end were present, and there was a good attendance of aldermen.

Building Inspector Fisher spoke briefly on the making of the old building law. He did not understand that the law applied at all to Carleton, nor did that requiring the inspection of buildings under construction.

C. W. Segge objected to the height of wooden buildings being limited to two stories. He pointed out that the law allowed a wooden building to be 25 feet above a brick or stone basement of five feet in height, while there was no basement it could only be 25 feet above the street level. He could not see that a wooden building would burn any less quickly when it stood on a basement.

To this Mr. Maher replied that the objection to wooden basements was that they were too often left open so that any inflammable material might be thrown beneath. And it was said further that if the chimney rested on a solid foundation and the building itself on wood the latter might heat or settle, in which case the cracking of the chimney would create a serious fire hazard at once.

W. M. Jarvis presented the case of the fire underwriters. He pointed out what were the present building limits. The district in which, speaking generally, brick only should be erected, included the city south to North and Carleton streets, and west to Coburg and Charlotte streets to Princess, thence to German, thence to Queen, thence to Prince William street, and both sides of Prince William street to Reed's Point; and the second district, in which buildings two stories high only were permitted, extending over the greater remaining part of St. John east, excluding only the north part of Waterloo and Brimley streets and the south part of the city from Queen street to the exhibition grounds; while the third district included the rest of St. John east to the north end. He also pointed out the extension of limits now suggested, although he said that this might be subject to some modification, especially in the case of Carleton, where it might be advisable to have a second and third district instead of placing the whole of St. John west in the second.

Mr. Jarvis further said that the act was promoted in the interests of the community generally; that the present situation of the fire insurance companies is a delicate one owing to the heavy losses of the company; that the present rates increased, if it could be avoided; and that it would be materially helped if the restrictions were extended to new projects.

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point in the head. He says he expects to be in Chicago next season. He did not say at all the result of the accident, he might be timid at the fact unless he stayed right in the game.

COUNTING THEIR LOSSES.
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Sawyer hall has a deserted appearance today and the club is mourning the further expenditure of nearly \$50,000 for remodeling the hall, erecting a ring, putting up arc lights, private boxes and seats for 15,000 persons, who were expected to view the Jeffries-Rubin fight, stopped yesterday by order of Judge Hollister in the absence of a peremptory injunction. Conferences were held today between members of the Sassafras Athletic Association, covered and managers Brady, Madden, Cook and others. Late this afternoon all will get together for a joint conference over the settlement of losses and a future course of action. In addition to the money spent on the hall, there is a matter of \$15,000 forfeit with each of the principals in the abandoned contest to be adjusted. Six hundred dollars will enter largely into the matter of whether or not an appeal from Judge Hollister's decision shall be carried to the higher courts.

Managers Brady and Madden estimate that losses in prospective receipts for the Jeffries-Rubin fight, which was to have taken place tonight, are determined. They shall be no more prize fights in Ohio during the administration of Judge Hollister, and they will advise the sheriff of every county, and mayor of every city and town, that the laws of the state forbid prize fighting, and they must be obeyed.

SHIPPING NEWS.
LATE SHIP NEWS.
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