

CHURCH CHRONICLE

FOR THE

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

“Men speak not with the instruments of writing, neither write with the instruments of speech, and yet things recorded with one and uttered with the other may be preached well enough for both.”

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THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE ENGLISH CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The visit which the heir apparent to the throne of England has just concluded to the British North American Provinces was graciously paid to its inhabitants as a whole, without any reference to the distinctions of race or creed. Yet the fact that His Royal Highness is both by education and attachment a member of the English Church, as well as the circumstance that the Queen, whom he represented, is regarded by churchmen in these provinces as “supreme in all causes ecclesiastical or temporal” gave to that visit an additional interest in the eyes of the members of the church generally. It may then be desirable to put on record in these pages some account of the occasions upon which our illustrious visitor was brought into more immediate connection with the Church of England within the Diocese of Montreal. The first of those occasions was on Sunday, August 26th, when His Royal Highness attended morning service at the Cathedral. Arrangements had been made beforehand for the admission of the Congregation by tickets issued to the holders of seats and to others as far as the size of the building permitted. Long before the hour for Divine service the persons possessing these tickets had occupied their allotted places and every pew except those appropriated to the Prince and his suite was filled. On his arrival he was met, as he had been both at Fredericton and Quebec, and as is customary on state occasions in England, at the west door of the Cathedral by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and by those members of the Chapter who were present with the Churchwardens. A large number of the clergy of the Diocese were present, as well as others from the Dioceses of Quebec and Toronto, and from those of New York and New Jersey.

The opening portion of the morning service was read by the Venerable