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EARL LI AT THE FAIR.



When Kwang-Seu, brother of the Sun and Moon and Emperor of Cathay, sent his great Chang on a roving commission, he could scarcely have anticipated the royal reception he was to meet from the Pale-faced Barbarians. In Ontario, Niagara Falls and the Toronto Exhibition of Arts, Agriculture and Amusements delighted him. At this fair the smiling mandarin was carried about in orthodox fashion in his chair, and many notables were introduced to him by Sir Henry Joly, representative of the Dominion. Each in turn was asked, through Lo Feng Luh the interpreter, the now famous question, how old are you? The railway train with his Excellency's parrots, coffin and baggage waited while the visit proceeded. It was here announced that Her Majesty had conferred Knighthood upon Li.

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Kwang-Seu the Great, as He sat in state,
Said, "Li you're commissioned by Me :
To the land of the Pale-faces go,
See them smoke, eat their rice,
And how they drink their tea,
How the Pale-faces drink their tea."

Li Hung Chang, ambassador of Kwang,
To the lands far beyond the Yellow Sea.

2.

Sir Li Hung Chang, that "grand old man,"
From China then came he,
With his yellow silk blouse
And his black pig tail queue,
That reached down to his knee,
From his shaven poll down to his knee.

Li Hung Chang, yellow mandarin,
In silk and satin robed, fair to see.

3.

With a million of yen and three score men
All waiting on Chang, his tea
To stir, his pipe to fill
Who would not be Chang !
Celestial of high degree ;
Earl, Knight and K. C. B.!

Li Hung Chang—mighty mandarin,
Earl, Knight and K. C. B. ! !