

who had been pleased to receive it very graciously, though she was under the necessity of declining the request that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales or some other member of the Royal Family should proceed to Canada with the view of opening the Crystal Palace at Toronto. Her Majesty, it is also understood, highly appreciates the loyalty to the Crown and the attachment to her person and family which prompted the wishes of the petitioners, and expresses her sincere good wishes for the success of the proposed exhibition, and a hope that it will produce important and useful results to Canada.



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A new and somewhat startling demand has been made upon the good-humored readiness with which the Queen has ever responded to invitations from any local section of her people to come amongst them. Our countrymen in Canada have put forth a claim to a visit. They have expressed a wish that, if not the Queen herself, some member of her family, might grace by their presence the inauguration of this autumn's Exhibition at Toronto. Such an unprecedented request has not unnaturally been demurred to. The Queen's arrangements for the season are made. She and her Royal Consort are judiciously averse to involving their children prematurely in public life. They are anxious to keep them free as long as possible from the trammels of State pageantry. And yet, is a Royal progress to the Canadas an impossibility? By steam and rail Galway can be reached in about a day. In six days the Royal yacht might reach Newfoundland or Nova Scotia from Galway. Six weeks would amply suffice for the out-and-home voyage to and from the principal cities of British North America. Such a visit would do more than more substantial benefits to rivet the loyalty of the colonists to the Crown. Our Colonial fellow-subjects feel, and not without reason, that they are scarcely made sufficient account of in the mother country. While the news of foreign States is eagerly run after, comparatively few ask what is passing in our Colonies. Illustrious strangers—French, Dutch and Russian—are eagerly feted, but the most distinguished of our colonists are allowed to come and go with scarcely any notice. And yet how infinitely more important to us are our Colonies than any alien nation! How much larger a space ought their leading spirits to occupy in our estimation! This neglect, we have had reason to know, is deeply felt throughout our Colonial Empire. It was a mistake, when sending telegraphic messages to the