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## THE COMING VISITORS.

St. John Will Extend a Hearty Welcome to the Duke of York and Lord Minto.

There is no doubt but that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall will receive the right kind of welcome on their coming visit to this city. The citizens who are taking an interest in preparing a programme for their reception, have gone about the matter in a thoroughly business manner and as St. John has the very best of records in knowing how to entertain distinguished visitors, it will do its part well during the coming visit. It is almost an assured fact that no address will be presented. It is hoped that such will be the case. People can show their welcome in a far better way than writing it out on paper. It is a pity that the same programme in this respect will not be carried out on Monday when Lord Minto comes.

Ald. White is quite right in his opinion that a levee should be held for the Duke and Duchess. At the same time the council and citizens should make a strong endeavor to have a display of fireworks or something of the kind for their are very many people who are able to attend the latter who would be unwilling to be present at a levee. The government seems quite prepared to do their part in the coming festivities and the interest they have shown thus far may be taken as a guarantee that everything will be well carried out.

Lord and Lady Minto come on Monday. Their reception will not be on such an elaborate scale, but their visit will be none the less welcome. As the representatives of King Edward, the people will receive them with all honor. Lord Minto has shown himself to be one who takes a great interest in Canada and its advancement, and his wife, since her stay in this country has endeared herself to the people. PROGRESS has not been favored with a copy of the address that the Council has felt called upon to present, but it is safe to predict that it will cover many pages, repeating the same old words only perhaps dressed up in another form. It is something that nobody takes much interest in and something that everybody including the governor general himself would be pleased to see omitted.

How much more suitable and pleasant it would be instead of an address, for the governor, simply to meet their Excellencies and say: Lord and Lady Minto, on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick, I heartily bid you welcome and trust you may enjoy your sojourn with us." Such an act would be more pleasing and say as much as all the ponderous addresses. But no, some darkness still surround the land and some think that if old customs are omitted, it is a blow at the British Empire. There's lot to be read and learned yet and red Tape and formality still has a large space in the civilized world.

PROGRESS joins with its numerous readers in extending to their Excellencies a welcome to St. John and the Province of New Brunswick. All will have but the one feeling. The distinguished visitors will feel that they are enjoying themselves and the citizens will feel that they are enjoying having them here.

### A HALIFAX MAN.

Writes interestingly of a Visit to England's Capital.

Dr. C. F. Fraser, Superintendent of the School for the Blind, Halifax, who is now travelling in England, writes interestingly of his sojourn in London. Dr. Fraser is very much struck with the activity and bustle of the metropolis. Among many remarks he says:

"If there is one thing more than another that impresses one in London, it is the enormous traffic which is to be seen on all the great thoroughfares, and withal, the wonderful order which prevails throughout. Imagine all the street traffic of Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax crowded into an area no greater than that of the city of Halifax. Imagine this traffic increased five fold, and you will gather some idea of the travel in London, and for a radius of five miles from the Mansion House, which is in the

centre of the city, proper. Another striking feature in London proper, is the few pedestrians one meets on the sidewalks of the main thoroughfares, as compared with the streets of Boston or New York. Almost everyone in London is being carried to his or her destination on wheels. It may be in a hansom, in a four-wheeler, or perched on the roof of a crowded omnibus.

The highways of London are policed in a marvellous manner, and so perfectly is the traffic systematized that the raising of a policeman's hand is sufficient in a second's time to stem the mighty current of travel and make it perfectly safe for ladies and children to cross the street under the very noses of the magnificent horses.

The writer goes on to speak of the sights to be seen in new and old London. The latter are most interesting in the way of hotels, shops and shop signs. Many of the signs are unique and the enterprise of some of them provoke a smile. Over the door of a well known restaurant appears the following:—

American soda water and British bakeries.

This is "John Bull's" way of intimating British solidity and American effervescence. The great Macedonian would roll his eye in astonishment, were he to read over a tail or shop the sign—Alexander, the Great-Tailor, and Ursula would view with interest the sign of another enterprising tailor which read:—John Halifax, gentleman's tailor.

It would be an easy matter to write fully says Dr. Fraser upon the sights and sounds of London, of the great clock of St. Paul's, of the Westminster chimneys, of the street cries of the vendors of small wares and upon the unintelligible announcements of the omnibus conductors, spoken in a language which appears quite foreign to a blue nose.

### Alerts Victorious.

The Alerts played a good ball in Halifax and consequently gave the Standards a beating in both games. According to all accounts the first contest was of a rather exciting nature. Mr. Fitzgerald as umpire did not please the visitors and Mr. Britt and others became quite pugilistic. Some of the decisions were quite rank but in spite of all the alerts managed to come out far ahead. It is not the first time that a St. John team has been called upon to play both their opponents and umpire combined, but a team like the Alerts when they play ball generally manage to be equal to the occasion. It is to be regretted that these things happen. They make much bad feeling and should be avoidable. The Alerts are putting up gilt edge ball now. And it is hoped they will keep it up.

### A Novel Honeymoon.

A young man and woman both very intoxicated caused considerable excitement on Waterloo street at an early hour on Wednesday evening. The young woman was scarcely able to stand. The man seemed to have enough sense left to understand the commotion they were making as he made desperate efforts to keep his companion upon her feet. Many were the surmises made by the witnesses of this sad sight as to the identity of the couple, but those who are supposed to know, say that the young man and woman are residents of a not far distant country town and were in the city celebrating their honeymoon. The appearance of the bride it such she was, helped out this theory as she was attired in a strikingly light costume, with an abundance of white trimming and wore a hat with a plentitude of roses and the sweeping white veil so dear to the heart of the rustic maiden. The spectacle was indeed most pathetic and we are happy to add most unusual.

### Educational Association.

The Dominion Educational Association will hold its triennial session at Ottawa on August 14th, 15th and 19th. Among the eminent educationalists who are to participate in the programme are Prof

Britain, of the Fredericton Normal School who will speak upon Educational Problems in New Brunswick, Solved and Unsolved; Principal Mullin of the Normal School, who speaks upon the Normal School—Some of its functions; and Dr. H. S. Bridges, of St. John, who will discuss the subject, Attention—How can it be secured in the School Room. Inspector H. V. Bridges, of Fredericton will preside over the Inspection and Training section, and will deliver an address.

### Common Sense.

Mr T J McPherson, delivered himself of some sound common sense at the big grocers meeting held on Thursday evening. Mr McPherson said: 'The Clergy are complaining that the pews are not filled on Sunday mornings. If the hours were shortened it would be the means of bringing a large number to church where they would be glad to be. He favored the agitation of workmen being paid earlier in the week and thought it would be a step towards temperance as a number of the working men are more inclined to carouse on Saturday knowing that they had Sunday as a day free from work. He felt positive that the grocers' success was assured.

### A Road's Troubles.

The Shore Line has been having its usual dose of troubles this season. Its record for one week is as follows—On Saturday last the West Musquash bridge was burned and on Sunday morning a special train was ditched. The public is informed, however, that everything has been repaired and trains are again running on schedule time. Nothing has been heard of Mr. Sage's visit since, perhaps he is to arrive on schedule time.

### Felis Like Many Others.

The friends of Mr. John Haviland have heard from him since his return to Boston and he can hardly find words to express the pleasure that he had while on his trip here, of course barring the regrettable death of his sister. Mr. Haviland thinks that St. John is about the same as it used to be and 'fell it not in gath.' It is whispered that he wishes he was back again.

### Fever Growing.

Everybody is getting the baseball fever. The newspaper men think they know something about the game and now the hotel clerks have joined the growing multitude. If this keeps up everybody will be playing ball by the time fall comes. The Alerts will have to look to their laurels. No telling what may transpire before a great while.

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### Exhibition.

Fredericton's exhibition is going ahead at a lively rate. The frame work of the new building is up and it is said that the edifice when completed will be a good one. The gentlemen who have the exhibition in charge are enthusiastic over their work and say they will have a show worthy of the name of an exhibition.

## BRIGHT LOCAL TOPICS.

An Enjoyable River Trip—Interest in the City Market—If the Duke Should Visit the Park.

At the invitation of councillor Gilliland a considerable number of friends boarded the Steamer Flushing on Thursday afternoon for a trip up the river. Mr. Gilliland is not only a councillor but he is a contractor and this year he has been repairing and bettering the wharves along the St. John under the instruction of the chief engineer of the department. A great deal of the work being about completed he asked a number of those associated with him as his guests on the Flushing Thursday. The day was fine, the company pleasant and those who attended the function agree that nothing could have been pleasanter or more timely than the trip afforded them by the gentleman who represents Rothesay parish in the municipality of Kings. It is not necessary to state who were there. The daily papers have said that, but there was one gentleman on the boat who was a host as well as a guest. The reference is made to Mr. Secretary Vincent, who could not see the party go by his own door without inviting them to partake of his hospitality. Mr. Vincent has an ideal country place and as it would appear enjoys summer life to the utmost on his domain.

Several of the wharves were inspected and passed (it might be said) before the Flushing had arrived at Jones' Creek. The trip from there to the Cedars was a very short one but Mr. and Mrs. Ganong were awaiting the guests. The Cedars as usual is in splendid form, the menu was excellent and the whole appearance of the place indicated that one who chose to spend a day or a week or a month there could not only find the best of accommodations but the best of resorts. Contractor Gilliland has built a new wharf just opposite the house and it may be said very truly to be not only a credit to himself as a workman and a contractor but also a credit to the members of the county whose influence placed it there. The wharf is not what might be called a large one but it is large enough for the necessities of the people and that is all that is required. Everybody who attended the excursion agreed that the councillor for Rothesay had done not only a good job but one that reflected credit upon the county that he belongs to and the parish he represents.

### CLERK OF THE MARKET.

Considerable Talk Over the Position and Much Interest Manifested.

There is much interest being manifested in the market over the position of clerk. Mr. McGonagle who has filled the office for some years is in very poor health and it is said that he will be unable to any longer attend to his duties. In fact for the past few months, Mr. Potts the collector of market tolls has been attending to Mr. McGonagle's job and though the latter has done his work diligently and faithfully, the feeling is general in the market that since it is almost assured that the present clerk will no longer be able to act a new clerk should be appointed. Several gentlemen's names are mentioned in connection with the position, none of whom it is said would be unwilling to undertake the duties. Among those most prominently named for the job are Thos. Seeds, J. N. Wetmore, Harry McFarlane, R. J. Cotter and W. C. Dunham.

The appointment lies with the council and there is little doubt but that this body will soon take action. Anyone of the above named would make a good official and the friends of each are strongly advocating their friends, claims. The salary is \$550 per annum. The duties if properly performed, are by no means light, and they involve the clerk's attendance at the market from 6 a m to 6 p m daily, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday; the Saturday hours are more lengthy, being from 6 a m, to 11 p m. Sunday, of course there is no attendance. Not a few inside as well as many persons about town will watch with interest the course of events.

### Rules at the Park.

Ex-Mayor Sears expressed the hope the other day, at the meeting called to prepare

the programme for the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall's visit, that if any function is held at the Park that the directors resign for the time being and hand their property over to the city so that the antiquated rules preventing people from buying beer and soda water and using boats could be done away with. This hope is more than that of Mr. Sears. St. John doesn't want to give their Highnesses a chance to smile at us, but one can imagine the broad grin that would pass over the Duke's countenance if he should ask for a glass of soda and be told that it was against the Park's rules to get it there. It would be a joke too good for royal blood. He would indeed think he had struck an enlightened town, a little in advance of even great London. Then if his Highness were to stay in the city over Sunday, he would be able to add to his little joke if he attempted to get a drink from one of the drug stores on the Sabbath. He would not come to the conclusion that people do not drink, he would see too many saloons for that, but he might come to the conclusion why so many people patronize the saloons.

### THOSE DOG LICENSES.

A Little More Than a Third Have Paid Up—Summonses are Many.

The six hundred and fifty dog licenses do not seem to have been issued with the promptness that the chamberlain likes so far as those who own canines are concerned and Mr. McDonald who holds down a very important desk in the police building was busy Saturday afternoon issuing summonses for those who had failed to put up the necessary deposit as a permit to keep such an animal about the place. One of those who happened to see the summonses of those served found his name very prominent and learning that if he was served with a summons it would cost him 50 cents he took out a license at once for the curly animal who managed to keep him awake at night. That same evening a policeman accosted him and served him with a summons to appear in the police court before Judge Ritchie, and show why he would have a dog and not take out a license. Perhaps the satisfaction of showing the officer the license was really worth more than 50 cents but at any rate one document was an answer to the other.

Considering that 750 licenses have been taken out and there are six hundred and some odd summonses issued for those who have not licenses and taking into consideration the fact that a few dogs are lost when the policemen make their rounds it might fairly be gathered that St. John has in the vicinity of two thousand dogs as part of its city equipment.

### Cool Reception.

Lord and Lady Minto received a cool reception at Louisburg. His Excellency had accepted the invitation of the rector of the place to be his guest, and the town got mad. Nobody cheered the distinguished party, but the latter are reported to have had a good time. Of course no slight was meant but the people could not see it that way. Lord Minto will probably survive the shock and the town will hardly receive much sympathy from outsiders. Perhaps the next governor-general will give Louisburg the cold shoulder. The mayor and citizens had a right to do as they pleased, but their action seemed a little on the small side.

### Band Concert.

The City Cornet band gives a concert this afternoon at the new pavilion on Prospect Point. Ample conveyances will be provided. The spot is a very pretty one and the view grand. No doubt many will take advantage of having an enjoyable time.

### Heavy Travel.

The hotels have been doing a rushing business this week. The tourist travel has been very large, the American boats every day bringing hundreds to the city. St. John has been giving all a fine example of its beautiful climate.