

ADDRESS

FROM THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF FREDERICTON.

To Lieut. Colonel Brown, the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the First Battalion of the Royal Regiment.

We, the City Council of the City of Fredericton, avail ourselves of the occasion afforded by the expected departure of your distinguished Regiment from this Province, to express the cordial good-will and admiration which are entertained towards all ranks of the 1st Royals, by the Members of this Council and their fellow citizens.

In the course of duty, many of the most distinguished Regiments in the British Service have occupied our Garrison, and familiarized us with that honorable bearing and conduct which has given a world-wide reputation to the army of our Father-land; but we are constrained in justice to record the conviction which we believe to prevail through all classes of our community, that a more uniform courtesy, kindness, and propriety, have never marked the conduct of any Regiment in any garrison, than has characterized the 1st Royals during the whole term of its service in Fredericton.

The City Council are proud to select from many instances, the promptitude, zeal and skill with which the officers and men of your Regiment have always united their exertions with those of our citizens on all occasions of fire, and we will ever gratefully remember the obligation you have thus imposed on all who are interested in the safety of the City.

In taking leave of your Regiment, the City Council beg to assure you of their most respectful and affectionate good-will, their best hopes will follow you in every sphere of duty, and they will not cease to entertain the confidence that wherever you may be called in the order of Providence, you will not fail to add to the many honors already covering the banners of your Regiment, and increase the lustre of our country's arms.

Bidding you a most heart-felt farewell, we have the honor, on behalf of the City of Fredericton, to subscribe ourselves, &c. &c.

JOHN SIMPSON, MAYOR.

J. HENRY PHAIR, City Clerk.

REPLY:

To the City Council of the City of Fredericton.

GENTLEMEN,—The Address which you have this day presented to us, is most grateful to our feelings, and we beg most heartily to thank you.

To find that we have merited the cordial good-will of the Members of the City Council, and their fellow citizens, during our residence in this Province, is to myself, the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Battalion, a source of sincere happiness.

The flattering terms in which you have spoken of the conduct of the Royals for the last two years is most gratifying, and we are proud to find that we have continued to maintain that high character and bearing which you have all become familiarized with, and which you had been led to look for in our army.

If our exertions to establish good feelings have been successful, it is due to all classes of the community to acknowledge that they met us with heart and hand, and it is owing to the cordial disposition manifested to us at all times, that we are now enabled to carry away with us this friendly record of your approbation.

We have ever been ready to offer our best assistance in time of fire, and we thank you for the notice you have again taken of our exertions where the safety of your City was in peril.

If, in the course of duty before an enemy, our Colours should be again unfurled, I may with confidence assure you that the good name which has been handed down to us will be upheld, and that we shall endeavor to justify the good opinion you have formed of us.

We thank you with all sincerity for the kind manner in which you bid us farewell: I need hardly assure you that we quit the Province with deep and sincere regret, grateful for your good-will and kind wishes; and fervently trusting that prosperity and every happiness may attend you all,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

A. BROWN,

Lieut. Colonel the Royal Regiment.

Fredericton, N. B., 5th June, 1850.

ADDRESS

OF THE INHABITANTS OF FREDERICTON TO THE ROYAL REGIMENT ON ITS LEAVING THIS CITY.

On Wednesday, a number of the Magistrates and principal Inhabitants of this City, among whom were His Honor Judge Street, the Honorable Colonel Shore, the Honorable John S. Saunders, Lieutenant Colonel Hayne, Lieutenant Colonel Maclauchlan, the Sheriff, and several Members of the Legislature, and others, waited on the Colonel and Officers of the Regiment, at their Mess Room,

in the Barracks, when the Honorable John S. Saunders informed them, that the Magistrates and other Inhabitants were desirous of presenting an Address, expressing the sincere regret which they felt at their departure, and of the regard and esteem which they felt for the Regiment, which he read as follows:—

To Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Brown, Commanding Her Majesty's First Royal Regiment of Foot, at Fredericton, and the Officers of the Regiment there stationed.

As the Regiment which you command is immediately to be removed from this Province, we, the Magistrates, Clergy, and Inhabitants of the City of Fredericton, cannot suffer it to leave us without expressing the regret we feel at parting, and the high sense we entertain of the excellent conduct of the Regiment generally during the period it has been stationed in this City.

The high character of your Regiment has been fully sustained during the time of their service in this garrison, by the absence of intemperance on the part of the Soldiers, by their regular habits, and orderly conduct, to which we are happy in being able to bear the fullest testimony; in this condition of the Regiment we mark the successful results of the unremitting attention paid by the Officers in maintaining perfect discipline, as well as the general good disposition and zealous discharge of their duties by the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates.

And we may be permitted to add, that these circumstances impress us not only with respect for the character of the Soldier in garrison, but afford us the fullest assurance that should the Regiment be again called into action, their conduct in the field would add fresh lustre to a career already distinguished for their eminent services since the earliest annals of the British Army.

We also assure you that it affords us much satisfaction to acknowledge the promptitude and willingness with which your Regiment has rendered to the inhabitants of this City every aid and assistance in their power in cases of fire and on all other occasions where their services could be useful.

To yourself and the Officers of the Regiment who have been quartered at this Station, we beg to express our sincere regard and esteem; to many of whom we are highly indebted for the manner in which they have exerted themselves to promote the best feelings of social intercourse in this community.

We cannot bid farewell to your distinguished Corps, without assuring you that they will ever carry with them our cordial good wishes for their future welfare and happiness.

We beg you will make these our sentiments known to Captain Stewart, Mr. Allix, and the other Officers, who have already left Fredericton with a detachment for Halifax, and also to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Regiment.

REPLY:

To the Magistrates, Clergy, and Inhabitants of the City of Fredericton.

GENTLEMEN,—In the name of the Royal Regiment, I beg to offer you our sincere thanks for the kind and flattering Address you have been pleased to present to us this day.

We have had the pleasure, I may say the happiness, of residing at Fredericton for upwards of two years, and we are proud and gratified to find, that at the expiration of our service, we carry away with us your best wishes for our future welfare and happiness; and that our conduct has been such as to merit your approval.

The quiet and orderly conduct of Soldiers in quarters is the surest guarantee that when their services may be required in the field, they will be found to sustain that high position which has ever been the characteristic of British Soldiers.

We are gratified to think that our exertions were of some avail in a time of danger; and when fire threatened the destruction of your City, I can truly say we did only that which you will find the Military prepared and ready to do at all times—lend their best assistance to their fellow citizens in the hour of danger.

In my own name, and in the name of the Officers of the Regiment, I beg to thank you for your kind expressions of regard and esteem; and to find our endeavours to promote the happiness of the community, and encourage that social intercourse which should ever exist between the Civilians and Military, have been successful, is to us all a subject of sincere and heart-felt congratulation.

We shall bid you farewell with sorrow and regret; but whatever may be the distance which separates us, rest assured our thoughts and feelings will often carry us back to those happy days we have passed amongst you.

In the name of every individual in the Battalion I beg most gratefully to thank you for this flattering Address.

I have the honor to remain, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble servant,

A. BROWN,

Lieut. Colonel the Royal Regiment.

Fredericton, N. B., 5th June, 1850.