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A GREAT MAN FALLEN

Today the British Empire mourns the loss of a sovereign who, with perhaps the single exception of his illustrious mother, the late Queen Victoria, had a deeper hold in the hearts of the people who called him King than any other occupant of the English throne ever possessed. The regard in which Edward VII was held was due not only to his qualities as a man, but because he filled in the highest degree the ideals of what the king should be. To few men has been afforded the opportunity of showing kingly qualities to such an extent as fell to his lot, and still fewer would have shown the ability to turn these to the best advantage of the people that he did.

These qualities were largely due to the training the late King received. Few sovereigns have possessed a knowledge of statecraft and diplomacy to a greater extent than did the late Queen, and this she early took steps to inculcate in her successor. From his father, the late Prince Consort, too, the deceased monarch inherited a wisdom and sagacity in dealing with public affairs which stood him in good stead when called upon to act for himself. Called upon in early life to fill as best he could the place of helper and counselor to his widowed mother, the experience he then gained gave him a clear insight into the subject with which it would be his lot in the future to deal for himself. How he profited by the lessons then learned, the whole world now knows; and in this regard it may truthfully be said of him that he never made a mistake.

But it is not only in his capacity as a monarch that he obtained the respect and reverence of his people, they admired him also as a man. He had all the attributes of a man in the best sense of the word. He was ever ready to help on by his presence and assistance any movement undertaken for the public good, and no day was ever too long or any fatigue too great to undergo if thereby he might help in any philanthropic cause.

Coming at the present juncture, the death of King Edward is an exceptionally heavy blow to the people of Great Britain. Constitutional questions at the present time in that country are more disturbed than has been the case for many decades, and in the settlement of these questions the advice and assistance of a statesman of the late King's calibre would have been of the utmost advantage. Moreover, his position and the political sagacity he was known to possess, would have carried a respect and weight such as would have been accorded to no other man. Much has been said, and written about the part the late King was likely to take in the settlement of the vexed question now confronting the people of Great Britain, the greater part of which was wholly unauthorized and unjustifiable. Few monarchs ever knew their powers better than he, and none had sense enough to exercise them with the wisdom that he did. He knew the limitations of the crown, and respected them; hence his success as a monarch.

Of his son and successor, now His Majesty King George V, the people will hardly expect what they did of his late father. Although called to the throne in the prime of his manhood, he naturally lacks the experience or the judgment of the late king, qualities which can only come with years. The best training which could possibly be given him for the position he is now so suddenly called upon to occupy, he has had, and no one doubts that he will make the best use of it. He has had the advantage, too, of world-wide travel, in which he has had the opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of the people of the overseas empire. The impressions thus gained, have left their mark on the new King, who, having inherited his father's wisdom, will not fail to profit by them.

In assuming the dignity which now calls him, George V can depend upon the whole-hearted respect and sympathy of the entire British race, who

will watch with respectful interest his career as monarch of the greatest country the world has ever known.

To the widowed Queen and other members of the Royal family, the sympathy of the whole world will go out. Whilst their loss is of a more personal nature and their grief naturally more poignant than that of any one else, the knowledge that they have in their trouble the loving sympathy of a people who are suffering from the same loss will tend to some extent to help them bear it.

REMINISCENCES OF LATE KING'S VISIT TO FREDERICTON

The visit of King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, to Fredericton in 1860, is still fresh in the memory of many citizens, and will be much talked about during the next few days. His Royal Highness arrived in the city from St. John by steamer Forest Queen at six o'clock on the evening of Saturday, August 4th, and remained until the following Tuesday. He was met at the wharf by a detachment of volunteers, in command of Col. Baird, and a troop of yeoman cavalry. The militia artillery fired a salute on the appearance of the steamer and another as His Royal Highness disembarked.

An immense crowd of people had assembled and the heir apparent received a great ovation as he drove through the streets to Government House.

The following account of the Prince's visit and reception condensed from The Fredericton Reporter of August 10th, 1860, will be read with interest:

"As the carriage containing the Prince passed under the first arch on Queen Street, a perfect shower of bouquets were rained at the carriage; the multitude again peeled forth cheer after cheer and it was with difficulty that the carriage could proceed. Passing on in the above order the procession moved slowly along the line of Queen Street, the shops and houses on either side being beautifully decorated with flags, flowers and evergreens. Dense masses of the people approached from the sidewalks as near the carriage in which the Prince was seated as the escort would permit, everyone being anxious to get a sight of the youthful royal visitor, whose face and figure will not, after being once seen, be easily forgotten.

..... The Masonic Band of this city played some of their finest national and popular pieces along the whole route to Government House, where His Royal Highness and suite were received by a guard of honor from the 63rd Regiment.

During the day and the following night the steamers from the lower districts of the river and carriages of all descriptions on the whole route to Woodstock continued to pour their contents into Fredericton; and the number of militia companies by those conveyances was far greater than could have been anticipated.

"At nine o'clock there was a torch light procession by the formen, who proceeded upwards to government house, where the prince himself appeared on the piazza and expressed his admiration.

"On Sunday His Royal Highness and suite attended divine service in the cathedral, where the Lord Bishop of Fredericton preached a most faithful as well as an appropriate sermon.

"On Monday at eleven o'clock His Royal Highness received the public addresses at the Government House, and at 11.30 he held a levee, at which a great number of gentlemen were presented. It is estimated that there were no less than 20000 persons in Fredericton on that day.

"The next point of attraction was the park where an immense concourse of people assembled at 3 o'clock. At four o'clock His Royal Highness accompanied by the Duke of Newcastle, and escorted as usual by Mayor Wilmot's cavalry, drove into the park in open carriages and took their station beneath an awning. Here on the national anthem being played by the band, the children of the different Sunday Schools, united in singing "God Save the Queen" and a bouquet presented to the prince by one of them—the little daughter of Mr. T. G. Allen—was most graciously received. After remaining about an hour the prince returned to the government house.

"The ball in the evening at the provincial buildings closed the day's proceedings, and was conducted on a scale of magnificence never before attempted in this province.

After describing the decorations, the Reporter continues:

"At a few minutes before ten o'clock it was announced that His Royal Highness and suite had arrived, and on his entering the council chamber he was received by such an array of beauty and fashion as never before graced any ball room in this country. The room was densely crowded, leaving but a narrow passage to the throne. After several of our ladies had the honor of being introduced to His Royal Highness, dancing commenced, in which amusement His Royal Highness entered with much spirit. Dancing was kept up until two

EARTHQUAKE BRINGS DEATH AND DISASTER

City of Costa Rica Wiped Out—Five Hundred Persons Killed and Hundreds more Injured.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, May 5.—A large part of Cartago, was destroyed last night by a powerful seismic movement. Details are meagre for the telegraph wires have been levelled between San Jose and Cartago. The operators at that latter place were killed.

It is known that at least 500 persons are dead and many hundreds are injured. Scores of buildings were thrown down, among them the Palace of Justice erected by Andrew Carnegie.

The wife and child of Dr. Bocanagra, the Guatemalan Magistrate to the Central American Arbitration Court have been killed. Panic reigns for the earthquakes continue.

SHOCKS AT SAN JOSE

San Jose has also been shaken, some of the buildings being damaged but no deaths are reported in that city. Some persons were slightly injured.

Earth shocks also were felt at several points in Nicaragua, near the Costa Rica frontier: Reports reaching here state that there is much suffering and destitution at Cartago, consequent upon the disaster.

Cartago, capital of Cartago, Province, lies at the foot of Irazu Volcano, 14 miles from San Jose. It has an estimated population of 10,000, and is the seat of the Central American Peace Court, for the home of which Andrew Carnegie donated a large sum.

Cartago, was the capital of the country until 1823. It has suffered frequently from earthquakes, and was partially, or in a greater part destroyed in 1724, 1804, 1825 and 1841, 1851 and 1854.

On April 13 last a series of earthquakes, varying in intensity swept over Costa Rica, doing considerable material damage, but practically without loss of life.

San Jose suffered most severely, while both Cartago and Port Limon, felt the force of the disturbance.

CITY PRACTICALLY DESTROYED

Washington, May 5.—At the Costa Rican Legation tonight Minister Calvo received word that the city practically had been destroyed, five hundred persons were dead, and many hundreds injured as a result of the disturbance.

Further, the Minister was informed by the Department for Foreign Affairs that the shocks have now ceased, and the damage and loss of life is confined to Cartago.

LOCALS

PAT AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Pat Harrington will have an entire change of act tonight. The pictures will also be new—never shown in the city before and are specially selected. The Bijou will not be open tonight but there will be a big matinee, 2 to 5.

COMING ATTRACTION

Harry R. Vickers, representing the Gladys-Klark Company, which plays a 5 days' engagement in the city opera house, is in town, billing the attraction—"St. Elmo". The play, dramatised from the famous novel is one of the plays in the company's repertoire.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The May meeting of the Fredericton Natural History Society will be held in the assembly hall of the Normal School on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock. The meeting is to be addressed by James Vroom Esq., M. A. of St. Stephen, on some problems relating to the Distribution of Plants in New Brunswick. Persons interested are cordially invited to be present.

A LARGE FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Mr. John Miles took place at Gibson on Friday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of people including relatives and friends of the deceased. Rev. C. P. Wilson conducted an impressive service at the house, and pronounced a touching eulogy on the deceased. The choir of the Baptist church rendered appropriate hymns. Interment was made in the Miles private burying ground.

From potato leaves cigarettes are made, and from potato pulp, buttons combs and penholders.

o'clock at which hour the prince took his leave amid loud and enthusiastic cheers.

"On Monday night and early on Tuesday morning, thousands of people had departed for their homes, but still there was a large multitude stationed at the landing place to get a last look at the heir apparent and prospective King, of the widespread British dominions; and when His Royal Highness took his departure in the Forest Queen, cheers as loyal and genuine as ever reached the ears of even royalty proclaimed His farewell.

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