

The Duke of Connaught as Governor General of Canada

While in Many Respects the Royal Prince would make an Admialbe Viceroy, the Manchester Guardian points out some Conditions under which one so near to the Crown might be Placed in a Somewhat Awkward Position.

(Halifax Chronicle.)

It seems to be practically settled that the Duke of Connaught will come to Canada as Governor-General, immediately after the King's Coronation which is now fixed for May, 1911. Meanwhile it is announced that the Duke will go to South Africa to open the new Union Parliament, which ceremony was to have been performed by the present King, and he will then come to Canada fresh from his association with the formal organization of the Federal Parliament of the youngest British Dominion overseas.

The Duke of Connaught is described as able, experienced, and as having the knack of making himself liked. All these are important qualities in a man who fills the vice-regal post of a self-governing Dominion, and there is no doubt that the coming of His Royal Highness will be cordially welcomed by the Canadian people.

But there should be no occasion for misapprehension on this point. One of the leading English papers, the Manchester Guardian, in referring to his appointment, makes this curious statement:

"Canadians want a Royal Prince for reasons that may readily be guessed. They seem to have felt that to have a Prince of the blood Royal for the Governor-General would raise the political status of their country and be a fresh recognition of their full manhood. It is as much as to say that Canada is no long a Colony, but a Dominion."

We think it hardly fair to let a statement of this kind go unchallenged. We are not aware that Canadians are burning with anxiety for a Royal Prince, nor do we believe that it is so. While we appreciate the high compliment which is paid to Canada in the appointment of a Prince of the Royal House as Governor-General, we must not be understood as seeking or even desiring that a departure should be made in that respect. Indeed, there are misgivings on the part of thoughtful persons as to the effect upon the life of the country of the prospective establishment at Ottawa of a Royal Court. We, however, cherish the hope that the Duke of Connaught, being a sensible and tactful

man, will appreciate the feelings of Canadians in this matter, and will import nothing into our life which is foreign to the genius of this democratic country.

There are other difficulties connected with the appointment of the Duke of Connaught, which The Manchester Guardian itself suggests. If Canada wants a Royal Prince, so might Australia and South Africa, and if a Prince of the blood Royal were given to one Dominion and refused to another of the same status, it might set up grades of importance among Dominions and cause heart-burnings among those who are not able to get this certificate of their importance.

On the other hand, if all Dominions had their turn at a Royal Prince, difficulties of another sort might arise. The Guardian says as to this: "The Governor-General is not exactly in the neutral position of a King. He has, of course, a responsible Ministry and acts on their advice as the King does in England, but he is also the servant of the Executive at home—that is, of the English Ministry of the day. Some times he might in obedience to the one have to veto the action of the other; as, for example, if a Colony passed legislation that was inconsistent with our general policy or with the interests of the Empire as a whole. He is, moreover, the channel of communication between the government at home and the Dominion government, and sometimes they do not see eye to eye. The Crown is one of the bonds of union between England and her Dominions. Would it weaken that bond if the Governor-General who had to criticize or veto the action of a Dominion government was also a member of the Royal Family? The point is worth considering. There is yet another set of difficulties. Anyone who has read the speeches of Lord Grey, the present Governor-General of Canada, knows how different they are in tone from the speeches of the Crown in England. To which type of speech is a Royal Governor-General to conform—to the Royal type or to the speech which, though not provocative of party feeling, does at any rate frequently take quite a strong line on political questions? We can

imagine circumstances under which the one kind of speech from a Royal Prince might be a serious embarrassment to the Home government, and the other kind somewhat disappointing to Colonists."

The Guardian thinks that these objections are not fatal to the Duke of Connaught's appointment to Canada, nor do we, although there is an element of danger in the experiment that is about to be tried. These difficulties, might, however, become very serious if it became the practice to send Royal Princes to be Governors-General of the overseas Dominions, and until it has been fully considered we think The Manchester Guardian is wise in insisting that "it should be understood that the appointment of the Duke of Connaught is quite exceptional and should not be taken as establishing a precedent."

This is not to say that we anticipate that the Duke of Connaught's tenure of office as representative of the Crown in Canada will be other than a complete success, or that his welcome will be lacking in the warmth that is due to a member of the Royal Family and the holder of the vice-regal office in the Dominion. We cannot, however, allow it to be forgotten that Canada's status as a nation will depend primarily upon the work of her own people and not upon the prestige of her Governors-General however exalted and illustrious in rank or station they may be.

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In illustration of the futility of any person's being a Democrat, President Taft is fond of telling a story as it was told to him by an Irish Judge, says The Popular Magazine. A prisoner was brought before the judge on the charge of murder. He was convicted, but the jury recommended clemency because physicians who had gone on the stand testified that the murdered man would not have died from the blow he had received had he not had what is technically called a "paper skull," this meaning that the skull was abnormally thin. The judge pointed this out to the prisoner and asked him if he had anything to say to modify his punishment. "Judge," said the convicted man, "this is Tipperary?" "Yes," said the judge; "the County of Tipperary." "Well, your honor," concluded the prisoner, "all I can say is I wish you would tell me what business a man with a paper skull has got in Tipperary."

LAKEVILLE CORNER.

June 21.—Mr. C. N. Lunn and sister, Mrs. Byno, are visiting relatives in Carleton Co. They expect to be absent some time.

Mrs. Robt. Upton is visiting relatives at Chipman. We are pleased to see Miss Lyda Randall around again after her recent illness.

Mr. Ralston, the optician, of St. Mary's, passed through here yesterday. Miss Helen Ferguson, who was called home by the illness of her mother, will return to St. John in a few days as her mother has somewhat recovered.

The Rev. Mr. Ainsworth preached an impressive sermon to a large congregation at the Baptist Church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Eben Randall and daughter, Miss Randall, were passengers this morning to Fredericton, via Steamor Hampstead.

SEES COMMERCIAL POWER IN CANADA

London Newspaper Asks Reciprocity Between Dominion and Foreign Countries—Cites Tariff Negotiations with United States as Proof of Strong Central Government Sense.

London, June 22.—Commenting on the recent agreement of commercial reciprocity between Canada and foreign countries, the Morning Post pleads for commercial unity in the British Empire.

The Canadian negotiations, in form, it says, "represented the furthest development of Colonial independence yet reached. The Canadian Government having, in the case of the United States, carried on the negotiations almost as if it were the Central Government and the Empire were non-existent."

BACK UP CANADA

"There is no link" it proceeds "between the fiscal system of Canada and that of this country, such as might render one in any way dependent on the other. If this country had been in a position to back Canada against the United States when the Americans raised the 'big stick' of their penal tariff, the Canadian Government would have had some reason to enlist the practical co-operation of the British Ambassador at Washington but no common interest, in fact, existed apart from that of mere sentiment and there was no practical reason why the Canadian Government should give any thought to Downing Street at all."

CANADIAN RIGHTS

"It is true that if the Government of the United States were afterward to refuse to carry out the contract the Dominion Government would have to look to the United Kingdom which controls practically all the fighting power of the Empire for the ultimate means of enforcing Canadian rights but that contingency is so remote that in practice it is never thought of."

CHIPMAN

The "Local Graft Party" has added another "Steel Champion" to its equipment. Why two road machines are needed in Chipman is beyond explanation. Last year the machine on hand was used less than a week.

The roads are in a fearful condition for a twenty-four mile drive, your correspondent found places where the people had utilized the old fields and places outside the road limit rather than to travel on the highway.

Owing to the financial angle which has arisen in connection with the bridge constructions a member of the government made a trip to Chipman. It is understood that the highway bridge will be built day labor. An injunction is now threatened against the work. The owners of the land threatens the institute proceedings to present any further work.

At present writing the members of the great Hazen Party display every sign of disruption. In fact it is open rebellion. The road act has become unworkable and promises to be a vote getter for the councilors as well as a nuisance to the public.

Samuel Knox North Forks, is establishing a reputation as a bear catcher. Within a short time Mr. Knox has captured six. At present he has a tame cub which he offers for sale. During the capture of the cub an exciting struggle took place. Mr. Knox made efforts to capture the second cub but it attacked him and the hunter was only too glad to use his rifle. Deer and bear are reported numerous. Many farmers are angrily complaining of losses caused to crops by deer.

On the 19th instant, Hazel, the oldest daughter of Robert Henderson was laid to rest in the Presbyterian cemetery. Much sympathy was expressed at the death of one so young. Cause of death, tuberculosis.

The Toronto Construction Company are rushing the work of blasting the N.T.C. Ry. About six trains of four-ton cars each containing about twenty-five cubic yards are arriving daily and in addition a "supply train" hauling ties from Chipman.

Rumors of the Grand Trunk extension being built into St. John continue to come to us. It is said several contractors are figuring on the work.

Many young men continue to go West. Messrs. Robt. and James Whychart, Samuel Baird, John and Henry

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No. 323—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 16.20.
No. 301—Express for Loggieville, Chatham, Campbellton, Quebec, Montreal, etc., 18.30.
No. 327—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 18.40.
No. 329—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 22.00.

ARRIVALS

No. 306—Suburban from Marysville 7.45.
No. 302—Express from Loggieville, Chatham Junction 11.25.
No. 308—Suburban from Marysville 13.30.
No. 304—Mixed from Loggieville and Chatham Junction, 16.00.
No. 310—Suburban from Marysville 19.15.
No. 316—Suburban from Marysville 21.55.

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Several of our young men have been favored with a slight touch of the laws heavy hand. A very good example of "Hologanism" was the cause. Altogether too much liquor is being smuggled into this vicinity. At least a number of late residents point to that fact.

Upwards of \$1000 was lost by small investors in the D'Israeli asbestos Co. The "D'Israeli" mine is evidently a clever scheme to defraud small investors. The fact that upwards of ten thousand such companies have been organized under Ontario laws alone, should convince the general reader that nearly all of those organizations are "salted" At least nine citizens of Chipman helped to line the treasury of the D'Israeli Co. Some already have buried their stock.

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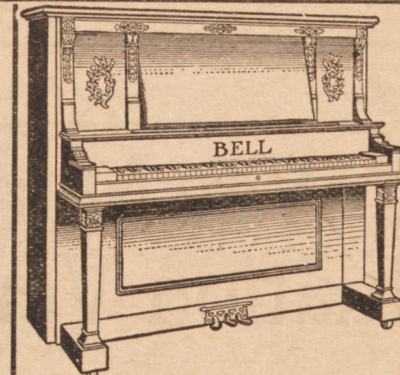
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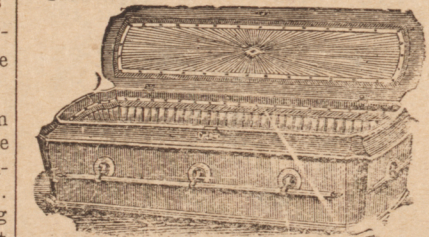
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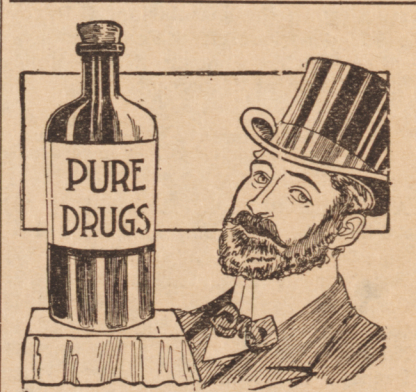
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