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THE PRINCE OF WALES IN CANADA. THE VOYAGE TO QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, August 17. The Prince of Wales' Squadron, consisting of the Hero 91 guns, Commodore, perhaps the finest line-of-battle ship of her class; the Ariadne, Capt. Vanstater, 26 guns, one of the fastest, most heavily armed, and altogether finest of British frigates; and the Flying Fish, Capt. Hope, 6 guns, [Screw Steam Sloop], left Charlottetown, Prince Edward's Island, last Saturday afternoon, passing cautiously through the Straits of Northumberland during the night, and steaming at full speed across a portion of the Gulf of the St. Lawrence the next morning, keeping in line the whole distance.

The fleet sighted the shores of Canada on Sunday 13th instant, at noon. It was drawing towards evening as the vessels passed between Bonaventure Island and Cape; and the magnificent scenery showed on that account to perhaps greater advantage. The day was fine, and the sea so calm that we could hardly hear the surf. Either upon the above named precipitous Island, which lay within E. by S. shot on the right, or upon Perce Island situated at about the same distance, on the left, and well so named from the caverns the sea has tunneled through it or upon the mainland, the ship's course was striking the features of the continent, which are very remarkable. In some places the green fields studded with white cottages, reached a considerable distance from the beach toward a mountain which rises to the altitude of 1200 feet and more, while in others instead of gentle slopes, rugged picturesque cliffs present their bold points directly to the waves.

Noe did the inhabitants of the coast forget their duty, every now and then a flash and a volume of white smoke was distinctly visible from the ships. While in a few seconds the boom would be heard, which made one certain that cannon of greater or less size were being fired as a salute. After passing this Gibraltar-like scene and crossing Malabar, the Squadron entered Gaspé Bay at sunset. The reds and yellows of the sky contrasted beautifully with the indistinct greens of the shore, and the hazy blues of the distant hills. Here the Lady Head and Victoria; the latter with the Governor General on board, and she dipped their ensigns to the Prince's fleet, after which the whole five vessels dropped their anchors for the night in the land-locked harbour. "Is the Governor General on board?" sang out from the Hero. "He is on board" was the answer from the Victoria; but no farther intercourse took place that evening.

It is understood that the Governor General chose the Gaspé Basin in which to meet the Prince as being surrounded by natural beauties, and that His Royal Highness' first impression of Canada should be favorable.

Monday, August 13. At half-past eight o'clock, the Governor General and one of his aides-de-camp left the Victoria under a royal salute from that vessel, went on board the Hero, and the five steamers then proceeded into Gaspé Basin. As they were opposite the south-west arm, where are the fishing village and the house of Mr. Lebonfleur, from whose grounds a salute was being fired, a rather untoward accident occurred. A spit ran out three some distance from the shore, and on the end of it the Hero grounded. The Lady Head dashed across to see what assistance could be rendered, but the tide-infallible spit preferred receiving help from her counsors only, so the Flying Fish was summoned to carry out an anchor into deep water, and after some delay a hawser was sent on board the Ariadne, the latter vessel then shot ahead, and the jerk—though it broke the cable—luckily got the Hero off.

Several boats had meanwhile put out from the shore with the Sheriff and other officials, bringing an address to His Royal Highness, and a request that the Free Port there to be established might be called Port Albert. The Prince stated in reply that he felt grateful for their kind wishes, but the change of the name depended on the local authorities. It is understood, however, that it will be made under the authority of the Government. Then the Canadian Ministers went on board the Prince's ship and were presented. "My time it was one o'clock, and the squadron steamed slowly towards the open gulf again. On the way out the Governor and the Ministers returned to the Victoria.

Cape Gaspé was rounded at a quarter to 4 by the whole fleet, the Canadian steamers leading the way, shortly after Cape Rosier and its light-house was seen, but then a thick fog came on and the vessels lost sight of each other and the island. When it lifted, in a couple of hours, no ship was visible from the Ariadne, in which the writer was; and as it is supposed that the Hero had gone ahead, full steam was put on, and guns were fired every half-hour.

At ten o'clock some rockets were sent up, and blue lights burned on the top-mast yard arm, which were answered from the Hero in the direction anticipated, and the ships again joined.

The next morning, Thursday, the vessels crept along the shore close under the Stomox mountains, near enough to perceive distinctly their features, and to see the long street of houses which stretches all along the South shore continuously—the Howe being, Madone next, and the Flying Fish last. At noon the bearings of the Ariadne headed, and the white mist melted, so she had to make a new one. At nearly 10 o'clock at night before she again got under steam, having menhild tasked once or twice across the estuary, only just holding her own against wind and current. She passed Father Point at full speed at two o'clock in the morning, which is why the telegraph boat was not sent out—and around the rest of the fleet at half-past 8 o'clock, sailing north the Saguenay.

As soon as she was observed by them, the Hero made for the entrance to the river. In a few moments, however, she was seen to strike a hardy bar reef, and as the tide had not quite run out, her bows were soon so much out of water as to make her cant over slightly. The Ariadne, at once went to her assistance, but before it could be rendered, she had moved very fully damaged. The Prince then went on board the Victoria, which had joined them during the night, and, preceded by the Prince's little steamer, Tadoussac, went up the Saguenay. The fleet,

discouraged by the Hero's grounding, remained outside. The day was very showery and cold, and the tourists suited themselves to the exigencies of the weather—the Prince wearing a hat and the roughest of clothes. The Governor General, Ministers, and the rest of the party, water-proofs of the same kind.

The Victoria went 45 miles up the river past Cape Eternite, and as the weather was unpropitious, her passengers sought consolation in cigars or refreshments. They all admired the scenery exceedingly, and perhaps the rain clouds added much to its usual wildness and grandeur.

Coming down they put on full speed, and reached the Hero at about nightfall. Among other things to wonder at, they saw the Magnet, one of the Lake steamers, whose two tiers of cabins above deck, were a novel sight to most of them.

The next day (Thursday) was cold, but sunny, and the Prince again went up the river in the Victoria, and was landed about 15 miles from its mouth on the Ste. Marguerite. There tents had been built by Mr. Blackwell, the lessee of the river, and fishing tackle provided. The party, consisting of the same persons as were on the steamer the day before, engaged in fishing and shooting. The Prince had no luck. Lord Mulgrave and some others caught a few trout. All enjoyed themselves. In the afternoon, after lunch, the whole party ascended the Ste. Marguerite with the tide, in birch canoes, the Prince paddled by two French Canadians, leading the van.

The Flying Fish, with the greater part of the officers of the squadron, also went up the Saguenay a long distance; and, as they passed the tents where the Royal Standard was flying, they fired a Royal salute of 21 guns. The echoes among the rocks close at hand and from the more distant hills were strikingly sublime, and much delighted the Royal party.

Among the incidents of this day were the introduction by His Excellency the Duke of Newcastle, and the presentation to the Prince by him, of Mr. Geo. Macbeth, who had come down to urge the acceptance by His Royal Highness of an invitation to a Ball in London. Mr. Macbeth was most courteously received by the whole party, and H. R. H. was at once pleased to signify his acceptance. The Prince enjoys dancing much, and an invitation to a Ball is therefore perhaps the most acceptable compliment of the kind that can be paid him.

This may be the proper place to state that the Prince appears on all state occasions in a uniform of a Colonel in the army, but not as Colonel of the 10th or Canadian Regiment as generally imagined—wearing the orders of the Garter and the Bath.

His complete Suite consists of the Duke of Newcastle, Colonial Secretary; Earl of St. Germain, Lord Steward of the Household; Major-General Bruce, Governor of H. R. H.; Major Teesdale, R. A.; and Captain Grey, Grenadier Guards, Esquires, and Dr. Acland, Regius Professor of Medicine and medical attendant. With the Duke travels Mr. Engelhart, his private Secretary. Accompanying the Prince are also His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave, Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, and Aide-de-camp Captain Stapleton, Grenadier Guards. Several other gentlemen accompany the party, but not in any official capacity, besides there are six or seven servants and a courier.

The Prince has frequently expressed himself delighted, not merely with the heartiness of the reception he has met with from the inhabitants of the Lower Province, but with the good taste displayed in most of their arrangements. Chiefly, however, he has been surprised by the evidences of civilization and national prosperity.

His Royal Highness by no means confines his observations to the ceremonial laid down in the official programmes of his physical exercise to the prescribed plans. He takes frequent opportunities of conversing with those who have the honor of being presented to him, and often proceeds into the country in plain clothes on a tour of inspection. He has invariably charmed those with whom he has conversed, and shown himself possessed of discrimination and an excellent education. He rises well, dances gracefully, and seems passionately fond of music. His manner, in public, is courteous; in private, amiable.

THE PRINCE'S ARRIVAL AT MONTREAL. HIS RECEPTION.—INAUGURATION OF THE CRYSTAL PALACE AND VICTORIA BRIDGE.—THE ENTRANCE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO THE CITY.

Yesterday, H. R. H. having remained at anchor in the river during the night, arrived at the Bonsecours Pier in accordance with the programme. Upon his reaching the wharf he was received by the Mayor and members of the Corporation who were waiting his coming.

From an early hour thousands of spectators began to throng the wharf, till every available point whence a tolerable view of the river could be obtained was crowded to excess. Presently the steamer "Terrebonne," laden with passengers, came up the river and took up her position among the many others there present. Next the Rifle Band with the Guard of Honour, came on the ground a little before nine o'clock. The rain, which had been heavy early in the morning, had entirely ceased, and the clearing of the sky greatly tended to increase the prevalent cheerfulness. The beautiful Pavilion was quite finished; an elevated platform covered with scarlet cloth, with five steps leading up to it, was on the right hand side, with two columns on each side; and on a small dais on the platform was placed the Royal Chair. The platform was simply decorated at the sides and rear with fine pine boughs. At nine o'clock precisely, His Worship the Mayor made his appearance clad in the showy new robes and official hat lately brought from England for this occasion. The City Clerk was also present in official dress. His Worship seemed by no means at home in his robes, and twice tripped in his skirts.

The Anglican and R. C. Bishop, the body of the clergy, the City Council in full dress, and others who were about to take part in the procession, were soon all in or about the pavilion. At 12 minutes past 9, the "Kingston" having advanced almost opposite the lower end of St. Helen's Island, a Royal Salute of 21 guns was fired from the battery on the Island. The enthusiasm of the crowd was now vastly increased, and viewed from the pavilion, the wharf, Bonsecours market and adjacent buildings presented a rare spectacle. The market was decorated on a large scale by a long line of flags stretching from the dome to each wing.

At 20 minutes past 9, the Royal Standard came full in sight, the steamer being as yet obscured by the intervening barges, &c. In another minute, however, the Kingston itself, with the Royal Standard floating from the mast head, swung round opposite the steps, amid hearty and prolonged cheers from the wharf and adjacent vessels. Standing in a conspicuous position in the fore part of the vessel were, first General Williams, next the Duke of Newcastle, then the Prince in his Colonel's uniform that he has worn throughout his visit, and then Admiral Milne in Naval uniform. Three more enthusiastic cheers were given. The Kingston presented a very neat and finished appearance, having painted on each side an elegant Prince of Wales' plume.

At the landing steps the Mayor and Montreal officials were in readiness to receive H. R. H.

At this moment, the steamer "Ida" came up the river, and the circumstance was observed by many with gratification, that just while the royal steamer was coming alongside, the sun struggled through the clouds, and a glimpse of the blue sky was for the first time obtained.

Just as the Prince, accompanied by the Duke of Newcastle, General Williams, and others, stepped on shore, the Band struck up, and another royal salute of 21 guns was fired in quick succession by each of the Royal Squadron in the harbour. The Royal procession advanced to the platform, where, without loss of time, the whole assembly being uncovered and standing, the Mayor began to read the address given below, first in English and then in French, the City Clerk standing behind.—It is only necessary to say of this part of the ceremony that his Worship was not behindhand on this important occasion. Indeed, his handsome robes and exuberant address had previously attracted considerable attention from the correspondents of American papers and other strangers present. Immediately in front of the dais were stationed the City Council, Clergy, and Volunteer officers.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISITING MONTREAL.

May it please your Royal Highness.—We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal, most respectfully beg leave to approach Your Royal Highness, to felicitate you, on behalf of the citizens of Montreal, on your safe arrival in this Province; and to offer to your Royal Highness our most cordial and hearty welcome to this city.

We avail ourselves of this propitious occasion, of a visit from the Heir Apparent to the British throne, to express to your Royal Highness our devoted loyalty and attachment to the person and Government of our most Gracious Sovereign, your illustrious Mother; to declare our humble but fervent admiration of her wisdom, moderation, and justice, as our Sovereign, and our love and veneration of the virtues and graces which adorn her private life.

As circumstances did not permit our beloved Queen to honour this distant but important section of Her Empire with a personal visit, Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer on her faithful Canadian subjects, the next dearest boon it was in her power to bestow, by authorizing this most welcome visit of your Royal Highness. This gracious manifestation of Her Majesty's consideration and regard is hailed with thankfulness and joy by all Her loyal and devoted subjects in these Provinces; but we beg most respectfully to assure your Royal Highness, that by none amongst the millions who compose their number, is it more highly esteemed, more fully appreciated, or more enthusiastically felt and acknowledged, than by Her Majesty's devoted and loyal subjects, the Citizens of Montreal.

The immediate object of your Royal Highness' most gratifying visit to Canada is to open the Victoria Bridge—that magnificent monument of enterprise and skill—with which the fame and prosperity of this City will evermore be most intimately connected—most permanently identified. In this stupendous work, your Royal Highness will not fail to observe how natural obstacles, almost insurmountable in their ponderous strength and complicated variety, have been triumphantly overcome by the combined power of British enterprise and capital, and of Canadian energy and skill. And we beg to assure your Royal Highness that this wonderful achievement of engineering and mechanical perfection will henceforth possess a new claim on our interest and regard, associated as it must evermore be in our memories and affections with this auspicious visit of your Royal Highness, and the interesting ceremony of its perfect consummation by your Royal Highness' hands.

We earnestly hope your Royal Highness' visit to this City will be one of unmixed satisfaction and delight; and we pledge ourselves for the Citizens of Montreal, that they will one and all, esteem it the highest gratification and honour, to use every means in their power, to render your too short a stay amongst them, agreeable, happy, and comfortable.

We pray that your Royal Highness will be pleased to communicate to our most gracious Queen, your Royal and beloved Mother, our feelings of ardent loyalty and devotion to Her Royal person and crown, and our lively gratitude and acknowledgements for this last gracious evidence of Her Royal condescension and favour—your Royal Highness' most welcome and grateful visit to this City and Province.

To which H. R. H. was pleased to reply as follows:—Gentlemen.—The Address you have just presented to me, in which you proclaim your loyalty to the Queen and attachment to the British Crown demands my warmest acknowledgment. The impression made upon me by the kind and cordial reception which has been accorded to me on this first visit to Canada can never fade from my mind;—and deeply will the Queen be gratified by the proof which it affords that the interest which she takes in the welfare of this portion of Her Empire, and which she has been anxious to mark by my presence amongst you, is met on their part by feelings of affectionate devotion to herself and her family.

For myself I rejoice at the opportunity which has been afforded me of visiting this City—a great emporium of the trade of Canada—and whose growing prosperity offers so striking an example of what may be effected by energy and enterprise under the influence of free institutions. That this prosperity may be still further enlarged is my earnest hope, and there can be little doubt that by the completion of that stupendous monument of engineering skill and labor which I have come in the name of the Queen to inaugurate, new sources of wealth will be opened to your citi-

zens and to the country, new elements of power developed, and new links forged to bind together in peaceful cooperation the exertions of a wide-spread and rapidly increasing population.

The Prince listened attentively to the address, occasionally allowing his eyes to wander over the vast throng around. The address in French being read, His Royal Highness proceeded to read the reply in English, which he did in the unaffected and sincere manner already often described. This ceremony being concluded, the crowd gave three more cheers, and the Royal party descended from the dais, and entered the carriages which were in waiting.

INAUGURATION OF THE EXHIBITION.

At 10 minutes to 11 o'clock, the sound of cannon in the immediate vicinity, announced the approach of His Royal Highness to the Exhibition building. The special guard of honor which received H. R. H. at the door by which he entered consisted of Captain J. W. Taylor's company of Montreal Light Infantry, with the battalion colours, Major Dyde acting as Field Officer.

Precisely at 11 o'clock, H. R. H. entered the great hall from the reception room, attended by his suite, and was conducted to the dais, where he stood, in front of the chair of state, while the Choir, consisting of our admirable Oratorio Society sang "God Save the Queen" with happy effect. The Governor General took his position to the right of H. R. H. and the Duke of Newcastle and Lord Mulgrave to the left, the other members of the suite and the members of the Provincial Government being in the immediate rear. On the left of the platform were seated a goodly muster of the members of the Legislative Assembly, and on the night several Legislative Councillors. The front space was occupied by a large and elegantly dressed assemblage of the elite of our citizens, the ladies occupying prominent seats, and showing such an interest in the handsome and happy appearance of the Prince is sometimes caused His Royal Highness to look, sometimes to the right, and then to the left, &c. &c. At the close of the Royal Anthem, His Excellency the Governor-General descended from the dais, and taking a position in front of H. R. H., read the following address:—

"May it please your Royal Highness: The people of this Province are aware of the interest with which Her Most Gracious Majesty and the Prince Consort honored the Exhibitions of 1851 and 1855.

"They know that among the objects which excited attention on those occasions, the productions of Canada hold an important place; and they venture to hope that your Royal Highness will, on the present occasion, condescend to meet their wishes by opening the Exhibition, which is to take place in this building.

"They believe, Sir, you may find that the objects submitted to your notice afford some evidence of the industrial progress of Canada, and some promise of her future progress.

"On the part, therefore, of the Provincial Government, I pray your Royal Highness to do us the honor of opening in the city of Montreal, this Exhibition, and we trust that such condescension on your part may stimulate our people to greater exertions, and may be long remembered among the gracious acts which are destined to mark the visit of the Heir Apparent of the Throne of Great Britain."

His Royal Highness was graciously pleased to reply as follows:—

GENTLEMEN: "Most readily I assent to the request you have made a request the more agreeable because it is conveyed to me by my kind friend, your excellent Governor General.

"I am not ignorant of the high position attained by Canada in the Great Exhibition of 1851, which was opened under the happy auspices of the Queen and the Prince Consort, and as carrying out the design of that memorable undertaking the smaller, but to Canada most interesting collection of the products of your Land, and of works of art and industry, has my entire sympathy, and aims my best wishes for its success.

"I hope and believe it will realize all the objects for which it has been designed."

The Right Reverend the Anglican Lord Bishop of Montreal then offered up the following prayer:—

Almighty God, the Creator and Governor of the Universe, thy creatures, desire humbly to approach the Throne of thy Grace, confessing thee as the author of our being, and the giver of all good gifts by whose mercy alone it is that we are enabled to think or do anything that is acceptable to thee. We acknowledge with grateful hearts thy past mercies to us, and especially thy goodness manifested in the abundance of the fruits of the earth, now awaiting the ingathering of the harvest. We also bless thee, O Lord, for that continued public tranquility in the land, which has given us the opportunity of pursuing with any measure of success those enterprises that belong to peace, and promote the prosperity of the people. We beseech thee now to look favourably upon this work of our hands, and will we give thee hearty thanks that we have been allowed thus far to carry forward the execution of our designs, we beg thy blessing on the undertaking, which we are this day assembled to inaugurate. Let us not rest with pride and self-complacency upon the results of human intellect and human ingenuity; but make us always to remember that what is of the earth is earthly and perishable, and that "all flesh is grass, and the glory of man as the flower of grass, which withereth and falleth away;" and enable us also to exercise our several talents, as shall best promote the glory, and the edification and well-being of thy creatures; that we may give account of the trust committed to us with joy and not with sorrow.

And we beseech Thee, O Lord, so to guide and direct our hearts, and to over rule our purposes that we endeavoring to make known thy power and wisdom in the works of creation and to develop the gifts of thy creatures in the advancement of science and art we may allow no strife or rivalry to disturb our unity of action nor hinder our success. And in order thereto, may we be taught by thy Spirit "not to think too highly of ourselves, but in lowliness of mind each to esteem others better than themselves." Grant that his mind may be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus; for which we pray in His name, who led for us that we might live unto Him, and now live with and reign with Thee and the Holy Ghost in the unity of thy God-head, thy only son, our Lord, Amen.

Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this

day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Archdeacon Gilson stood immediately behind the Bishop, attired, as was his Lordship, in clerical costume, and reverently responded. Amen.

A Royal procession was then formed, consisting of H. R. Highness and suite, and their Excellencies Sir Edmund Head and Lord Mulgrave, and their respective suites, preceded by the sub-committee of the Board of Arts and Manufactures and proceeding to the northwest end of the building, thence to the south east, and along the south-west side, examined the various interesting objects on view. We observed that as His Royal Highness neared the Mineral department (in the south-east end) he was appropriately met by Professor Dawson, Principal of the University of McGill College, who entered into conversation with his Royal Highness and Sir Edmund Head, while H. R. H. was examining several mineral specimens. The Royal party having crossed from the south-east end ascended the staircase in the east corner, proceeded along the gallery of the north-east side passing through the fine art court, where his Royal Highness was attracted by an admirable water-colour painting of the ship "Hero" at the mouth of the Gaspé Basin.

His Lordship Bishop Fulkard, as President of the Fine Arts Association, having intimated to the Prince that the association would feel honored by his acceptance of any particular picture with which he might be pleased, His Royal Highness remarked that as this would be a memento of his visit, he would be happy to accept it. In passing along the east gallery, his Royal Highness presented himself on the balcony, to the full view of the immense crowd in front, who cheered with indescribable enthusiasm. As his Royal Highness approached the different compartments of the building he was also loudly cheered; and we noticed that the first cheer was started by the honourable members of the Legislative Assembly.

The party then descended by the staircase in the west corner, and returned to the dais, when H. R. H. having taken his former position, declared the Exhibition opened. The choir then sang the "Hallelujah Chorus," at the conclusion of which H. R. H. and suite retired in the same order in which they had entered, and by the same door.

THE DEPARTURE FROM THE EXHIBITION BUILDING.

H. R. H. then immediately proceeded to his own residence under escort of the cavalry. He remained there only a very few minutes and immediately left for Point St. Charles, passed through the arch in Simpson Street.

MONTREAL RESIDENCE OF THE PRINCE.

The mansion where H. R. H. is to reside during his stay in Montreal is that of the Hon. John Rose, the Commissioner of public Works, who, in that capacity, has had charge of the arrangements for the Prince's reception, Mr. Rose being obliged to reside at the seat of government. However, the house has recently been tenanted by Sir W. F. Williams, who volunteered to resign it for the Prince, during H. R. H.'s stay in town. The house is finely situated on the lower plateau of the mountain, standing in about three acres of ground, which are beautifully decorated by ornamental trees, and parterres of flowers. The mountain rises up steeply behind it; but the house itself is high enough to afford a prospect even of the entire city, the river, and the country beyond. The house itself is about fifty feet square, with a wing, two stories high with handsome porch and entrance, the whole being surmounted by a pediment. Being perfectly white, it forms a very pretty object among the dark trees, in which it is embowered. It is approached by two streets, and the entrance gates have been renewed, and decorated with carved plaques of Prince of Wales' feathers. The exterior of the house has been newly decorated for the reception of the royal guest, and it would probably have been difficult to find a residence in the city, upon the whole, more agreeable.

PREPARATIONS AT THE BRIDGE.

But before his arrival a large company had assembled. There were first of all a number of what may be called office visitors—among them the Executive Committee of the Citizens Fund, and the Special Committee of the City Council. The former all wore a plume on a blue ribbon. The arrangements at the Point had all been made under the superintendence of Mr. Scott, the architect usually employed by the Grand Trunk Company, and he had done his business well, for with a crowd of several hundreds of persons all pressing forward, there was not the slightest confusion. Except a little pressure at the doors, everything passed off with the most perfect order, each man finding his seat on the cars and afterwards on the scaffolding of the Bridge with the greatest ease and comfort. By about 1 o'clock all were seated in the following manner. A space formed by the walls of the Bridge at the commencement of the tube, had been enclosed so as to form an oblong pit, having one end closed at the top by the first pier, and at the bottom of which ran the rails, of course passing under the pier. At the Southern end of this enclosure, and against the pier, a scaffold was erected almost at the level of the top of the pier, reached by a stair from the level on which the rails are laid. On each side of the rails were seats appropriated to the members of the Legislature. Upon the walls were galleries; and the top of the pier itself, the last stone of which was to be laid, was appropriated to members of the press, Canadian and Foreign. The gallery was hung with red baize. Over the pier there was an arched board with the royal arms, and below it the words "Finis coronat opus." This board served to conceal the wheel, crank, and other machinery which were intended to lift the stone from its wooden supports preparatory to its being deposited on its bed. The whole of the gallery was erected under the direction and the desire and expense of Mr. James Hodges, who wished to give his Canadian friends this last token of his regard. To that part of the structure, therefore, they were admitted by his invitation. The company who came at the invitation of the Manager were accommodated on the embankment in two rows of seats, one on each side of the track. Every place on all parts of the Bridge were numbered, and, as we have said before, all the visitors had found their places be-

fore H. R. H. arrived. In the interval some flags, with appropriate designs, had been handed to the ladies, who seemed well pleased with these pretty toys.

THE PRINCE'S ARRIVAL.

On the Prince's arrival at the Station at Point St. Charles, he was met by the H. J. John Ross, President of the Grand Trunk Company, Mr. Blackwell, and the members of the Executive Council of the Province, and here the Hon. Mr. Ross presented to him the following address, to which in the usual manner he made the reply subjoined.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, &c., &c.:

May it please your Royal Highness—The Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness a respectful Welcome to the Province.

The Canadian Parliament has made the completion of the Victoria Bridge the occasion on which to invite our most gracious Sovereign to visit Her Canadian possessions, and in welcoming your Royal Highness to Canada as her representative, they have referred, with just pride, to this great work as evidence of the results achieved through the union of British capital and skill with Canadian enterprise and progress.

The Victoria Bridge as your Royal Highness is aware, has been constructed in the face of the greatest engineering difficulties. It is the connecting link of eleven hundred miles of railway, extending from the extreme Western limits of Canada nearly to its Eastern boundary, also affording an outlet to Provincial trade to the Atlantic when the rigour of our climate closes the natural channel by the St. Lawrence.

This great national highway has been carried through by a vast outlay of British capital, fostered by the most wise policy and generous aid of the Canadian Parliament, and, as now completed will develop and promote not only the intercourse between the various districts of this widely extended Province, but will also secure to it, a large share of the rapidly increasing trade of the West.

Canada now possesses a complete system of railway communication combined with an internal navigation of unrivalled extent; and, in your future progress to the West, your Royal Highness will observe the best evidence of the wisdom and energy which have thus been applied to the development of the resources of this great Province.

The Directors have now to express their profound gratitude to their most gracious Sovereign and to your Royal Highness for your consideration in honoring this enterprise with your presence, and they pray that your Royal Highness will now be pleased to inaugurate the completion of the Victoria Bridge, and thus to permit the greatest engineering work of modern days to be associated with the auspicious occasion of the first visit of the Heir Apparent of the Throne to Her Majesty's loyal Province of Canada.

To which he made the following reply:—Gentlemen.—It is with mingled feelings of gratification at the duty which I am called upon to undertake, and admiration of the magnificent spectacle of successful science which is before me, that I proceed to comply with your invitation and, in the name of the Queen, to inaugurate a work as unsurpassed by the grandeur of Egypt or of Rome, as it is unrivalled by the inventive genius of these days of ever-active enterprise.

I regret that the great man, whose name is now doubly enrolled in that page of my country's history in which its worthies are inscribed, has not lived to see this day. I regret that ill health prevents the presence of another who labored with him to plan and execute this vast design; but to them and to the eminent firm and those employed by them, in carrying out the work, no less than to your countrymen, whose energetic exertions first gave birth to the scheme of which this bridge is the consummation, the thanks of the great community of North America are due.

Your Sovereign has testified her appreciation of the magnitude and importance of the enterprise, by deputed me to come so far to commemorate on the spot, on her behalf, the completion of a monument of engineering skill, which will, henceforth, bear Her name and convey to future generations another proof, in addition to the many which exist, of the successful industry of the great people committed by Providence to Her rule.

May this ceremony be auspicious to all concerned. May the Railway and the Bridge, which is its connecting link, realize all the expectations of its promoters, and continue throughout the great future of this Province a source of permanent and ever increasing prosperity.

At half-past one o'clock precisely, H. R. H. arrived at the bridge, riding, with his suite, from the station in a beautiful carriage open at the sides, lined with crimson velvet, and with panels appropriately decorated. This carriage was driven by Mr. McKenzie, the superintendent of the machinery of the Company. The Prince immediately ascended the stairs to the scaffold at the top of the pier. He was met by Mr. Jas. Hodges, and was accompanied by the Duke of Newcastle, General Bruce, Lord St. Germain, General Williams, and the respective suites of His Royal Highness, the Governor General, and the Commander in Chief. Mr. Hodges then, hat in hand, presented to the Prince, who also bowed and was uncovered, a wooden mallet and a silver trowel.

THE TROWEL.

The trowel bore on the inside the following inscription:—

TO COMMEMORATE THE COMPLETION OF THE VICTORIA BRIDGE BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES.

MONTREAL, 1860.

On the reverse was an engraving of the bridge. The handle was wrought into the form of a Beacon, which was attached to the blade by a Prince of Wales' plume, the edges of the blade being decorated with a border of the Rose, Shamrock, Thistle and Maple Leaf.

LAYING THE STONE.

His Royal Highness took the trowel, and with a few dexterous strokes levelled the mortar, previously roughly spread. The stone was then lowered under the directions of Messrs. Mathew Turner and Daniel Wilson, who have been Mr. Hodges' foremen in the masonry department from the beginning of the bridge. While the tackle was being adjusted, H. R. H. looked with evident interest on the broad river scenery be-