

THE OPHIR SAILS.

Royal Yacht Left Halifax
in the Midst of a Snow
Storm.

DUKE AND DUCHESS GIVEN A HEARTY SEND OFF

Celebration at Halifax Was a
Grand Success.

THE MILITARY REVIEW ONE OF THE BEST EVER SEEN IN CANADA.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 21.—The Duke and Duchess of York departed from the Canadian shores in the midst of a blinding snow storm. The start was made at one o'clock today when the weather was comparatively clear, but before the yacht and her escort of ten warships had passed out of the harbor, the storm came up obscuring the view of the imposing naval procession, to the great disappointment of thousands of people who lined the shores.

As the Ophir and her escort moved out guns from the Citadel and York redoubt belched forth, a farewell to the Royal party and Canada had her last glimpse of the heir to the throne and his consort. The escort will accompany the Ophir to Newfoundland.

Lord and Lady Minto left for Ottawa at noon today. Col. Dunbar leaves for Fredericton tomorrow morning.

RECEPTION AT HALIFAX.

The Royal Visitors Received With the
Greatest Enthusiasm.

Halifax, Oct. 20.—Typical Nova Scotia autumn weather. Their Royal Highnesses Duke and Duchess of York experienced on their arrival in this province. The rain of Thursday night and yesterday cleared the air and summer like days that preceded the storm gave way to high winds and cold weather, but clear blue skies. The storm played havoc with decorations already put in place. Nobody worried over prospects of cold weather. It was only rain that troubled them.

At 9.30 the vice-regal train arrived and His Excellency the Earl and Countess of Minto, Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier, the governor general's staff and visiting newspaper men were met by officials present and welcomed to the city.

The approach of the Royal train half an hour later caused a buzz of excitement, ending in cheering from an immense concourse as the rumble of wheels was heard outside. As soon as the train came to a standstill the members of the Royal party began to alight and were welcomed by the Lieutenant Governor and others. Guna on the citadel and warships roared forth a welcome.

After the reading of various addresses and replies had been made by the Duke, their highness and party descended the platform on which this ceremony took place and entered carriages.

THE DUKE'S SPEECH.

Farewell Oration of His Highness Ex-
presses Gratitude to Canadian
People

The Duke's speech was as follows:
"Gentlemen:

"Our pleasure in coming amongst you is tinged with the regret that we are on the eve of departure from the great country where during the five weeks of our stay we have received so hearty and generous hospitality and found so many kind friends.

"Bearing in mind the many happy days which I have spent in your city and province I am particularly pleased to find myself here again and that on this occasion the Duchess is with me.

"It is perhaps fitting that we should take leave of Canada in the province that was the first of which the British flag waved—a province so full of moving checked historical memories—and that embarking from your capital which stands unrivalled among the naval ports of the world we should pass through waters that are celebrated in the annals of our glorious navy.

"I am glad to gather from the address of the University at Dalhousie that in the midst of that national prosperity you happily enjoy you have not neglected the interests of higher education. You recognize that nothing is so essential to the

advancement of a people as adequate provision for a training which will keep the coming generation abreast of the march of intellectual progress and scientific knowledge.

"We share in your regrets as to the shortness of our stay, which will prevent us from judging for ourselves of the great mineral wealth and other resources for which your province is famed. We trust that the development of these resources already attained is but an earnest effort of a still grater future.

"In bidding you farewell we wish to make known how greatly we have been impressed by the affectionate sympathy with which we have been received by the people of the dominion, and we pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon them and theirs and upon those in whose hands is placed the guarding of its destinies."

At the conclusion of the Duke's speech the Royal party proceeded to the provincial building, where His Royal Highness laid the corner stone of the soldiers' monument.

In the afternoon one of the greatest naval military pageants ever seen in Halifax and in fact British North America, took place on the commons and was viewed by over forty thousand people. It was a sight ever to be remembered, over eight thousand soldiers and sailors being in line. The only thing that marred the event was several heavy showers that came down just about the time the Royal party reached the reviewing stand. As soon as he arrived the Duke mounted a white charger and accompanied by staff officers, inspected the lines. The forces then formed up and marched past, the naval brigade taking the lead. The militia force made a fine appearance, the 8th Hussars of Sussex, and 12th Field Battery of Newcastle made a most creditable turnout. The 62nd Fusiliers and R. C. A. of St. John also came in for a good share of applause, their movement being perfect.

After the march past the forces formed up and advanced in review order toward the Royal stand. Medals were then presented to the South African veterans and a sword of honor to Major H. B. Stairs. The 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, of Halifax, then formed up for presentation of the new colors, the ceremony being a most interesting one. It concluded the review. The 6000 school children then struck up The Maple Leaf, singing two stanzas and concluding with 'God Save the King. The troops marched off to their respective quarters.

In the evening there was an official dinner at Government House, and afterwards Their Royal Highnesses held a reception at the province building. The city was a blaze of light during the evening.

DUKE'S FAREWELL.

An Address Issued to the People of
Canada.

Halifax, Oct. 20.—The Duke of York issued the following farewell address to the people of Canada late tonight:
H. M. S. Ophir, at Halifax, Nova Scotia,
October 19th, 1901.

Dear Lord Minto:

Before leaving Canada, I am anxious to make known through you with what regret the Duchess and I bid farewell to a people who, by their warm-heartedness and cordiality, have made us feel at home amongst them from the first moment of our arrival on their shore. I should like, particularly, to express our gratitude for the generous feeling which has prompted all classes to contribute towards that hearty and affectionate welcome which we have everywhere met with. This has been so strikingly shown not only in the demeanor of the crowds in the general manifestations of rejoicing with which we have been greeted, but also by the trouble and incognito displayed in the illuminations and street decorations, carried out with such conspicuous taste and success, by private persons as well as by the governments and local authorities.

We are greatly touched to find in the smallest and most remote places through which we passed, what great efforts had been made to manifest their kindly feelings towards us.

I recognize all this as a proof of the strong personal loyalty to the throne, as well as a declaration of the deep-seated devotion on the part of the people of Canada to that unity of the empire of which the crown is the symbol. We wish to record our sincere thanks to the dominion government, the provincial authorities, the municipal bodies and private individuals, for their generous hospitality, their kind forethought and extreme care and trouble they have bestowed on all the arrangements for the reception and accommodation of ourselves and our staff. I feel that we are specially indebted to Mr. Pope, by whom so much of the detail was ably dealt with.

Wherever we have been the police duties were admirably carried out, and we wish to express our special obligation to the commissioner of the dominion police and other police officials for the excellent

manner in which they have discharged the important responsibilities devolving upon them.

Short as unfortunately our stay in west Canada had to be it was sufficient for us to understand something of its boundless possibilities and the scope which it affords to those who with spirit of enterprise and willingness to work desire to seek a wider, less crowded and richer field than that offered by the congested industries and professions of the mother country. I trust that these possibilities may be taken advantage of in the future and that suitable emigrants from the mother country may come in large numbers.

At Calgary we witnessed a large representative gathering of Indians. Then and on other occasions, addresses were presented from different tribes. I was glad to hear of the progress they have made and the contentment in which they live under the arrangements made for their benefit by the dominion government.

One of the most important features of our visit was the enormous distance traversed by rail and we feel a difficulty in adequately thanking the dominion government for all that was organized and most effectually carried out for our railway journeys. The train built specially for the occasion by the Canadian Pacific railway was a marvel of convenience and comfort, and nothing seems to have been forgotten which might tend to reduce the fatigue inseparable from such a long journey. Special facilities were afforded to enable us to see the most striking points of interest in the vast regions of magnificent scenery through which we passed, while we received every possible attention and consideration from the officials and servants of the company.

To the authorities of the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial railways also our special thanks are due for all the trouble and consideration which they devoted to providing for the part of our journey which lay over their lines and for the efficiency and success with which all the services were performed.

We hope that the public did not suffer on account of the special arrangements made for our traveling, which perhaps necessitated some interference with the general traffic.

I am especially anxious to record my appreciation of that splendid force, the Northwest mounted police. I had the pleasure of inspecting a portion of the corps at Calgary, and was much struck with the smart appearance of both men and horses, and with their steadiness on parade; they furnished escorts throughout our stay in Canada, frequently horsed our carriages and found the transport, all of which duties were performed with ready willingness and in highly creditable manner.

The reviews which were held at Quebec, Toronto and Halifax enabled me to judge of the military capacity of the dominion and of the splendid material at its disposal. Many of the corps showed smartness and soldier-like bearing. I was glad to find that a field hospital organization has recently been provided as well as a company of engineers.

I was much interested in our visit to the Royal Military College at Kingston to see what excellent provision the dominion government has made available for the preliminary military education of its militia officers.

Every country now recognizes the necessity of securing the greatest possible military efficiency in return for its outlay for defence and that material at hand should not be sacrificed for the lack of adequate training and leading, which can best be insured by a fully qualified staff.

I was delighted to have the opportunity of presenting a large number of medals to officers and men for services in South Africa, and it was most gratifying to see with what enthusiasm they were welcomed by their fellow citizens.

It was a great pleasure to us to be accompanied throughout our tour by the distinguished prime minister of the dominion. As this must have been done at great personal inconvenience we are all the more grateful to Sir Wilfrid Laurier for his valuable help and companionship.

And finally to Lord Minto and yourself we wish to express our most sincere thanks for the unfailing kindness and generous hospitality which we have received as your guests and also for the great pleasure and valuable assistance that we realized in the presence of either Lady Minto or both of your excellencies, during our long journey.

I am further anxious to record my best thanks to Major Maude for the efficient manner in which he and the rest of your staff dealt with the exceptionally heavy and anxious work and overcame the numerous difficulties connected with our tour, and for all that they have done to help me and my own staff.

We wish it had been possible to remain longer in Canada, and by availing ourselves of the many pressing invitations received from different centres to

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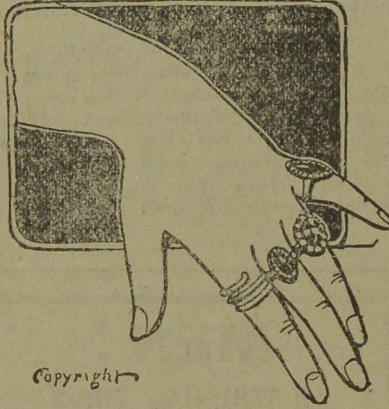
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St. John and Fredericton.

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