

ROYALTY AT ST. JOHN.

Duke and Duchess of York Given an Enthusiastic Welcome.

THE BIGGEST DAY THE WINTER PORT HAS EVER SEEN.

The Royal Procession Witnessed by Cheering Thousands.

FREDERICTON'S CIVIC ADDRESS READ BY MAYOR CROCKET.

And the Duke in Reply Expressed Regret at Being Unable to Visit the Capital.

New Brunswick's greeting to the royal party yesterday was sufficient to gladden the heart of every loyal subject. The Duke and Duchess of York saw St. John under conditions more favorable than perhaps were ever accorded to any previous visitors, and the reception given them was what might be expected from this ancient city of the loyalists. Thousands of eager sightseers lined the streets and occupied every window and vantage point from the Union Station to the exhibition building, but a more good natured and orderly gathering could not well be conceived. The weather was perfect and the day was thoroughly enjoyable to the thousands of visitors who favored the city with their presence as well as to the citizens who, one and all, seemed to unite in doing the honors. The city was looking its best, and the splendid decorations of the public buildings, business houses and many handsome private residences made a setting for the shouting of humanity who were determined to give royalty a right, royal greeting and maintain the name of St. John and of New Brunswick as the abode of a people who delighted to honor their future King and Queen.

And the crowd—it was a study. A moving picture of ever varying interest with a coloring that only humanity under the most pleasant conditions could present. Eager to do their part in the welcome to the royal guests yet, orderly as a New Brunswick crowd ever is, there was a happy good nature about the thronging thousands that must have impressed the visitors. The police arrangements were perfect, and the people united in keeping the splendid order which was necessary in such a crowd. King street was a sight long to be remembered. From Market square to the head of the street, the both sidewalks out into the roadway were filled with sightseers while the windows and roofs of the buildings were packed by those fortunate enough to get these vantage points from which to view the royal progress. Hour after hour the people waited goodnaturedly for the appearance of the royal party, their enthusiasm making them forget any fatigue. The appearance of the mounted escort to the Governor General and Lady Minto was the signal for an outburst of applause, and as the various distinguished personages were driven by, each carriage load was given its separate welcome.

But it seemed as if the people were holding in their pent up enthusiasm, for as the barouche containing the Duke and Duchess of York and Prince Alexander of Teck turned up Market square into King street the plaudits of the people burst forth and were echoed and re-echoed as the royal party were carried by. It was a greeting by the people to their future king and queen, worthy of New Brunswick, and the courteous acknowledgment by the Duke and Duchess of the popular enthusiasm convinced the cheering thousands that their welcome was appreciated by the recipients of the popular acclaim.

At the Depot.

At the station awaiting the arrival of the royal train were Lieutenant Governor McClellan, Hon L J Tweedie, the premier; Hon Messrs C H Labllois, A T Dunn, L P Farris, George F Hill, H A McKeown, Hon A G Blair, minister of railways; Senators Dever and Ellis; Col. Tucker, M. P.; R. S. Barker, private secretary of the Lieutenant Governor; C. Duff Miller, agent general for New Brunswick, London, and K. N. McFie, London. The guard of honor, in com-

mand of Capt. Dunning, arrived at the station at 1.45 and stood at ease in the building.

The governor general's train, with two large decorated locomotives, came into the station at 3.02 p. m., and the first to step from it was Hon. W. S. Fielding, who was greeted by the members of the local government and other gentlemen present. He was quickly followed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Major Maude, who were introduced and welcomed by the party within the station. Lady Laurier and Mrs. Fielding were also upon the train. The train was in charge of E. G. Russell, general manager of the I. C. R.

The governor general wore the uniform of the Royal Hussars and was accompanied by Capt. Bell, A. D. C.; Capt. Gaise and Mrs. Maude.

As the Royal train was reported to be an hour behind the vice-regal train, the party remained in conversation awaiting the arrival of the second train bearing their Royal Highnesses. It was seen approaching the lower station yard at 4.04 p. m. and entered the station on track number three. The guard of honor had, in the meantime been drawn up at the lower end of the station and extended diagonally from the first side door towards the western train, which was a double header, with the locomotives decorated and the palace car Cornwall at the rear end entered the station at 4.05 p. m. and their Royal Highnesses stepped from the rear of the Cornwall at 4.06, being received by the governor general and Lady Minto.

The lieutenant governor and members of the local government were presented to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York by Hon. A. G. Blair. When the Royal party stepped upon the carpet in the station the guard of honor presented arms and the band struck up the national anthem. His Royal Highness was attired in Royal Fusilier uniform while the Duchess wore a black travelling dress with a boquet of carnations on the corsage. After the party had been presented to their Royal Highnesses, the Duke of Cornwall and York, accompanied by Col. Dunbar, D. O. C., inspected the guard of honor. The Duchess, in the meantime, remained in conversation with the lieutenant governor and at 4.15 the royal party entered their carriage.

It was a long wait for the crowd outside, but not wearisome, and all were keyed up to the very pinnacle of expectancy and even though the royal train was much behind time it is safe to say few in the vast gathering were troubled over it. Meanwhile the streets were being lined by the regiments appointed to that duty, although their effort was futile as they were quickly dispersed at the order of Major Maude, who, by the way, on arrival assumed charge of the whole affair.

The Royal Procession.

No time was lost in forming the Royal procession and it moved off in the following order:

Two Troopers of the 8th Hussars.
Four Troopers of the 8th Hussars, at 50 yards distance.

Carriages containing the members of the royal suite.

The Governor General and Countess Minto and military aides.

Eight troopers of 8th Hussars.

Three carriages with members of the royal suite.

Chief of police and four officers, mounted.

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Carriages containing Lient Governor McClellan, Premier Tweedie, Lient Col Dunbar, D O C, and Hon Charles Duff-Miller.

Major Maude, mounted.

Squadron of Hussars.

The royal carriage drawn by four horses with out-riders, contained the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, and Prince Alexander of Teck.

Capt Viscount Orlington, D S O, A D C, and Lieutenant, the Duke of Roxburghe, M V O, Royal House Guards, rode at the wheels of the royal equipage as chief escort.

Escort of Hussars.

Premier Laurier's carriage, containing the Premier and Lady Laurier, and Col. Tucker, M. P.

Carriage containing Hon William Pugsley, Capt. Winlow, A. D. C., R. S. Barker, Lient. Governor's secretary and Captain S. P. Laybourn, A. D. C.

Carriage containing Hon W S Fielding, Mrs Fielding, Miss Fielding, and Hon A G Blair.

Carriage containing Hon L P Farris, Hon H A McKeown, Hon C H Labllois, Hon A T Dunn.

Carriage containing Senator Ellis, Senator Dever and Hon G E Hill.

As the procession moved off from the depot an enormous cheer went up from the assembled thousands and, in fact, it was almost a continuous cheer from the depot to the exhibition building and the huzzas would have been much louder and much more continuous had the spectators known exactly just which one of the splendidly uniformed gentlemen was His Royal Highness. But the voices of the crowd were seemingly made stronger by the long wait and the cheers which went heavenward in a grand chorus of acclaim and welcome to the future king and queen were fine expressions of loyalty.

At the Exhibition Building.

The duke arrived at the exhibition building at 32 minutes past 4 o'clock. He was received by a guard of honor consisting of 100 men from the 3rd Regiment C. A. and commanded by Capt. B. R. Armstrong. The royal salute was given.

Mayor Daniel, clad in his robe of office, and with cocked hat, stood at the foot of the carpeted stairs with the members of the common council on either side. As soon as his royal highness stepped from his carriage, he shook hands with

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