

THE DUKE'S VISIT.

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Gilmour. The rear guard of the escort and three mounted policemen, separated as at the head of the procession, brought up the rear.

The streets were jammed all along the short route by cheering thousands.

When the royal procession reached the parliament buildings the scene was one never to be forgotten. All approaches to the buildings and the spacious grounds were filled with one great surging mass of humanity, and the brilliant play of colors in the sunlight was truly beautiful. It is estimated that at least 30,000 people were congregated around the buildings, and the contrast between the more sober dress of the civilians and the flashing accoutrements of the military was exceedingly striking. All approaches to the buildings, and especially the drive leading through the handsome government arch to the main entrance of Parliament House, were lined with troops, who kept the eager crowds in line while the bands and over 3,000 school children occupied the immense stand to the right of the inside arches and saluted their Royal Highnesses with the impressive strains of the national anthem as the carriages, with their postillions and outriders, and those of their suite swept up to the entrance, where the royal party were received by his honor the lieutenant governor and the mayor of Quebec, who conducted them, accompanied by their brilliant staff and that of the governor general, to the legislative council chamber.

In the latter were gathered all the invited guests including public notabilities, the beauty and fashion of the city and elite local society. Among other distinguished persons present were: The Archbishop of Quebec, Mgr. Begin, sitting side by side with the Anglican Bishop of Quebec, the Roman Catholic Bishops of Nicolet, St. Hyacinthe, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hons. Patterson, Blair, Tarte, Davies, Scott, Sifton, and other federal ministers, members of the Quebec city council, provincial ministers, foreign consuls, commander and officers of the French frigate, the admiral and officers of the British fleet, Lady Minto, Lady Jette, and Miss Jette, Lady Bedford, and a host of others. As the Royal party entered the chamber all rose to their feet and received them standing, while the Duke and Duchess took their positions, standing under the dais in front of the thrones. The Duke wore the uniform of a British admiral, with the ribbon of the Order of the Garter, while the Duchess was attired completely in mourning garments on account of the recent deaths of the Queen and the Empress of Germany.

The mayor of Quebec, attired in his robes of office, then advanced and read the city's address of welcome, first in French and then in English.

The Duke's Reply.

His Royal Highness read his reply in English only, in a clear and distinct voice, which was heard all over the chamber.

He said: Gentlemen the duchess and I desire to express to you our heartfelt thanks for the royal and kindly sentiments contained in your address, and at the same time we wish to acknowledge with gratitude the hearty accorded to us by the vast crowds which today throng your beautifully decorated streets. I shall communicate to my dear father, the king, your assurance of attachment to his throne and person and your sympathetic allusions to the grievous and irreparable losses which his majesty and our family have recently sustained. The affectionate tribute to the memory of our late beloved Queen and to that of the lamented Empress Frederick of Germany have deeply touched me. It is a great pleasure to find myself here again for a third time and on this occasion the duchess is with me and that we together will enjoy the memorable associations and natural beauties of this ancient city and its picturesque surroundings. And it is my mission here in the ancient historic capital of Canada, hallowed as you say by the struggles of nations and enriched by the blood of heroes such as Wolfe and Montcalm to come amongst you as a token of that feeling of admiration and pride with which the king and the whole empire have seen the sons of the dominion rallying round the flag of their common allegiance. They fought to secure for their fellow subjects the same freedom and liberty which they in the past have secured and vindicated for themselves. The blood of your gallant sons has not been shed in vain, for posterity will never forget that of the Canadian was recorded.

"Their magnificent tenacity in attacking and that to their credit was immediately due for that white flag which on the anniversary of Majuba day fluttered over the Boer lines of Paardeberg.

May we not take heart in the belief that the bloodshed on that and other battle fields in South Africa may, like that shed by your fathers in 1775 and 1812, weave fresh strands in the cord of brotherhood that binds together our glorious empire. I rejoice to hear that the depression from which your city and port have so long suffered has now passed away, and I earnestly trust that future prosperity may crown the enterprise and industry of its citizens. I take this, the first opportunity, to express in common with the whole civilized world my horror at the detestable crime which has plunged into mourning the great friendly nation on your border and has robbed the United States of the precious life of their first magistrate in the midst of the fulfilment of the high and honorable duties of his proud position. The duchess and I share with you to the fullest extent the feelings of sympathy which you have manifested towards a people with whom we are connected by ties of kinship and national esteem and our hearts go out to the widow and bereaved family of the late distinguished and beloved president.

At Laval University.

After lunch at the citadel the royal party paid a visit to Laval university, where they were received in the large hall of the institution. As the royal party entered, the students' band struck up the national anthem, and all joined in singing it. Four headless headed the procession. Next came the Duke and Rev Rector Mathieu, while the Duchess was accompanied by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the governor general, the lieutenant governor and the Roman Catholic bishops. The Duke and Duchess were dressed in deep black mourning.

Archbishop Begin and the rector of the University advanced in turn and read the address of the clergy and Laval University in French and English. The diploma of Doctor of Laval University was then handed by the rector to the Duke, who was graciously pleased to accept it. A splendid bouquet was presented to the Duchess by the pupils of the seminary.

Loyal addresses were presented to the Duke by His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec and the rector of the university, to which his royal highness pleasantly replied.

He said in part: We have listened with much gratification to the words of welcome with which you have greeted us today on behalf of the bishop and clergy of your diocese, and of the Laval University. The sympathetic tone in which your address refers to our late deeply loved queen has touched my heart and I rejoice to think that her memory will be so closely and gratefully associated with this distinguished institution. I am glad to acknowledge the noble part which the Catholic church in Canada has displayed throughout its history. The hallowed memories of its martyred missionaries are a priceless heritage and in the great and beneficent work of education and in implanting and fostering a spirit of patriotism and loyalty it has rendered signal service to Canada and the empire.

Abundant proof of the success of your efforts has been afforded by the readiness with which the French-Canadians have sprung to arms and shed their blood not only in times long gone by, but also in the present day on behalf of their king and his empire. If the crown has faithfully and honorably fulfilled its engagement to protect and respect your faith, the Catholic church has amply fulfilled its obligations not only to teach reverence for law and order, but to instil a sentiment of loyalty and devotion into the minds to whom it ministers. I am deeply sensible to the honor which I have now received at your hands and I shall value it all the more that it is one which I shall share with my father.

Immediately after the reply of His Royal Highness the royal party left and the procession reformed and proceeded to the citadel, where their Royal Highnesses lunched.

Respect for Murdered President.

Montreal, Sept. 17.—Mayor Prefontaine last night received a telegram from Major Maude, A D C to the governor-general, saying that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall would not, out of respect to the late President McKinley, be able to attend the reception which he was to hold in the City Hall here on Thursday night.

Quebec, Sept. 17.—The garden party which was to have been held at Spercerwood today by Lieut. Gov. Jette in honor of the Duke and Duchess of York has been cancelled by request of the Duke, out of respect to the late President McKinley.

Kilburn's Operations.

The Herald was in error when it stated a few days ago that John Kilburn's lumber output on the upper St. John last season amounted to twelve million feet. His total output was but ten million, which included about four million hung up from the previous season. Mr. Kilburn says that his probable cut next season will not exceed five million feet.

Tomorrow's Races.

Lovers of horse races will have excellent sport provided for them on the driving park tomorrow afternoon. The chief events will be the 2.28 and 2.35 classes, which will bring out a strong field of horses. There will also be a running race in which three well known flyers are to compete. The stallion Fearless, which has been matched to trot Judges Wilkes, arrived from Woodstock today.

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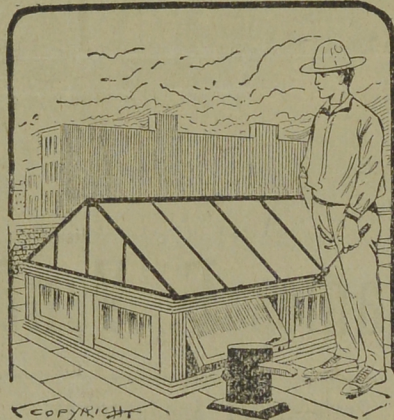
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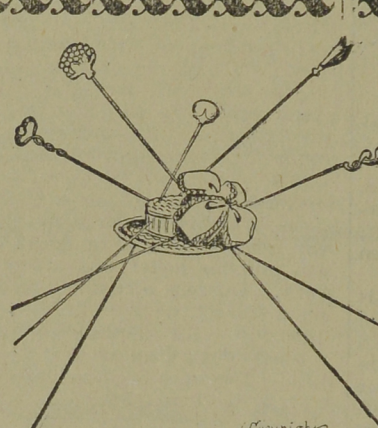
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