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A MODEST GENERAL.

The press correspondents at the Sussex military camp express great surprise at the unostentatious manner in which Lord Dandonald, commander-in-chief of the Canadian forces, arrived at Sussex, Wednesday. There was no guard of honor for the gallant officer with the honorable military record, no carriages with footmen in waiting, no sign of uniforms or other outward manifestation of rank and dignity.

All of this lack of display was quite in keeping with the man who was first into the relief of Ladysmith, and whose military record sheds lustre on the empire and on himself. The real war hero, the man distinguished for brave deeds, is seldom fond of display. It is the drawing room soldier who loves to revel in showy uniforms and parade himself in all the glory of cocked hat, epaulets and glittering gold braid. Lord Dandonald is not that type of a man, and Canadians think all the more of him for his extreme modesty and hatred of inordinate display.

The noble Lord is coming to Fredericton Saturday evening and will be the guest of the exhibition management until Monday evening. At some personal sacrifice he has consented to open the Fredericton exhibition Monday afternoon, and no doubt his appearance will be a matter of considerable interest. New Brunswickers are familiar with his splendid military record, but apart from his distinguished military career he has a charming personality, a bluff, hearty genial manner that make friends for him wherever he goes. Lord Dandonald is recognized as one of the greatest cavalry officers of the age, and he is certainly the most popular commander-in-chief Canada has ever had. He has taken pains to cultivate friendly relations with the people of Canada as well as with the powers at Ottawa, and is doing his best to run militia affairs in the best interests of the force and the country.

The exhibition management were particularly lucky in securing the services of Lord Dandonald to open the great show, and his presence on Monday will doubtless ensure a record attendance on the opening day.

AN EXPERT'S OPINION.

Mr. W. D. Dimock, editor of the Truro Daily News and a former member of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly and House of Commons for Colchester, who has come to Fredericton to visit friends and the exhibition, is very enthusiastic over the prospects of our big show which opens next week. He inspected the buildings this morning and expressed unbounded admiration of the convenience and compact form of the premises, and at all the arrangements for the exhibition.

Mr. Dimock is an expert himself in the management of exhibitions, having had a long practical experience in the business. He was secretary and manager of a number of the most successful shows ever held in Nova Scotia, and also served as secretary of the Dominion section at exhibitions in the West Indies and at the world's fair in Chicago. What Mr. Dimock says therefore of the arrangements for our exhibition may be taken as the opinion of a gentleman who knows what he is talking about, and it is most favorable.

All indications point to the assured success of the exhibition. The number of entries is far in excess of the record of Fredericton exhibitions, the individual exhibitors numbering over six hundred, and including a large number from outside of the province. Indeed the quantity

of exhibits will only be limited by the space at the command of the management, and in one instance at least the executive have found it necessary to enlarge the accommodation. So many horses are to be shown that more than a score of new stalls have been placed under construction.

With favorable weather next week visitors to Fredericton will have the satisfaction of seeing one of the most successful exhibitions ever held in this province.

THE COST OF FUNERALS.

The Sun has some observations on the cost of funerals, and finds satisfaction in the reflection that Lord Salisbury's cost only seventy-five dollars.

This is a very modest sum in comparison with the expenditure the Tory party made for the burial of Sir John Thompson. That gentleman in life was a very unobtrusive, plain going, modest citizen, who would have been the first to object to unusual and costly display at his own funeral, but the Tory government spent tens of thousands of dollars in the ceremony. The occasion will long be remembered as one of the greatest saturnalia of extravagance ever witnessed in this or any other country, and the dissipation of members of Parliament who came to Halifax to attend the obsequies, brought the blush of shame to Canadians. The whole affair was conducted on a scale of extravagance that was disgraceful, and the echoes of it were heard for several years. It even got into the courts through a florist suing the government for goods delivered.

If Sir John Thompson could have had the opportunity of planning his own funeral, it would not have cost much more than Lord Salisbury's, but the profligate Tory government of Canada had the management of the affair, and they made the money flow like water.

The citizens of Canning, N.S., and vicinity, have subscribed liberally towards the erection of a monument to the late Lieut. Harold Borden, killed in the South African war, and on Wednesday next the memorial is to be unveiled by Lord Dandonald. The deceased young officer who gave his life to the cause of the Empire is a son of the Minister of Militia, and Canning, which honors his memory, is in the minister's constituency.

Mr. Borden, the Conservative leader in Parliament, is highly spoken of for his genial manners and courtesy in debate. He has learned in a good school. The leader of Parliament, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is a man and a politician of most charming personality, the soul of honor and a Chesterfield in politeness, and the Conservative leader has doubtless taken pains to copy the distinguished statesman who leads the great Liberal party and is the honored premier of Canada.

The splendid band of the Coldstream Guards, which is touring Canada, is doing something towards arousing the loyalty of the people, besides cheering them with excellent music. At the Toronto Exhibition the other day when the band played "The Maple Leaf Forever," sandwiching the Canadian national song in with "Rule Britannia," the 20,000 people within hearing jumped to their feet instantly and cheered themselves hoarse.

What did Mr. Fielding mean when he declared in Parliament that judges all over the country are neglecting their duties. Has the Minister of Finance no fear before his eyes, or does he regard with indifference the possibility of being summoned for contempt of court? Surely there are no lazy judges in Canada—certainly none in New Brunswick, and yet Mr. Fielding generally knows what he is talking about.

The Ottawa Free Press says there is woe and lamentation in Ontario Conservative ranks. Organizers Wright and Leavitt have resigned because the party is without the sinews of war.

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