

PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBERG.

Something About the Distinguished British Admiral

WHO IS TO VISIT FREDERICTON ON FRIDAY NEXT.

Fredericton on Friday next, will have the distinguished honor of entertaining Prince Louis of Battenberg commanding the British cruiser squadron, which has been visiting Canadian ports since last August, and is now at Halifax.

His Serene Highness, who is to arrive during the forenoon by special train from St. John, will be a guest at the Queen Hotel. In the afternoon he will be presented with a civic address, and in the evening will attend the grand ball to be given at the parliament buildings by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, and his executive council. The Prince will leave here Saturday morning to visit Sir William VanHorne at St. Andrews and will return to Halifax the same night.

A Personal Sketch.

Prince Louis of Battenberg, is one of the principal officers of the British navy. He is a son of the late Prince Alexander of Hesse and was born at Gratz, Austria, on May 24, 1854. He bears the title of Serene Highness and is connected with the British royal family through his wife, who is a daughter of the late Princess Alice, sister of King Edward and his sister-in-law, Princess Beatrice, the King's sister. His wife, Princess Victoria of Hesse, who was born at Windsor in 1863, is a sister of the Empress of Russia. Their wedding took place in 1884. Prince Louis became naturalized in Great Britain and entered the British navy as a cadet in 1868.

The dates of his promotion show that he has not been advanced through royal favor. He became a sub-lieutenant in 1874, lieutenant in 1876, commander in 1885, was appointed to command of the Dreadnaught in 1887, was made captain in

1891 and became a rear admiral only in 1902. He served in the Egyptian war in 1882 and won the medal and Khedive's star. At present he is head of the naval intelligence bureau, one of the most important departments of the British navy, where he has organized the system of information now in use. He has quite an inventive turn of mind, among other things having invented a ship's indicator and a roller ruler. The former accurately informs navigators when the ship is out of her course, and by the latter sailors can calculate the distance run by a ship and the time necessary for one ship to overtake another.

Prince Louis, does not, strictly speaking, rank as a royal personage, but as a noble, and figures as such in Part III. of the Almanach de Gotha, in which the names of the Bismarcks, the ducal houses of England, as well as several of those of France, appear. True, his father was of royal blood, but his mother created Princess of Battenberg, was a Russian, the Countess Hauke. This did not, however, prevent his brother Henry from wedding King Edward's youngest sister, Princess Beatrice of Great Britain, nor his brother, Francis Joseph of Battenberg, from marrying the daughter of the ruler of Montenegro, which had the effect of making him the brother-in-law of the kings of Italy and Serbia. So that three of the Battenberg brothers married princesses of sovereign houses of Europe, while the fourth brother, Alexander, by three years the junior of Prince Louis, was the gallant ruler of Bulgaria, one of the most dashing Russian leaders in the Turkish war of 1877, and the hero of the battle of Silivritza.

Prince Louis, in addition to being a rear admiral in the British navy, is a major general of artillery in the German army, and about eight years

ago, not long after the accession to the throne of his brother-in-law, the Czar, was offered by the latter the rank of vice-admiral in the Russian navy, with all sorts of honors and emoluments, if he would only consent to enter the Russian naval service and to transfer his home from England to St. Petersburg. Prince Louis, however, in spite of his German name and parentage, is an Englishman and a British sailor to the core, and devoted to the profession to which he has given the greater part of his life. He could not bring himself to make the sacrifice of all his English associations, and, therefore, declined the offer of Emperor Nicholas. Otherwise, he might have been designated to command the ill-fated Baltic fleet, which would assuredly have made a better showing had it been subject to his direction and control.

Prince Louis was the favorite nephew of the late Czarina, a Hessian princess, and his country place, near Darmstadt, known as Heiligenberg, which formerly belonged to her, and where she invariably spent her summers, was bequeathed to him. King Edward often makes use of Prince Louis' services for special missions and a year ago he dispatched him to St. Petersburg to represent him and the court of Great Britain at the baptism of his little grandson, the young Czarovich. The visit of Prince Louis to the President at Washington is understood to be made much in the same way in behalf of the King, who desires him to bear a message of friendship and good will to the American Chief Magistrate and people.

It may be of interest to add that the prince is very striking looking man, considerably over six feet in height, and handsome like his brother, Henry. He is now in his fifty-first year.

to have each member of the class compose a sentence containing the word "interim" and read it when we have our recitations tomorrow."

Little Willie was the first to be asked for his composition on the following day. It was as follows:

"When Charlie Bronson came to our house to see Sister Helen the other night, pa went downstairs and told him to get out, but he took a hold of Helen's hand and they both looked at pa and said they wouldn't ever part any more. So pa got in front of one exit and followed the other event toward the door and threw the boots interim."

The class was dismissed without any further reports.

IN MEMORY OF E. F. CLARKE.

In spite of a bleak wind, bringing occasional showers, about a hundred persons, including several ladies, gathered around the grave of E. F. Clarke, M. P., in Mount Pleasant cemetery Friday afternoon at Toronto to witness the unveiling of a monument to the memory of one who held an honored place in the Orange Order, being at the time of his death Grand Treasurer of Ontario West and Deputy Grand Vice-President of British America. The affair was in charge of McKinley L. O. L., 275, of which deceased was a member. D. McEadden was director of ceremonies.

The hymn "Nearer My God, to Thee," opened the service. William Tilley, W. M., 479, leading the singing. Rev. Wm. Walsh, of Brantford, Grand Chaplain of British America, offered prayer. Rev. Canon H. C. Dixon, Deputy Grand Chaplain, read as the Scripture lesson part of the first chapter of Second Samuel.

This was followed by the ceremony of unveiling. M. W. Robert Burns, Vice-President of the Triennial Council, in tapping the stone, used for the first time the beautiful ivory gavel presented to him in 1891 by the Orangemen of the United States when the Triennial Council met in Toronto.

As the British flag was slowly lifted from the memorial stone it disclosed a neat, massive sarcophagus monument, hammered and carved of the best grey granite, the bottom base being 5 feet 2 inches by 3 feet 2 inches, and the total height 5 feet 8 inches. It bears the simple inscription "Clarke" in large letters across the main stone, and on the base "Erected by McKinley L. O. L., 275."

The monument was designed by and executed under the supervision of Mr. Joseph B. Cannon, one of the members of 275. A beautiful wreath of maple leaves was at the moment of unveiling laid upon the grave, which is marked by a stone slab, inscribed "E. F. Clarke, born April 24, 1850, died March 3, 1905."

The Supreme Grand Master, Dr. T. S. Sprout, M. P., then delivered an appropriate address, in which he dwelt upon the good qualities of Mr. Clarke, and exhorted his brethren of the order to emulate his virtues of fidelity to Orange principles, and commended the surviving members of his family to their watchful care.

After brief closing remarks by the Worshipful Master, R. Gilday, who took a leading part in the ceremonies, the hymn "Blest be the Tie that Binds," was sung and the benediction was pronounced.

A WONDREUL GOOSE.

It Turned Over to be Caressed and it Reveled in Chocolate Creams.

My first essay at goose rearing was made with five eggs, bought for five cents apiece from a Swede, who was ploughing for us, says a writer in Pearson's Magazine. An old Brahman hen was entrusted to incubate them, and faithfully performed the duty until I lifted her off the nest on the thirtieth day, to find only three eggs. The others, evidently, had been broken or stolen by rats. Of those remaining, two were unmistakably bad; the third was slightly chipped, but showed no sign of life.

However, not having got over the usual amateur's desire to cooet every feeble-spark of life, I carried the egg down to the house and held it over a steaming kettle to soften the dry hard shell, which I gradually chipped off, revealing an apparently lifeless, undersized gosling, which I subjected to a combination of steaming and baking until, just as effort was about to be discontinued in despair, it kicked—a feeble, die-away sort of kick certainly, but it stimulated my desire to save its life, which was evidently granted. Though the result was such a miserable looking object for weeks, that had it not been for the odd, intelligent personality of the poor little wretch, I fear its existence would have been summarily curtailed.

It persisted in continually waddling after me, squatting down suddenly at my feet as soon as I came to a standstill, and looking up with a comically satisfied expression which demanded attention. During the days of ugliness and uncertainty of sex, innumerable uncomplimentary names suggested by appearance or oddities, were bestowed on the poor creature, which eventually shamed perspicacity by developing into a beautiful white gander, and became known to our friends as "Lancelot Gobbo the Wonderful"—the appendix being earned through his capacity for developing and acquiring tricks.

The first of these was to knock at the back door punctually at 7 o'clock each morning, for his breakfast. On being admitted he would march to a side table, where he had been fed when a baby, climb on a chair which stood by it, and sit solemnly with his beak on the edge of the table a few seconds, softly muttering as if saying grace; then he would stretch up his neck and call for his oatmeal which had to be sweetened and creamed as for our own eating. With the family necessitated a novelty of deportment, for never was anything but a courteous gentleman during the short visits he elected to pay the house. Outside, he would descend

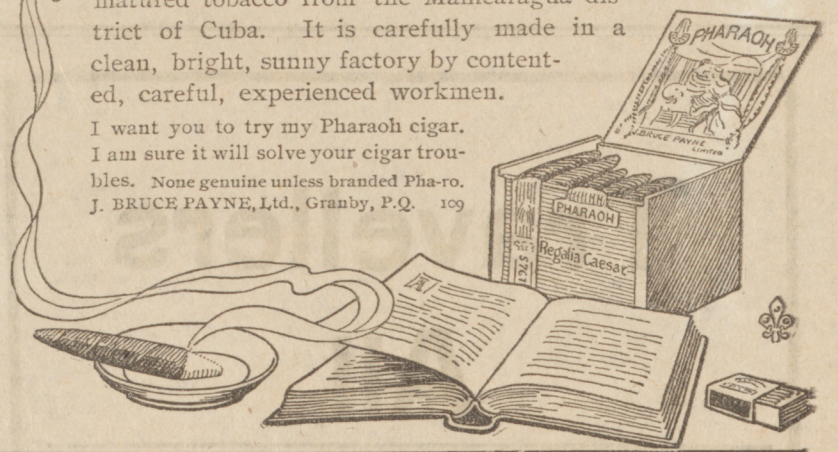
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When he was quite little I used to lay him on his back in my hand, just for the fun of seeing him go to sleep contentedly in such an ungoselike position. As he grew older, he developed the habit of coming to the piazza, and voluntarily assuming that position on the mat at the dining-room door, keeping his eyes open and calling the moment any of the family appeared—probably realizing that the trick attracted such attention as assured his being stroked and petted. Nothing more ridiculous could be imagined than the big, awkward bird waddling up to the mat, flopping down and deliberately turning on his back. It was a performance

that never failed to astonish and amuse visitors; but when the vacation time brought a juvenile friend of 10 years old to stay with us, the climax of absurdity was reached through her rewarding him with chocolate creams. The unaccustomed flavor so delighted him that he would lie for any length of time in the hope of receiving more candy. This prompted the little lassie to undertake his education; and before school recalled her to the city, Lancelot would lie still with a black dolly cradled on one wing, and a dilapidated sailor-boy on the other; wear a ribbon harness and draw a doll's carriage, eat ice cream, drink coffee, and run for a ball as well as a dog.

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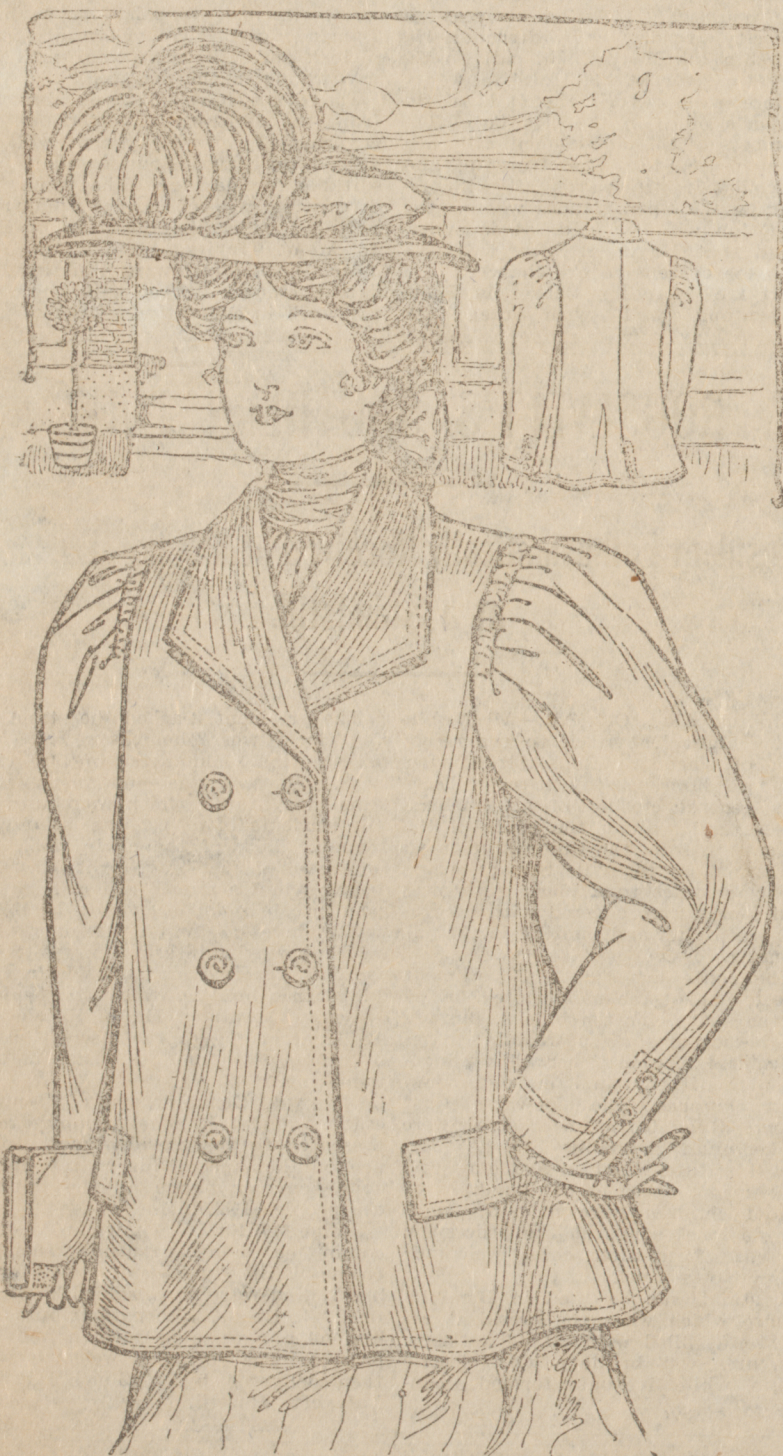
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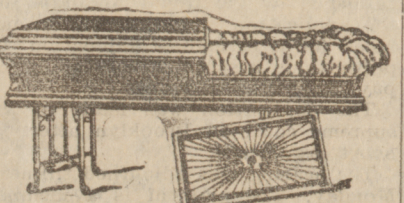
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