

## SKETCH BY MR. WITTE.

## The Distinguished Russian Fancier and Diplomat Who Concluded Peace Terms.

In person, handsome, clear-eyed and well nourished, with a high forehead and a calm, watchful expression, M. de Witte, (the principal of the Russian peace plenipotentiaries represents the same and cultured man of business—the financier with a taste for literature—and resembles no one in this country so much as Lord Avebury. He is plainly an intellectual, as Von Plehve was a forceful, type of statesman, and relies for his success more on well-balanced plans than on tenacity and driving power. As his name indicates, he is of Dutch extraction. Born at Tiflis on June 29, 1849, he began his active career after graduating at Novorossisk University in mathematical science, as an under official or clerk in the railway service. During the Russo-Turkish war he received an important post on the Southwestern Railways of Russia, and at the age of thirty became head of a department. He took part in the work of the Railway Commission under Count Baranoff, wrote a volume of its transactions, and was entrusted with the task of preparing the status governing Russian Railways. His success in this matter procured him, in 1886, the directorship of the Southwestern Railways. Two years later came the vital advance of his life, when he was appointed head of the railway department of the ministry of finance. From that time he has always been a person of note in Russian officialdom, through whose constant cabals and intrigues

he steers his way with great coolness and address. In February, 1892, he became minister of ways and communications, and in August of the same year he received his portfolio as minister of finance.

In M. de Witte's case sheer talent has prospered. He knows the needs and resources of Russia better than any of his colleagues—far better than the clique or reactionary Grand Dukes who united to thwart him, and whom he heartily hates. He has maintained Russian credit by skillful financial devices and secured new French loans. Trade apparently flourished for some years under his huge bounty system and high tariff, and money has been found by the million for the Trans-Siberian railway. His friends used to credit him with a scheme for settling the Balkan question in the Muscovite interest by putting Russia forward as a grand guarantor-general of the debts of the minor Balkan States; and there are others who regard him as a dangerous statesman with great Imperial schemes.

Whatever achievements in external policy he may effect, is understood to be a sincere believer in the need for peace abroad and reform at home. He is not likely to favor any extreme or rapid constitutional changes, but he will help Russia materially in cautious, sane and orderly advance—until, perhaps, the Grand Dukes regain their power and push him once more from his place. —English Exchange.

## TORONTO EXHIBITION OPENED.

## Prince Louis of Battenberg Has the Honor of Touching the Button.

## HIS SERENE HIGHNESS PLEASED AT HIS CORDIAL RECEPTION.

Toronto Globe, Wednesday: Prince Louis of Battenberg, bronzed and bearded, an Admiral's uniform clothing his massive frame, and a badge of a director of the Canadian National Exhibition dangling among the decorations on his breast, stood up at the luncheon in the exhibition administration building yesterday and called on his officers for three cheers for the city of Toronto. That was the way of showing appreciation of the welcome accorded him. His Serene Highness, through the gracious thought of the premier of Ontario, was permitted to open the great Fair, although to Hon. Mr. Whitney had been delegated that honor. At the last moment, when an audience was watching for the hand of the Premier to reach out towards the magic button which would set the whistles blowing and the wheels turning, Mr. Whitney asked that the Prince might honor the Province by himself making the exhibition an animate reality. His Highness accepted the opportunity, and appeared in no way disconcerted by the noise of the celebration which, after the pressing of the button, made his little address all but inaudible. It was an hour before the formal opening, which proceeded by the way, that the Prince, who is a sailor, and not an orator, asked for cheers for the city. He stood up at the directors' luncheon and, with his glass held high above the heads of the seated company, called for the cheers. Commander Ellerton and the officers of the cruiser squadron, eight or ten in all, obeyed with lustiness and enthusiasm, but above their voices could be heard the sincere and hearty cheer of the sailor Prince.

## COMMONERS CAME EARLY.

The official opening of the exhibition of 1905, although lengthy and extremely formal, was entirely disregarded by the people at the fair. Hours before President McNaught and Manager Ore had made their lightning and mysterious changes from Panama hats and sack suits to toppers and frock coats for the official event, thousands had over-run the grounds.

Shows on the midway, caught unprepared, hurriedly improvised entertainments for the clamoring crowds, and in the main building and in the grounds there was apparently as little room as if the fair was a week old. The "opening" itself was to the multitude simply one of the features of a long day which included the concerts by the musicians of the Irish Guards, the grand stand performance, the great spectacle, "The Fall of Port Arthur," the drill by the naval corps, and the manifold attractions of the building and the grounds.

## A LONG OPENING.

The fair began at 9 o'clock, and was opened anywhere from 1 to 3.30 o'clock. Just at noon the three hundred sailors paraded with their own band and met the royal party at the west gate. The Prince, in Lady Kirkpatrick's carriage, drove through the dense crowds to the Administration building, where he found the Army and Navy Veterans awaiting him. There was an address presented, and then Prince Louis shook hands with many of the veterans, rather neglecting for the time a knot of exhibition directors who were

waiting on the steps with their welcome. Finally, to the strains of "See the Conquering Hero Comes," he entered the building, and the official luncheon began.

As the coffee was being served President McNaught received the news contained in The Globe's despatch from Portsmouth detailing the satisfactory end of the peace conference. His announcement of the good news was received with cheering.

His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, in responding to a toast proposed by the president, said that the exhibition was now a unifying factor in the provincial and national history of the country. He regretted the absence of "Little Bobs," but rejoiced in the presence of, in the words of Milton, "a tall Admiral." It was with peculiar pleasure that citizens of Toronto welcomed the commander, his officers and his blue-jackets, because their presence showed Canada was part and parcel of the empire.

President McNaught's next duty was to propose a toast to the royal navy coupling with it the name of Prince Louis. In an eulogy of the brilliant record of the navy, the President said that while some might criticize Canada's lack of contribution for Imperial defence, it must be remembered that Canada was a sparsely-settled country, the energies of which has still to be devoted to developing its great resources. In the near future Canadians would be ready and willing to bear their full share of the burdens of Imperial defence. Canada had in the Maritime Provinces, the best reserve of trained seamen in the world, and these could be depended upon to act when the call to duty came. At the close of his remarks President McNaught handed the Prince a beautifully illuminated address of welcome.

## PRINCE LOUIS' APPRECIATION.

His Serene Highness was plainly surprised at the enthusiastic reception given him, and in his first words he expressed great pleasure at discovering the affection which he had found in Canada for the British navy. This pride in the navy had been shown in many ways, and most particularly in the magnificent reception which had been given himself and the officers and men of the squadron who had been fortunate enough to come to Toronto. He hoped that the drill to be given by the marines would contribute in a small way to the attractions of the Exhibition and that it would please the people. He looked forward with great pleasure to visiting the different parts of the Fair, which was so typical of the immense development of the Dominion and the great Province of Ontario. Before sitting down he wished to raise his glass to the health and further prosperity of such a country.

"Gentlemen of the navy," he said, "I call upon you to give three cheers for Toronto and the Provinces of Ontario." Hardly had the cheers been given when the Prince and officers received an ovation themselves from their hosts.

Hon. J. P. Whitney and Mayor Urquhart both briefly acknowledged toasts to the Provincial and Civic Governments, and the gathering rose while His Highness and suite walked out.

## FIGHT WITH POLICE.

## Constables Fought in Darkness for the Possession of a Revolver.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—A protracted and desperate struggle in a bedroom of the house at 114 Manx street at an early hour yesterday morning came dangerously near to having a tragic ending, and the three individuals who took a hand in the mix-up have since been taking advantage of all available moments to deck themselves with congratulations that they are still in the land of the living and the place of hope.

The trio are Mr. T. J. McCarthy, restaurant keeper, Police Sergeant Larocque and Constable Etienne Desmarreau, the hero of many athletic contests.

A few minutes before three o'clock yesterday morning a telephonic communication reached No. 5 police station that there were outward evidences that a burglary had been committed at the address mentioned, one of the doors being wide open, while the glass of a window had been smashed. It was also the opinion of the transmitter of the message that the householder and his family were absent.

The officer on duty at once despatched Sgt. Larocque and Constables Desmarreau and O'Toole, who on reaching the scene of the supposed burglary raid, found things all that had been described, with the premises as silent as the grave.

After posting O'Toole and a loaded revolver in the outer passage, Sergeant Larocque led the other constable inside, and on reaching the door of a front bedroom on the first floor suspicious sounds were heard.

Signalling Desmarreau to remain by the door and to watch for a possible rush of housebreakers from other parts of the house, the sergeant penetrated into the room and in a second or two was in grips with an unknown man behind the curtains of the bed. They had quite a time of it. Up and down and across the bed the pair wrestled, with bits of bed curtain and scraps of pillow covers mixed in, the original occupant making silent but strenuous endeavor to get his hand round the upper end of the bedstead. Desmarreau by and bye took a hand, and after the "burglar" had been pretty well subdued, it was suggested he should lie quiet, as he was safe in the hands of the police.

This seemed to come as a considerable surprise to the prisoner, who on regaining his breath explained he was no burglar, but Mr. McCarthy himself. Then the lights went up.

"Good thing you managed to hold me tight," said Mr. McCarthy. "All the time I had been squirming and scrapping to get my hand round the top of the bed to where I have a rifle and revolver, both fully loaded, and had I grabbed either of them there might have been blood on the carpet."

"And so there would for sure," remarked Desmarreau. "For I had my gun in hand all the time and stood by the door." Further investigation brought out the fact that one of the people in the house had accidentally left the door open, and the pane of glass had been broken in the course of the previous evening by some children at play.

## WOMEN MUST LEAVE VATICAN.

Pope Pius X. Has Decided on This Step.

Rome, Aug. 31.—Pope Pius X. has decided that hereafter women shall not be allowed to live in the Vatican Palace. In order to provide suitable habitation for many employees who enjoy the privilege of "Vatican apartments" with their families, the Pope has commissioned the Vatican architects to draw plans for a modern apartment house, to be erected immediately near Belvedere Arsenal, in the rear of the palace proper, and have an independent entrance in Piazza Del Risorgimento. The building will cost \$200,000, and is to be entirely separated from the papal residence.

One of the reasons which prompted the Pope to take this step is the danger of fire, which would do incalculable damage to precious works of art and to valuable libraries contained in the Vatican. The living apartment of several employees adjoin in most cases several museums, galleries and the library, and in one such apartment there was a fire recently.

Pius X. also noticed that the provisions of many families caused an army of butcher boys, milkmen, coal sellers and other merchants to invade the private staircases and passages of the palaces at all hours, thus destroying its privacy.

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## LEAVES REGIMENT A FORTUNE.

\$35,000 Bequeathed to Officers' Mess to Provide a Library and Plate.

Belfast, Aug. 31.—An old soldier's love for his regiment has never been illustrated more touchingly than by the will of the late Sergeant Good, formerly of the Second West Yorkshire Regiment.

Mr. Good had succeeded in life after leaving the army, for he left behind him property to the value of

\$35,000.

But he always said that the happiest time of his life was spent with his old regiment, which he frequently referred to as "his happy home."

And so, when he came to make his will, the old soldier's first and only thought was of the colors with which he had served, and the old regiment that was so dear to him.

He accordingly bequeathed the whole of his estate to the officers' mess, with instructions that it should be employed to maintain a library and provide the mess with suitable plate.

Two houses which belonged to him at Ryde, were also left to the regiment, for the use of its old officers.

The Second West Yorkshire, to which Sergeant Good formerly belonged, is now stationed at Belfast.

## HEALTH FOR WOMEN.

Mrs. Emma Daigle of Moncton, N. B.

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