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THOUSAND WELCOMES TO THE GREYS

Fredericton Extends the Glad Hand to His Excellency the Governor General and His Charming Countess

THE CITY IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE--CIVIC ADDRESS, DRIVE AND THE EVENING'S PROGRAM

Fredericton is en fete today in honor of the visit of His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, who accompanied by Countess Grey, Lady Sybil Grey, Lady Evelyn Grey, Lieutenant Governor Tweedie, members of the Local Government and others arrived from St. John this afternoon by the steamer Elaine. The distinguished visitors will remain until tomorrow morning when they leave by the 9.20 a. m. train for St. John.

His Excellency is privileged to see the capital city of New Brunswick generally conceded to be the most beautiful city in Canada, under weather conditions which border very closely on the ideal. Nobody could possibly have wished for anything better. The sun rose bright and clear this morning from a cloudless sky, a gentle breeze from the southwest prevailed, cooling the atmosphere and making it an ideal summer day. A person who could not derive enjoyment from a sail on the Rhine of America on such a day as this would be indeed hard to please.

The citizens of Fredericton have been looking forward to the Governor General's visit to Fredericton with the greatest interest and have prepared to give him a welcome worthy of the best traditions of the capital city. Favored by fine weather the city is today in holiday attire and if His Excellency does not enjoy his brief stay here and carry away a good impression it will be no fault of the citizens.

THE DECORATIONS

Queen Street, the principal business thoroughfare of the city, is gay with bunting from end to end and presents a very bright and attractive appearance. Some of the mercantile concerns, particularly the F. B. Edgcombe Company, McManus & Company, and McMurray and Company have taken extra pains in decorating and their work elicited much favorable comment. The decorations at the city hall, county court house and Queen Hotel were also very much admired. Flags are floating to the breeze on all the hotels and public buildings, and on many private residences bunting is displayed in honor of the distinguished visitors.

Although it was given out that the Steamer Elaine with His Excellency and party on board was not due to arrive from St. John until three o'clock, long before that hour people of all ages and of all walks in life began to wind their way in the direction of the city wharf at the foot of Regent Street. Harbor Master Mackey had men at work this morning giving the wharf a brushing up and he took the trouble to arrange seats for spectators, a thoughtful act which was much appreciated. The crowd grew in proportions as the afternoon wore on, and by four o'clock there must have been close to 1,000 people in the throng waiting to catch the first glimpse of the King's representative.

The 71st York Regiment furnished the guard of honor for His Excellency and it was commanded by Capt. W. J. Osborne, with Capt. Guthrie acting adjutant, and Lieuts. McPeake and Bingham as subalterns. The men to the number of seventy-five, paraded on the barracks square at 1.30 and got in a little practice at drill. They were decked out in bright new uniforms and made a very smart appearance. Shortly before three o'clock, Capt. Osborne gave the order to march, and led by the band of the corps the guard proceeded down Queen Street and in Regent to the city wharf, where they were halted and formed in two ranks to await the arrival of the vice regal party. Lieut. Bingham had the honor of escorting the King's colors.

A large delegation from Islington Lodge in regulation dress were drawn up on the wharf and joined heartily in the welcome to His Excellency. After the vice regal party had disembarked little Nancy Kingston, daughter of the Lord Bishop, stepped to the front and on behalf of the Sons of England, presented Countess Grey with a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers which was gracefully acknowledged.

THE ARRIVAL

It was scarcely expected that the Elaine would arrive on schedule time

on an occasion like this, but she did not do too badly. The crowd was a good natured one, and showed no signs of impatience, although the early comers had a pretty long wait. "There she comes," were the words passed from lips to lips, as the hull of the pretty little steamer was seen gliding gracefully along a short distance below the railway bridge. The Elaine was bedecked with flags and bunting and made a very fine appearance as she moved up the river and drew into the city wharf, just above the Star Line warehouse. Mayor McLeod and members of the city council were on hand to welcome the visitors, and had a number of handsome equipages in readiness for their use. After exchanging greetings with His Worship, who boarded the steamer as soon as she docked, His Excellency disembarked and was paid the usual compliment by the military band playing the National Anthem. His Excellency acknowledged the courtesy and afterwards, accompanied by his A. D. C., inspected the guard.

The party then boarded barouches and were driven to the city hall by way of Regent and Queen streets. An immense crowd of people thronged the sidewalks on both sides of the street and gave the distinguished visitors a most enthusiastic welcome.

AT THE CITY HALL

Arriving at the city hall the vice regal party were escorted to the Mayor's office, where the Mayor presented the members of the city council, and also Senator Thompson, O. S. Crockett, M. P., and Sheriff Sterling, who had been invited to seats on the platform. Up stairs in the opera house a large crowd had assembled, and the vice regal visitors were loudly cheered as they entered in the company of His Worship the Mayor.

Mr. N. A. Edgcombe and a staff of assistants had been at work for several days decorating the interior of the opera house and they certainly executed their task in a most creditable manner. The gallery railing was tastefully draped with the National colors, a full sized lithograph of King Edward doing duty as a centre piece. The space in front of the stage was banked with potted plants from Bebbington's conservatory, and just over the proscenium the word "welcome" in red letters on a white background, loomed up conspicuously. Artificial oak leaves festooned from the centre of the stage made a pretty effect. A carpeted stairway leading from the auditorium to the stage had been constructed for the convenience of the visitors, and elegantly upholstered furniture was provided for the occasion.

After the visitors and members of the city council and those present by invitation had made their way to the platform and had become seated, His Worship the Mayor rose to His Excellency the following address in clear, distinct tones:

THE ADDRESS

To the Right Honourable, Sir Albert Henry George, Earl Grey, Viscount Howick, in the County of Northumberland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, and a Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, etc., etc., Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

May it please your Excellency Speaking for the citizens of Fredericton, we desire to express to you, our Governor General, and the Representative of His Most Gracious Majesty, King Edward VII, our most loyal welcome upon this, the occasion of the first visit of Your Excellency to the Capital City of New Brunswick.

May we assure your Excellency also that the expression of our strong and steadfast attachment to the Empire, and of our loyalty and pride of race is no mere form of words but exists as a strong dominant force in this city, whose citizens cannot forget that their fathers, its founders, were of the stock of the Loyalists, who gave up their homes, established in luxury, to carve out new ones under the old flag of Brit-

ain. The citizens of Fredericton give place to none in all this world wide Empire, in the pride of race and tradition, in enthusiasm for the glories of the past and confidence in the greatness of the future, and Your Excellency will find no more loyal Britons in the Sea Girt Island at home, than in this little elm shaded city on the banks of the Saint John.

As Canadians we have a strong abiding faith in our country, its people and its possibilities. No prophetic eye is needed to foretell the wondrous potentialities of our national life, and we heartily congratulate you, Sir, upon so fortunately holding office at a time when the industrial activity and agricultural development of Canada is commanding the admiration of the nations, when prosperity confronts us on every hand and when industry and enterprise, with all their mighty activity, can scarcely keep pace with the progress and development of the country.

Our citizens are proud also to greet the distinguished son of a great family who numbers among his ancestors not a few of the leading statesmen and administrators of the mother country, men whose works and acts have always tended to encourage the freedom and widen the liberty of the Citizens of the Great Empire of which we form a part.

Apart from all these things, Your Excellency, may we give you a personal welcome. Following a long line of brilliant and illustrious men who have represented the Sovereign in this Dominion, you Sir, have maintained the loftiest traditions of the vice regal office; and, during the last three years have won for yourself a large place in the esteem and gratitude of the Canadian people.

We sincerely hope that the Almighty in His Divine Wisdom, may spare you and your esteemed wife, Countess Grey, for many years of successful service to His Majesty and the Empire.

Dated at Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, the fifteenth day of August, A. D. 1907.

(Signed) H. F. McLEOD Mayor.

(Signed) J. W. MCCREADY City Clerk.

His Excellency, who was received with cheers and applause, replied briefly to the words of the address, and his patriotic and statesmanlike utterances were followed with the greatest interest.

THE DRIVE

At the conclusion of His Excellency's address the visitors left the hall, and once more taking carriages were entertained by the Mayor and aldermen on a drive about the city. All the fancy equipages of the city were in the procession and it naturally attracted much attention. Old government house was first visited, and after taking a turn through Wilnot Park, the party drove to the University. Upon concluding the drive they will repair to the Queen Hotel, which will be their headquarters while in the city.

The Lieutenant governor and members of the government will dine with His Excellency in the private dining

room of the Queen at 7.30 o'clock this evening. The party will number fifteen ladies and gentlemen. The governor general is accompanied to the city by his private secretary, Mr. A. F. Sladen, his A. D. C. Capt. Newton, and two orderly sergeants.

TONIGHT'S FUNCTION

The reception and dance to be given at the parliament buildings, this evening promises to be one of the most brilliant social functions this city has seen for some time. It will be a full dress affair and will likely attract society people from all parts of the province. Their Excellencies will receive the guests in the Assembly chamber, which has been suitably decorated for the occasion with flags and potted plants. The supreme court chamber and judges' room will be reserved for the use of lady guests.

His Excellency and family will have the suit of rooms adjoining the Assembly chamber in the front of the building, Lieutenant Governor Tweedie will have the Speaker's room, and the room across the hall from the latter, will be for the members of the executive and their ladies. Dancing will be carried out in the Assembly chamber, and Hamilton's orchestra, which will furnish the music, will be located on a raised platform to the right of the speaker's dais. Refreshments will be served in the library, Mr. J. J. McCaffrey being in charge of the catering arrangements.

The dancing program to be carried out in the Assembly chamber is as follows:

Two step, waltz; militaire, two step, lancers, waltz, two step militaire, waltz, waltz, two step, waltz.

STATE DINNER

At the close of the function in the parliament buildings, His Excellency will be entertained to luncheon at the Queen hotel by the members of the provincial government. Covers will be laid for about forty guests. His Excellency and party will take their departure for St. John in a private car attached to the 9.20 train tomorrow morning.

THE ODDFELLOWS

Ald. Hooper Among the Officers Elected by Maritime Grand Lodge

ST. STEPHEN, N. B. Aug. 15; (Special).—Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. opened this morning at 9 o'clock, Grand Master Walker presiding. The chief business of the morning session was the election of officers as follows: Grand Master—W. S. Rogers, Halifax. Deputy Grand Master—Bohn Johnson, Sydney. Warden—W. S. Hooper, Fredericton. Grand Secretary—D. G. Widden. Grand Treasurer—J. H. Balcom re-elected. Grand Representative—J. F. Weir, (P. G. M.) Charlottetown.

MARCHING ORDERS

Montreal Tory Organ Warns Borden Against Stumping With Foster and Fowler

MONTREAL, August 15.—Mr. men in Parliament the electors R. L. Borden, M. P., left for Nova Scotia yesterday by the Ocean Limited. Before going, platform, Mr. Borden will be the Conservative leader was served out the following marching order by his pocket organ who might be named who the Montreal Star:

"Mr. R. L. Borden is about to begin a tour of the country starting, as is particularly fitting in his case, at Halifax. Naturally he will call to his followers, as is always customary with party leaders engaged in such enterprises. It is to be hoped, however, that he will not forget that the selection rests with himself, and that this is an opportunity for him to show to the country the measure of confidence he places in the men who sit beside and behind him.

"For the presence of these ment."