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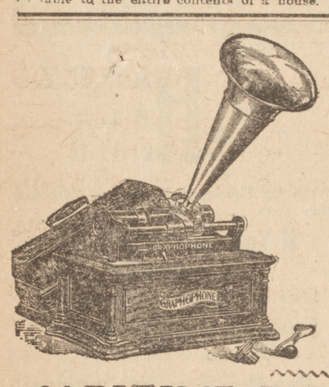
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VICE-REGAL VISITORS LEFT FOR ST. ANDREW'S LAST NIGHT

City's Celebration in Earl Grey's Honor Closed in Blaze of Glory at Rockwood Park--Fully 20,000 People in Attendance---Pleasant Visit to Ellinor Home Farm.

The visit of their Excellencies the Governor General and Countess Grey to St. John, was brought to a close last evening and terminated in what may fittingly be called a blaze of glory, with a magnificent firework display in Rockwood Park, which was witnessed, it is estimated, by between 20,000 and 30,000 people—the largest crowd ever gathered together in one place in this city. The display was in every sense a success, the rattling of the musketry, the rockets sent up from the hills, the fine set pieces, the water pageant and the huge crowd, contributing to make the occasion one long to be remembered.

The visit of Eary Grey to Nauwigewauk in the afternoon was an interesting event in every way. Large numbers from the city and the country villages attended and gave his excellency a hearty welcome. His genial manners greatly impressed those with whom he came in contact.

Their excellencies the Governor General, Countess Grey and Ladies Sybil and Evelyn Grey and suite returned to the city yesterday morning, accompanied by Lieut. Governor Tweedie, Mrs. Tweedie and Mayor and Mrs. Sears and others who were on the Elaine on Thursday. The vice-regal visitors travelled in the private cars Cornwall and York, and the Lieut. Governor and party were in General Superintendent Downie's private car.

At noon the Lieut. Governor and his party were the guests of His Excellency at luncheon in the Royal Hotel. The Governor General, accompanied by Capt. Newton and others visited the Free Public Library, and was greatly interested in the building and the books. Under the guidance of Miss Martin, the librarian, he made a thorough inspection and expressed much pleasure at all he saw.

Probably no incident in the Governor General's visit to New Brunswick gave his excellency and Countess Grey more genuine pleasure than the hour and a half spent yesterday afternoon at the Ellinor Home Farm, established by Mrs. Close for immigrant children near the village of Nauwigewauk. Formality, as far as possible, was left behind and the people of the country side who had assembled for miles around saw the representative of the king tramping through the fields surrounded by a body guard of stalwart young farmers, asking questions as to the crops, inspecting the livestock on the farm and taking tea in the old farm house. Last, but not least, they heard him thank them all in a brief speech on behalf of Mrs. and Miss Close for the help and encouragement they had given to the work, which, though in its first stages, he foretold would bring thousands of children across the seas to be happy in Canada, the land of happy people.

His Excellency's address was as follows:

"The lieutenant governor and the province generally have every reason to be proud of this farm and the work which it is doing. I heard of it England and I determined on the first opportunity to pay it a personal visit. I am convinced that the ladies who are responsible for its inception and the management here are doing a great work for the children brought here, for England and for Canada. You have all seen the children when brought here from town and city life in England and the effect on their physique. This is, I think, an ideal place to rear a healthy, Godfearing race. It is one little acorn, now may it grow into a great oak tree. Miss Close has asked me to thank the farmers, friends and neighbors for the willingness they have shown to help by every means in their power. I hope thousands of children in the future will be brought to live and settle among this happy people. May they come in ever increasing numbers to this happy land of Canada. (Cheers.)

In concluding, his excellency called for three cheers for Mrs. Close and Miss, adding "And I'll start it," which he did in hearty fashion.

After a few minutes spent in conversation their excellencies walked to the train amid much cheering and returned to the city, which was reached soon after 6 o'clock.

Among those present were: His Lordship Bishop Richardson, Senator Ellis, Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. Percy Thomson, Mrs. Clinch, Mrs. and Miss Domville, Mrs. John McAvity, Mrs. Ryan, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Daniel, Dr. Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Schofield, Dr. T. D. Walker, Dr. Emery, G. Fred Fisher, Mrs. F. W. Humphrey, Mrs. J. M. Scovil, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell, Mrs. D. A. Pugsley, Mrs. J. D. M. Keator, Miss Fairweather, Matthew Lodge (Moncton), Miss Brock, Miss Nan Brock, Miss Barlow, Mrs. A. M. Ring (Arlington Heights), Mrs. G. F. Ring (Cambridge, Mass.), Mrs. C. A. Payne, Rev. H. F. E. Whalley, Miss Whalley, Dr. and Mrs. Abbott (Andover, Mass.), Miss Jack, Mrs. Frank Young, Mrs. Calhoun, Miss Ayer, Mrs. and Miss McFarlane (Montreal), Mrs. Stewart (Ottawa), Miss F. Gilbert, the Misses Carmen, Miss Covert (New York), Miss Hayward, the Misses Armstrong, Miss Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hill, Miss Hannah Hill, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Flewelling, Mr. and Mrs. John Wanamaker, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wanamaker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wanamaker, George Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mrs. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie, J. C. A. Henderson (London, Eng.)

Mrs. J. S. Armstrong and Miss Helen Thompson presided at the tea table.

Awaiting him at the home his excellency found the following cablegram from Mrs. Close, sent yesterday: Welcome to the farm. I hope it will be the foundation of a great national work. Signed, Close.

The celebration in Rockwood Park last night in honor of Earl Grey was a fitting close to the reception tendered his excellency by this city, and the occasion is one long to be remembered as probably never has such a concourse of people been seen here.

Estimates place the number at from p0,000 to 30,000. The fireworks display was the finest, without doubt, ever attempted here. Looking from the pavilion the scene was a grand one. Surging thousands lined the shores of Lily Lake and were on every point of vantage in the surrounding hills, in fact it seemed to be one huge mass of humanity.

People commenced to gather soon after the supper hour and for some hours Haymarket square cars were completely jammed. It was one steady stream right up to the time of his excellency's arrival about 9.30 o'clock, until the park seemed to be choked with the enormous crowd.

The 62nd Band discoursed sweet music during the interval before the governor-general's arrival and a line of finely illuminated boats encircled the lake. The arrangements for the fireworks were excellent and by their aid everybody had a chance to see. A large raft was moored in the centre of the lake and from this the fireworks were handled, then there were two floats opposite the pavilion for special set pieces.

It was about 9.30 when his excellency and party arrived in three barouches. In the first were His Excellency and Lady Evelyn and Lady Sybil Grey, the Countess through indisposition being unable to be present. In the second were Mayor Sears, Mrs. Sears and Miss Sears, and in the third Miss Daisy Sears, Miss Brown and Captain Newton, A. D. C.

At the park entrance were Chief of Police Clark, Sergt. Kilpatrick and Sergt. Caples, mounted, and they had an opening made through the throng of people. All along the route Earl Grey was vociferously cheered. At the pavilion steps the Scots Company Boys' Brigade under command of Colonel Buchanan were drawn up as a guard of honor and presented arms as the party ascended the steps.

As a reception committee were J. D. Hazen, president of the Horticultural Association, and the following directors: Geo. S. Fisher, Wm. Hawker, Hon. R. J. Ritchie and A. O. Skinner. The balcony was reserved for viewing the fireworks, which were commenced immediately after the formality of the reception was over.

The first was a fine large set piece "Welcome" on a float in front of the pavilion.

Then, with blaze of rockets and huge torpedos the illuminations were under way. In the meantime the Scots Companies had been stationed on the hills on either side of the lake and on the bridge, the object being an attack on the raft. The electric lights along the drives were turned off during the fireworks and this enabled the illuminations to be better seen and appreciated. The scene on the lake and on the hills was most spectacular with the blaze of rockets, torpedos, red and green candles and roar and flash of the Lee Enfield rifles of the Scots, among the trees. The whole surrounding hill sides were lit up, disclosing masses of humanity. Then the string of beautifully decked boats and canoes which went in procession around the lake, commenced blazing fireworks and with their rows and rows of Chinese lanterns showed up to splendid advantage.

The second set piece, Beaver, lent to the splendor and after about half to three quarters of an hour, a third set piece, a perfect beauty, announced "Good night."

The party started at once for the train and Earl Grey assured Mr. White and the committee that he had thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The Scots companies were again formed and acted as an escort as far as Burpee avenue. As was the case when he came in the governor general and party were loudly cheered. Chief Clark accompanied the vice-regal party to the station. Earl Grey shook Chief Clark warmly by the hand and for the third time during his stay here congratulated him on the excellence of the police arrangements and the way they were carried out. There were ten policemen on the grounds and the big crowd were well handled.

The decorations at the pavilion were very fine. Over the door was a large illuminated sign with the word "Welcome" and on either side were pictures of their excellencies, also illuminated. Over the door and along the veranda was red and white and all was festooned with rosettes. During the evening Master Lawrence McLaren, son of J. S. McLaren, of H. M. customs, gave a bagpipe solo, the accompaniment being furnished by Messrs. Cruikshank and Ross.

An interesting incident in the park was the presentation of fine bouquets from the gardens to Lady Evelyn and Lady Sybil Grey. They were very much delighted.

Another happy feature was Earl Grey's request for G. S. Fisher to his side when he warmly congratulated him on the good work he had done to make Rockwood what it is. The governor-general expressed himself delighted with the beauty of the park.

The vice-regal party left by special train last night at 11.30 for St. Andrews. The special train was in charge of Conductor J. H. Napier, Baggagemaster Shaw and Brakeman Castley, with Engineer Murray Campbell at the throttle.

Before leaving for Rockwood Park his excellency called H. A. Doherty, one of the proprietors of the Roayl Hotel, to his apartments and warmly complimented him on the care with which arrangements had been made for the comfort of his party during their visit. He added that during his travels he had never been better entertained anywhere.

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PEOPLE OF NOTE



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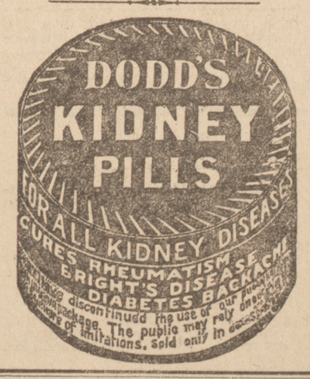
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