

Princess' Father, In 1913, Visited Charlottetown As Naval Cadet

The visit of Her Royal Highness recalls the day when a young naval cadet made his first call here as a member of H.M.S. Cumberland. It was in 1913 that the ship under command of Captain O. C. H. Smith arrived in port with the 17-year-old Prince Albert on board as one of 65 naval cadets making a training cruise.

Since then Prince Albert has become His Majesty King George VI, father of Princess Elizabeth.

The Cumberland was on a six-months' tour and had already visited Tenerife, Trinidad, Barbados, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Port Rico, Bermuda and other West Indian islands before coming to Halifax and Charlottetown, while it still had to proceed to Montreal and Upper Canada. The cruise had been shortened by three weeks owing to instructions from the Admiralty to return to England by June 15, in order that the officers might be present at the manoeuvring which was fixed for the 29th.

Court in Mourning

No festivities on a large scale were held owing to the fact that the court was still in mourning for the death of the Prince's granduncle, King George of Greece, brother of the Queen Mother Alexandra.

Much interest, however, was naturally taken in the visit of a son of the reigning King and heir presumptive to the British throne, and everything was done to make his brief stay a pleasant one.

Commenting editorially on the visit, The Guardian said: "We in this Island Province are both loyal and patriotic, and rejoice heartily and sincerely in any official recognition which we receive from the Royal Family and the Admiralty. In the present instance, though the Prince of the Royal House in our midst is here practically incognito, the whole community, while recognizing and respecting the wishes of the King and Queen to regard their son as merely one of the sixty-five cadets on board the training ship, feels highly gratified that our Island Province should be included in the itinerary of His Royal Highness, as it was on the occasion of similar cruises of his father and grandfather King George and King Edward, when they made their maiden cruises as middies."

Official Visits

Early on Saturday afternoon Captain Smith made his official visit to His Honour Lieutenant Governor Rogers, who later in the afternoon made his formal return call, and was saluted on leaving by seven guns.

As the Cumberland was making only a short stay and the Captain had accepted other engagements for Monday, Captain Smith asked permission of His Honour to allow him to call on Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Prince Albert. In order that His Royal Highness might pay his respects, and this His Honour gladly acquiesced in.

On Saturday afternoon also the Premier, Hon. J. A. Mathieson and the Provincial Secretary, Hon. Murdoch MacKinnon, visited the Cumberland and paid their respects.

On Sunday forenoon the American Consul, Mr. Wesley Frost, flying his consular pennon, made his formal visit; and at half-past twelve His Worship Mayor Lyons, accompanied by the City Recorder Mr. K. J. Martin, were received by Captain Smith, and were entertained on board.

His Worship welcomed the Cap-

tain and the Prince on behalf of the City, and expressed the wish that His Majesty's ships would visit the port often. He formally handed the captain a copy of Mr. J. Walter Jones' book on Fox Farming, several copies of Publicity Agent J. E. B. McCready's publications about the Island, and the Board of Trade's pamphlet on Charlottetown as a tourist resort.

The Captain, in acknowledging said he was greatly interested in the fox industry and hoped to have an opportunity of visiting one or more of the ranches. He also stated that this was his third visit to the Island, of which he had very pleasant recollections, and expressed his intention of returning hither on future occasions when cruising with cadets.

At five o'clock Sunday afternoon, as arranged, Captain Smith accompanied by Prince Albert, called at Government House and was entertained at tea by Mrs. Rogers, the young Prince evidently enjoying his visit very much. The guests remained an hour, and the Prince charmed everyone by his frank, boyish manner, and the interest he evinced in everything appertaining to the Island. He was particularly attracted by the photographs of the silver black foxes shown him, and asked many questions concerning the industry.

A Mishap

Earlier in the afternoon an accident occurred to the steam pinnace of the Cumberland while it was backing out from the Marine Wharf with passengers. It was struck amidships by a local motor boat and had to be beached to prevent sinking. No one was injured, but as it was intended that the pinnace would bring Captain Smith and Prince Albert to Government House, the rumour immediately spread that the Prince had narrowly escaped drowning.

This was not the case, but was the cause of His Royal Highness being somewhat late in keeping his appointment.

On Monday evening an "at home" was given at Government House by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Rogers. There were about 30 cadets present, and quite a number of the

young people of Charlottetown. Dancing was a feature of the affair, and Miss Mary Jenkins (now Mrs. Ivan Reddin) daughter of Dr. S. R. Jenkins and Mrs. Jenkins, had the distinction of being the only one present to dance with the Prince. His Royal Highness asking for the pleasure of a dance with Miss Jenkins shortly after she was presented to him. Tea was served between five and six o'clock, the cadets making excellent waiters, being assiduous in their attention to the young ladies. Those who had the honour and pleasure of meeting the present King on that occasion were impressed with his youthful shyness and evident sense of humour.

The Cricket Match

In the cricket match at Victoria Park on Saturday afternoon the Prince acted as umpire, the cadet team badly defeating the locals. Players on the Charlottetown team (the Phoenix Cricket Club) included Ernest Rice, Frank Hutcheson, Gordon Tomlins, Ernest Heartz, Professor Watkins, J. Goss, and Messrs. Fitzgerald, McEachern and McDonald.

The motto on the King's arms is "Dieu et mon droit"—meaning "God and my right".

A salute of 41 guns is always fired in London to mark the birth of a royal infant in Britain.

The Royal accession to the Throne took place on December 11, 1936, three days before the King's birthday.

Homer spoke of the sceptre as a staff, because it was used for chastisement; and from this source is believed to come the idea of authority.

The most ancient known crown is an iron one from Italy, believed to have been used about the sixth century.

The King and Queen were married on April 26, 1923.

Edinburgh Castle used to be the Royal dwelling in Scotland, until the Palace of Holyroodhouse was erected.

Visiting Scribes' Account Of Royal Visit Provoked Whelan To Wrath In 1860

It is to be hoped (and fully expected) that visiting journalists covering the Royal tour in the Maritime Provinces will be more courteous in their comments than were some of the members of their profession in 1860, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VII.

Reading some of the accounts of the Prince's visit to Charlottetown and Halifax in his editorial sanctum at The Examiner office, Hon. Edward Whelan was moved to mighty wrath. One of the Island's ablest statesmen and a future Father of Confederation, he had no hesitancy in expressing his views. Taking pen firmly in hand, he wrote a scathing rejoinder.

"We were disposed," he wrote, "to censure the banqueting committee and the Government of this Island for want of courtesy to the representatives of the British and Foreign Press on the occasion of the recent Royal visit; but when we find that some of those persons—representing the most influential journals on both sides of the Atlantic—are the veriest scapegraces and the most ignorant blockheads that ever went unwhipped, we are not at all sorry that they were treated to the fullest measure of contempt."

"We have shown, in our last two numbers, how utterly false was the testimony given of the celebration in this place by the correspondent

of the New York Tribune. The travelling artist of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Times—a New York paper—gave some outrageously absurd caricatures of the Prince's visit to Halifax, and equally absurd accounts of it appeared from the pen of an individual who rejoices in the name of Dr. Rawlings, who, it appears, had been very properly dismissed for incapacity from his situation as correspondent.

"But it was reserved for the correspondent of the London Times—who, one would suppose, ought to be a well-informed gentleman—to give such proofs of intense ignorance, incorrigible stupidity and mendacity, as to eclipse all Yankee penny-a-liners that ever visited the Province. We believe this fellow was in Charlottetown, but we have not yet seen his account of his visit to this place. It is likely, however, that it will show about as much intelligence and capacity as the lying scribbler displayed in his account of Halifax."

Charlottetown citizens enjoyed this counterblast immensely, but

it is not known how it affected the visiting scribes. Whelan's editorial appeared on Sept. 11, 1860, and by that time they were safely out of range.

HONOURS ELIZABETH AT SIX YEARS OLD

The Commonwealth began to pay compliments to Princess Elizabeth when she was six years of age.

Newfoundland put her portrait on a six-cent stamp, and a stretch of land in the far south was named Princess Elizabeth Land. A song was written in her honour her portrait hung in the Royal Academy and many manufactured wares called after her.

The term "Royal Family" as commonly used, includes only near relatives of the sovereign who have retained their British nationality.

Parliament was only a single Chamber until the fourteenth century.

QUEEN AS CHILD LOVED COUNTRY

Although the Queen spent much of her childhood in Glamis Castle, Scotland, her home in earlier years was lovely Stratham Castle and St. Paul's, Waldenbury, a pleasant red-brick Queen Anne house, overgrown by magnolia and honeysuckle, in Hertfordshire. In this countryside she spent the normal life of a healthy child, bird-nesting, running across the fields with her puppies or galloping up and down on her Shetland pony.

In England some Saxon kings wore square crowns.

The coronation of the King must be performed within 12 months of his accession.

The King was born on December 14, 1895.

The first "model" Parliament was summoned by King Edward I in 1295.

WELCOME TO THIER ROYAL HIGHNESSES



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