



THE JUBILEE YEAR.

Her Gracious Majesty Victoria Has Reigned Half a Century.

AN EPITOME OF HER REIGN.

A Period of Wonderful Progress in all Directions.

Sketch of the Family Life of the Empress of India and the Ruler of the British People - Windsor Castle and its Ways - Balmoral, the Queen's Own Home.

On the 20th of June Queen Victoria completes the fiftieth year of her reign - an event to excite the enthusiasm of Englishmen in all parts of the world.

Victoria is the grand-daughter of George III, and the eighth in descent through the female line, of that King James who united the crowns of England and Scotland.

His son Charles I was beheaded; his son Charles II died without legitimate issue, and the latter's brother, James II, was driven away by the revolution of 1688.

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still remained the fifth son of George III, Ernest, Duke of Cumberland; and as the law of Hanover did not allow a woman to reign (that country had become a kingdom) Ernest succeeded to the crown and took himself off, to the great delight of Englishmen of all ranks, who detested him and were pleased with the separation of the kingdoms.

The proclamation and her speech in person from the throne in the House of Lords followed soon after; but her public coronation and the brilliant pageantry connected therewith took place the next year - June 28, 1838.

The Queen was surrounded and supported by able men. The Whigs or Liberals, as now called, were in power. At the head of the Cabinet, as Prime Minister, was Lord Melbourne, and his great opponents in the House of Commons were the eloquent Lord Brougham and the acute Lord Lyndhurst.

The Queen's Marriage.

On the 10th of January, 1840, Her Majesty announced, at the opening of Parliament, that she would soon marry her cousin, Prince Albert - a step, she trusted, "conducive to the interests of my people as well as my own domestic happiness."

The marriage took place February 10, 1840. His Royal Highness Francis Albert Augustus Charles Emanuel, Duke of Saxony and Prince of Coburg and Gotha (such were his full titles), was born August 26, 1819, and was therefore three months younger than the Queen.

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Grand Duke of Hesse Darmstadt, and died December 14, 1878. The fourth child, Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, born August 6, 1844, married the Grand Duchess, Marie of Russia, and is rear admiral of the Royal navy.

The Queen has told us much of the happy life she led with the Prince Consort, especially at Balmoral, their country seat in the Scottish highlands.

This noted structure is situated just east of the little city of Windsor, a place of some 12,000 inhabitants, on a high ground above the right bank of the Thames, twenty-three miles from London.

Despite the grandeur of Windsor and its historic associations with her most glorious ancestors, the Queen's heart home is at Balmoral, in the Scottish highlands.

At Balmoral she has always been accompanied by her daughter Princess Beatrice and the marriage of the latter to Prince Henry of Batenberg has made no difference in this respect.

It is far otherwise at Windsor during the season. There is a regiment of attendants of all ranks. The total is about 1,000. At the head of the household forces is the lord steward, with a salary of £10,000 a year, appointed by the Prime Minister, and therefore a political official.

maids, lamp-lighters, washers, etc. The coal department alone employs thirteen persons.

Directly about her majesty's person are the mistress of the robes, the groom of the robes, the keeper of the private purse, or financial secretary to the Queen, eight maids of honor, as many bed chamber women and numerous maids for other functions.

At the head of one of these is the marshal of the ceremonies. He manages the etiquette on all state occasions and conducts foreign ambassadors to the Queen's presence. The other is the court of the Marshalsea, which has legal jurisdiction of all crimes and misdemeanors committed anywhere within the Queen's private domain.

The guest invited to dine with the Queen is expected to remain at the castle over night. Arriving late in the afternoon he is conducted at once to his apartment, where he receives a call from the master of the household, now Sir J. C. Cowell, and if he desires, can have tea and lunch at once.

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MASONIC NOTICE.

THE members of St. John and Victoria Lodges, A. F. & M., will meet at Masonic Hall, Water Street, on FRIDAY, July 1st, at 12:30 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of forming procession to accompany the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in laying the corner stone of the new city building.

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THE CELEBRATION

OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

WILL TAKE PLACE IN CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 30th and JULY 1st.

Railway and Steamboat Fares.

On Thursday, 30th June, a Special Passenger Train will leave Tignish for Charlottetown at 4 a. m., returning will leave at 4.10 p. m., standard time, Friday, July 1st.

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