

Colorful Visit Of King Edward VII To Province In 1860

The visit today of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, and her Consort, the Duke of Edinburgh adds another bright chapter to the history of this Province.

It is a far cry from August, 1860, but it is interesting to recall a similar event of those days. It was the visit of H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, eldest son of Queen Victoria, who later became King Edward VII and the grandfather of the present Sovereign. From the detailed account of Major James B. Pollard in his "Historical Sketch of Prince Edward Island" the following summary is taken.

Preparatory to the Prince's reception, the Secretary of War forwarded to Charlottetown three long 9-pounder guns, together with

equipment and a supply of ammunition, to be used as a saluting battery for the fortress. One hundred stand of cavalry appointments were subsequently received, consisting of swords, pistols and accoutrements, also a supply of ammunition for small arms.

The Prince of Wales was visiting Canada for the purpose of opening the great bridge over the St. Lawrence at Montreal; and the Legislature of this Colony, then in session, embraced the opportunity of inviting him, through Governor Dundas, to our shores. His Royal Highness graciously acquiesced, and the Legislature thereupon voted a sum of money to defray all expense of the reception.

The Prince left England on the 10th of July on board the warship "Hera" (91 guns) accompanied by the frigate "Ariadne" (28 guns).

He arrived at St. John's, Newfoundland, on the 23rd, and arrangements were made for his visit to the Prince Edward Island capital on the 9th of August.

Street Decorations
From early in July, preparations were sounding everywhere throughout the city. Queen, Prince, Kent and Water Streets were adorned with eight beautiful arches. Fronts of houses in many parts of the city were ornamented with transparencies and evergreens interwoven with flowers, whilst flags and banners were waving in all directions, the suburbs sharing largely in the general decorations for the occasion.

The Colonial Building was renovated and adorned as a Drawing Room, Ball Room, Banquet Hall and refreshment apartment. Gov-

ernment House, where the Prince was to be entertained during his sojourn, was likewise placed in order.

On the 6th of August, H.M.S. "Cossack" (16 guns) arrived in port, having on board a detachment of the 62nd Regiment under the command of Captain Wilkinson, consisting of three lieutenants, eight sergeants and 80 rank and file, bringing with them the Regimental Band of twenty-eight instruments and Queen's colours. This detachment was despatched here to perform garrison duty during the Prince's stay.

The troops having landed, they marched from Queen's Wharf to the old Barracks, Sydney Street, the band playing the tune of "The Bold Soldier Boy". Barracks and fortress presented a very lively appearance.

Early on the morning of the 7th, the Imperial French frigate "Pomone" (38 cannon) entered the port of Charlottetown, cast anchor opposite George's Battery, and was saluted from the 9-pounder guns of the Artillery.

Created Great Interest

The visit of the Prince of Wales to the Province excited a great deal of interest, not only to Prince Edward Islanders but in the neighboring Provinces as well, for on the 8th instant several steamers and other vessels arrived in port from Pictou, Cape Breton, Shediac and Richibucto, having hundreds of excursionists on board. The Volunteers from the rural districts turned out in goodly numbers to assist in bidding the Royal guest a hearty welcome, and the city was thronged by all classes to do him honor.

About 11 o'clock in the morning of the 9th the booming of artillery at Fort Edward proclaimed the squadron bearing the Royal visitor to be approaching the harbour. There was hurrying to and fro: those whose duty it was to receive the Prince assembled on Queen's Wharf where His Highness was to disembark. From the landing stage a walk nicely carpeted reached to a carriage in waiting, on each side of which the guard of honour was posted, comprising detachments of the 62nd Regiment under Captain Wilkinson, and the Prince of Wales Rifles under Captain Lea.

The Irish Volunteers, under Captain Murphy, were posted as a guard of honour at Government House. A personal guard to the Prince was selected from the Artillery, commanded by Lieut. Morris.

Civil societies taking part in the demonstration were the St. Andrew's Society, Sons of Temperance, Benevolent Irish Society, and Bar and Assembly in their robes, and officers of militia in scarlet tunics, shakos surmounted with mayor, corporation, members of the Freemasons.

Upon a dais opposite the landing stage were the judges, clergy, white and crimson plumes, and



Bonnie Prince Charlie

sashes of crimson silk. When abreast of George's Battery, the Royal squadron was greeted with the first salute of 21 guns.

A Warm Welcome
At ten minutes of two o'clock, Royal salutes thundered from all the warships in port, indicating that the Prince had gone aboard his barge enroute for the landing stage; a few minutes later the booming of artillery at George's Battery announced His Royal Highness to have landed.

The Prince—who wore the dress uniform of a Colonel in the army—was welcomed by the Lieutenant Governor and escorted to Government House amid the cheers of the populace.

On Rochford Square upon an elevated platform were a thousand neatly attired children, who as the Prince approached sang the National Anthem. The Royal carriage resumed its way through the crowd at the lodge gate where the guard under Lieutenant Morris was mounted; the spectators halted but still their cheering continued.

On the following day, at 11 o'clock, the Prince held a levee at Government House, and later inspected the Volunteers who were drawn up in open order under command of Major, the Hon. T. H.

Entertainment

Entertainment was provided by a ride around the Royalty. The Prince, the Governor, and two or three other gentlemen vaulted to their saddles and passed along Kent Street at a brisk trot, taking the St. Peter's Road to the Mount Edward Road as far as the intersection of the Royalty Road, thence through to the Malpeque Road and back.

In the evening there was a grand fireworks display, which was enhanced by the illumination from the warships, five in number, at anchor in the harbour. A ball and banquet at Govern-

ment House followed. The Prince arrived at 10 o'clock, and danced a quadrille, first with Mrs. Dundas and later with several other ladies.

The city at an early hour on Saturday the 11th was all alive. As the hour for the departure of His Highness drew near, the guard of honour and volunteer companies assembled and were marshalled into position around the dais on Queen's Wharf. At 12 o'clock the lowering of the Royal Standard at Government House, together with the booming of artillery at George's Battery, signified that the visit of the Prince of Wales to our shores had terminated and that His Highness was about to take his leave.

The Prince on the occasion of his visit here was in his nineteenth year. He was accompanied by the Duke of Newcastle, the Earl of St. Germans, and other members of the Royal suite.

The Gun Memorial

Major Pollard adds the following interesting note: "On the removal of the ordnance from the blockhouse in 1856, an 18-pounder gun was allowed to slip from its sling and roll over the bank of the fortress to the water's edge, where it remained for several years. In 1860, during July, when all were preparing for the reception of the

Personal Standard Of Princess Flown During Her Visit

As the Royal couple's motorcade pulled up in front of Rideau Hall, at Ottawa, Princess Elizabeth's personal standard fluttered gently atop a flagpole in front of the Governor-General's residence, their home while in the Dominion Capital.

While few Canadians will get an opportunity to view this colourful flag, many will see a miniature of it in the form of a pennant flying from the radiator top of the Royal automobile. Her coat of arms, main motif of her personal standard, is painted on the engine of the Royal train and on the coaches as the Royal visitors occupy during their trans-Canada trip.

From the main flagstaff at Government House, however, it is the Governor-General's own flag which flies during the visit of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Viscount Alexander, as the King's personal representative in Canada, takes precedence over the Princess and Her Presumptive in this regard.

His Last Task

The coat of arms granted by the King to Princess Elizabeth on her 18th birthday was designed by Sir Gerald Wollaston as his last task before retiring from the post of Garter King of Arms, the supreme arbiter of British armorial bearings. Described by Louis Wulff, in his interesting book, "Queen of Tomorrow," it consists of the Royal arms, "differenced" in the heraldic term, "with a cadency label of devices" indicating her position as daughter of the sovereign, or "cadet" of the Royal House of Windsor.

The label of three points, like three small flags, is in argent, the center "point" charged with the Tudor Rose, and each of the other two with the Cross of St. George. These devices were chosen by the King, in accordance with the ancient rules of armorial art, unchanged since the days of Queen when visored knights had no means of identifying friend or foe save by their blazoned shields.

The white Tudor Rose of York, not previously used for such a purpose, was chosen in allusion to the fact that, before his accession he was Duke, and his daughter Princess Elizabeth of York. The "labels" are charged at the top center of the shield, and repeated on the shoulders of the lion and unicorn supporters.

On her personal standard, Princess Elizabeth has the same label of argent charged across the top. (Continued on Page 14)

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