

THE VICE-REGAL VISIT.

Schools Visited and Addresses Presented.

Replies to Addresses Yesterday— Reception at Summerside.

The time of their Excellencies this forenoon was taken up visiting the schools of the city. They left Government House at 9.45 and proceeded to West Kent School where the pupils sang "God Save the Queen" and Mr. Miller made a short address which was replied to by Lord Aberdeen.

They then went to St. Joseph's Convent where they were received with a "Welcome Song" after which Miss G. Griffin read a well-written address to their Excellencies. A poetic address was also read by Miss W. Curley, and a beautiful bouquet was presented to the Countess. There was also a salute by the boys class. His Excellency returned thanks for the reception tendered, and the proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Queen Square School, the Kindergarten, and Upper Prince Street School, were then visited in the order named, and at each their Excellencies were tendered a right royal welcome which was fittingly acknowledged. In each of the schools visited a holiday was granted the pupils at the request of His Excellency.

At the Convent De Notre Dame the reception was of a particularly bright and pleasing character. Over the gateway at the main entrance a very pretty arch was erected bearing the word "Welcome." On arrival at the Convent the Vice-Regal party was met by His Lordship Bishop McDonald, who presented the Sisters and the other ladies and gentlemen present to their Excellencies. The distinguished visitors, who were accompanied by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Howland and Sir Louis and Lady Davies, were then escorted to the music room of the Convent where the pupils were massed. As they entered the strains of "God Save the Queen" greeted them. The National Anthem was followed by an instrumental selection of Scottish airs, after which came a "Welcome Song" by several little girls, and the presentation of bouquets to the Countess of Aberdeen and Lady Marjorie Gordon. Addresses in French and English were then tendered their Excellencies. The address in French was read by Miss Agnes Clarkin and that in English by Miss Cecilia Kelly. The address in English will be found below:—

May it please Your Excellency,— We bless the amiable ways of Providence for permitting that during this jubilee year we should receive the visit of the eminent statesman and scholar who is the representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign in this fair Canadian land. We sincerely rejoice in the presence of the Gracious Lady, whose influence is so benignant and so widespread. This sentiment is increased by her being accompanied by the fair young girl, noble daughter of a noble line, who bears the sweet name of Lady Marjorie.

When Your Excellencies for the first time visited our sea-girt Isle, vacation had dawned and our Alma Mater had opened wide her portals.

Like birds set free we had hastened to seek some of the fair and verdant sites by the sparkling waters so numerous in the Garden of the Gulf. Into these silvan solitudes stole the echo of the gladness and the enthusiasm the visit of Your Excellencies caused. We deeply regretted being deprived of the honor of receiving you at Notre Dame, hoping, however, that the pleasure was only deferred. Now that the bright anticipation of many an hour is realized, we beg to address you with loving words of loyal greeting and sincere gratitude for the highly appreciated favor of your presence within the precincts of this venerable institution of learning.

The spontaneous and cordial greeting we tender you today is called forth not only by the prestige of noble lineage, high renown, exalted position, nor yet by the powerful personal magnetism possessed in so high a degree by Your Excellencies. No. An attraction more irresistible draws us towards you and awakens our enthusiastic admiration our warmest affection. It is because shining virtues, the coronets most precious ornaments, adorn your lives and that in the exercise of the almost royal authority confided to you by our August Sovereign your proudest ambition is "to taste the sweetest, holiest draughts of power" in the sense ascribed to it by Scotia's Immortal Bard,—

"Ever to say with Godlike voice Arise, and virtue, and rejoice!"

In the peaceful seclusion of this tranquil solitude, where we consecrate our youthful years to the pursuit of virtue and science, we learn at Religion's sacred shrine, to combine devoted love for Country, unswerving loyalty to our Rulers, with the faithful practice of the Divine Law. Here, as we study the political economy of states or muse over the history of nations we have become persuaded that if the wisdom, the genius and power of man make states prosper, woman is the good genius, her influence a powerful factor in every great and generous enterprise. We have a proof of this in your Excellency's own estimable family, and we trust it will not be lost on the daughters of our beloved land.

Reiterating our grateful acknowledgments for your condescension in visiting us today we dare hope that your Excellencies will remember with pleasure the few moments passed amongst the pupils of Notre Dame Convent. One of our first duties will henceforth be to pray for your happiness and that of your noble and estimable family. Our most earnest wish is

that when your earthly coronets will be exchanged for others of celestial radiance, you may realize in its fullest extent the truth of the Divine promise thus rendered by a sweet Celtic poet:— "A kindly act is a kernel sown That will grow to a goodly tree, Shedding its fruit when time has flown Down the "Gulf of Eternity."

His Excellency in replying to the address spoke of the pleasure it afforded himself and the Countess of Aberdeen to be able to visit the Convent school, and expressed their appreciation of the welcome accorded them. The programme was especially pleasing and it was rendered in a most captivating manner, and the patriotic sentiment which permeated the address was most gratifying. He assured the sisters that the visit to the Convent of Notre Dame would long be remembered by himself and the Countess of Aberdeen. The pupils then sang the "Highlandman's Toast," and the National Anthem brought the programme to an end.

From the Convent the distinguished visitors proceeded to the railway station, where they were received by a guard of honor. Here the students of the Prince of Wales College were massed, and they also joined in the welcome to the Vice Regal party. Lord Aberdeen then briefly addressed the students, after which the party boarded the special train in waiting and proceeded to Summerside where a loyal reception awaited them.

The special with the Vice-Regal party and friends stopped for a short time at St. Dunstan's College siding, where they were greeted by the College Faculty and students. On the approach of the train the College glee club played and sang the National Anthem, and when the train came to a standstill, their Excellencies came forward on the rear platform of the car when the following address was read to them:

To Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen.

May it please Your Excellencies,—

We, the students of St. Dunstan's College, beg leave to join in the hearty welcome with which you have been greeted by the people of Prince Edward Island on this the occasion of your second visit to our province.

We regret that your sojourn amongst us has been so brief as to make it impossible for you to pay a visit to our institution, for we assure you that no students in Canada more fully appreciate the deep interest Your Excellencies have always shown in the cause of education and in the material and intellectual advancement of our people than the students of St. Dunstan's College.

The efforts of Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen to promote the social and moral well-being of our people prove conclusively how well she has taken to heart the lesson of the Great Teacher of mankind who went about doing good.

We feel that the recollection of your term of office in Canada shall long be one of our happiest memories, and we trust that in whatever part of Her Majesty's dominions your lot in future may be cast, the same kindly relations may exist between Your Excellencies and those amongst whom you dwell as have marked your beneficent rule in Canada.

After the presentation of the address His Excellency replied in fitting terms acknowledging the honor paid to himself and Lady Aberdeen, and spoke words of encouragement to the students. The college faculty were then introduced by His Lordship Bishop Macdonald after which the Vice-regal party proceeded to Summerside amid the hearty cheers of the college boys.

The Vice Regal party occupied the Superintendent's private car during the trip to Summerside. Amongst those accompanying them on the trip were His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Howland, Sir Louis and Mrs. Davies, Bishop Macdonald, Premier Peters and Superintendent Sharp. The train was in charge of Conductor McKie.

Owing to lack of time and space we were unable yesterday to furnish our readers with the full text of Lord Aberdeen's reply to the addresses presented to him at the Opera House. His Excellency's reply in full is as follows:

Your Honour, Mr. Peters, Sir Louis Davies Ladies and Gentlemen:—

With most sincere feelings of grateful appreciation I receive this address from the Government of Prince Edward Island. I can assure you that the circumstance that this is not our first visit enhances for us the value of such a token of greeting and welcome, and also the memory and the pleasant experience of our former visit has made us look forward to this renewed opportunity of making acquaintances with this favored Isle and its people with particular pleasure and satisfaction. (Applause.) And certainly we have reason to exchange congratulations with our kind friends here regarding the pleasant and auspicious manner in which we have been permitted again to come into your midst. Nothing could have been more delightful than the voyage to this island this morning in the good ship "Acadia." (Applause.) Perhaps there is a special appropriateness in the Governor General of the Dominion being conveyed in such a manner because among his official designations though not specifically alluded to in this address I believe he may claim to be Vice Admiral of Prince Edward Island. (Applause.) I did not however attempt to interfere with the excellent commandership of Captain Spain during the voyage—but none the less do I claim a titular connection with Prince Edward Island. (Loud Applause.) I notice with peculiar pleasure the allusion you make regarding the development of the agricultural resources of this Island. I have a very clear recollection of the occasion referred to in this address when a large audience of the inhabitants of this Island assembled to hear addresses, especially from Prof. Robertson, the Dominion Commissioner of Agriculture, who, as he usually does, gave

us some admirable suggestions and instruction. (Applause.) But it is all very well to give technical instruction—you require intelligence and energy to enable them to bear fruit. Such I am glad to say has evidently been the case here, and it is a cause for unmixed satisfaction. (Applause.) Among the departments of agriculture which I believe are being specially attended to afresh in this Island is that of fruit culture. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has just been telling me something about the matter, and lest I should misquote him I think I shall wait till he rejoins us on this platform, whence I observe he has withdrawn to convey some of our friends here. I imagine that there is no reason why the fruitful soil and climate of this Island should not be entirely suitable for the enlarged production of fruit of varied character. We all know that there is generally a very good market for apples, pears and plums; but it has become increasingly evident that quality rather than quantity is the thing to aim at, and quality in every detail—quality, for instance, in the matter of packing quite as much as in the character of the fruit. Not only so, but the system of cold storage has been now proved to be of immense value in improving the market for such perishable product as fruit. I saw a statement the other day showing the immensely increased value of fruit when properly packed and conveyed by cold storage. I make these allusions by way of joining with you in the expressions of satisfaction contained in this address regarding the growth of this enterprise and industry. (Applause.)

I must ask you to accept the assurance that the kind allusions to Lady Aberdeen and myself are fully appreciated. I wish I could be endowed even for a few moments with that eloquence which would make you aware that these expressions of your good will are responded to in an adequate manner, but I am afraid you must be content with a plain unvarnished statement which at least has the merit of being sincere and heartfelt. (Loud applause.) I cannot forbear adding that the special allusions made to matters in which Her Excellency is particularly interested are not only gratifying but very encouraging to her. She is looking forward to meeting after the first part of these proceedings is over those ladies who may be willing to confer with her on some of the movements alluded to in this address. (Applause.)

May I say that to a Scotchman the Scottish greeting was of peculiar value. Of course we Scotchmen with our characteristic modesty do not like talking about ourselves (laughter) and our doings—except on St. Andrew's day. Now if this were St. Andrew's day I might look forward to an opportunity of exchanging greetings with our friends in Highland costume who have presented this address. I recollect when I drove on the ground and saw what I did see at Georgetown I said: "I feel as if I were entering the grounds of Haddo House on our gala day." That impression remains very vividly on my mind. (Applause.) It is delightful to be greeted with this charmingly hearty Highland welcome. (Applause.) I need hardly say that since we came to Canada we have from time to time met many of our Scottish countrymen. I hope Scotchmen have earned a sufficiently respectable position in the Dominion not to cause allusion to them to be a cause of annoyance to those who have not the good fortune of being Scotchmen. (Laughter and applause.) It is gratifying to find them, in conjunction with other nationalities, joining in building up the country, not only in a material but in the moral, educational and religious sense, also combining to make the Dominion worthy of the great heritage with which the Almighty has been pleased to entrust the people of Canada. (Loud applause.)

Let me again thank you for this address and offer to you the most cordial wishes for the people of Charlottetown, who have come out in this magnificent manner to meet us and also for the island of Prince Edward. (Applause.)

At the conclusion of the above remarks the informal reception took place, when the following ladies and gentlemen were presented to their Excellencies.

Miss Minnie Palmer, Miss Ethel Palmer, Rev. Hibbert H. P. Roche, Miss Coles, Mrs. Ball, Miss Ball, Mrs. Wm A Weeks, Jr. Miss Ethel Davies, Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, Mr. J. E. B. McCready, Councillors, D. Nicholson, H. C. Douse, G. E. Hughes, Thomas Z. Taylor, Alexander Horne, Harry D. Johnson; Miss Weeks, Mrs. G. Frank Beer, Mr. G. Frank Beer, Mrs. Brenton F. Longworth, Mr. Thos W May, Mrs. E. Macnab, Mrs. F. P. Norton, Mrs. B. Hertz, Mrs. F. H. Beer, Mr. F. H. Beer, Miss Alice McKinnon, Mrs. G. M. Campbell, Rev. G. M. Campbell, Mrs. D. Farquharson, Mr. John Smith, Miss A. Longworth, Miss Edith Longworth, Mrs. J. R. Maclean, Hon. J. R. Maclean, Hon. A. B. Macenzie, Mr. R. F. Macdonald, Mrs. J. T. Mellish, Mrs. Benj. Chappell, Capt. F. Parker Curran, Rev. W. J. Kirby, Rev. Father Curran, Rev. Father Macdonald, Mr. A. B. Warburton, Mrs. Benj. Rogers, Mrs. B. Davies, Hon. B. Davies, Mrs. Anderson, Dr. Anderson, Mrs. F. P. Taylor, Miss Perle Taylor, Dr. Taylor, Mrs. Daniel Gordon, Mr. F. W. Hughes, Mrs. Alex. Brown, Mrs. T. F. Fullerton, Miss McGill, Mrs. G. A. Dixon, Mr. G. A. Dixon, Chief John Sark, Mrs. C. S. Dunn, Dr. C. S. Dunn, Mr. A. McNeill, Mr. James Paton, Judge R. Reddin, Lieut. Arthur G. Peake.

After the reception His Excellency again said:—

I cannot help wishing before we proceed to the next portion of the arrangements to express our sense and recognition of the admirable organization which has enabled us to see what is certainly a very striking spectacle, namely this large audience, and also our appreciation of the arrangements

for the presentations which have just taken place. On such an occasion as this organization may be said to be everything. We have to-day had an excellent example of how good arrangements contribute to the comfort and enjoyment of all concerned and I suppose I shall not be far wrong if I indicate the supposition that Sir Louis Davies has had considerable to do with the arrangements on this occasion which certainly place us, and this large gathering, under obligation to him. (Applause.) I think I may be allowed also to express congratulations to him regarding what must have been a most interesting visit to the Old Country during the last few months. It is well that Canada should be well represented and when our representative men go over there the manner in which they are received shows the great and increasing regard in which Canada is held in Britain. (Loud applause.)

I desire to congratulate Sir Louis Davies upon his visit in conjunction with many other leading officials who have gone to the Old Country in this the Jubilee year and though the actual celebration is past we may continue to reflect upon that memorable event. (Applause.) His Excellency concluded by referring to the fact that two other Canadian ships had escorted the Acadia on the passage from Pictou.

Sir L. H. Davies then announced the departure of Lord Aberdeen and a party of friends to Victoria Park to inspect the militia and the officers and men of the ships. Sir Louis also intimated that he had been requested by the ladies of Charlottetown to ask Mrs. Anderson, wife of Doctor Anderson, the esteemed Principal of our leading educational institution, to preside at the ladies' meeting to be addressed by Lady Aberdeen.

Mrs. Anderson accordingly took the chair and after brief but fitting remarks called on Her Excellency to address the meeting.

Lady Aberdeen was received with prolonged applause. She cordially thanked the large number who had come out to consider the subject of forming a Local Council in connection with the Women's National Council. She also expressed her indebtedness for the admirable arrangements that had been made. Having been elected President of the Women's National Council of Canada she felt it a duty as well as a privilege to explain its working to those desirous of hearing. She had no desire to unduly press the matter. She then gave a short review of the origin of the Council, dispelling the idea that it arose with herself. Its aim is to consolidate the different societies of women so that the members thereof may come more in touch with one another and thus be better fitted for accomplishing the objects they have in view. The Local Council is formed simply by representatives from every society with which women are connected. Every member of these societies thus becomes a member of the Council. She advised her hearers to form a provisional committee who could fully discuss the matter. She then went on to explain the practical benefits resulting from the Women's Council. Sister workers meeting together have their faith increased and their charity widened. The Council has been found capable of adapting itself to the particular needs of a community. In some cases libraries and reading rooms have been established, in others charitable institutions, while some demonstrate the practicability of teaching young girls in the schools, the useful arts of cooking and sewing, arts with which every young lady should be familiar. The inspection and improved ment of factories and work-shops where girls are employed is another practical benefit accruing from the Women's Council. Her Excellency then made a brief reference to the Victorian Order of Nurses, pointing out the helpful work which they might perform when the order is hereafter organized.

Sir Louis in a short speech moved that an expression of unanimous good will be tendered Lady Aberdeen for the kind, courteous, considerate, clear and uplifting speech which she had delivered in promoting a scheme for the betterment of the people of Canada.

The motion was seconded by Senator Ferguson, supported by Bishop Macdonald and heartily carried.

Judge Fitzgerald then moved that a meeting of those interested be held in the Legislative Library this morning at 11 o'clock, to further consider the matter. The motion was seconded by Hon. D. Laird and carried.

The decorations of the stage and of the interior of the Opera House called forth many expressions of admiration. The front of the stage was ornamented with a large number of flowering begonias in gorgeous bloom while larger plants were placed in the rear. The arrangement was very pleasing. The front of the balcony was hung with bunting, and expressions of welcome in large illuminated letters confronted the distinguished visitors on the stage. The decorations were under the direction of Mr. Arthur Newbery and Mr. Thomas May, while the beautiful plants were procured from that veteran gardener, Mr. Tait, who has charge of Queen Square Gardens.

At the Park, to which His Excellency accompanied by the Lieutenant-Governor, the aides-de-camp and the members of the City Council repaired after leaving the Opera House, the guard of honor and a squad of blue jackets from the cruisers were drawn up in review order. The volunteers were marched past in quarter column, and the sailors in file. The marching was excellent, our militiamen keeping step and dressing exceedingly well. The

sailors are a credit to Capt. Spain who appears to be able to lick the raw material into shape in very short time.

The state dinner last evening was a very pleasant occasion, thoroughly enjoyed by all who had the honor of meeting their Excellencies. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Howland maintained the hospitality of Government House in their accustomed genial manner.

Among the many incidents which occurred during the Vice-Regal visit was the call made by His Excellency this morning on Mr. Lockerby, of Upper Queen Street. Mr. Lockerby is in the one hundredth year of his age, and at the last election turned out and voted.

At Victoria Park yesterday His Excellency had his attention directed to a set of healthy young triplets the children of Mr. James Pucher. The children were in charge of their grandfather whom His Excellency congratulated and shook hands with. The trio of infants were much admired.

On the whole it may be said that this visit of His Excellency and Lady Aberdeen marked an occasion the success of which was without a flaw. The careful arrangements made by our Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Howland for the reception of their distinguished guests, and the thoroughness with which every detail of the official programme was carried out is a matter of sincere gratification. It is almost needless to say that the weather, so exceptionally fine for this season of the year, was the means of adding much to the pleasure of the visit.

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