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HOW CHARLOTTETOWN CELEBRATED

The Queen's Coronation Day--60 Years Ago

Interesting Account Copied from "The Colonial Herald," of June 30, 1838.

Thursday being the day appointed for Queen Victoria's coronation, a strong desire seemed to be universally felt to do every honour to the occasion, which it was in the power of the inhabitants of Charlottetown and the surrounding country to confer. For this purpose a subscription was set on foot some days ago, and a handsome sum raised to defray the necessary expenses. A part of the money was appropriated to the laudable purpose of liberating such poor debtors as were confined in prison. On inquiry it was found that the only debtors in prison were for small sums, and therefore the committee were enabled to discharge them all. The first thing done in the morning was to set these poor men free, and they left the jail shouting, "Long life to the Queen." Immediately after, the managing committee presented, from the Lieutenant Governor, his Excellency's free pardon to the few criminals then in confinement, who were instantly set at liberty; where upon two ensigns were hoisted upon poles hoisted upon the roof of the jail, and the doors were flung wide open, amidst the plaudits of the multitude who had assembled to witness the scene. Perhaps a more auspicious commencement of a day which will be long associated in our memories with agreeable recollections, could not have been devised.

About this time (ten o'clock), the weather being delightfully fine, vehicles of all descriptions, besides numbers of equestrians and pedestrians, continued to pour in from the country. Throughout the town all business was suspended—the shops (with scarcely an exception) and public offices were shut—flags were waving in all directions, and the fronts of several houses were tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens. At the eastern entrance of the town an arch was thrown across Weymouth Street, by Mr. Cross, assisted by some of his neighbours, which we were told, bore a striking resemblance in form, if not in materials, to that of Templer Bar. It was surmounted with banners, beneath which was a tablet, on which was depicted a crown, surrounded with the rose, thistle and shamrock, with "Long liveth the Queen," for a motto. The frame-work of the fabric being tastefully decorated with spruce and bouquets of flowers, had a most agreeable effect, which frequently elicited the approbation of the passing crowds.

At eleven o'clock, agreeably to requisition, a County Meeting was held at the Court House, for the purpose of voting a congratulatory Address to Her Majesty. The High Sheriff of the County, Ralph Brecken, Esq., having been called to the chair, it was, on motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Hon. T. H. Haviland—

Resolved unanimously. That an humble address be presented to Her Majesty, on the auspicious occasion of her coronation.

It was then moved by the Hon. the Speaker of the assembly, seconded by John S. Macdonald, Esq.

That a committee of five persons be appointed, to prepare the said address, and to report the same to the meeting.

Which being agreed to, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee for that purpose, viz:—The Chief Justice, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the Hon. T. H. Haviland, the Attorney-General, and Mr. Cullen.

The committee having withdrawn, soon after returned with the draft of an address, which was read and ordered to be presented to the Lieut. Governor to be by him transmitted to her Majesty.

At twelve o'clock, the Militia Artillery, under the command of Major Robertson, with two brass field-pieces, took their station in front of the Court House. On their right, the First Queen's County Troop of Cavalry, about seventy strong, under the command of Capt. Longworth, were drawn up. Soon after, the detachment of the 93th Highlanders, now in garrison,

"All plumed and plumed in their tartan array" appeared upon the ground, preceded by their piper and drew up on the left of the artillery. At this period the whole of that part of Queen's Square from the Market House westward, with the exception of the ground occupied by the military, and a space in front barely sufficient to allow

them to be inspected with advantage, being crowded with spectators most of them in their holiday clothing, had a very animated appearance which was not a little enhanced by the showy turnout of open carriages, the occupants of which must have impressed strangers with no contemptible idea of the beauty and fashion of Charlottetown and its vicinity.

At half past twelve, his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and staff came upon the ground, when the troops immediately presented arms. His Excellency then rode along the line, and having taken his stand by the colors, in front of the troops, a royal salute was fired by the artillery, and a feu de joie by the infantry the latter firing between every seven rounds of the guns. After the firing had ceased, the troops gave three cheers which were heartily responded to by the numerous spectators. This ended the military part of the spectacle.

As it has been determined upon that the poorer classes should enjoy the luxury of a hearty meal on such a joyous occasion, an ox had been provided and roasted for their entertainment. This having been carted to the Market House, was there deposited, and cut up into rations; and pieces of beef with bread in proportion, and a modicum of cheese, were served out to all-comers indiscriminately. This was followed by a copious libation of excellent ale five hogsheads of xxx—having been provided for the occasion, and it was surprising to see how rapidly the whole was disposed of. We should suppose that little more than an hour and a half was consumed in getting clear of the whole of the supplies. Had tables been laid out with benches, so that the whole could have sat down at once, it would, no doubt have been much pleasanter and have prevented a scene of rather unseemly squabbling; but the whole thing was rather hastily got up, notwithstanding which, we believe few or none went away unsatisfied.

At night, the nine o'clock gun was the signal for the illumination to commence; and as every house, from the highest to the lowest, was lighted up, the tout ensemble presented was such as towns of greater pretence might fail to surpass. The appearance of Queen's square was particularly fine. Government House, the Academy, the Court House, the Custom House and Barracks, were all brilliantly illuminated, and even the jail, denuded of its usual tenants, shone forth with unwonted splendour. On the opposite side of the Harbour, a large bon-fire threw a fitful glare upon the water; while to the Southwest a line of fires, along the margin of the water, was seen extending from Canso Point, in front of Warren farm, in the direction of the block house, for a considerable distance. To whom we are indebted for this exhibition, we have yet to learn.

About ten o'clock, there was a display of fire-works on Queen's Square, and we need not say, that the exhibition was numerously and respectfully attended. Several beautiful rockets and other fireworks were also let off from the barrack square, the gate to which seemed to have been suddenly converted into the entrance to a grotto; while through the foliage might be discerned the grim muzzle of a field piece which made itself heard pretty audibly, at intervals, of five minutes during the night.

Up to midnight, the streets were filled with pedestrians, and occasionally a vehicle might be seen, filled with the curious. A better behaved crowd could not have assembled; and by half past twelve, all was as tranquil as if nothing occurred to disturb the usual current of events.

NEWS NOTES.

In India they are talking of using the jubilee decoration funds to relieve the distress of the sufferers by the recent earthquake, which, by latest accounts, was a very serious affair, approaching almost the gravity of a calamity. The idea is a very one. A starveling, naked one clothed or a sick one made well will be a better sight than a rocket exploding.

The Government returns show that the owners of the Drummond County railroad could have put none of their own money into the work. What they are now to receive from the "government will be so much to the good."



VICTORIA—THE CHILD AND THE VENERABLE MONARCH.

TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

Proceedings on Saturday.

The Amended Tariff Passed.

OTTAWA, JUNE 21.—The Intercolonial extension question was up again on Saturday.

Hon. Mr. Foster moved the six months hoist, which was lost on division.

Hon. Mr. Fielding got the balance of his tariff through, including the export duties on lumber and ore, and then Hon. Mr. Mulock got the House into committee again on his postoffice bill, and again the Opposition members made a fight against the proposition that the Postmaster General may make private contracts for carrying the mails.

At six o'clock the committee was again forced to report progress, and Mr. Mulock had about given his measure up as a bad job. The House adjourned till Monday.

Anti-Foreign Riots in China.

SHANGHAI June 21.—Anti Foreign riots have broken out in the province of Kiang-Si. The English cruiser at Wuchin has been destroyed.

Liberal Victory.

SHERBROOK June 21.—Hon. Wm. Duffy Quebec commissioner of public works was elected on Saturday over Wm. England the Conservative candidate.

THE SITUATION AT OTTAWA

A Political Storm Brewing

The Senate and Liberal Tactics.

OTTAWA, June 21.—There is a feeling that the session will close in the midst of a political storm, of which the Senate will be the centre. Members of the Upper House who had gone home are returning. A strong wave of adverse opinion in the country over the Drummond Railway steal encourages the Senators to believe that they have an important duty to perform. The Government held back from Saturday to Monday the third reading of the Crows' Nest bill, to give the Drummond steal the precedence.

In the Senate it is understood that the Ministers will threaten to withdraw the Crows' Nest scheme if the other is defeated. This plan is devised to give the C.P.R. an interest in supporting the Grand Trunk and Drummond lobby.

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THE SOUDAN EXPEDITION.

A Big Fight Expected.

LONDON, June 21.—All the British officers in the Egyptian army now on leave in England have received orders to be at their posts between the middle and the end of June in readiness for this year's Soudan advance. A great concentration of the Khalifa's forces is taking place. There is every indication that he means fight to the death.

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