

Colorful Visit Of Prince Arthur Recalled



A memorable Royal visit to Charlottetown, which occurred nine years after the visit of the future King Edward VII in 1860, was that of Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, third son of Queen Victoria, who many years later became Governor General of Canada and visited Prince Edward Island again in that capacity. His first visit, as a youth of nineteen, was a most colourful affair and is thus described in *The Islander* of Sept. 3, 1869:

"H.M.S. Dart, having on board His Royal Highness Prince Arthur and suite, anchored off Queen's Wharf about 8 o'clock on Saturday evening last. About five p.m. the Telegram on the Colonial Building announced that the 'Dart' was in sight from the Signal-station at the entrance to Charlottetown harbour, and in a few minutes the whole City was in an unwonted state of excitement.

The Charlottetown and Southport Volunteers, under the command of Colonel Beer, assembled at their several rendezvous, and were shortly afterwards marched to the stations assigned them. Large numbers of citizens, and immense crowds of persons from the country districts, were to be seen wending their way towards Dundas Esplanade, the Queen's Wharf, and other places of vantage.

At Queen's Wharf

"Near the landing-place on the eastern side of Queen's Wharf, which was carpeted for the occa-

sion, a tasteful Gothic Arch of evergreens had been erected. A Guard of Honour and Volunteer Band occupied a portion of the space directly in front. Volunteers lined both sides of the wharf from the arch to the foot of Queen Street.

"A very fine arch spanned the street opposite Mr. Heard's residence, elaborately decorated with flags, roses, a St. George's Cross, etc. Strings of flags were stretched across the streets at various points, but nothing gave us more pleasure than to observe the American ensign waving in friendly juxtaposition with our own glorious flag on this occasion. "It was fully half-past seven when the great guns of St. George's battery, under command of Major Morris, announced the actual arrival of His Highness, the bells of our churches at the same time ringing out a merry peal. Upon the Dart's dropping anchor the Administrator of the Government, Sir Robert Hodgson, accompanied by Lieut. Col. Longworth and Major Hodgson, Colonial aides-de-camp, proceeded on board.

Lands Amid Cheers

"At a quarter past eight the Prince landed, amidst the reiterated cheers of the assembled multitude. Here he was met and welcomed again by His Honour the Administrator and His Worship Mayor Theophilus DesBrisay, Galbraith's Band playing 'God Save the King'. The Address of Welcome was presented by His Wor-

ship at Government House, where a large party assembled by special invitation.

"Monday was observed as a general holiday, the City being gaily decorated, and the weather fine and agreeable. About one hundred and fifty had the honour of being presented at the Prince's levee at Government House, among the number being our Island Bard, Mr. John LePage, who presented the Prince with a neatly printed address of welcome in verse. A visit was then made to the Colonial Building, where His Royal Highness remained on the front balcony for twenty minutes, in full view of the people. Later, accompanied by the Administrator and Major Hodgson, he proceeded to the arch near the City Hall, under which his carriage halted, and the party were successfully photographed by Mr. Lewis.

Town Illuminated

"The Prince drove through the principal streets of the City and suburbs, and his Band discoursed sweet music for the entertainment of our citizens on Queen Square during the afternoon. In the evening, the Market House, Post Office, City Hall, St. Patrick's Hall, and nearly all the buildings surrounding Queen Square, as well as many others in different parts of the City, were handsomely illuminated, the Fireworks on Queen Square attracting a large number in that direction. Between nine and ten, a large Bonfire, kindled on Rochford Square, in the direct route from Government House to the Colonial Building, drew an immense number of persons to that quarter.

"At a quarter to ten, the Prince, accompanied by Sir Robert Hodgson, and suite, left Government House for the Colonial Building; and thereupon the men of the several Fire Companies, dressed in their uniforms (scarlet and blue), ignited their torches, opened their ranks and allowed the carriages of the Prince and suite to pass into their midst. In this manner, preceded by Galbraith's Band, with two long lines of firemen, bearing torches, on either side, and multitudes of eager spectators everywhere, His Royal Highness was escorted to the Colonial Building.

"This was without doubt the most brilliant procession ever witnessed on this Island, and for its remarkable pyrotechnic display the City is mainly in-



Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on Wedding Day.

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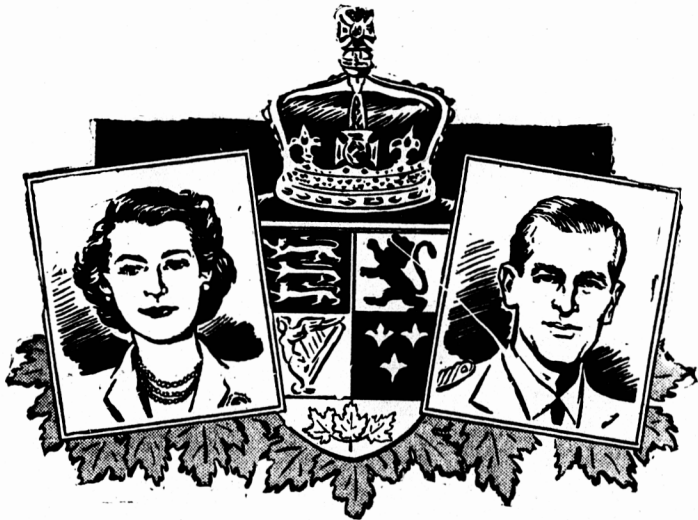
"The Council Chamber in the Colonial Building was fitted up as a drawing room. There the Prince was introduced to the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. DesBrisay. His Royal Highness escorted Mrs. DesBrisay to the ballroom, which was fitted up with admirable taste under the immediate direction of Mr. Watson Duchemin. The Prince and Lady Mayoress were closely followed by all the other ladies and gentlemen present, and the Ball was at once opened, the Prince and Mrs. DesBrisay dancing the first Quadrille.

"The Ball was kept up with great spirit until two o'clock on Tuesday morning, the Prince having, during the evening, danced with many of the unmarried ladies present. His Royal Highness then took his departure, and at once proceeded on board H.M.S. Dart, which weighed anchor at five o'clock, and returned to Pictou.

"Before leaving, the Prince presented Sir Robert Hodgson with a beautifully illustrated copy of the Queen's Book entitled 'Leaves from the Journal of our Life in the Highlands', which bore the following inscription: 'To Sir Robert Hodgson, in acknowledgement of honoured the old lady with a visit to the hospitable reception given to

not the flaxen hair of his historic namesake. Charles and Anne are being brought up in a normal way. They have not been given any false ideas of their importance, though as yet Anne, now little more than a year old is only at the baby stage and has jumped into the headlines on those occasions — important to parents and youngster alike — when she spoke her first word, or cut a new tooth. The fact that she had six teeth was headlined in newspapers all over the world when she celebrated her first birthday in August. Charles on the other hand is at an age when he begins to understand things but he is given no chance to think himself important. Anne calls him 'Cha' which is as near as she can get to his name, while the Princess and Duke of Edinburgh are called 'Mamma' and 'Papa' which are the terms used in the Windsor households; though the children are Mountbattens, not Windsors. The youngsters share a nursery where their 'bosses' are two Scots nannies, who look after them both indoors and out, and go riding with them on their excursions. Every attempt is made to discourage the curiosity of crowds.

When Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh decided to name their son Charles, the idea met with more than a suggestion of favour from Scots all over the Commonwealth for with them another Prince Charlie has long been a legend. And 'Prince Charlie' the eldest child of the Duke and Duchess has been called by the public ever since. Though he has H.R.H. Prince Arthur at Government House, Charlottetown, August, 1869, Victoria R.' 'Miss McDonnell (Sir Robert's sister-in-law, who did the honours at Government House) also received from Prince Arthur a very handsome brooch, containing a portrait of His Royal Highness. Learning from Miss McDonnell that her mother was living, at the age of upwards of ninety-two years, the Prince expressed a desire to see her, and graciously honoured the old lady with a visit at her residence."



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