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VICTORIA CORNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bannon accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wes Dever to Dundas and Hamilton to see the King and Queen. They then journeyed to Niagara Falls, where they again viewed Their Majesties and enjoyed the celebration. They spent the next day sight-seeing.

The Proton Township Sunday School convention will be held at Inistioge church on Monday, June 19th. Sessions at 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. The main speaker of the day is Miss Nellie Lewis of Toronto with other local speakers. Supper served at 5.30. All interested in Sunday School work are welcome.

On Wednesday afternoon the ladies of the W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Allen Montgomery, with about twenty members present. The meeting opened with the hymn "He Leadeth Me," after which the president, Mrs. Oscar Patterson, gave a short account of the author's life and why the hymn was written. Roll call was answered in a most appropriate manner for this flowery month of June—by the flower liked best. We would advise seed men and horticulturists to have sweet peas, lilies and roses on hand to supply the demand of the majority. Mrs. Russell Patterson read an explanation of the Scripture reading. Mrs. Copeland gave an account of the 32nd W.C.T.U. convention. Mrs. M. Nichol gave a short and very comforting reading entitled "Winning Out," and Mrs. Ferris gave the missionary reading "Women of Korea." The birthday gifts were then distributed and verses and thanks given. Letters of thanks from shut-ins for remembrances by the Society were read. Business followed, principally planning the supper for the Sunday School convention to be held at Inistioge on Monday next, June 19th, also some plans for the garden party.

Rev. G. Prosser gave a lecture at Inistioge Thursday evening on the play "Ben Hur," accompanied by lantern slides.

ORANGE VALLEY

Mrs. Leslie Boyd of Blantyre and Miss Morrison of Walters Falls visited their sister, Mrs. Gordon Hill, this past week.

Mr. David Mitchell of Schomberg was a caller with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Littlejohns.

Mr. John Eagles spent the past week with his son, Frank, at Springhill, assisting him to remodel his house and making additions.

Mrs. Chas. Gilchrist was at Chatsworth last Wednesday attending the wedding of Miss Grace Hudson.

A number from our line attended a play and dance in Kimberley last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill spent a day in Toronto recently.

The tail of the comet always points away from the sun.

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The ROYAL VISIT

By S. J. DORNAN, C.W.N.A. Representative on the Press Pilot Train

Fourth Release Covering the Visit of Their Majesties at the Pacific Coast return through Western Canada and Northern and Western Ontario

Before dealing with reception of the Royal party at Victoria, I wish to refer back to my notes where I overlooked mention of Kamloops, B.C., where the city and surrounding community staged a very splendid greeting for Their Britannic Majesties. The station was transformed by a galaxy of flags and bunting, while the receiving stand was brightly illuminated. It was difficult to see or estimate the number of citizens gathered at this point, owing to the background being in darkness, while the foreground and brightly lighted. As the pilot train moved away, we tuned in the Royal reception on the radio of the Press Club car and it was certainly a great demonstration of loyalty.

After a delightful voyage from Vancouver, the both steamers reached Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia, and the most westerly point of the Royal tour. At Victoria Their Majesties had crossed Canada from coast to coast and had been greeted by vociferous acclaim all along the route. At Victoria the King and Queen were as far from Ottawa, the capital of Canada, as Ottawa is from London, England. Having arrived in Victoria about thirty minutes ahead of the Royal Yacht, I had just got located in the beautiful C.P.R. Hotel, The Empress, when the Royal steamer was entering the harbor. Here was a sight and a greeting which is beyond description. The city and especially the Parliament Buildings and the Empress Hotel, were silhouetted in bright lights, while every type of steamer nearby screamed a welcome on their horns and whistles. Proceeded by two destroyers of the Royal Canadian Navy and followed by another two, the entry to Victoria was a real naval greeting to Our Sailor King and his delightfully charming Queen. The Royal party drove to Government House and were the guests of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Hamber during their visit to the city.

Tuesday was a beautiful day; weather and all functions were enjoyable. The picture at the steps of the Parliament Buildings lent much color to a historic occasion. The Government lunch at the Empress hotel was a regal affair. The hotel was bathed in flowers, all produced in the gardens of the C.P.R. for the occasion. At this luncheon His Majesty delivered a short address which was broadcast throughout most of the world by the CBC hook-up. The most colorful affair was the presentation of the King's Color to the Royal Navy, Pacific section. This took place on Beacon Hill. Here is a natural beauty spot which is surrounded by huge hills and these hills were packed by some 75,000 children and adults, while the adjoining roads and buildings were a mass of humanity, all waving flags and cheering. His Majesty, dressed in his naval uniform as Admiral of the Fleet, left an impression which will long live in the memory of all who witnessed the ceremony. The presentation was preceded by a short religious service at which the color was dedicated by leading representatives of the Protestant denominations. After the presentation was complete Their Majesties walked across the road to a saluting stand and the King stood at the salute, while the Naval contingents present marched past. Her Majesty was dressed in a light mauve colored ankle length gown with large hat, which was in matching color and turned up off her face. She carried a large bouquet of orchids. After the march past the King inspected the guard and veterans and spent fifteen minutes talking with a number of them.

Truly they came, they saw and they conquered. Victoria took the King Queen to their hearts in all sincerity. Resting at Government House during the remainder of that evening, Their Majesties witnessed a most elaborate display of fireworks. This display was augmented by a very fine gesture from the shores of the State of Washington, where our American cousins held a fireworks display. Departing from Victoria on Wednesday morning, the vicinity of Ogden dock was thronged with 50,000 citizens desiring to catch a last glimpse of their beloved Sovereign and his charming Consort. The Royal Steamer "Prnce Robert" of the Canadian National Steamships Line, made a record trip, owing to a slight delay of twenty-five minutes in departure. Leaving Vancouver, the Royal party drove to New Westminster, where a glamorous welcome was accorded. At Chilliwack in the afternoon, the King and Queen received another vociferous greeting. At this beautiful little city there was a short stop and His Worship, Mayor Charles A. Barber and Mrs. Barber, were presented to Their Majesties. Mayor Barber then presented a number of other prominent citizens. Travelling along the east bank of the Fraser River towards Jasper Park Lodge, in the beautiful National Park at Jasper, the Royal train made a stop at Mount Robson on Thursday morning to view this, the highest mountain, but nature had draped the huge peak in clouds and its exquisite grandeur could not be seen. At Jasper, the famous beauty spot in the rockies developed by the Canadian National Railways, was to be a rest day for Their Majesties and suite, as well as the members of the Pilot train. The King and Queen were taken to Outlook Cabin on the banks of the lake and here the Royal Standard was hoisted for the first time it ever flew over a log cabin. In this log cabin Their Majesties were alone to enjoy an experience they seldom, if ever, get. Soon after the arrival of Their Majesties at the cabin, they decided to go out and after a short drive they both walked some miles for exercise.

During the early afternoon the King and Queen and some members of their suite drove to Mount Edith Cavell. On this trip there were about thirty of the Pilot train party, composed of writers and photographers, and it was a most impressive sight. I have never had such a deep emotion as when I walked to the foot of the huge glacier. All in all, the day at Jasper was an event of a life-time. On the way back to the Lodge some of the press party and photographers saw a cow moose and decided to get out and take pictures, but their venture was short-lived for the monster charged at them and they all ran for safety. The reason for the resentment of the animal was discovered shortly. Several members of its family were nearby and they were just infants. Bear is plentiful around here but harmless if not disturbed.

Edmonton weather was real King's type. As the train pulled into the station it was evident that the Alberta capital was in a gala attire. One outstanding feature was Portage Avenue, after to-day to be known as King's Way, had two miles of stands erected on each side and it was a wonderful sight packed with 30,000 school children and another 50,000 adults.

Leaving Edmonton we next passed through Biggar, Sask., where a very fine display of loyalty was evident. The Pilot train made a very short stop, but the Royal train was given a rousing reception. Their Majesties commanded the train to stop in that vicinity and they went for a walk.

Watrous, the location of the new 50,000-watt C.B.C. station CKB, was a magnificent sight. The populace from the surrounding communities were gathered in thousands and gave a glorious account of themselves by prolonged cheering and flag waving.

Touchwood had a great display of love and affection for their gracious Sovereigns. The crowds lined along the railway and especially at the station and were jubilant.

Melville, the focal point for many communities around, including the progressive city of Yorkton, was a dense mass of humanity when the press train arrived. Here we remained for the night and it gave an opportunity to use the train telephones. I was delighted to have a conversation on the telephone with my wife and family at Alameda. Melville was illuminated and decorated in a real glorious manner and the enthusiasm was so keen that the crowds broke the police lines and swarmed around the press train far into the wee small hours of Sunday morning, I am informed. The town was a seething mass. There were people gathered at Melville from as far north as Hudson Bay Junction to as far south as Oxbow and Estevan.

Sunday morning, by Royal command, Their Majesties attended a special service in the United Church of Canada at Portage la Prairie, arriving in Winnipeg shortly after 11 a.m. I had a walk around the Union Station and there found that the soldier patients from Deer Lodge Hospital had been brought to the station by special order from Ottawa. (This item was missed by some error on the westward trip). They there awaited Their Majesties' arrival. Only the patients of the hospital with the officials and a few provincial dignitaries were present. While in Winnipeg both trains were given attention, and when they left for the long run to Sudbury, they were shining and fully serviced. It is worthy of mention that the railwaymen at all points were well drilled and not a moment was lost.

TIT-BITS. The Pilot train carries 25 members of the R.C.M.P. under the command of Major (Superintendent) Kemp of Ottawa. We have also Inspector Canning of Scotland Yard. Walter Scott Thompson, chairman of the Press Sub-committee, is along and it was he, with his world wide experience, who planned this train and all its details. There has not been one hitch as yet and the heaviest part of the trip is over. Walter has with him his own picked staff of assistants. Only three tickets were available for the Canadian writers to attend the much publicised garden party to be given in honor of Their Majesties by Sir Ronald and Lady Lindsay, at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. Twenty names were placed in a hat in order to pick those who were to attend and believe it or not the C.W.N.A. was the first name drawn. American writers claim that at least 50,000 applications were received for invitations to ths function. Only 1,300 will be present. It takes place on Thursday afternoon.

At Ridditt, Man., on Sunday, we witnessed a very lovely sight. Here a large gathering was present and all from some considerable distance. Amongst this crowd there were 110 pupils from Cecelia Jeffrey Presbyterian Indian School, along with their teachers. The school had its band along and rendered several very pleasing selections. The school is located at Keewatin, Ont.

Sioux Lookout had another large gathering. At this point we were running about an hour behind time.

Sudbury presented a wonderful sight. 15,000 school children were gathered and greeted Their Majesties with singing. In all there were 100,000 persons in this city gathered from many points in Northern Ontario. The crowd included 800 Mayors, Reeves and Councillors from the communities mentioned. While awaiting the Royal party a little lad called Kenneth Webster was asked his opinion of the glorious sight he was witnessing and his main impression was the motor cycle police, who were patrolling the streets and later acted as escorts for Their Majesties and party. He, incidentally, said "Hello" to his dad over the radio.

By special arrangement Their Majesties and a select party were taken down the International Nickel (Frood Mine) to a depth of 2,800 feet. Dressed in oil skin covers, the party spent nearly one hour in the mine and vicinity. Some of the expressions heard at Sudbury: "My, oh my, isn't she loved; really more lovely than I ever dreamed." "I thought the newspapers had gone nuts on the Queen, but they only told half the truth; she is indeed grand." And so on.

Toronto gave the King and Queen another great acclaim; the thirty minute stop at the Queen City was informal. However, many thousands of citizens made it a point to be in the vicinity of the Union Station to greet Their Majesties. In spite of all that the police could do the crowd broke the lines and swarmed around the Royal car and were rewarded with a gracious reception by both Their Majesties.

En route to Toronto at a farming community where the Royal train halted to be serviced, a sturdy farmer shouted 'Hi-ya, King," to which His Majesty replied, "I'm fine. How are you?"

Guelph rendered a good account of itself and community by turning out in thousands; the scheduled stop at this city was extended considerably as the King and Queen walked about amongst the veterans and talked with scores of them. Prime Minister Mackenzie King did a magnanimous thing when he called especially for Col. Geo. Drew, leader of the Conservative opposition in the Ontario Legislature, and had him again presented to Their Majesties. Colonel Drew was taken by surprise and the surprise was quite evident in his manner, but he soon became cool and collected and chatted with both the King and Queen. Kitchener, Stratford, St. Mary's, Glencoe and London were all repetitions of what has been taking place throughout western Ontario.

Wednesday we passed through Ingersoll, after spending the night at London.. At this point, also at Woodstock, Paris Junction, Brantford and Hamilton, the loyalty and affection displayed for Their Majesties was colossal. As I bring this story to a close as we approach Niagara Falls, I have been deeply impressed with the fervor and exhileration which the loyal province of Ontario has displayed towards our Sovereigns.

Tit-Bits: Her Majesty expressed last a desire to bring her two daughters to Canada to see this beautiful country; she stated that she would like to be along with them, and she selected the month of June for the visit. I stopped off the royal press train for a few hours in Toronto and while there I was the target for numerous questions. All I could say, and it was said in all sincerity, the entire trip has been a grand, glorious and triumphal one which will long remain in the memory of the 3,500,000 citizens who have already seen Their Majesties this far. The King has broken every known regulation which usually governs the appearance of His Majesty in public; he has walked away from the guards which were to protect his person and that of his beloved and charming Consort; he has shaken hands with ten times as many of the ordinary people as he has with those officially presented to him; in fact, both Their Majesties have completely won the entire populace, of all parts, by their very democratic, et aristocratic, bearing.

Niagara Falls: The reception here was just like the falls, it was terrific; the influx of visitors from the U.S.A. added to many thousands from all over this corner of Ontario, made a great impression. The visit here was very pleasant in spite of a most ridiculous display of police precautions. The General Brock hotel was taken over by the police fully an hour before Their Majesties and en tourage arrived; it was utterly impossible to get anything to eat, either in or out of the hotel, and guests and others were jostled and ordered around as if they were non-British subjects. Precaution is better than cure, but the use of a little judgment would make the problem much easier for all concerned. Added to the tremendous clamor of the huge crowd was the stupendous roar of the falls as the King and Queen stepped out on the balcony of the hotel. Later tonight the water falls will be illuminated and this will be a sight for those who have not previously enjoyed the same. It was noticeable that there were very few flags displayed on the American side, but this will be corrected later, I fully expect. Now, or the United States.

The western provinces report the need of rain to keep the crops growing in the warm weather.

By the time the King has met the last provincial nabob in Canada he will probably line up with the Canadians who feel there is too much government in this country.

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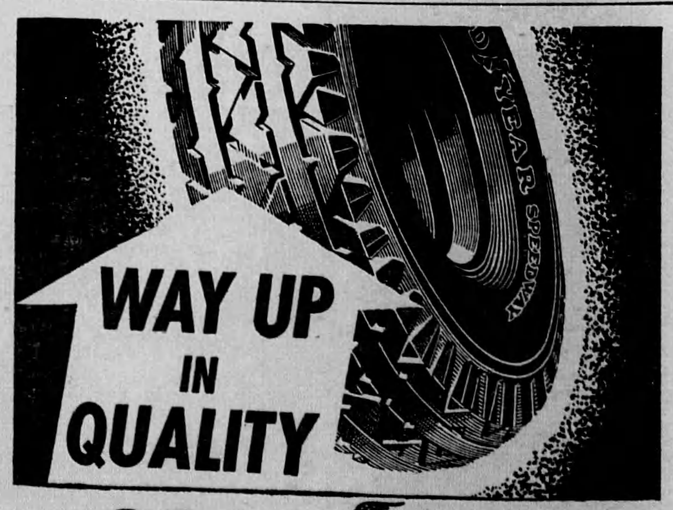

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