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The ROYAL VISIT

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

Third Release Covering the Visit of Their Majesties to Western Canada and the Pacific Coast

Vancouver, May 30, 1939.

Leaving Winnipeg, where the reception was really colossal, the train ran into Portage exactly on time and was greeted by a huge crowd massed around the station; there was only a short stop but there was ample evidence of the western loyalty which we first saw at Winnipeg.

After dusk set in we entered the approach of the C.P.R. station at Brandon and here was the most astounding display of the entire trip; banked on a natural hill which sloped back to Railway Avenue, were eleven thousand school children from Brandon schools and one hundred rural districts in that portion of Manitoba; added to the children were 20,000 adults from the city and district; the reception platform was bathed in floodlights which made it as bright as day. The rousing reception given the press train was ample evidence that Their Majesties were in for a real acclaim.

Both trains were stopped at Kenney for sleeping but left early next morning on the way to Regina; passing through Wapella, Moosomin, Virden, Whitewood, Wolsely, Broadview and Indian Head, all of these points were gaily decorated and each had its quota of citizens who gave a splendid account of themselves by cheering; at many of these points it was quite noticeable the number of aged persons who were ready to greet their King and Queen by means of waving a flag.

Arrival in Regina saw the sun shining in all its splendour; the writer received a welcome on the platform from Premier W. J. Patterson and Mr. D. B. MacRae, the latter requesting that we go on the radio for a few minutes with a greeting to the people of our home province; to do this we were rushed up to the roof of the Union Station in an elevator and there answered several questions put to us by Mr. Speers of CKCK, the pioneers broadcasting station of Saskatchewan. Coming down from the roof we had missed our "press car" and prepared to wait until after Their Majesties had arrived and left the station; as a consequence we stood at the main entrance to the station and witnessed one of the greatest demonstrations of loyalty of the entire tour; thousands lined all approaches to the station and every building had its full quota of cheering populace; this reception was so demonstrative that several men whom we know personally to be not easily effected, had tears streaming down their faces. As one man said to me, "Isn't she a wonderful young woman and he is so youthful!" It was indeed very dramatic to see the reaction of this immense crowd to the smiling countenance of Her Majesty and the respectful salute of The King. The reception and acclaim of the capital city of Regina, extended to Their Majesties left nothing to be wished for; the key-stone province of the Dominion took this noble English gentleman, our beloved King and Queen, to their hearts and shouted, cried and even screamed their welcome. When it came time to say farewell Regina did it well. At Regina the press men and women were the guests of the city business men to an informal reception in the ball room of the Hotel Saskatchewan and this "get-together" was one of the highlights of the press trip so far and that is saying a lot for we have been royally received at every point. This writer enjoyed almost a complete rest day in Regina for it was here that I saw my wife and family and met scores of friends; this can be better appreciated when I tell you I have been longer away from my home and office on this trip than I have in the past twenty-five years.

Shortly after leaving Regina we received another tumultuous greeting when we reached Moose Jaw; here another broadcast took place from the roof of the station with Charles Jennings, chief announcer of CBC, P. F. Dimelbe, of CBC, as guest speakers and Assistant Postmaster on Royal train; Major Pascoe, as Master of Ceremonies. This city was a wonderful sight with a profusion of illuminations and no end of decorations and the usual cheering thousands.

I had every intention of getting up the following morning at 5.30 at Swift Current, to greet Jim Greenblatt, President of the Saskatchewan Division, C.W.N.A., but fatigue was telling and I overslept, much to my regret. At Swift Current a parcel of

The Swift Current Sun was on the train for me and I had them distributed through the cars; in this connection I might mention that the following papers, members of the C.W.N.A. sent me parcels of their papers and each was placed throughout the press train; "Conservator", Brampton, Ont.; Swan River Star, Swift Current Sun and Alameda Dispatch. More are yet to come, so I am advised.

Calgary extended a wonderful reception to their King and Queen; the city was in gala attire and at this point there was an extensive Indian Encampment; when Their Majesties reached the Indian display the Redskins insisted that they would initiate His Majesty but this was not permitted owing to lack of time; the Indians, however, stopped the Royal car by throwing Buffalo robes in its path and Their Majesties alighted and chatted with those in charge.

Banff next and that means the palatial Banff Springs Hotel, the most beautiful hotel on the continent when luxury and grandeur of scenery is considered; owned and operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., it is situated at the junction of the famous Bow River and Elbow River and looks out over the Bow River Valley; Mr. R. M. Deyell, the general manager and his capable staff awaited the arrival of Their Majesties and escorted them to the Vice-Regal suite on the sixth floor. Banff was a day of rest for all concerned. Shortly after the arrival of the Royal party, I, in company with two friends, Mr. Ernest Bushnell and Mr. Charles Jennings, both executive officials of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, went for a walk to the Bow River falls and on returning up the narrow and steep pathway, we met Their Majesties attired in walking clothes proceeding, unattended, towards the falls. It was a shock but a pleasant one and was to be followed by several such experiences while at Banff. The press men were guests at a dinner given by the Government of Canada, at which the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister and all the members of the Royal suite were present; after this function there was a delightful musical in the Lord Mount Stephen room; while listening to this delightful treat those along with me observed Their Majesties standing at an alcove above; soon their came a Royal Command from Her Majesty for a particular song and this was sweetly rendered. While debating whether to take a walk or go to bed, we were pleasantly surprised to see The King and Queen walk towards the crowd and both were very gracious; they chatted with many members of the press and laughed heartily at some of the remarks made by visiting journalists in the party. My oh my, how very charming they both are; such incidents as this and a score of others has completely won the hearts of every person with the press train. On Sunday morning I walked to the station and took a look at the beautiful little Anglican church

in the town of Banff where Their Majesties attended a special service, before leaving on an auto drive to Lake Louise and Field. The trip through the mountains was uneventful until we stopped at Revelstoke, B.C., where I met W. S. Harris, of Vernon and Mr. MacLean, of Kelowna, B.C., two of the B.C. weekly publishers. At 9.30 a.m. we arrived in Vancouver where a tumultuous greeting was extended Their Majesties and which I witnessed at close range having been assigned to the roof of shed C opposite to the ramp of the C.P.R. station.

The train had scarcely rolled to a stop when Their Majesties stepped to the platform to be greeted by a vociferous acclaim; His Majesty dressed in the smart grey uniform of his rank as Marshall of the Royal Air Force; Their Majesties were greeted by His Worship Mayor Telford and other city officials. The guard of honor was composed of the Canadian Seaforth Highlanders with their band and regimental colors. The Queen, a lovely picture of regal grace and dignity, wore her usual charming smile and immediately charmed all within sight of her sweet presence; as Their Majesties passed the press stand the Queen bestowed a smile on the men and women who have been following the trip and recording every movement.

After a drive around Vancouver and inspection of the profusion of decorations, bunting and a score of other methods of outwardly expressing the loyalty of the citizens, I arrived at the new and palatial Hotel Vancouver; here I was deeply impressed and distressed with the show of military and police regulations; it was about as easy to enter the Bank of Canada at midnight as it was to either enter or leave this hotel. On arrival at the hotel Their Majesties stepped out on the balcony and received a thunderous greeting from an estimated 500,000 people gathered from the city and suburbs as well as many thousands from south of the International border.

The Royal party leave Vancouver this afternoon for Victoria and as the Pilot boat precedes them by one hour I will have to bring this release to a close in order to rush it to Brampton and the capable hands of Clarence V. Charters, for his attention. The next story will deal with Their Majesties will touch on this 3,000 mile jaunt across this western portion of their far flung empire.

Their Majesties at Banff



Their Majesties thoroughly enjoyed their rest from official duties when they visited the Banff Springs Hotel in the heart of the Canadian Rockies at Banff, Alberta. The Royal party reached Banff on Friday evening, May 26th and remained until Sunday morning, May 28. Both King George and Queen Elizabeth hiked and drove over Banff's trails and roads and both expressed their delight and pleasure in the magnificent scenery surrounding the great internationally famous playground. Photograph shows Their Majesties chatting with Mr. H. W. L. Mackenzie King on the terrace of the Banff Springs Hotel, and enjoying a view down the Bow River Valley. This terrace overlooks the "Mile High Golf Course", with Cascade Mountain in the background.

61 Years The Choir Leader, W. W. Ramage Honored

When the choir of St. Columba Church, specially augmented for the occasion with some of the former members, completed its rendition of a special setting of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" as their anthem at the morning service, last Sunday, it marked for the choir-master, Mr. W. W. Ramage, the completion of 61 years of continuous service in this district, first at Amos church, Dromore, and latterly in St. Columba.

The minister, Rev. A. R. Muir, spoke fittingly of the special nature of the occasion for Mr. Ramage, and complimented him on his efforts during the past week to have the Sunday well observed by a special number. At the conclusion of the service Mr. F. G. Karstedt on behalf of the congregation presented Mr. Ramage with a bouquet of forget-me-nots. Mr. Ramage fittingly replied.—Durham Review.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Mrs. T. H. Dobbington of Tara is a visitor with her cousin, Mrs. C. R. McHugh, and Mr. McHugh.

Mrs. Benj. Counts of Durham visited recently with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Wells, and Mr. Wells.

Mrs. G. Scott left to-day for Montreal from where she will sail for England to visit her mother, who is ill at present.

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Stanley Bestward is laid to rest on Friday last

Last rites for Stanley Bestward, son of Mr. Samuel Bestward of this place, who passed away Thursday, June 1st, in the Toronto General Hospital, were held Friday afternoon from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John McCullough of Wiaroto where Rev. W. H. Dunbar, rector of St. George's Church, Owen Sound, delivered a comforting message to the bereaved. Burial was made at East-nor Cemetery, Lion's Head.

Besides his father deceased is survived by one brother, Lorne, of Owen Sound; three sisters, Miss Rita Bestward and Mrs. L. A. Gosselin of Owen Sound and Mrs. Joseph Pringle of Chatsworth.

Sunday, June 18th, is the date of the Annual Decoration Service.

Miss Macphail, M.P., Writes from Ottawa

We are glad. We, the Commons, are glad for two reasons. First, the session is over; Parliament has proceeded. The fourth session of the eighteenth Parliament has passed into history. It was a long grind, starting on the 12th of January and lasting until the 2nd of June; almost five months, with only four days recess at Easter and one day for the Royal visit. To make matters worse, we sat three times a day since the 11th of May, from eleven in the morning until eleven at night. We are accused of doing nothing but we work hard at it.

And, second, the Commons won over the Senate in the dispute about the Bill instituting the Mortgage Bank. After the Commons had passed the Bill it was sent to the Senate, where they hash! it all to pieces, taking out altogether that part which related to the reduction of debt on urban property. The Commons refused to accept the mutilated Bill. They agreed to some of the minor amendments but not to the major one, cutting the urban people out of the benefits of the Bill. Mr. Cahan was the only member who supported the action of the Senate. The government called for a division, which resulted in Mr. Cahan voting on one side and every other member on the other. The Bill was returned again to the Senate and concurrence in the Commons' view asked for and, to our surprise, granted. For once, the Commons won; too often good legislation has been thrown out or mangled beyond recognition by the Senate.

The prorogation was a long-drawn-out process. It started at three o'clock and wasn't concluded until a quarter to eleven on Saturday. The M.P.s. were called to the Chamber again and again. But, finally, at ten o'clock we met to await the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, who came to call us to the Senate, where the Deputy Governor-General, Chief Justice Duff, supported on either side by the Acting Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, and the leader of the government forces in the Senate, Senator Dandurand, carried out the closing ceremonies.

The galleries were filled and the officers' uniforms were as brilliant as ever, but there were few Senators in their places and the commons were a tired looking lot. The only humorous touch occurred just as we were turning away from the bar, when one member called to another: "Go and tell Gerry he can stop talking." The Breen gun committee was dying on its feet. Ordinarily a committee reports to the House and the House deals with its report but, in the case of the Breen gun, those opposed to the contract did not want it to be whitewashed in a report, even though it were never dealt with, and the government did not wish to start the argument on it all over again by moving the adoption of the report. So the only thing to do was to let it talk itself to death. This it proceeded to do, with Gerry McGeer the main talker. Somebody had to keep going until prorogation.

The Central Mortgage Bank is set up under practically the same management as the Bank of Canada, to take care of one half of the losses sustained by mortgage companies which write down the principal of mortgages on farms, and on urban homes valued at seven thousand dollars or less, to eighty per cent of the present appraised value and which forgive all arrears of interest in excess of two years and agree to charge only five per cent.

Any mortgage company which becomes a member of the Mortgage Bank will receive in payment from it, up to one-half of the losses it sustains, twenty year bonds bearing interest at three per cent. The whole scheme is voluntary and mortgage companies do not need to come within the provisions of it unless they wish.

The unfortunate thing is that a farmer or householder whose mortgage is held by an individual does not come within the Act. This reimbursing of the creditor by the government of one-half of the loss sustained should have operated under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act. It would have saved many a retired farmer or retired business man or their widows from undue loss. Any unduly burdened property owner, whose mortgage is held by a company, should urge that it become a member of the Mortgage Bank, in order that the benefits of the Act may be passed on to him - the property owner.

Individual mortgages (the fellow who lends the money) could form some co-operative arrangement among themselves which would enable them to come within the provisions of the Act. They could then lower the principal owed them to 80 per cent of the present appraised value,

Funeral of the Late William Stafford Byers

The funeral of the late William Stafford Byers, who passed away on Tuesday, May 30th, took place from the Oliver Funeral Home on Friday afternoon at Markdale cemetery. Rev. J. E. Taylor, pastor of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, had charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. T. O. Miller of Orangeville, a former pastor of the same church. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. R. Burnett, T. H. Wilson, Geo. Walker, J. P. Murphy, Frank D'Arcy and Alvin Foster.

Among those here from outside points at the funeral were: Mr. John S. Byers of Rochester, a brother who spent several days with the deceased before he passed away; Mrs. W. G. Cooper of Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Byers, son and daughter of Dundalk; Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Meredith of Riverview.

The late William Byers was born at Oakville on March 9th, 1856, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Byers. The family later moved to Arthur where the deceased remained for several years before going to the United States. About twenty years ago he came to Glenora and erected for himself a comfortable home about two miles west of Markdale. He was fond of flowers and his home had many visitors who were attracted by the beauty of the spot. He was a splendid type of manhood and won the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

For several years his health had been failing but he was about as usual until a few weeks ago. A fall a couple of weeks before his death no doubt hastened the end.

To the surviving relatives The Standard extends sincere sympathy.

The Churches

Anglican Church Notes

Rev. C. O. Pherrill, B.A., B.D.

Christ Church, Markdale
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning Service.
7 p.m.—Evening Service.

St. Matthias' Church, Berkeley
2.15 p.m.—Sunday School.
3.00 p.m.—Church Service.

Gospel Workers' Church

Rev. W. F. Dean, Minister

Markdale Church
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Church Service.
7.30 p.m.—Church Service.
Cottage Prayer Meeting Thursday and Friday evenings.

Williamsford Church
11 a.m.—Sunday School.
7.30 p.m.—Church Service
Tuesday evening—Cottage Prayer Meeting.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Rev. J. E. Taylor, Minister

SERVICES AT
Priceville—11 a.m.
Swinton Park—3 p.m.
Markdale—7 p.m.

If you have no Church home come and worship with us. You will find a welcome.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on Sunday, June 11th, at the hour of 7 p.m. in Cooke's Church.

Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. All boys and girls are welcome.

United Church of Canada

Rev. S. E. Annis, M.A., B.D., Pastor

10.45 a.m.—Morning Service.
12 noon—Sunday School.
3 p.m.—Vandeleur Service.
7 p.m.—Evening Service.

United Church of Canada

Holland Centre Circuit

Rev. R. K. Burnside, LL.B., Pastore

10.30 a.m.—Holland Centre.
2.45 p.m.—Harkaway.
7.30 p.m.—Barkley.

BORN

STATIA—In Trenton, Ontario, on Sunday, June 4th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Statia, a daughter, Marilyn Jean.

EBENEZER

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wright were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. Hutchinson and family.

Miss Maybelle Hutchinson is spending some time with Mrs. Heard on the Highway South.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cockburn and Mr. and Mrs. Morley Whalen and Barry of Toronto, also Mrs. J. Bowers of Markdale were week-end visitors at the Freeman homes.

Mr. J. F. Davis, F. V. Thibaudeau, Roy and Russell Freeman attended an Agricultural District meeting in Owen Sound last week.

Quite a number from here attended the W.I. meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Ratcliffe, Vandeleur, on Thursday last.

mitted that there had been some complaints with respect to the selections made.

In connection with youth training, I urged the establishment of schools which would teach the principles and practice of co-operation, using possibly as a model the September conference at the O.A.C. last year; and, further, that we benefit from the example of the United States in community development. There, they send, on request of a community, a dramatic director, a singing instructor, an arts and crafts leader or a physical culture director, at the expense of the federal government. That is, youths live in their own homes, carry on their own lives and yet receive training and enjoyment when they show enough initiative to organize and ask for it. It costs the government much less and is, I think, better for the youth.

Denton Massey made a comprehensive speech on the need of national responsibility for the health of the people. It would require the whole space to do it justice.

And so we disperse, to our homes all over this great country, without knowing whether or not we will have an election. The majority think we will. One press man even has the election date fixed for Monday, October 2nd.

AGNES C. MACPHAIL.