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H. R. H'S. SPEECH AT THE FAREWELL BANQUET GIVEN BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AT HALIFAX.

November 24th, 1919.

Your Excellency, Sir Robert Borden and Gentlemen:

IT is with the greatest regret that I bid a temporary farewell to Canada tonight, after three months' tour which I can never forget. It has meant much more to me than I can properly express, and I shall only attempt to say a few words tonight, but I want you all to know that I feel much more than I can say.

This, my first visit to Canada, has done two things for me which will influence the whole of my life. In the first place, Canada has given me such wonderful welcomes thruout my travels all the way across the Dominion from Halifax to Vancouver and back, she has shown me such kindness and hospitality, she has in fact so thoroly spoilt me that I have been feeling more and more at home all the time. The result is that I am not only intensely Canadian now, but that I shall feel a Canadian all the rest of my life, and shall never be happy if too many months elapse without a visit to my home on this side of the Atlantic.



THE other great thing which this first visit has done for me is to give me a thoro understanding of all that Canada stands for on the North American continent. I realized that pretty fully before I left Ottawa a fortnight ago, but I realize it even more fully now since my visit to the United States. You are the guardians of British institutions upon this continent, and your development as a nation of increasing power and influence will be one of the most important factors in determining relations between the British Empire and the United States.

This wonderful journey thru the Dominion has meant so much to me that I appreciate in the fullest degree the wisdom of what you, Sir Robert, said just now about the value of constant personal intercourse. Nothing can go wrong with the British Empire if all nations maintain this intercourse and understand each other's standpoint.

FEELING all this very strongly, I also appreciate most deeply what Sir Robert has said about the value of a close understanding between the Sovereign and his people thruout the Empire, and I can assure you that no one feels this more keenly than the King. The King's feelings in this respect need, I think, no explanation from me in view of the fact that he has sent me on this four months' journey this year in spite of my four years' absence from the Old Country during the war.

I think that I need not reassure you either on my own behalf for I mean to see as much of the dominions as of Great Britain. You will notice that I have not used the word "goodbye", and I do not intend to use it, because I hope to return to Canada soon and to return often. But I mean my future visits to be less formal. I want to travel as you travel, Sir Robert—like a Canadian in his own country, and not as an extra special visitor who may never turn up again.

- Major-General Sir Henry Burstall, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.
- Lt.-Colonel E. M. Grigg, C.M.G., D. S. O.
- Sir Godfrey Thomas, Bart.
- Captain Lord Claud Hamilton.
- Captain the Hon. P. W. Legh.
- Commander Dudley North, C.M.G.
- Surgeon Commander Newport.
- Lt.-Col. the Hon. H. G. Henderson.
- Brig-General H. C. Thacker, C.B., C. M. G.
- Captain A. E. Taylor, H.M.S. Renown
- Captain Wardle, H.M.S. Danae.
- Captain Kennedy, H.M.S. Constance.
- Captain Walter Hose, R. N.
- Hon. L. G. Power.
- Hon. William Roche.
- Hon. William Dennis.
- Hon. A. B. Crosby.
- D. D. McKenzie, M.P.
- Hon. Mr. Justice Longley.
- Hon. Mr. Justice Ritchie.
- Hon. Mr. Justice Russell.
- Hon. Mr. Justice Drysdale.
- Hon. Mr. Justice Chisholm.
- Hon. Mr. Justice Mellish.
- F. B. McCurdy, M. P.
- P. F. Martin, M. P.
- Sir Joseph Pope, K.C.M.G.
- Hon. George Murray, premier of Nova Scotia.
- Hon. W. E. Foster, premier of New Brunswick.
- Hon. J. H. Bell, premier of Prince Edward Island.
- Hon. M. L. Goudge.
- Hon. O. T. Daniels.
- Hon. E. H. Armstrong.
- Hon. H. H. Wickwire.
- Hon. J. F. Ellis.
- His Worship, the Mayor of Halifax.
- Laurie W. Hall, M. L. A.
- Rev. James Ross.
- Rev. J. W. McConnell.
- Rev. A. L. Huddleston.
- H. G. Bauld, M. L. A.
- J. L. Connolly, M. L. A.
- Hon. R. E. Finn, M. L. A.
- Hon. George E. Faulkner, M. L. A.
- Hector McInnes, M. L. A.
- His Honor Judge Wallace.
- Captain MacMillan, A. D. C.
- Flag Lieutenant to Commander-in-Chief.
- E. E. Young, Consul General of the C. C. Blackadar.
- United States, Halifax.
- G. Fred Pearson.
- The President, Halifax Club.
- The President, Dalhousie University
- Captain Hicks, R. N.

BUT at the conclusion of this more or less official tour, during the whole of which the Dominion government has looked after me with such kindness and hospitality, I must thank you, Sir Robert, and all your government, for the generous care which you have taken of me and for all that you have done for me and for my staff. Sir Lionel Halsey and the other members of my staff are more than grateful and appreciative of your kindness. I hope that you reciprocate in some degree my strong desire to be in Canada again soon and as often as possible.

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PRINCE CHARMING GUEST AT A HAPPY FUNCTION AT THE HOME OF MRS. CHARLES ARCHIBALD

Reminiscent Of a Similar Occasion Of 60 Years Ago,
When His Grandfather Was the Guest Of Mrs.
Archibald's Father, Then British Consul At New
York—A Pleasant Party That Will Be
Long Remembered By All.

HALIFAX, November 25—It has been now 60 years since the visit to Canada of the late King Edward, then Prince of Wales—60 years ago the youth who was destined to the highest position in the world, —its proudest throne— and to be recorded on the pages of history as "Edward the Peacemaker," was a guest in the home of the then British Consul at New York, the late Sir Edward Mortimer Archibald. Yesterday, another Prince of Wales, Edward, eighth of the name, and grandson of Sir Edward's royal visitor, was the guest of the latter's daughter, Mrs. Charles Archibald, who at the time of the visit of the seventh Edward, was a very little girl, but recalls his gentle courtesy to the small maiden.

The tea given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Archibald was not a large tea, but was the more delightful for that very reason—the whole house was thrown open, and "the flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze," and is still going strong, waved over the doorway, while within the beauty and fragrance of flowers, marshalled to do honor to the historic occasion, and the sound of music, and welcoming faces proclaimed the deep pleasures which those present, in common with the whole community, felt in having once more the opportunity to meet Canada's own Prince—the Prince Charming indeed of an unbroken succession of conquests, since the day of his first landing at the Atlantic Gateway.

As intimated, the whole house—one which readily lends itself to an occasion of this kind, and the purposes of the decorator, was thrown open. The Barker Orchestra, who furnished the music, were seated in the hall—the orchestra was augmented for the occasion,

and the musical program was well chosen and beautifully rendered—the note of the music made its magnetism felt in all the rooms. A profusion of flowers were used in decoration; cysanthemums, of a wonderful perfection of bloom, and cyclamen, with palms and ferns in really exquisite mingling. The large drawing room was reserved for dancing—and on its south wall hangs a fine portrait in oil of Sir Edward Mortimer Archibald, the fine eyes seeming to watch with intentness the "moving picture" dominated by the fairhaired young man in whose face as pictures of his royal grandfather taken at the same age show, there is a marked resemblance to the latter. —a strong "family likeness."

Upstairs there were inviting sitting-out places, the suite of rooms on the west side being reserved for the use of His Royal Highness exclusively—the thoughtful hostess had placed on the fine old mahogany table in one of them souvenirs of his grandfather's visit to New York, and interesting souvenirs also of her father's official life. Here he found the old silver cup out of which the late King Edward drank on that long-gone visit, and the book containing his autograph, in which, by the way, the royal guest of yesterday inscribed his own on the occasion of his first coming to Halifax, when Mrs. Grant placed the old book, with its photos of his grandfather's suite in the bed-room at Government House which he occupied.

In the group pouring tea were Mrs. James Morrow, Mrs. Reginald Corbett, Mrs. Murray Dodd, Mrs. Aubrey Bullock, Mrs. Hector McInnes, Miss Margaret Brown, and in the group of charming girls who served were Misses Margery Burrill, Bambrick; Misses Annie and Mary Bullock; Miss Dennis, Miss Agnes Dennis, and Sarah Dennis, and Miss Carol McInnes.

Three engaging children—the little daughters of Professor Murray MacNeill and Mrs. MacNeil, and Miss Lola Henry, acted as pages and took their part in the forenoon's program with perfect grace.

The list of those invited to be present on this occasion was as follows:

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire.
Sir Robert Borden.
The Lieutenant governor and Mrs. Grant.
General Thacker.
Captain Hose and Mrs. Hose.
Captain and officers of the H. M. S. Renown.
Captain and officers H. M. C. S. Constance.
Miss Parker.
Capt. Hicks.
Colonel and Mrs. Hill.
Major and Mrs. Holloway.
Colonel and Mrs. Allan Duffus.
Captain and Mrs. Williams.
Captain and Mrs. Williams.
Major and Mrs. A. N. Jones.
Major and Mrs. Willis.
Major and Mrs. H. Slayter.
Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Campbell.
Mr. and Mrs. H. McInnis.
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Corbett.
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Grant.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stairs.
Captain and Mrs. Gerald Dwyer.
Mrs. James Morrow.
Mrs. Murray Dodd.
Mrs. Fraser.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Black.
Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Bullock.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dennis.
Miss Williams.

Miss Susan T. Revers.
Miss Carol MacInnes.
Miss Muriel Rogers.
Miss Marjory McKenzie.
Miss Roberta Bond.
Miss Marjory Burrill.
Miss Dorothy Bambrick.
Miss Margaret Llwyd.
Miss Burus Ross.
Miss Hazel Evans.
Miss Edith Whitman.
Miss Jerry King.
Miss Cecil Ritchie.
Miss Balfour.
Miss Cairns.
Miss Kathleen Stairs.
Miss Lillian Brown.
Miss Kitty Power.
Miss Ruth Twining.
Miss Dalsa Armitage.
Miss Madeline Bauld.
Miss Mary Curry.

Miss Kathryn Slayter.
Miss Marjory Morrow.
The Misses Slayter.
The Misses Dennis.
Miss Kinnear.
Misses Bullock.
Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Stairs.
John McKeen.
Mr. Rogers.
Hugh Henry.
Gordon Henry.
John Nash.
Leo Curry.
Claude Wood.
Major Heward.
Major Bennett.
John Mitchell.
Ian MacKinnon.
Angus Currie.
Colonel Beaman.

(The officers of H. M. S. Danae were not present, the ship having sailed yesterday morning).

OWING to the unfortunate fact that the invitations to the Captain and officers of H. M. ships Renown and Constance went astray, they were not present. His Excellency the governor general, genial as ever, with two of his aides; and Admiral Halsey, attended, to the general pleasure, His Royal Highness, with two members of his party, arriving at a quarter to six, and "opening the ball" with Miss Cairns, of Ottawa, who is visiting Mrs. Hose, wife of the Captain Superintendent of the Dockyard. He subsequently danced in turn with Miss Revere, a charming visitor from Sydney, who is Mrs. Archibald's guest; Miss Rae Curry, Miss Rogers, daughter of T. S. Rogers, K. C., and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Holloway (Grace MacMechan), Miss Dorothy Currie, Mrs. Hugh Stairs, and Miss Myrtle Evans.

Altogether the party was one which will long be remembered by all who had the pleasure of being present.

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THE BALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE WAS A BRILLIANT AFFAIR; MORE THAN 500 GUESTS PRESENT

HALIFAX, November 25—The ball at Government house was one of the most brilliant functions ever seen in that historic structure, which has witnessed many a notable event. The entrance was decorated with the flags of the 25th and 85th battalions, two of the Nova Scotia units which had a distinguished career in France and Flanders. The ballroom was resplendent in flowers, flags and bunting and the scene was bright and gay with the uniforms of sailors and soldiers and the lavish costumes of beautiful ladies. The company numbered more than 500. It was quite impossible for all to dance at once and the ballroom accordingly was enclosed with room reserved for 200 dancers. The guests included not only the officers of the navy and the army and hundreds of Halifax ladies and gentlemen, but they represented various parts of the province and there were many from Ottawa. Sir Robert Borden, Governor William Pugsley, of New Brunswick, Premier Foster of that province, and a number of others from New Brunswick were there. The Duke of Devonshire and staff were conspicuous in the gay throng.

THE Prince of Wales was down for every one of the fourteen dances on the program and he evidently enjoyed them all, as well as the encores which were almost invariably given. His Royal Highness' partner for the first dance was Mrs. Eric Grant, daughter-in-law of the governor. Dancing began at ten o'clock and continued without intermission till one o'clock. It seemed a revival

of olden times, with sentries pacing to and fro outside and soldiers and police scattered here and there on the approaches to Government House. A dancer who was as indefatigable in losing none of the terpsichorean amusement was Premier Foster, of New Brunswick. He missed but few of the dances.

THE music was furnished by the Barker orchestra, which had also played at Mrs. Archibald's and at the state dinner in the Halifax club. The Prince expressed his warm admiration of the work of the musicians. The ball broke up shortly after one o'clock, the Prince leaving at that hour for the Renown, where he spent the night. His program for today will begin early in the morning and at three o'clock in the afternoon he sails for England.

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PRINCE BIDS AU REVOIR

To Halifax and Canada, and sends farewell message.

Thousands witnessed the Renown depart yesterday afternoon.

Halifax gave the Prince of Wales a warm and enthusiastic farewell when he left this port on board H. M. S. Renown shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and His Royal Highness sent an Au Revoir message to Halifax.

After visiting yesterday morning different institutions, namely Convent of Sacred Heart, School for the Blind, Dalhousie University, Children's Hospital and Ladies' College, the Prince returned to the Dockyard, and from there he went on board the Renown, where he gave a luncheon, among those present being the Governor-General, Lieut.-Governor Grant, Sir Robert Borden, Mayor Parker and other officials, and Mayors of outside towns.

The guests numbered about thirty, and the affair was quite informal, there being no speeches, and H. R. H. proposed the only toast, that of His Majesty the King.

To Mayor Parker the Prince said that he was well pleased with his Canadian tour. The people of Halifax had treated him splendidly.

The last launch to leave the ship was the Royal barge. On the after deck of the Renown squads of sailors and marines, also the ship's band, were drawn up. A few minutes later the Governor-General and the Prince appeared. The guard of honor presented arms. His Excellency bade the Prince farewell, and the barge proceeded to the shore.

Final arrangements were immediately made for putting to sea, and shortly after 3 o'clock both the Renown and the Constance started to come about, the former going down the harbor in the lead. The Renown presented a magnificent sight from the Citadel, for just as she got broadside the sun shone brightly on her, displaying the magnificent battleship at her best.

As the Renown squared away the salute of 21 guns from the Citadel began. Down the harbor the Renown followed by the Constance passed through the channel to the east of George's Island.

As she proceeded out of the harbor the hundreds of people who lined the wharves and occupied other points of vantage, gave cheer after cheer, while every ship and vessel in port, factories and engines at the Terminals blew horns and whistles, thus giving the Prince a farewell he will long remember. The Prince paid Canada the honor of flying the Canadian ensign on the foremast of H. M. S. Renown, just below the Admiral's flag. Also flying from her foremast was the signal "Au Revoir." That was the parting message of the Prince, who stood on the quarter-deck as the cruiser went on her way. The cruiser went well out to sea before turning eastward.

At sunset a large bonfire was lighted on the eastern slope of the Citadel, and it burned for several hours. No doubt those on the Renown could see the reflection.

FAREWELL MESSAGE.

Lieutenant-Governor Grant received the following radio message from the Prince of Wales last night, which had been transmitted from H. M. S. Renown to the Barrington Passage wireless station at 6 p. m. :

His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia :

Please accept my warmest thanks and convey them also to the people of Halifax for the hearty send-off which you have given me. I leave Canada with great regret and wholehearted gratitude for a welcome which I can never forget. Au Revoir.

(Signed.) EDWARD P.

The following is from a farewell message from the Prince of Wales to the Governor-General :

"H. M. S. Renown, Barrington Passage, N. S.

"The Renown is weighing anchor and I feel that my first visit to Canada is really at an end. I can never forget it nor can I express the whole of my deep gratitude for the open-hearted welcome which my Canadian comrades in arms and all my Canadian fellow-countrymen and women has given me.

"Will you please convey this message of thanks, most inadequately though it may be, to Sir Robert Borden and the whole Dominion Government, whose care and hospitality throughout my visit have been so generous and so kind. The last four months will influence the whole of my life, and I shall never be happy if many months elapse without a visit to my home on this side of the Atlantic.

"My best wishes to all the people of Canada till we meet again.

(Signed) EDWARD P."

Soon after the Renown left port the Studley Quoit Club sent the following radio to Admiral Halsey :

"Studley Quoit Club wishes His Royal Highness bon voyage, and early return to Canada, where he has worthily won the love and devotion of the whole country."

(Signed)

C. E. W. DODWELL, President,
A. MILNE FRASER, Secretary.

Early last evening the following reply was received :

"Please convey to the members of the Studley Quoit Club His Royal Highness' thanks for kind message and good wishes. He bids them au revoir.

(Signed) ADMIRAL HALSEY."

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PRINCE'S PARTING MESSAGE TO AMERICANS

Thanks United States Govt. for Its Kindness and Hospitality

WASHINGTON, November 24—Replying to a farewell message from Secretary Lansing, the Prince of Wales, sent a despatch from his ship today saying he could not thank this Government enough for its kindness and hospitality.

"I am greatly touched," the Prince said, "by the kindness of your farewell telegram on behalf of the Government of the United States. This visit has been for me a delightful experience which I shall never forget. I cannot thank the American nation and the American Government enough for the kindness and hospitality which has been shown me in such generous measure wherever I have gone. I shall now always think of the people of this country as my friends, and I shall look forward keenly to an opportunity of repeating my visit."

In his parting message to the Prince, Mr. Lansing expressed the hope that he would carry away memories as agreeable as those left behind.

"Permit me to express on behalf of this Government," the Secretary said, "the satisfaction and pleasure which it has been to entertain as its guest as distinguished a representative of the British Empire, whose brief sojourn in this country has done so much to strengthen the friendship and good will of the two great English-speaking nations."