

Welcomed To Victoria

Lord and Lady Minto Tendered
a Formal Reception on Saturday Evening

Addresses Presented to His Excellency by City and Board of Trade.

Lord and Lady Minto, who have taken up their temporary residence in this city, were given a magnificent reception by the citizens of this city on Saturday evening. The proceedings, which have been heretofore outlined, were in every respect in keeping with the fair name of this city and the importance of the function marking the visit to Victoria of the Governor-General of Canada and Countess of Minto. The city was prettily decorated and the streets handsomely illuminated for the occasion, and the drill hall, where the distinguished visitors were received, was crowded to the doors.

Seven o'clock was the hour set for the procession to leave the city hall and some little time afterwards the Governor-General's party, in an appropriate drawn by four white horses, drove up to the main entrance and the occupants were here met by Mayor Hayward and welcomed to the city. Just outside the hall the two companies of the Fifth Regiment with members of the Veterans Association acting as guard of honour had lined up, and as the party arrived presented arms, the band playing the Na-

and devotion of the people of this city to the crown and sovereign, and to those institutions that, while they are the envy of less favored peoples, are the pride of every free-born citizen of the British Empire throughout the world.

No one has ever failed to hold in the highest estimation and regard those traditions, co-existent with the life and history of the nation, that are peculiar to the British people, and that have been handed down from generation to generation through long lines of splendid ancestry, replete with illustrious examples of heroism and self-sacrifice for the well-being, the prestige and progress of the Anglo-Saxons.

In common with every other portion of this Dominion and of every dependency of the Empire, the residents of this capital city of the province of British Columbia have deeply learned the significance of the relation the country of their birth, or of their adoption, bears to the Motherland, and the intrinsic value of the benefits and privileges which that relation has so naturally and so long conferred upon them.

Strate on the seashore, at the extreme western limit of this Dominion, and therefore occupying an exposed position in the event of international complications, they have no better vindication of the fact that, joined to the defense of this country might be able to provide, are the powerful eye and the strong right arm of Britain. They realize, moreover, that to that bond they owe whatever of civil and religious liberty they enjoy, the priceless heritage of freedom, justice and toleration. And when these pillars of national pride and strength so recently suffered violent assault in South Africa at the hands of an ambitious and ruthless oligarchy and a misguided people, was it any wonder that it evoked here, as elsewhere, a patriotism as ardent and intense as could have been displayed in the dome of St. Paul's, and within the very precincts of the throne; a feeling that found expression in contributions to the Mansion House Fund, the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and in other ways no less striking and significant, but mostly not



Major Penet, Adjt., Lt.-Col. Worsnop, Major Whyte.

Standing left to right—Capt. J. Reynolds, Lieut., Capt. J. Duff, Stuart, Lieut., Dock-Off., Lieut., W. A. Johnson, Lieut., Worsnop, Capt. Boultbee, Lieut., Grant, Lieut., Tait, Lieut., Ackroyd, Lieut., Boyd, Capt. Alex. Henderson.

Officers of the Sixth Rifles.

We are more than pleased, therefore, to know that Your Excellency's visit to the Coast at this time will be sufficiently long to enable you to form an accurate impression of the salubrious climate, scenic beauty, and marvelous resources of this great province, and we trust that it may be the occasion of many delightful moments that shall continue to be a source of gratification and pleasure to you throughout your term.

Signed on behalf of the municipal council and citizens of Victoria, and the corporate seal affixed, at Victoria, British Columbia, on the thirtieth day of August, anno Domini, nineteen hundred,

(S.S.) CHAS. HAYWARD, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, Clerk of the Municipal Council.

His Excellency, as he rose to reply to the address, was accorded very warm applause. Although as Governor-General of Canada this was his first visit to Victoria, he was not unfamiliar with Canada and Canadian institutions, for fifteen years ago he had been in the country. He felt sure all were impressed with the glorious character of British institutions, and it was gratifying to realize in this far-off part of the north that this fact was appreciated, that the people knew what it meant to live under the best form of government on earth. Referring to the practical evidence of the loyalty and patriotism of Canadians in South Africa, His Excellency sincerely hoped that the end of the struggle was near at hand, but whatever happened events only seemed to engender the more strongly that feeling of friendship and unity between all subjects of the Queen in all ranks. He observed on all sides evidences of quiet prosperity in Canada since he was here 15 years ago and referred to the wonderful development of the northern country. In this connection he mentioned the trip he had just taken to Dawson, which was beset with great difficulties, but had been made with great success. Now that he had seen how an easy undertaking, owing to the length of time spent in the north, he regretted having to make a short stay in Victoria, than that he had intended. On their return they would carry with them the dearest memories of Western Canadian patriotism and hospitality. On resuming his seat His Excellency's remarks were loudly applauded. The orchestra and choir started up "The Maple Leaf Forever," and an excellent solo was rendered by Mrs. Janion. Then His Worship Mayor Hayward introduced L. G. McQuade, vice-president, and F. C. Elworthy, secretary, of the B. C. Board of

Trade, to His Excellency. The latter desired that an all-Canadian route to the Arctic and Yukon districts be speedily investigated and completed.

It is felt that the settlement of the Alaska boundary question and the completion of a British Pacific cable would mark a new era in the development of the commercial interests of the Empire on the Pacific coast.

This board has a lively appreciation of the immense mineral wealth which will accrue to this province and the Dominion from an extension of Canadian trade with South and Central America, Australia, the Pacific Islands, and the Far East, for which British Columbia is the natural outlet.

This board is sensible of the importance of finding markets for our raw materials, as the wealth of this province in base and precious metals and coal, as well as in lumber and fish, is so immense that the prosperity of the country is dependent on the procurement of markets for these products, and we anxiously look for further action from the Dominion government in this direction.

Although certain influences have affected the mining industry in British Columbia during the past year and many mines have been closed down, it is a signal evidence of the immense mineral resources of the province that the output has exceeded that of previous years, and it is also gratifying to note that the returns of the lumbering industry show an material increase.

At the same time it is kindly felt that while this province contributes so largely to the revenue of Canada, a fair proportionate assistance has not hitherto been received from the government towards opening up that natural wealth which has been so plentifully bestowed on both the Island and Mainland, and in consequence not only the progress of British Columbia but the whole Dominion is retarded.

In order that Your Excellency may have an opportunity, if you should desire, of reviewing the condition of this province in its commercial aspect, we beg leave to tender you herewith a copy of the annual report of the board.

In conclusion we would repeat our cordial and respectful welcome to Your Excellency and to Lady Minto, and we trust your visit to this portion of the Dominion will be remembered with pleasure.

We have the honor to subscribe our respects, Your Excellency's most obedient and humble servants.

Signed on behalf of the members of the British Columbia Board of Trade, this thirty-first day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

W. A. WARD, President.

F. EWORTHY, Secretary.

Pending the settlement of the Alaska

In reply, His Excellency expressed his regret at not having had an opportunity of visiting Atlin, of which country he had heard much. He was deeply interested in the Pacific cable project and in conclusion promised his sympathetic consideration of all subjects referred to in the address.

As His Excellency took his seat Miss Claudia Hall, a little daughter of Mr. Richard Hall, M.P.P., presented Her Excellency with a handsome bouquet, which the latter graciously received, kissing the pretty donor.

The band then played a sprightly air and the proceedings were terminated with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

But Will Probably Be Accepted as the Best Solution of the Difficult.

New York, Sept. 2.—The London correspondent of the Tribune, writing on the Chinese situation, says:

"Actual news from China is again very meager this morning and there is not much fresh information to be gleaned with regard to the proposed withdrawal of the allied troops from Peking."

"The feeling in this country continues adverse to the Russian scheme. The Observer says that if the plan of a general withdrawal of troops from the Chinese capital is carried out, it does not envy the fate of the unfortunate Europeans who are compelled to remain there."

"Military men here continue to be profoundly impressed with the reports which arrive of the conduct of the Japanese in the recent operations. The general testimony of competent writers who saw them at Tzui Tsin is that they were the best of all the contingents which formed the allied force there, and telegraphic accounts of their proceedings on the march to Peking confirm the opinion as to their admirable qualities."

"A distinguished retired officer, once famous in Indian warfare, said:

"The world has got to reckon with another great military power, Japan has a



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LIEUT.-COL. M'KAY.

Com. "A" Co., 3rd R. C. R.

tional Anthem. Leaving their carriage, the party were ushered into the main lobby of the hall by His Worship the Mayor, where were assembled the Aldermen, the Lieutenant-Governor, Admiral Beaumont, the Bishops, Chief Justice McColl, members of the Privy Council, Senators, puisne judges, members of the House of Commons, Premier Dunsmon and members of the Executive Council, Speaker Booth and members of the Provincial Parliament, ex-members of the House of Commons, representatives of the Army and Navy and Militia, United States Consul Smith, Chairman and members of the Board of School Trustees, officers of the British Columbia Board of Trade, and civic officials.

The Countess of Minto was received in the Mayor's parlors by Mrs. Hayward, who entertained her during her brief stay of the party at the city hall.

The procession being formed the line of march to the drill hall was via Douglas, Fort, Government, Belleville and Menzies streets. Within the drill hall appropriate decorations had been provided, and at the rear of the hall an immense stage had been erected, where members of the large choir and orchestra under the leadership of Mr. F. Victor Austin, the Fifth Regiment band and others found seating accommodation. Immediately in front of this on a platform simply but prettily decorated with flowers and bunting, provision was made for His Excellency and Lady Minto. They passed through a guard of honor on going to their places, and the band played "God Save the Queen." Mayor Hayward opened the proceedings reading the following address:

To the Right Honorable Sir Gilbert John Elliot, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Baron Minto, of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, etc., etc., Governor-General of Canada, etc., etc.

May I please Your Excellency?—

We the undersigned, on behalf of the municipal council and citizens of Victoria, British Columbia, desire to extend to Your Excellency a most cordial welcome on this the occasion of your first visit to the city as the representative in Canada to Her Majesty the Queen:

On former occasions when we have been honored by the presence of the vice-regal representative we have esteemed it a privilege and pleasure to be able to convey to him the assurance of the heartfelt loyalty



SERGEANT-MAJOR MULCAHY,
Fifth Regiment, C.A.

larger population than France, as much disciplined intelligence as Germany and at least as great a natural aptitude for soldiering among her people as any European nation. In science and knowledge her general staff is second to none, and in courage, patriotism and contempt for death, the rank and file of her army would certainly compare favorably with the conscripts of the continent. Russia might overwhelm her by sheer weight of numbers, but in every other respect I look upon the Mikado's potential military force as superior to that of the Czar's."

"While the powers are debating the last steps to discover whether the government of China is in existence, that government gives startling proof of its unabated vitality by suddenly endeavoring to assert its authority in the Yang Tsé valley. The announcement from Hongkong that an imperial commissioner has been appointed to proceed to Nanking and investigate the charges brought against Viceroy Liu Kun Yi is very significant.

"Concerning the Russian proposal, I can only repeat that the more it is looked at the less it is admired. The comments that continue to be made on it continue to be uncomplimentary. Russia will induce the allies to retire from Northern China to demonstrate their good faith, knowing perfectly well all the while that she can herself come in again when a convenient opportunity arises. Meanwhile, as soon as the present difficulty is patched up, her influence with the government of which she will become the patron and protector will be predominant. She will have relied, as Gorchakov advised after the Crimean war, to collect herself for the next advance and prepare to accumulate a great army in Siberia and swallow Manchuria and perhaps Pe Chih at leisure. Nevertheless, there is also a growing feeling that the Russian proposal, whatever may be its motives which inspired it, may, after all, have to be accepted as the best alternative in the difficult position in which the powers are now placed. None of them like the prospect of remaining at Peking indefinitely, and the idea of beginning a campaign in pursuit of a disappearing Chinese government is even less attractive."

"The probability is that the British, ready while unwilling, will be willing to retire from Peking as early as possible, will point out that it is undesirable for the allies to withdraw their troops until some guarantee can be given for the conclusion of a satisfactory arrangement with the Chinese imperial authorities."

