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WARM WELCOME TO THE MINTOS

Citizens of the Territorial Capital Tenders Them a Fitting Farewell.

Regina's welcome and farewell to the Governor General and Lady Minto last Thursday was a right hearty and royal one. Even Old Probs, who had been frowning severely for days past, deigned to bless the vice-regal party with a smiling face. The arrangements had been planned with care and were carried out without a hitch or any untoward incident.

His Excellency's train arrived from the north in the small hours of the morning and Her Excellency and daughters arrived from Fort Qu'Appelle about 10 o'clock. His Excellency appeared to be in splendid health after his long ride across country from Edmonton to Saskatoon. The ride proved a very interesting and enjoyable one. The Mounted Police horses used during the trip had the journey remarkably well. It was reported that there is not one sore back amongst them, a fact of which those taking part in the ride will be proud.

Shortly before noon the students of the Public, Separate, High and Normal Schools lined the west side of Scarth Street, from near South Railways Street to the City Hall. Citizens crowded the other side of the street. Promptly at twelve o'clock the vice-regal party arrived on the scene escorted by a dashing troop of the R. N. W. M. P. spick and span in their new uniforms with the blue facings which designate their title of Royal. The appearance of the vice-regal party was greeted with hearty cheers and the waving of hundreds of flags by the school children.

Upon stepping from the carriage on to the decorated platform at the City Hall Their Excellencies were greeted by the Mayor and Aldermen, and the band played the national anthem. They were then escorted into the City Hall which had been very tastefully decorated for the occasion under the direction of Mr. J. M. West. The windows were darkened with heavy draperies and the old hall made to appear as much as possible like a large drawing room. The electric lights were shaded in red casting a soft light over all. Across the front of the hall were the words "Happy to Meet—Sorry to Part" and at the rear end of the hall the motto of Lord Minto's family "Wha Daud Meddle Wi' Me?" This motto, it will be remembered, was carried through the Boer War by the 2nd C. M. R. Lady Minto having presented them with a flag with these words prior to their departure.

As soon as Their Excellencies were seated Miss Clara, the little daughter of His Worship and Mrs. Laird, presented Lady Minto with a beautiful bouquet and was graciously thanked with a kiss. His Worship then called upon the City Clerk to read the civic address of welcome which Mr. Hunter did in splendid voice and with good effect. The address which was very artistically engrossed by Mr. P. Fisher of the Customs House and enclosed in a handsome silver mounted casket, was as follows:

The Civic Address.

To His Excellency, The Right Honourable Sir Gilbert John Elliot, Earl of Minto and Viscount Molgund of Molgund, Baron Minto of Minto, Baronet of Nova Scotia, G. C. M. G. Etc. Etc. Governor General of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency.

We the Mayor, Corporation and the citizens of Regina, being happily afforded an opportunity of once more meeting your Excellency and Lady Minto before your departure from Canada, avail ourselves of the occasion to renew the expressions of respect and affection which we in common with all the citizens of our Dominion, regard your Excellency and Lady Minto, as well as while deeply deplored the accident which terminated so fatally to some of your fellow travellers on this your present journey to the West, to express our joy that Your Excellency and the members of your family escaped unharmed.

The term of your Excellency's Vice-Royalty has witnessed the opening and close of the Boer War, an event which has surpassed in importance all others, within the past two generations, in the history of the Empire. By means of the position you occupied, you were largely instrumental in organising the contingents which were sent from this country to South Africa, to a war which cemented more closely the ties which bind the Colonies to the Mother Land, your action thus earning the respect and admiration of not only the Dominion, but the Empire at large.

Your Excellency has manifested a very deep interest in the North-West Territories by frequently visiting this part of the Dominion with Lady Minto and your family and you cannot but be struck by the enormous growth in population, the very much greater area of land under cultivation, the large development of our railway systems, and the wonderful prosperity which has attended the people of these Territories during the past few years.

Whilst your departure from Canada is a loss in one respect, we feel sure it is a gain in another. We feel that the knowledge which you possess of the conditions which prevail throughout the Dominion, and particularly throughout the North-West Territories, will be of the utmost service to this country on your return to England, and that such service will be gladly given in our behalf.

We cannot permit this occasion to pass without expressing to Lady Minto our sincere regret at her departure from amongst us. Her Excellency has evinced more than a passive interest in Regina, having conferred a very great boon on this community by the munificent donation which she made to our hospital; and for that reason, if for no other, she will al-

ways occupy a warm place in our affections.

We bid your Excellencies a most respectful farewell, and trust that fresh opportunities may speedily present themselves for the further exercise of your Excellency's great administrative talents in the service of our beloved and Gracious Sovereign, to whom we are deeply attached.

Signed on behalf of the Mayor, Corporation and Citizens of Regina, this 22nd day of September, 1904.

H. W. LAIRD,
Mayor.

J. KELSO HUNTER.
Secy-Treas.

His Excellency's Reply.

His Excellency, who was accorded a very hearty reception, in his reply said:

"Your Worship, Corporation and Citizens of Regina:

"I cannot thank you sufficiently for the kind welcome you have extended to myself and Lady Minto and for all you have so cordially expressed in the words of your address. You have alluded to the narrow escape we had the other day in that terrible railway accident. Though, of course, we ourselves are deeply thankful for the escape which we have experienced, yet we cannot tell you how deeply we all feel for the sufferers on that deplorable evening on the prairie.

"I cannot help feeling that in visiting you to-day I have come to say good-bye and in saying good-bye to the North-West, I experience a deep regret, but one which your kind reception to-day goes far to alleviate. I have just finished a ride across the country from Edmonton to Saskatoon. As you are aware, I am not unacquainted with the North-West. I have seen much of it and of its people, but I can't express to you how deeply I have been impressed with the country I have just visited. I never saw anything like so promising a district as that Saskatchewan country. To everybody, even to the most casual observer, the country has a brilliant future before it. It is now filling up with population and the only thing it needs is to get the right kind of men and women to go there. In every place I have seen evidences of prosperity."

"When I rode into Saskatoon yesterday morning I was rather ashamed of myself. I was there in 1883 when it was only a cluster of houses and General Middleton had his base hospital there. I had not been there since, but expected to find a nice little village, but what I really saw was a large and prosperous city. I sent for the mayor and apologised for not sending word that I was coming and explained that my mistake was due to the enormous progress Saskatoon is making. A year ago, I am told, the population was 500; now it is something over 2000. To anybody the advance is perfectly marvelous. Nobody will welcome the future prosperity of the North-West with warmer feelings than I will. (Cheers.)

"Your Worship referred to the part which Canada took in the Boer War. In my opinion the part which Canada took in that war is full of meaning, not only to Canada itself and the Old Country, but to the world. The Dominion shared with the Old Country all the trials, all the victories, all the glories. But it means much more than meets the eye in the first place. It really means to the rest of the world what that motto says up there, "Wha Daud Meddle Wi' Me?" We are children of a new country and may think differently and have different ways of doing things, but the Old Country and this New Country, while they may have a different way of thinking and of doing things, are working to one common end, the welfare of the Empire and for the honor and glory of the flag under which we are all proud to live. (Cheers.) You of the North-West have sent very good men to the war who covered themselves and you with honor and glory and I know of no part of the world that could send better men than these Territories, or who will send them to any future war." (Cheers.)

In conclusion His Excellency said he would always find the greatest pleasure in speaking warm words for the North-West. The tide was flowing our way and he would do all in his power to promote it. He expressed his thanks for the kind reference in the address to Lady Minto. She had done much for the hospitals which was a work very dear to her heart, and in the Territories particularly the cottage hospitals were badly needed and could do good work. Nothing would give Her Excellency greater pleasure in the future than to know that the work she had inaugurated was continuing to grow and do good. (Loud Cheers.)

Upon the conclusion of His Excellency's speech a reception was held on the platform when a very large number of citizens took advantage of the opportunity of saying a personal good-bye.

Reception at Government House.

Their Excellencies then departed for Government House amid the hearty cheering of the assembled crowds. In addition to the vice-regal party which included Their Excellencies Lady Eliza Elliot, Lady Ruby Elliot, Lady Violet Elliot, Major Claude and Mr. Arthur Guise, the following ladies and gentlemen were invited to luncheon: Major General Sir Thomas Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, Hon. F. G. Haultain, Hon. G. V. H. Bullock, Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Elliott, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Laird, Commissioner and Mrs. Perry, Assistant Commissioner and Mrs. Macdonald, Superintendent and Mrs. Wilson, Inspector and Mrs. Gilpin-Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Bell and Miss Bolton.

A reception at Government House followed from three to five o'clock and was attended by a very large number of ladies and gentlemen, including the Members of the Legislative Assembly now in session here.

Address to Lady Minto.

Opportunity of this occasion was taken by the Women's Hospital Aid Society of Regina to convey their thanks to Her Excellency for the very great boon on this community by the munificent donation which she made to our hospital; and for that request of Mr. Daly's to allow the de-

members of the Society attended at Government House in a body and presented Her Excellency with the following address which was read by the secretary, Mrs. T. J. Bennett:

"To Her Excellency, the Countess of Minto:

May it please Your Excellency,

That we, the Women's Hospital Aid Society of Regina, should be accorded the much appreciated privilege of to-day tendering Your Excellency a token of our gratitude, is but another link in the chain of gracious and benevolent acts that will ever bind you to grateful Canada. It is at all times a most pleasing task to pay honor to those to whom honor is due, but in this case the pleasure manifestly increases, when we remember the interest Your Excellency has ever taken in our Great North-West and particularly in the work in which we, as a Society are engaged. The Countess of Minto and Victoria Hospital of Regina will ever be lovingly linked in our memories. Your Excellency's interest in any work is a signal to its success, for that interest is ever stamped with superiority of method, progressiveness and up-to-dateness, leavened with your own individuality. With the pleasure of greeting you to-day is coupled a tinge of sadness when we remember that we are here to bid you farewell. Before doing so, dear Countess, to accept our deepest gratitude, earnest wishes for your future health and prosperity, as well as that of all those who are dear to you. Deign, also to carry to our Gracious Queen, whose most worthy representative you have been, our loyal homage while we humbly assure her that in all her vast domains, upon which the sun never sets, there beat no more loyal hearts than those of the women of the North-West Territories.

Again tendering Your Excellency our profound respect, heartfelt gratitude, and earnest prayers for choicest blessings here and hereafter, we would say with the poet—

"Adieu! Such is the word for us,

"Tis more than word—tis prayer,

They do not part, who do part thus,

For God is everywhere."

Signed on behalf of the Women's Hospital Aid Society, Regina.

Mrs. J. R. Peverett,

President.

Mrs. Thos. Bennett.

Secretary.

Her Excellency's Reply.

Replying to the address, Her Excellency said:

"I thank you very sincerely for your kind words. I am glad to have a link with the Regina hospital. We shall always remember with great pleasure the happy years we have spent in Canada and I again thank you for the kind expressions in this address.

Her Excellency was also presented by the President of the Society, Mrs. J. R. Peverett, with a magnificent bouquet of American beauty roses.

The vice-regal party left at 5:30 o'clock for Winnipeg where they were accorded a great reception the following day.

INJUNCTION WAS ENLARGED

Hearing in the C.N.R. Case
Against Contractor Robinson Will Be Oct. 7th.

The application for an extension of the injunction against Contractor Robinson of the C. N. R. was heard and argued before Judge Harvey in Chambers here last Friday afternoon. There was quite an array of leading legal lights present.

The plaintiffs were represented by J. H. Munson, Winnipeg, and Norman Mackenzie, Regina; and the defendant by J. A. M. Aikins and Hon. T. Mayne Daly, Winnipeg, and Hon. F. W. G. Haultain and C. E. D. Wood, Regina.

Munson asked for an enlargement of the case on two grounds—first, the plaintiffs had not been furnished with the affidavits put in by the defendant in time to enable an examination or reply to same, and, in fact, had not as yet seen a number of them. Second, it was impossible to secure the attendance of important witnesses who are now on the works.

Munson strongly opposed the granting of the injunction. He said the interim injunction had been obtained on improper affidavits. The Company were responsible for what delays had occurred, by reason of their failure to supply necessary material and equipment. The contractor was not fifty miles in arrears with track laying, as alleged, but was right on the heels of the graders. The granting of a preliminary injunction should not interfere with the status quo but in this case the property of the defendant to the extent of \$75,000 had been handed over to the plaintiffs. The status quo was not maintained. He had no objection to the enlargement being granted, provided the effect of the interim injunction was stayed and the defendant's property returned to him and he allowed to proceed with the work, which he would continue to push with all diligence.

In reply Mr. Munson contended that Mr. Aikins virtually asked for a new contract, as under the existing contract the defendant's plant and materials were given as security for due and proper fulfillment of contract.

What Mr. Aikins asked was practically an injunction restraining the company from taking possession of the property which the contract transferred to them. It would mean the crippling of the plaintiffs in carrying on the construction of the road.

Judge Harvey said he could see no way of acceding to Mr. Aikins' request without disposing of the merits of the case, which it was impossible to do at the present time. He saw no objection, however, to acceding to a request of Mr. Daly's to allow the de-

mands of the parties.

Upon the conclusion of the reading of the speech His Honor retired and Mr. Speaker Gillis having taken the Chair, the House proceeded to business.

Following the time honored custom of all British Parliaments of introducing a Bill having to do with a subject to which no reference has been made in the Speech, thus demonstrating the right of the elected representatives of the people to legislate irrespective of the Crown, Premier Haultain then introduced a Bill respecting the Public Service. This will, of course, be the last heard of this Bill.

On motion of Premier Haultain, seconded by Mr. Bulyea, the following

defendant to have a representative on the spot to see how his interests were protected or were not protected. Judge Harvey consequently made an order adjourning the hearing until October 7th, and fixing October 1st as the date on which defendants were to file their affidavits. October 5th as the date by which plaintiffs must file their affidavits in reply. It was further ordered that the defendant be at liberty to appoint a representative to have access to the plant, works and chattels in question herein, but such representative shall not in any way interfere with the conduct of the said works or the possession on the said plant, material, works or chattels.

In the meantime Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann have re-engaged all of Robinson's men and are sending in additional laborers as fast as they can be secured and the work of construction is being pushed forward as rapidly

LIBERALS TO MEET.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Liberal Club will be held in the Club room, Standard Hotel, on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock. All Young Liberals and others supporting the candidature of Walter Scott, M. P., are cordially invited to attend.

The annual meeting of the Regina Liberal Association will be held in the same place a week from Friday night—Oct. 7th, at 8 o'clock.

RIFLE MATCHES OPEN TO-MORROW

Shooting Will Continue for
Three Days—The List
of Prizes

The first annual prize matches of the Regina Rifle Association open at the ranges to-morrow afternoon and will continue until Saturday afternoon. The prize list is an exceptionally good one and well worthy of competition and is as follows:

Thursday, 2 p. m.

Citizens' Match, 300 and 500 yards, entry fee 50c. Open to all members of rifle association. 7 shots with sighter.

1st prize, fancy vest, presented by Burton Bros. valued at \$6.00.

2nd prize, pair gloves, presented by G. Micklesborough, valued at \$2.75.

3rd prize, bowling alleys ticket, presented by Atkins & Bruce, valued at \$2.50.

4th prize, cash \$1.00.

Friday 10 to 12 a.m.

Quick firing match, 200 yards, 7 shots to minute standing, no magazine fire allowed, entry fee 50c. Open to all members of rifle association.

1st prize, 1 pair prairie chickens, mounted on stand, presented by Keyes & Grant, valued at \$6.00.

2nd prize, 2 boxes cigars, presented by Thomas Watt, valued at \$5.00.

3rd prize, pocket watch, presented by Smith & Ferguson, valued at \$2.50.

4th prize, pair gold cuff links, presented by M. G. Lowe, valued at \$2.25.

Friday 4 p. m.

MERCHANTS' Match, 200 and 500 yards, 7 shots with sighter. Entrance fee 50c. Open to all members of rifle association.

1st prize, goods presented by Regina Trading Co., valued at \$5.00 and \$1.00 cash.

2nd prize, shooting jacket, presented by C. H. Gordon, valued at \$5.

3rd prize, box cigars, presented by F. Nash, valued at \$1.00.

4th prize, hat, presented by Semi-Ready Clothing Company \$3.50.

5th prize, 3 lbs. tea, presented by A. McDowell, valued at \$1.25.

6th prize, cash \$1.00.</p