

Tales of Sailing & arrival
of Mt. Heron during H.R.H.
The Prince of Wales' visit to
Canada in 1860 -

July 9th 1860. Plymouth Sound

H.R.H. came aboard accompanied
by the Prince Consort. Suite consisted
of General Bruce, Colonel Feedsdale
Capt: Gray and Dr. Achland
Besides them the Duke of Newcastle
& Lt. St. Germans were in attendance
and Mr. Empebant (then in Colonial Office
came as Secretary to the Colonial Minister
Prince of Wales left aboard

July 10

Sailed at 7 am with Ariadne
26 guns 3 tons in company
were met outside by the Channel
Squadron under Sir C. Fremantle
who escorted us in 2 lines one on
each quarter until evening
when they saluted & parted Co -

We began to steam the same
afternoon and from that time
had chiefly W & W^{ly} winds sometimes
too strong to steam against with
regard to making the most of our
Coal of which we had 620 tons

patent fuel onboard / on which occasion we did what we could under sail.

When within 1000 miles of Newfoundland we got into fog and had no clear weather again until just before making the land.

It is probable that we passed near some icebergs as the temperature of the water fell suddenly from 58° at noon (on the 21st July) to 52° in the course of one hour and to 48° in three hours after. It then rose to 50° again but varied all the next day between 50° & $46\frac{1}{2}$ which was the lowest point it reached.

As the Ariadne carried or rather started with 800 tons of coal in her bunkers and on her decks I took advantage of her power and when we had a moderate day made her tow us which

she did easily about 7 knots. She towed us all together about 36 hours.

Found the cabins suitable. The look good under the circumstances and the Passengers agreeable. Arrived at St. Johns Newfoundland at 7 P.M. on July 23rd

Found laying there H.M.S. Flying Fish belonging to our Squadron & the Tesostris, French Surveying steamer Capt. Cloué.

July 24

H.R.H. landed and stayed at Gov^r's House. Sir Alex^r Bannerman - Governor.

Levee. Review of Volunteers. Regatta, Dinner. Ball & visit to Cathedrals &c. occupied the time (I slept at Bishop Field's) until the 26th when the Prince re-embarked.

July 26

Sailed from S.^t Johns
Communicated with telegraph boat
off Cape Race that afternoon
On following day passed close
to the town of S.^t Pierre on the
island of that name then between
the north P.^t of S.^t Pierre & the
Columbian rock - and between
Misqueton & S.^t Pierre.

On to Sydney where we arrived

July 28 at 10 am. Landed
reviewed the volunteers saw
the mines, had a drive and
returned aboard at 3 Pm
Weighed immediately & ran
down the coast passing between
Hunt Island & Lake Percy
inside

and on to Louisburg passed
within about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile
of the ruins of the fortifications
just before dark.

Proceeded under easy sail all

Sunday the 29th and anchored
in Halifax Harbour on

July 30 Found here the Nile
with Flag of Sir A. Milne
Coback & Valorous

Prince landed & rode in
procession through the Town to
Gov.^t House. (Lord Mulgrave
governor) usual Levies &c
on the 31st The Prince went out
Nile to luncheon and then in
Valorous up the Basin to see
the late Duke of Kent's lodge
now in ruins -

August 2^d H.R.H. went away
to Windsor and embarked aboard
Styx at Hans Port from whence
he proceeded to S.^t Johns
New Brunswick & Fredericktown.

August 4

H.M.S. Hero, Ariadne and
Thyrsis sailed for Picton
On the next day sounded our
way into the Gut of Canso

through a very thick fog
Capt Orlebar piloting, when
we entered the fyt it cleared off
and we reached the anchorage
off Pictou that night at 11. Pm.

Lady Mulgrave her daughter
(d: Laura Phipps) & two sons were
my passengers and they remained
onboard until the evening of
August 8th when the Prince
came onboard again brought
from the inner anchorage off
Pictou by the Flying Fish -

August 9th weighed and ran
over to Charlotte Town, Prince
Edward's Island. Anchored
there at noon. Found laying
off food's Island Mrs. Hile who
had taken the ground twice and
had given up going into the
Harbour. Valorous & Copack
were inside and Pomore with
Commodore (ante Surdon) pendant
Prince landed at 1 Pm and

went to food's House. Dundas
Governor. I stayed at

Harilands both nights -
Same Functions as at other
places but Swabey's cooked Hat
cannot be forgotten.

The Evergreen arches and
decorations of every simple house
in all the places we have
visited have been singularly
beautiful and nothing could
have exceeded the loyalty
shown at in each Province.

August 11 weighed in the
afternoon, rainy, foggy
disagreeable weather, feeling
our way all night through
Northumberland Strait Capt
Orlebar showing great knowledge
of soundings &c.

On the Sunday passed between
Lake Perce & Bonaventure St^d
and anchored in Gaspe Bay
at 8 Pm where we found

The Governor General of Canada
and all his Ministers in the
Queen Victoria steamer

August 13 Weighed & ran
into the inner harbour of Quebec
steaming round which the ship
got on the mud. Ariadne gave
us a hull off and no harm
done. Proceeded in the
afternoon up the Gulf of St. Lawrence

Communicated with Father P.^l
telegraph station on evening of
August 14th and looked into
Riviere de Loup on the morning of

August 15 Not finding the
Gov. Genl. there went across the
River to the mouth of the
Saguenay where the Pilot
sent down specially by the
Privity Board at Quebec ran
the ship on a ledge of rock.

Ship floated off in half an
hour but some damage was
sustained altho nothing to

interfere with the execution
of the duty we are employed
upon. Anchored off the
mouth of the Saguenay (to the
Eastward. Tolerable anchorage
H R H went up the Saguenay
in the Victoria with Sir E. Head
(the Gov. Genl) who had joined
us in the forenoon from Bic.

August 16 I accompanied
the Prince who again went
up the Saguenay to fish.

Went up the Marguerite rapids
in canoes. great fun.
Hooked a Salmon but lost
him. Returned onboard

August 17 Weighed at 5 am
and anchored off Lawrence
Point at 6 Pm.

August 18 Weighed at 1 Pm
and ran up to Quebec
accompanied by seven or eight
large River Steamers crowded

with papers Popsy the
one most admired.

4. P.M. Prince landed under
salutes &c and went out to
a house lived in by Genl. General
just beyond Spencer Wood house
(lately burned down). I stayed
there also - Suite divided
about. Provincial building
fitted up for reception of the
Prince his Suite the Canadian
Ministers, the Admiral, General
&c - Quebec

August 19 Sunday. Went to
Cathedral & arranged what
was to be done onboard Heros

August 20. Heavy rain but
all the party rode to the
Chaudiere Falls. Our barges
came up to Cape Rouge to carry
us across the St. Lawrence
bet. through but every body
in great spirits.

August 21. Quebec

Levee, Mortimer Falls
& Ball. Took up quarters at
Provincial Buildings
Half of each house of Parliament
at Luncheon.

August 22 Quebec

Laval University, Monastery
Some addresses & Citadel

August 23?

Leave Quebec in a large
River Steamboat "The Kingston"
Very large party General &
5 of his staff, most of Canadian
Ministers, Sir Allen MacNab and
Sir Steuene Tache ADG to H. Majesty
& 2 Lyons and two Attaches (Warre
and Jenner) Col. Irvine Col
Adl. &c. Berths enough for
every body. Anchored off
3 Rivers at night & received
addresses Deputation &c.
Town prettily illuminated as
also some Steamers who were

illuminated with pendant
oil lights between Mast heads
and t'ib boom ends & -

August 24 Montreal

Waked Early and
proceeded to an anchorage
6 miles from Montreal as the
preparations for Prince's reception
were not complete. Landed
& had a walk in the rain

August 25 Landed 9 am.

Addressed. Opened the
Exhibition then to the opening
of the Victoria Bridge (2 miles
long) dundoon &c.

Prince's quarters at the
General's house on Mont. Royal
I & most of the others at the
St. Lawrence Hotel in the Town
(carriages supplied to take us
backwards & forwards).

Sunday Aug. 26 Montreal

Cathedral, visited family
& W. Blackwell, &c.

August 27

Montreal

Indian James, Rode with
H.R.H. Grand Ball. 4500 people.
House built for the occasion
circular with boxes all round &
orchestra in the centre. Pipes
round half the room supplying
flair (oh and champagne.

Aug. 28 Up the river to (Steam
(by rail) then embarked in
a tolerably large steamer to descend
the Rapids which was very
exciting & pleasant. The first
traveller on this route must have
been a gallant fellow but few
or no accidents ever occur altho
in one of the rapids the steamer
has to pass between two rocks
& would be smashed to atoms
if she touched either side -

Concert in the evening at
the house built for the Ball.

Miss Patti the American Singer
was the principal Performer

1860. Montreal

Aug. 29. Review of Volunteers

who are dressed the same as the Canadian Rifles and appear tolerably well drilled.

Drove to Lachine about 8 miles to see Sir George Simpson's Canoes (They belong to the Hudson Bay Co.), about 30 large Canoes with 16 or 20 men in each. Indians all in full dress. Feather Paint-cc.

Each canoe takes 3 letters abreast of each other. After luncheon at the Island we went across in the Canoes to a Village occupied solely by Indians.

Returned to Montreal in a Steamer down the same rapids (The Lachine Cedars) that we had descended yesterday.

August 30

To St. Hyacinthe by rail and after driving round this large Town amid an immense crowd of people on to Sherbrooke

where H R H announced to Lt. Fenton that his Commission as Lt. in the Navy of which he had been deprived by Court Martial 50 years ago was restored to him.

Back to Montreal by rail, a long day's travelling -

August 31 Leave Montreal

To St. Anne's by rail, Steamer to Carillon. Rail to Beauville. Steamer to Ottawa. Addresses at each place of stoppage.

When approaching Ottawa we were met by a fleet of Canoes (about 150) with from 6 to 12 men in each. Lumberers all dressed in red frocks. They formed on each quarter of the steamer and made a beautiful appearance.

While receiving the address it came on to rain heavily and we all got more or less wet. The general got shot out of his carriage, going up or rather

backing down the Hill from
the Landing Place which is
steep and horses not sufficiently
strong. An hotel taken for
our accommodation just
outside where the Public Buildings
are erecting for this newly
chosen seat of government.

Sept. 1st Ottawa

Laid the foundation stone
of Public Buildings, Driven
round the Town. Visited the
sights of the new Gov^t House &
different new buildings

It appears to me a place well
calculated for the seat of Gov^t
being a good compromise between
Upper & Lower Canada and
pleasantly situated on a fine
river. Climate probably better
from its height than any other
town in Canada. The place
is already very large and
beautifully laid out

In the afternoon we went down
the timber slides on a crib or
raft formed of logs lashed
together. This was very exciting
as the descent was very steep
and consequently you went
down the slide about 20 miles
an hour most of the party
getting a ducking when the
crib reached the bottom of the
slide & made a dive into
the still water. We then
attended a Canoe regatta
and ended by a ride round
outside the Town.

Sept. 2nd Ottawa

Church. L^d Lyons pres
& I got a flat-bottomed boat in
the afternoon and went down
the slide in it. Still better
than the crib. Took a drive
round the environs -
Illuminations in the Town
last night -

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Sept 3rd Left Ottawa

To Asplen by carriages
To Chat. Postage by steamer
where there are 7 or 8 beautiful
falls. Walked across the Postage
crossed a lake in canoes and
arrived at a Mr. McCausland's
house who gave us luncheon
To Almont by carriages and
on to Brockville by rail
Slept on board Steamer Kingston
at Brockville -

Sept 4th

Landed to see Brockville
by daylight. Largeish place
Went on to an anchorage off
Kingston passing thro the Lake
of the 1000 Islands which is very
beautiful. Off Kingston the
difficulties between the D. of Residents
and the Orangemen commenced
and we remained on board the
Steamer alongside the Wharf all
night. I landed & had a look

round the Town in the evening
a very large procession of Orangemen
was parading the Town and
there was an Arch decorated
with Orange symbols &c.

Sept 5. Kingston

Hauled off into the stream &
anchored early in the morning
Deputations being received and
Mayor of Kingston going backwards
and forwards but difficulties
still continued so at 3 PM we
proceeded without having
landed in public to Belleville
where we arrived late and
anchored off the Town.

Sept 6. Belleville

At first the Orangemen here
were willing to put aside their
demonstrations but some
Kingston Orangemen arrived
during the night and persuaded
these people to follow their example
which they did so we left.

Belleville without landing
and went on to Picton which
place was altogether deserted
Inhabitants having gone to
Belleville in the hopes of seeing
the Prince so we went on
again to Coburg where the
Orangemen put away their
paraphernalia and welcomed
the Prince loyally. We landed
at 10 Pm and went straight to
a Ball they had prepared for
H. R. H at which he danced all
night & went to bed at W. H. G.
Smith's Suite aboard Steamer.

Sept. 7th Left Coburg by rail
to Peterboro. Crossed Rice Lake
in a small steamer as the hind
of rail along the edge was not
considered over safe.
Arrived early at Peterborough
received addresses &c and driven
round the Town. On to Port
Hope by rail. I met at

Luncheon Rajah Broth's son
who promised to meet me again
at Toronto but never came.

At Port Hope again embarked
onboard Steamer Kingston and
arrived at Toronto at 6 o'clock
The reception was magnificent
30 or 40,000 people assembled
in a large semicircular erection
in the centre of which was a
raised dais for the Prince and
opposite this a very beautiful
Arch covered with flags as
was also the circular scaffolding

The address was presented the
School children sang 'God save the
Queen' and then Society after
Society marched past with
Banners &c. (Political societies
of course excluded) It had
become unfortunately very dark
before all this was over.
We were then driven all through
the Town which by this time

was illuminated throughout.

It was during this drive that umbrella was taken by the Duke at H.R.H. being driven under an arch that had a transparency of William 3rd of glorious memory over it. I could see no great harm in this but I believe the Mayor had informed the D^y of Newcastle that the transparency had been removed and that there were no Orange demonstrations in the Town whatever.

We were all well put up at God's House.

Sept. 8th Toronto

Leaves and addresses from Belleville &c. We were told that had we landed at that place the Prince was to have been escorted round the Town by 70 young Ladies on Horseback.

Sept. 9. Toronto

To Church at the Cathedral Our Carriage drove some distance round to avoid passing under the Obnoxious arch and the consequence was that the Orange men got angry and during Church service we heard much cheering which was caused by these bigheaded Irishmen replacing Orange banners that had been taken down the day before.

The Churchwardens also were stupid enough to beg H.R.H. to go out of the Church through the Vestry room so we found ourselves in the Church yard at the back of the Cathedral and had literally to fight our way through a dense mob before we could get the Prince into the Carriage.

The Excitement to see him is very great.

Sept. 10 Toronto Prince went
to Collingwood on Lake Huron
I did not go as I was not
feeling particularly well in
the morning but afterwards
went with D. Ackland & Luncheon
with a Mr. Mr. Allen and then
with the Blackwells to an Address
Meeting

Sept. 11. With H.R.H. to a
Regatta which we saw from the
same place we had landed at
on arrival. Then to lay some
stone at a new & very large
University building. Then in
a park adjoining reviewed
the Volunteers Artillery &c
(in the rain) Afterwards to
a Normal School lately established
Ball at Bristol Palace very cold.

Sept. 12. Leave Toronto by rail
got off the railway cars to see
a very handsome bridge across
a deep valley & river near

Geelick Stopped at various
places on the line to receive
addresses. Arrived at
London tolerably early and
was driven round the large
straggling town. We were
lodged at a large hotel part
of which was partitioned off
for us. In the evening a
large body of Firemen paraded
before the windows with lamps
attached to poles in each man's
hand and all in red frocks
and colored trousers. The effect
was very striking.

Sept. 13 Went by rail to
Sarnia. Addresses presented
and a spoken address was
made by a very fine looking
Indian Chief in his own
language. He was surrounded
by other chiefs and at the
conclusion medals were given
to the Head men by H.R.H.

At Sarnia I met Mr.
Maucha's friends and
heard of Mr. who lived
about 10 miles off
heat-luncheon given by the
Grand Trunk Railway people
at their Terminus after which
we returned to London and
a Ball was given us at the
Hotel. Mr. Becker (the Surveyor's
brother) was the leading man
Sept. 14. Left London & sailed
to Montreal thence to Port-
Eric (opposite Buffalo) and
on to Chippewa by Steamer
at the latter place we found
carriages and drove to
Niagara where the Prince
lodged at a pretty house
adjoining the Hotel and his
suite in the cottages belonging
to the Clifton House Hotel.

After dinner the Falls were
lighted up with great success

by Mr. Blackwell (The Manager
of the Grand Trunk Railway) who
placed large quantities of Blue
lights & afterwards red lights
from Table rock to the edge of the
lower water and along the path
that leads down to the Ferry
from the Clifton House. The Effect
was very good -

Sept. 15. Niagara. The Prince
went under the falls. I waited
above having committed that
folly on a previous occasion

Rode to Mr. Steals' to see the
rapids above the falls & the
islands formed by the rapids.
Supposed to have had luncheon
at Mr. S.'s house - then rode to
a place a little below the
suspension bridge where Mr.
Blondin (a Frenchman) performed
his wonderful feat of crossing
over the river 82 feet
alone, then with a man on his

back and then on stilts
(about 2½ feet long) This was
his first attempt at crossing
on stilts. He is a well knit
rather small man but shows
great strength. His balancing
pole was 45 feet long and weighed
45 lbs. no inconsiderable weight
of itself - As we came along
the road we saw M. also
crossing on a rope but his place
was apparently an easier one
as the water below was quiet
instead of being in boiling eddies
as at Blondin's chosen place.

From there we went to the
foot of the falls in a small
steamer "The Maid of the Mist"
This does not pay at all.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Church at Chubbewa but
service ill performed
weather bad. Hinchimlaka
& I put on our Macintoshes &

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walked with the Prince without
being discovered by the mob.

Sept. 17, Niagara Drove over the
bridge round to Goat Island, met
Holt there & went to the different
sites for viewing the falls.

Met DeVaux travelling about with
his brother - afterwards took
a long ride with almost all the
party about Sunday's Lane, they
got a cropper horse falling &
very nearly on him - In the evening
skittled at the Hotel.

Sept. 18 Prince left Niagara

I walked about with DeVaux
until Conolly returned from
his duties and then started
with him at 6 PM for Montreal
& Quebec. via Lake George and
Lake Champlain - Travelled
all night in sleeping cars
arrived at Albany at 5 AM on
Sept. 19th Wash breakfast & start
at 7 AM on Saratoga rail

to Moro Station then by a slow stage to Fort William Henry at the tail of Lake George.

Had people at the Hotel which is very large but the season is best. Met the Consul of Buffalo with his newly married American wife and her sister who were rather amusing. Rained all day. Slept here & started

Sept. 20 at 8 Am in Steamer

up Lake George the scenery of which is beautiful.

Crossed over by a coach to Lake Champlain where we met another steamer that took us to Rouse's Point from whence we sailed to station opposite Montreal crossed in a large steam ferry boat and arrived at Conolly's house Montreal about midnight. — Slept there

Sept. 21. Montreal

About the Town Had an early

dinner with Conolly and aboard the steamer that takes passengers to Quebec at 5 Pm. Schipper gave me a good cabin & I slept comfortably till our arrival when I went aboard here at 6 Am. Sounded all night.

Sept. 24. Quebec. The Prince's servants having arrived we got under weigh & steamed down the River. Anchored at night off Kamaronka where about 40 merchant ships were also at anchor (The Fall fleet on their way up the St Lawrence).

Sept. 25. River St Lawrence

Spung main yard in a squall off the land. Landed Pilot off Father P. Bad weather anchored at night off Grand Hotel Bay. Weighed next morning and had a good run down & out of the River until we got off East point of P. Edwards' Island

When the wind became foul
& we had to steam up & through
the fort of Canso on the 20th Sept
When clear of the land we
tried to make our passage under
sail but we made little way
and only arrived off Sambro on
Oct: 1st when we steamed into
Halifax finding Nile, Valaour
Flying Fish and gunboat Jasper
Weather very bad during our
stay and had to fill up with
Sydney coal which is very bad
for our purpose. Gov: L: ^{Admiral} Pelly
Gen: Frobisher & Admiral dined
with me one day as did also
Elmiche & W: Curran -
Oct: 13th Left Halifax under
steam. Next morning had
a breeze from NE & ENE
which carried us within 30
or 40 miles of Portland when
it chopped right round & blew
from the NW. against which

we had to steam & arrived off
Portland the evening of Oct: 15:
Oct: 16. Arrived at Portland
Saluted & called on Mayor
and went to a party given to our
Officers by a Mr Little -
Oct: 17 Bunch our Consul
at Charleston arrived on a visit
to me. Grand Ball in the
evening given to English Officers
Cooking & - -
Oct: 18 R. Ad: Sir A Milne
arrived in Nile also Stuy.
Oct: 20 Portland -
N. R. H. arrived onboard about
4 o'clock PM and we got away
at 4.45. Nile following us on
fresh breeze against us. Parted
Co with Nile & Stuy almost
immediately and shortly after
with Flying Fish.
Oct: 21 Wind East & SE. Steaming
Oct 22 Do. Do - -
Oct 23 SE Wind, tried

Sailing going only 4 & 5 knots
Oct. 24 Heavy Squalls during
the night. Top & Foresail both
split. Wind came to WNW
and we got along about 9 knots
Oct 25. Steam again wind
coming from ENE.
Oct 26. Tolerably smooth water
Ariadne took us in tow -
Oct 27. Ariadne cast us off
wind very variable and
much fog. Got under steam
again at night -
Oct. 28 At 4 am wind became
fair from North & NW. Made
11 & 12 knots under sail
Oct 29. Ship rolling 32° each
way. Wind still northerly
Oct 30. Wind variable had
to steam again
Oct. 31. Ariadne again took
us in tow wind East 5 & SE.
Nov 1st Parted towing cable
(17 inches) twice & had to proceed

under sail. Wind East &
ENE. occasionally NE.
Nov 2 Steaming wind ENE.
in the afternoon wind SSE
Nov. 3. Standing to NE under
sail too much swell to tow
or to steam with advantage
coals being short -
Nov. 4. Wind East-ENE & SSE
Screw down in the afternoon
& made something
Nov. 5. Tried towing again
but swell too heavy and
parted Ariadne's sheet cable
again - Light wind from South
and SSE.
Nov. 6 Came on to blow from
SSE. Close reefed Topmasts
& reefed courses.