

form Prince of Wales' feathers, and below is a crescent made of evergreen. The effect of this regular system of decoration along the whole line of route is very good, making a fine foreground to the private decorations of the business premises. The centre of attraction was naturally at the Government platform, where the city address was presented to the Duke. This is decorated with festoons of the national colours, and all along the front and sides the beautiful leaves of the nikau palm are effectively arranged. Opposite to this is a large platform for the accommodation of citizens, and on the corner by the ferry tee is another small stand for the members of the Harbour Board and officials. At the back of the main platform is another large stand, and behind this the various business premises are tastefully decorated with the beautiful natural foliage of the New Zealand bush, the nikau, cabbage tree and tot-toi predominating. From the top of almost every building along the street banners are hung out to the breeze, all aiding in making a magnificent display suited to such a unique occasion as the landing for the first time in this colony of the heir-apparent to the throne of the vast Empire of which New Zealand is one of the outlying posts.

**THE GOVERNMENT ARCH.**

The designers of the Government arch at the foot of Victoria-street evidently deemed it but right to "mark with a white stone" such an auspicious occasion as the landing for the first time in New Zealand of the future Ruler of the Empire. Certainly this marble arch presents a fine appearance, being substantial in structure as befitting a Government work.

**THE MAORI ARCH.**

The Maori arch stands at the top of Domain-street, facing the Symonds-street end of Wellesley-street, and is therefore plainly seen by anyone coming up the latter. It is very simple in construction, being a representation of the entrance to a Maori fortified pa. The entrance is formed of two carved side posts inclined towards one another, across which is placed a carved beam, the whole being surmounted by a carved idol. These carvings, however are not real, but are paintings on canvas, taken from the best photographs obtainable.

**The Fireworks Display.**

A magnificent display of pyrotechnics was given on Tuesday from the western toe of the Railway Wharf, as part of the Royal reception festivities. Immense crowds witnessed the brilliant show, and were unboundedly enthusiastic in their admiration of the beautiful fireworks, lasting for nearly two hours. The Queen-street Wharf, the top of Shortland-street, Emily Place, and all other available viewpoints were packed with people, their faces eagerly upturned to the dazzling meteors and fiery showers, which every few moments lit up the city and the foreshore.

The fireworks display over, the next item that claimed the attention of tired Auckland was the illuminations in the city. Just as the last of the fireworks were being let off the electric light was switched on on board the three warships, and the gloom on the harbour was suddenly dispelled by countless incandescent lights, which outlined the vessels from stem to stern, from truck to waterline. The hull, funnels, masts and yards were all strung with Edison lamps. At the same time, the Royal yacht was lit up by a row of electric lights from the stem to the top of the foremast, between the two masts and down to the stern, while a row was also shown along the deck-line. Just forward of the mizzen-mast was suspended a huge design in red and white lights, consisting of an anchor, with a crown above, and on the shank the Imperial motto, "Honi-soit qui mal y pense," in red globes within a circle. The smaller vessels of the squadron had their searchlights playing round the harbour, and the whole effect was most remarkable. From the top of Shortland-street a magnificent view of the harbour illuminations was obtained, and the display on the warships being more or less unexpected by the general public its effect was all the more marked.

**Cornwall Park.**

On Tuesday afternoon Dr. J. Logan Campbell, Mayor of Auckland, formally presented to the city the fine park at One Tree Hill. This was the first business when the Royal visitors reached Government House shortly after three o'clock. The ceremony took place in the ball-room. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York occupied a central position on the recessed dais at the end of the ball-room, where there were also Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York, His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Ranfurly, His Serene Highness Prince Alexander of Teck, Major Derrek-Keppel, the Hon. Mrs Derrek-Keppel, Lady Catherine Coke, Lady Mary Lygon, Sir Arthur Bigge, Commander Sir Charles Cust, Sir Donald Mackenzie Wallace, and Lady Constance Knox.

Dr. J. Logan Campbell, approaching the distinguished visitors, said:—"Your Royal Highness having graciously permitted me approaching you, I have now humbly to pray you on behalf of the people of New Zealand to accept this my gift of a public park in commemoration of your presence in our midst on this auspicious occasion. Might I express the desire that Your Royal Highness names it the 'Cornwall Park'?"

His Royal Highness, in accepting the deed of conveyance, said:—"I am pleased to accept this magnificent gift on behalf of the people of New Zealand."

The deeds, which will in due course be handed to the Trustees, state:—"The said lands are and shall be held by the Trustees upon trust as a place of public recreation and enjoyment for the people of the colony of New Zealand, and also for such public purposes for the general benefit of the people of New Zealand in the way of affording them recreation, enjoyment, pleasure, and instruction, and other similar benefits and advantages of that nature as the Trustees shall from time to time consider best. In addition to their other powers the Trustees may lay out, enclose and plant the said lands, or any of them, or build or erect any lodge, museum, art gallery, library, baths, ornamental or other public buildings which in the opinion of the Trustees may be in furtherance of the purposes and objects of the gift of the donor, the said John Logan Campbell, and may purchase, erect, and set up statues or other works of art."

The deed is dated the 10th day of June, one thousand nine hundred and one, and appoints as Trustees David Limond Murdoch, gentleman; Arthur Mielziner Myers, brewer; Robert Hall, farmer; and Alfred Seymour Rankart, accountant; Mr Myers to be first chairman.

The following interesting document is appended:—

"I sign this Deed of Gift on the 61st anniversary of the year I left the Maori village of Waioanu, on the shores of the Hauraki Gulf, and entered the primal forest to carve with my axe the canoe in which afterwards I made my way to the Island of Motu Korea, my first home in the Waitemata. Since that day it has been my fortune to be at the foundation of the colony of New Zealand, to watch with deepening interest and affection the growth of my adopted country, and to share as well its struggles and its vicissitudes and its now well founded and increasing prosperity. Superintendent of the Province of Auckland in 1855, member of the Ministry formed when a Responsible Government replaced the older system of provincial administration, to me now as Chief Magistrate of Auckland has fallen the honour of presenting our city's welcome to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York. Thus has my whole life been not merely co-extensive, but in closest association with the development of this city and colony. As an abiding memorial of the deep gratitude and warm affection I bear to this, the country of my adoption, I have therefore desired to present 'Cornwall Park' to be a place of public resort for the recreation and enjoyment of the people of New Zealand. The visit of Their Royal Highnesses affords, I have thought, a fitting occasion for the presentation of this gift, which I now make with no other desire than that the park may be of real and lasting benefit to the people whose prosperity I have shared, amongst whom I have lived now for 61 years.

(Signed) J. LOGAN CAMPBELL,  
10th June, 1901."

**Presentation of Addresses.**

Addresses from representative bodies were received by His Royal Highness.

In reply His Royal Highness said: "Gentlemen,—It gives us very great pleasure to have at last reached your

shores, and to receive in your oldest and most populous city addresses of welcome from its representative bodies, and from those of the Auckland district.

"I thank you for your declarations of unwavering loyalty to the throne and person of my dear father, the King. I can assure you that His Majesty follows with the deepest interest the successive events of the important mission entrusted to us by him.

"I look forward to making known to His Majesty how strong I have found the feeling of common brotherhood and readiness to share in the responsibilities of the Empire.

"I earnestly trust that the results of my journey may be to stimulate the interests of the different countries in each other, and so draw even closer the bonds which unite them together.

"I am indeed touched by your feeling allusions to the great life and cherished memory of our late beloved Queen.

"Her Majesty, ever mindful that New Zealand was the first new possession acquired after her accession, watched with thankfulness and satisfaction the courage and perseverance of its early pioneers, its steady development and progress, the growth of a good understanding between the two races, and before the close of her glorious reign, she was proud to know they were living together harmoniously, and vying with each other in loyalty to the throne.

"On behalf of the Duchess and myself, I thank you warmly for your kindly expressions of greeting and goodwill, ample proofs of which we have seen in to-day's brilliant and enthusiastic reception.

"Though we have now reached the furthest point from Home, I am certain that nowhere does the heart of the people beat more warmly towards the Mother Country. You have testified to this in your acts, and it is with true satisfaction that I come here expressing to you those feelings of gratitude so keenly entertained by our ever-lamented Sovereign and equally shared by His Majesty the King for the noble manner in which New Zealand hastened to place her gallant sons in the forefront of the battlefields of South Africa. You have the proud satisfaction of knowing that from these islands has been despatched a force which, in proportion to population, was larger than that from any other of His Majesty's colonies.

"Many, alas, have not returned to receive the loving welcome of their proud fellow countrymen. To their families I would ask to offer my sincerest sympathy. May some comfort be found in the thought that their names are added to the nation's roll of fame—for each one, trooper or officer, has given his life in the noble cause of duty.

"I rejoice to learn that your country is prosperous, and that trade and commerce flourish.

"I feel confident that in these days of keen competition your responsible authorities will do all in their power to maintain and promote the best commercial interests of the Empire.

"The Duchess and I anticipate with intense pleasure our visits to the interior of your country. We hope in this way to make ourselves known to some who might be unable to visit the cities, and we look forward to the opportunity of enjoying some of its world-renowned scenery and natural wonders. We shall always treasure the happy recollection of our first visit to New Zealand, and of the loyal and warm-hearted reception accorded to us by its people."

At the conclusion of the ceremony of the presentation of addresses from various public bodies at Government House yesterday afternoon, the Royal Commissioners, Messrs Seymour Thorne George, Henry Brett, John McLeod, and John Holmes were presented to His Royal Highness.

**Presentation to the Duchess.**

A deputation consisting of Messrs J. Culpin, Lawry, Calder and W. Rattray were received in the drawing-room at Government House yesterday (after the ceremony of the presentation of addresses to His Royal Highness) by the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and Lady Ranfurly. The ladies of H.R.H.'s suite were also

present, and Mrs. Culpin, on behalf of the ladies of Auckland, presented to the Duchess the beautiful gold and greenstone casket (previously described). Mrs. Lawry asked Her Royal Highness to accept the same as a small token of the loyalty of the women of Auckland province. Her Royal Highness accepted the casket, which was greatly admired. She asked the deputation to convey her thanks to the other ladies associated with the gift. She would always value it as a souvenir of her visit to New Zealand. Her Royal Highness shook hands with the ladies of the deputation before they retired.

**Reception at Government House.**

His Excellency the Governor held a reception at Government House on Tuesday to meet Their Royal Highnesses. Government House was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and presented a brilliant spectacle. The guests commenced to arrive at a quarter to ten, and entering by the western door were ushered through the lofty vestibule, wreathed in lycopodium and arum lilies, into the ball-room. Here the decorations, composed of festoons of the same graceful lycopodium, set off by arum lilies, were strikingly effective. The ante-rooms and the drawing-room were also beautifully decorated. The Royal party entered the ballroom at half past ten. Their Royal Highnesses being accompanied by His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Ranfurly, and the Right Hon. the Premier and other Ministers, the orchestra playing the National Anthem. The Duke, attired in Admiral's uniform, walked with the Countess of Ranfurly, and His Excellency with the Duchess. The Royal suite consisted of Prince Alexander of Teck, Lord Wenlock, Lord Crichton, Duke of Roxburghe, Sir John Anderson, Sir Arthur Bigge, Sir Charles Cust, Hon. Derrek Keppel, Sir Donald Mackenzie Wallace, the Rev. John Neale Dalton, M.A., Dr. Alex. Reeve Manby, Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Byron, and Major Bor.

Her Royal Highness was handsomely attired in a gown of rich black satin merveilleux, with drawn jetted net bodice, fastened at the waist with a diamond buckle. She wore a diamond tiara, with a necklace of pearls and other handsome jewels. Lady Ranfurly also wore a handsome jetted gown, with a diamond and jet coronet and diamond ornaments. The ladies in waiting were all handsomely gowned in black, and the majority of the ladies present also wore black, some of the dresses being very beautiful.

The Duke and Duchess on entering the ballroom mounted the dais at one end of the hall, accompanied by Lord and Lady Ranfurly, the members of the staff forming a semi-circle in front of them, with the guests grouped round the room. The latter were then presented to the Royal visitors, this ceremony occupying about half an hour. After the presentations the following musical programme was gone through under the direction of Mr Arthur Towsey:—

- Song, "The King's Muse!" ..... "Maunt MR HORACE STUBBING.
- (Accompanied by Mrs H. Stubbings.
- Song, "Unless" ..... Carracciola MRS A. COATES.
- Song, "The Requill" ..... Bismontal MADAME CHAMBERS.
- Song, "The River of Dart" ..... E. Cooke MR A. L. EDWARDS.
- Song, "Good-bye" ..... Toett MRS W. H. PARKER.
- Quartette, "Soldiers Farewell" ..... Kinkell MESSRS M. WAHAT, F. WRIGHT, A. ROBERTSON, W. GEORGE.

At the conclusion of the concert the Royal party adjourned to supper, accompanied by the suite, the guests following in a double line.

The following is a list of the invitations issued and accepted:—

Mr and Mrs J. A. Allison, Mr and Mrs E. B. Anderson, Mr and Mrs Audley, Commander R. G. and Mrs Archer, Mr and Mrs C. L. Arnold, Mr and Mrs E. W. Allison, Mr and Mrs Miss Allison, Mr and Mrs Isidor Alexander, Mr and Mrs J. Anseune, H.M.A. Archer ward-room officers.

Mrs Baiko, Mr and Mrs J. Bachelor, Mr and Mrs J. Bailey, Mr and Mrs Bamford, Dr. and Mrs Bayntun, Mr and Mrs E. Benjamin, Mr and Mrs E. D. Benjamin, Miss Brien, Mr N. L. Biss, Mr R. H. Biss, Mrs Ernest Read Bloomfield, Mr and Mrs W. R. Bloomfield, Mrs and Miss Brocawen, Mr, Mrs, and