

Date [] of sailing & arrival
of Stmr Hero during HRH
The Prince of Wales visit to
Canada in 1860

July 9th 1860. Plymouth Sound
HRH came aboard accompanied
by the Prince Consort.
of General Bruce, Colonel Teesdale
Capt Grey and D Acland.
besides them Duke of Newcastle
& Lt St Germain in were in attendance
and W Engleheart Colonial office
came as Secretary to the British Minister
Prince of Wales slept aboard.

July 10
_Sailed at 7am with Ariadne
26 June 3 tons in company
met outside by the channel.
Squadron under Sir C Freemantle
who escorted us in 2 lines one in
each quarter until evening
when they saluted & parted co-
We began to steam the same
afternoon and from that time
had chiefly WNW S wind sometimes
too stormy to steam again with
regard to making the most of our
coal of which we had 620 tons.

latest fuel on board/on which
occasion we did whatever we could
under sail

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

It is probable that we haped
near some icebergs as the
temperature of the water fell
suddenly from 58 at noon / on
the 21 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 ½ 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 deck
I took advantage of her power
and where we had a moderate
day made her tow us which

she did easily about 7 knots
she towed us altogether about
36 hours.

Found the Cabins suitable
the Cook good under the
circumstances and the
Passengers agreeable.
Arrived at St John Newfoundland
at 7PM on July 23^d

Found laying there HMS
Flying Fish belonging to our
Squadron & the Sesostris French
Surveying steamer Capt Clouet
July 24

HRH landed and
stayed at Gov House. Sir Alex
Bannerman – Governor.
Levee. Review of volunteers
Regatta, Dinner. Ball & visit
to Cathedrals & occupied the
time (I slept at Bishop Fields
until the 26th when the
Prince reembarked.

July 26 Sailed from St John
communicated with telegraph boat
off Cape Race that afternoon
on following day haped close
to the town of St. Pierre on the
island of the same name then between
the north Pt. of St Pierre & Ile
Columbier rock and between
Miquelon & St Pierre
on to Sydney where we arrived
July 28 at 10am. Landed
received the volunteers saw
the miners. had a drive and
returned on board at 3 PM
weighed immediately & 2am
down the coast hoping between
Flint Island & Lake Perry
inside
and on to Louisburg haped
written about ½ or ¾ 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
Cossack & Valorous
Prince landed & rode in
procession through the Town to
Gov. House. / Lord Mulgrave
Governor/. Usual Levees &
on the 1st The Prince went out
Nile to luncheon and then on
Valorous up the basin to see
the late Duke of Kents lodge
now in ruins –
August 2nd HRH went away
to Windsor and embarked onboard
Styx at Hants Port from whence
he proceeded to St Johns
New Brunswick & Fredericton
August 4 HMS Hero & Ariadne
Flying Fish sailed for Pictou
on the next day sounded out
way into the Gut of Canso

through a very thick fog
Capt. Orlebar piloting. When
we entered the [??] it cleared off
and we reached the anchorage
off Pictou that night at 11. PM.
Lady Mulgrave her daughter
+ Laura Phibbs /+ two sons were
my passengers and they remained
onboard until the evening of
August 8th When the Prince
came aboard again brought
from minor anchorage off
Pictou by the Flying fish
August 9th weighed and 2am
over to Charlotte Town Prince
Edward Island. Anchored
there at noon. Found laying
off gov Island HMS Nile who
had taken the ground twice and
had given up going into the
Harbour. Valorous + Cossack
were inside and Pomone with
Commodore Conte [de Montaignac] pendant.
Prince landed at 1pm and

went to the govt House. Dundas
Governor. I stayed at
Havilands both nights
Same functions as at other
places but Swabey: cocked 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 in each Province.
August 11 weighed in the
afternoon, rainy, foggy
disagreeable weather, feeling
our way all night through
Northumberland Straits Capt
Orlebar sharing great knowledge
of soundings &c
On the Sunday hoped (hopped) between
Lake Perce + Bonaventure [Is]
and anchored in Gaspé Bay
at 8 PM where we found

the Governor General of Canada
and all his ministers in the
Queen Victoria Steamer
August 13 weighed & 2am
into the minor harbour of Gaspé
steaming sound when the ship
got in the muck Ariadne gave
us a pull off and no harm
done. Proceeded in the
afternoon up the Gulf of the St Lawrence
communicated with Father Pt
telegraph station in evening of
August 14th and [looked?] into
Rivière du Loup in the morning of
August 15 not finding the
Gov Gen there went with the
River to the mouth of the
Saguenay where the Pilot
Sent down specially by the
Trinity Board of Quebec
The ship on a ledge of rock
Ship floated off in half an
Hour but more damage was
Sustained although nothing

Interfere with the expectation
of the duty we are employed
upon. Anchored off the
mouth of the Saguenay / to the
Eastward. Tolerable anchorage
HRH went up the Saguenay
in the Victoria with Sir E Head
/the Gov Gen / who had joined
us in the forenoon from [Bic]
August 16 accompanied
the Prince who again went
up the Saguenay to fish.
Went up the Marguerite stream
in canoes. Great fun.
(hoisted) a salmon but lost
him. Return onboard
August 17 Weighed at 5am
and anchored off Lawrence
Point at 6 PM.
August 18 Weighed in 1PM
and ran up to Quebec
accompanied by seven or eight
large River Steamers crowded

with passengers [to see] the
one most admired
4PM Prince landed under
salutes &c and went out to
a house lived in by Gov General
just beyond Spencer Wood house
(lately burned down), I stayed
there also – suite divided
about. Provincial building
fitted up for reception of the
Premier his suite the Canadian
Ministers. the Admiral, General
&c Quebec

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

August 20 Heavy rains but
all the party rode to the
Chouidiere Falls. Our barges
came up to Lake Rouge to carry
us across the St Lawrence
wet through but everybody
In great spirits

August 21 Quebec
Levee, Montmorenci Falls
&Ball. Took up quarters at
Provincial Buildings
Half of each House of Parliament
at luncheon.

August 22 Quebec
Leave Quebec in a large
river steamboat “The Kingston”
Very large party General &
5 of his staff. Govt of Canadian
Ministers, Sir Allen McNab and
Sir Etienne Tache ADCs (Aide De Camp)
Ld Lyons and two [attache]
and Tenner/Col Irvine Col.
ADC &c. Berths enough for
everybody. Anchored off
3 Rivers at night & received
addresses dedication etc.
Town prettily illuminated and
also some steamers who were

illuminated with pendants
all lights between (masthead)
and Jib-boom end &c

August 24 Montreal

Weighed early and
proceeded to our anchorage
6 miles from Montreal as the
Inspections for Prince ! reception
were note complete. Landed
& had a walk in the rain.

August 25 landed 9 am.

Addresses opened the
Exhibition then to the opening
of the Victoria Bridge (2 miles
long) luncheon &c.

Prince: quarter at the
General: house on Mont Royal
I and most of the others at the
St Lawrence hotel in the town
Carriages supplied to take us
Backwards & forward.

Sunday Aug 26 Montreal

Cathedral. Visited [Conolly]
& w Blackwell &c.

August 27 Montreal

Indian Games, rode with
HRH. Grand Ball. 4500 people
House built for the occasion
circular with boxes all around &
orchestra in the centre. Pipes
sound half the room sufficiently
Claret [??] and champagne.

Aug 28 Up the river to Coteau (Coteaux}

(by rail) then embarked in
a tolerably large steamer to descent
the Rapids which was very
exciting & pleasant. The first
traveller on the route must have
been a gallant fellow but few
or no accident ever occur altho
in one of the rapids the steamer
has to slap 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 Simpsons canoes
(They belong to the Hudsons' Bay Comp.)

about 30 large canoes with 16
or 20 men in each. Indians are
in full dress. Feathers. Paint &c.

Each canoe takes 3 (sitters)

Ahead 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 rapids
/the Lachine and Cedars / that we
Had descended yesterday.

August 30

To St Hyacinthe by rail
and after driving round this
large town amid an [????]
crowd of people on to Sherbrooke

where HRH announced Lt John Felton
that his commission at 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: travelling.

August 31 Leave Montreal

to St Anne: by rail, Steamer
to Carrillon Rail to Granville
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.

When receiving the address it
came on to rain heavily and
we all felt 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. Our hotel taken for our accommodation just outside the Public Buildings are exciting for this newly chosen seat of Government.

Sept 1 Ottawa

Laid the foundation stone of Public Buildings Driven round the town. Visited the sights of the new Gov. Houses & different new buildings. It appears to be a place well calculated for the seat of Govt being good compromise between Upper & Lower Canada and beautifully laid out.

In the afternoon we went down the timber slides o 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 {down} the outside the town.

Sept 2 Ottawa

Church. Lt Lyons [?]
+ 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 3^d Left Ottawa

To Aylmer by carriages
to Chut Portage by steamer
where there are 7 or 8 beautiful
falls. Walked across the Portage
crossed a lake in canoes and
arrived at a W McLousland (McLoughlin)
house who gave us luncheon.
To Almont by carriages and
on to Brockville by sail
& left onboard steamer Kingston
at Brockville.

Sept 4th

Landed to see Brockville
by daylight. Largish blaze
went on to an anchorage of
Kingston laping thro the Lake
of the 1000 Islands which is very
beautiful off Kingston the
difficulties between the D of NewCastle
and the Orangemen commenced
and we remained on board the
Steamer alongside the warf 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 5th Kingston

Hauled off in the steamer &
anchored early in the morning
demonstrations being received and
Mayor of Kingston going backwards
and forwards but difficulties
still continued so at 3PM 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 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 Cobourg where the
Orangemen put away their
[paraphernalia] and welcomed
the Prince loyally. We landed
at 10PM and sent straight to
a Ball they had purchased for
HRH at which he danced all
night & went to bed at Sydney
Smiths. Suite onboard Steamer.
Sept 7th left Cobourg by rail.
to Peterboro. Crossed Rice Lake
in a small steamer as the [time]
of sail along the edge was not
considered over safe.
Arrived early at Peterborough
received addresses 7c and driven
around the Town. On to Port
Hope by rail. I met at

Luncheon Rajah Brooke son
who promised to meet met 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 section.
in the center 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 concern 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
[outrage] was taken by the Duke
at HRH being driven under
an arch that had a transparency
of William 3rd glorious [?]
over it. I could see no
great harm in this but I believe
the Mayor had informed the
D of Newcastle that the transparency
had been revolved and that
there were no Orange demonstrations
in the Town whatever.

We were all well put up
at Govt House.

Sept 8th Toronto

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

Sept 9th Toronto

To Church at the Cathedral
our carriages drove some distance
around to avoid haping under
the obnoxious arch and the
consequence was that the Orange
men got angry and during
church services we heard much
cheering which was caused by
these higheaded Irishmen replacing
orange banner that had been
taken down the day before.

The Church wardens also were
stupid enough to beg HRH 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 real.

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 I afterwards went with D Ackland to luncheon with G W Allan and then with the Blackwells to an [archery?] meeting.

Sept 11 with HRH 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 a park adjoining reviewed the volunteers artillery + /in the rain/ Afterwards to a normal school lately established Ball at Crystal Palace very cold.

Sept 12 Leave Toronto by rail got off railway cars to see a very [????] bridge across a deep valley & river near

Guelph stopped at various places on the line to receive addresses &c arrived at London tolerably early and was driven around this 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 hand and all in red frocks and colored trousers. The effect was quite striking.

Sept 13 went by rail to Sarnia. Addresses presented and a short address was made by a very fine looking Indian Chief in his language. He was surrounded by other chiefs and at the conclusion Medals were given to the Head men by HRH

At Sarnia I met
[Blanch de Roi?] friend and
([left blank] who lived
about 10 miles off
Neat luncheon given by the
Grand Trunk Railway people
at the terminus after which
we returned to London and
a Ball was given us at the
Hotel W Becker (the Surgeon's
brother) was the leading man
Sept 14 Left London & sailed
To Brantford thence to Fort
Erie (opposite Buffalo) and
on to Chippawa 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 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 Bengal
lights & afterwards red lights
from to Table rock to the edge of the
lower water and along the path
that leads down to the Ferry
from 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 Streets' to see the
rapids above the falls & the
island formed by the rapids
supposed to have luncheon
at Mr 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 &c first
alone then with a man on his

Back and then on stilts
/about 2 ½ 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 weighted
45 lbs no inconsiderable weight
of itself. As we came along
the road we saw Mr [blank] 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 Blondins' 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 15

Church at Chippewa but
service ill performed.
weather bad. [Hinch???)
& I put on Macintoshes &

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walked with Prince without
being discovered by the mob.

Sept 17 Niagara drove over the
bridge round to Goat Island met
HRH there & went to the different
sites for viewing the Falls.

Met [DeVoux] traveling about with
his brother – afterwards took
a long ride with almost all the
party about Lundy's Lane [Grey]
got a [copper] horse falling &
very nearly on him in the evening
Skittle at the Hotel.

Sept 18 Prince left Niagara

I walked about with [DeVoux]
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 19 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.
Few people at the Hotel which
is very large but the season is past
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 8am on steamer
up Lake George the scenery
of which was beautiful.
Crossed over by a coach to Lake
Champlain where we met
and then steamer that took us
to Rouses Point from whence
we railed to station opposite
Montreal crossed in a large
steam ferry boat and arrived
Conolly: house Montreal
about midnight_ slept there
Sept 21 Montreal
About the town. Had an early

dinner with Conolly and onboard
The steamer that takes passengers
to Quebec at 5pm. (Schipper?)
gave me a good cabin &
slept comfortably till our arrival
when I went onboard Hero at
6am. Found all right.
Sept 24 Quebec the Prince's
servants having arrived we
got under weigh (way). Steamed
down the River. Anchored at
night off Kamouraska where
about 40 merchant ships were
also at anchor The fall fleet
on their way up the St Lawrence.
Sept 25 River St Lawrence
[Sprung} Mainland in a squall
off the land. Landed Pilot off
Father Pt. Bad weather anchored
at night off Grand Metis Bay
Weighed next morning and had
a good run down & out of this
River until we got off east
point of P Edwards Islands.

When the wind became foul
& we had to steam up & through
the Gut of Canso on the 28th Sept

When clear of the land we
tried to make passage under
sail but we made little way
and only arrived off [Sonora?] on

Oct 1st when we steamed into
Halifax finding Nile, Valorous
Flying Fish and gunboat Tasker
weather very bad during our
stay and had to fill up with
Sydney coal which is very bad
for our passage. Gov Lt Mulgrave

Gen [Trossle] & Admiral dined
with me one day as did also
[Miache] & Wm Cunard,

Oct 13 Left Halifax under
steam. Next morning had
a breeze from NE & ENE
which carried us within 30
or 40 miles off Portland when
it chopped right-round & blew
from the NW against which

we had to steam & arrived off
Portland the evening of Oct 14/15

Oct 16 arrived at Portland
saluted & called on Mayor
and went to a party given me
Officer by a [W Little]

Oct 17 Bunch one Consul
at Charleston arrived on a visit
to me. Grand Ball in the
evening given to English officers
Coaling & - -

Oct 18 R Adml Sir A Milne
arrived at Nile also Styx

Oct 20 Portland

HRH arrived onboard about
4 o'clock PM and we got away
at 4:45. Nile following us but
fresh breeze against us. Parted
Co with Nile & Styx almost
immediately and shortly after
Flying Fish.

Oct 21 wind E & SE steaming

Oct 22 - W -

Oct 23 SES winds tried

sailing going only 4 & 5 knots
Oct 24 Heavy squalls during
the night (rig?) & foresail both
split. Wind came to W NW
and we got along about 9 knots
Oct 25 steam again wind
coming from E NS
Oct 26 Totally 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 4am wind became
fair from North & NW Made
11 & 12 knots under sail
Oct 29 Ship rolling 320 each
way. Wind still northerly
Oct 30 Wind variable had
to steam again
Oct 31 Ariadne again took
us in tow winds East & SE
Nov 1st Parted towing cable
(17 inches) twice had to proceed

under sail. Winds East &
ENE occasionally NE
Nov 2 steaming wind ENE
in the afternoon wind ESE
Nov 3 Standing to NE under
sail too much swell to tow
or to steam with advantage
coals being short.
Nov 4 winds East ENE & ESE
screw down in the afternoon
& made something
Nov 5 Tried towing again
but swell too heavy and
parted Ariadne sheet cable
again. Night wind and from South
and SSE
Nov 6 Come to blow from
SSE close reefed topsails
& reefed course.

