

Title:	The Prince's Visit to St. Catharines Broadside, 1860		
Creator:	C.P. Camp		
Dates of Material:	1860	Record Group Number:	RG 558
Summary of Contents:	1 broadside advertising the appearance of the Prince of Wales, Albert Edward, who was Queen Victoria's eldest son. He was to become Edward VII. The visit took place on Tuesday, the 18 th of September in 1860.		
Physical Description / Condition:	The broadside measures 20 cm. x 17.5 cm. The Royal Coat of Arms is featured on the top. Different typefaces are used throughout the broadside. There is slight staining and a small piece is missing from the lower left hand corner. This does not affect the text.		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch:	<p>In 1860, the Prince of Wales, Albert Edward, Queen Victoria's eldest son visited St. Catharines. He was 18 years old at the time. C.P. Camp, secretary, clerk and treasurer of the city council of St. Catharines urged the citizens to show their affection for the Prince of Wales. This was reflected in the broadside which he put out. He noted that The Saint Catharines Volunteer Artillery Company would fire a royal salute and British cheers would be given by the assembled throng.</p> <p>The visit to the Niagara area was quite eventful. When the Prince landed at Macklem's Wharf in Chippawa where he was greeted by Major Bates' Volunteer Cavalry from St. Catharines as well as city councilors and magistrates. He travelled along Portage Road in a carriage while firemen and ladies with torches ran along beside the carriage. They arrived at the Pavilion Hotel which overlooked the Horseshoe Falls. A platform had been set up. It was lit with 4 Bengal lights (long burning flares). The smoke from the lights was suffocating the Prince, so the lights were tossed to the ground. This set the platform ablaze. Fortunately, the fire was quickly doused and nobody was injured. It is said that the Prince was amused by his "warm reception". Another mishap occurred when a group of Sunday School children were about to sing the national anthem. Their temporary platform collapsed and the</p>		

	<p>children tumbled to the ground.</p> <p>Welland County Warden, James Cummings read an address of welcome and the Prince went on to Drummondville where he stayed at the Zimmerman House. In the evening, the Prince went out to the Table Rock. The Falls were illuminated with 200 Bengal lights which were placed below Clifton House, beneath Table Rock and supposedly, behind the Horseshoe Falls. His engagements included: a trip down the stairway into the gorge, lunch with Thomas Clark Street, the viewing of a high-wire act by Jean Francois Gravelet who was better known as Blondin, a trip on the Maid of the Mist and a church service at Holy Trinity Church in Chippawa. On Monday, September 17, the Prince went to Goat Island and climbed Terrapin Tower. In the afternoon, William Hamilton Merritt delivered an address and took the Prince across the river on a Great Western Railway car.</p> <p>On September 18th, there was a ceremony in Queenston Heights to honour veterans of the War of 1812. The Prince stopped at the town of Niagara where he was presented with some fruit. There was a brief ceremony at Port Dalhousie, then at 2:30 p.m., the Prince arrived in St. Catharines at the train station at Welland Avenue and Geneva Street. Captain Mittleberger's Artillery fired a salute. There was a procession led by Major Bate's Cavalry, followed by Grand Marshal Elias Adams, Loyal Coloured Inhabitants (the town's band), Colonel Clarke's Rifle Company and officers of the 5th Batallion Lincoln Militia. They were followed by the Prince and the rest of the royal party, the Mayor, the Town Council, Magistrates, Clergy and townspeople. The procession passed the 8 ceremonial arches which were built especially for the occasion. The parade route was lined with flags, shields and slogans. More than 15,000 people were there to welcome the Prince. Addresses were read by Mayor James Currie and Lincoln County Warden J.C. Rykert. The Prince's party felt that St. Catharines had put on an excellent display.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>Source: Hughes, Alun. <i>The Prince of Wales at Niagara</i>. Newsletter of the Historical Society of St. Catharines. St. Catharines, 2009</small></p>		
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