

Princes Reach London in Deluge of Rain After 15,000-Mile Tour Through Canada

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LONDON, Sept. 14.—The Prince of Wales and Prince George returned to rain-swept London tonight, after eight weeks of travel in Canada on a jaunt of some 15,000 miles. A deluge at Southampton as well as in the British capital helped the Princes to obtain their expressed desire that the end of their journey would witness the same privacy that began it, without any ceremony or public demonstration. Few people witnessed the homecoming, although Southampton was decked with flags and the Mayor and Mayoress received the royal travelers.

The Prince of Wales was looking fit and bronzed after the journey and Captain Alan Lascelles, a member of his suite, declared that he was in the best of health. According to his fellow-voyagers aboard the *Empress of Canada*, he had taken a leading part in all the ship's festivities as well as setting an example of strenuous exercise. He danced every night, practiced golf on specially improvised putting greens, played a new and violent brand of deck tennis and strode innumerable miles along the decks.

The Prince described his journey

as "the most instructive and interesting he had yet had in Canada." Although not giving formal interviews, according to his fellow-passengers, his conversation at the dinner parties he gave each night to different circles of friends, new and old, consisted chiefly of enthusiastic descriptions of the sights and experiences in the Dominion and admiration for its development.

On the final day at sea he made an inspection of the ship from stern to stern with the captain and then paced the bow restlessly with his brother till they caught a view of England.

He felicitated Walter Bowyer, a Southampton pilot bringing him ashore for the sixth time from ocean voyages, upon his unflinching skill and distributed souvenirs marked with his crest among the ship's company. Then he and his brother hustled ashore and boarded a first-class compartment of the boat train to London and they were quickly on their way to the capital.

Only a few railroad officials greeted the Princes at Waterloo Station, where they jumped into a waiting automobile and were conveyed to York House.