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ADDRESS from the SUPERINTENDENT, Nelson, to Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., and REPLY.
To His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its
Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

I am happy that my first public act as Superintendent of this Province is to congratulate your Excellency, on behalf of its inhabitants, upon your arrival in Nelson, and to express their gratification at having the opportunity to welcome you amongst them.

An interval of many years has passed since you last visited this part of the Colony; but, happily for us, that interval has not been marked by any events of so serious a nature as to call for your personal interposition.

Without being able to boast of its progress as exceptionally rapid, Nelson may claim a fair share in the advance of the Colony in population, commerce, and general prosperity, whilst it has been exempt from those sufferings and vicissitudes which, owing to the disaffection of a portion of the Native population, we have had to deplore in some other parts of New Zealand.

Your Excellency will, I hope, be able, during your stay here, to convince yourself that all those local institutions which were entrusted by our free constitution to the support and management of the people themselves, are in a satisfactory condition; and I am confident that our Province may depend upon your warm interest and earnest endeavours to promote all further measures calculated to develop her resources and secure her welfare.

I can assure your Excellency that, in loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, in obedience to the laws, and in attachment to the constitution of Great Britain, the people of this Province are unsurpassed in any part of the Colony.

OSWALD CURTIS,
Superintendent.

REPLY.

YOUR HONOR,—

I return you my most sincere thanks for the congratulations upon my arrival at Nelson, which you have offered me upon the part of the inhabitants.

It is with much pleasure I revisit a place to which I have long felt a great attachment, and a remembrance of the beauties of which, and of my friendship for many amongst its inhabitants, has, for many years, been with me in distant countries and in the midst of many different scenes.

Naturally, therefore, upon my return here is it with the greatest satisfaction that I see signs everywhere around me of the steady advance of this portion of New Zealand in population, commerce, and general prosperity; and that I hear from you that the Province of Nelson has been so happily exempted from sufferings and vicissitudes which we have had to deplore in other parts of this Colony.

I shall gladly, whilst here, do my best to make myself acquainted with the state of your various local institutions, and I shall share with you in the pride and pleasure with which you will I know be able to point out to me their satisfactory and efficient state. You may rely that to aid yourselves and the Provincial Government in your efforts to advance the prosperity of Nelson will always be an object of earnest solicitude to myself and my Responsible Advisers.

The warm expressions of the people of this Province of loyalty and attachment to our Queen shall be made known to Her Majesty, by whom, I can assure you, they will be most graciously received.

G. GREY.

Enclosure 2 in No. 32.

ADDRESS from the ARTIZANS' MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, Nelson, to Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., and REPLY.

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., Governor of New Zealand, &c., &c.—

Your Excellency is desired to accept the following Tributary Verses adopted by the members of the Artizans' Mutual Improvement Association of Nelson, and presented to your Excellency in testimony of their esteem for your Excellency, and their love and loyalty to the Queen, and the institutions of the Empire over which Her Majesty reigns:—

Welcome! illustrious Sir, your visit fans
The flame of loyalty in every breast;
We, too, have left our toils as Artizans,
To hail your presence as our City's guest.

We welcome you to Nelson's sunny clime,
Respected substitute of our good Queen,
Than whom no Monarch on the roll of time
Has by a people so beloved been.

Both for your own and for that Lady's sake,
We gladly hail you to this city fair;
And while with us you may your sojourn make,
All we can give, right welcome you shall share.

We deem you, Sir, that honoured golden link
That truly joins us to our Fatherland;
Thence to express ourselves why should we shrink,
Or fail to welcome you with heart and hand?

A thousand years have perished in the past
Since Alfred's laws pronounced his people free,
And while the bright sun shines these laws shall last,
In all their glorious power and purity.

The pride of nations Britain since has been,
And still is all her children can desire
Who love their institutions, and their Queen
With all the love that patriot bosoms fire.

In every clime her honoured flag's unfurled,
Her ships of commerce traverse every sea
To stamp her glorious impress on the world,
And point the path to true prosperity.

Though we are here that land's antipodes,
To shield our toils her institutions bloom
In all their beauty o'er the destinies
Of these lov'd Islands, our adopted home.