

# VICE-REGAL VISIT TO BALLARAT

## LORD AND LADY HUNTINGFIELD

### GORDON COTTAGE OFFICIALLY OPENED

### SOLDIERS' INSTITUTE AND NOVAR HOSPITAL VISITED

### CITIZENS' ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME

ACCOMPANIED by Lady Huntingfield, His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Lord Huntingfield, yesterday paid his first visit to Ballarat. Public men and citizens generally entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the event, and although meteorological conditions were the reverse of inviting the warmth of the welcome accorded the Vice-Regal representatives made ample amends for the vagaries of the weather.

At every stage of their eventful day, into which as many functions as possible were crammed, their Excellencies were greeted with a spontaneity of goodwill and appreciation characteristic of Ballarat. This city has always been noted for its loyalty to the Throne and to the King's representatives, and yesterday's demonstrations in the streets and at the various places visited by Lord and Lady Huntingfield were but further evidence of the patriotism of the people as well as a personal tribute to the visitors. In response to the Mayor's request flags and bunting were flown from numerous public and semi-public buildings, as well as from many business houses, and despite the bleak day and the intermittent showers the city bore a gala appearance.

Their Excellencies, who were attended by Capt A. Lawrence, A.D.C., were met at the Western station by the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr and Mrs A. J. Darling). A formal welcome followed and motor cars were in readiness to transport the party to the City Hall, but when their Excellencies were informed that the school children had lined the streets to do them honor they unhesitatingly suggested that they would like to show their appreciation of the children's tribute by walking between their lines.

When their Excellencies emerged from the vestibule they were greeted by the strains of the National Anthem played by the Regimental band. A guard of honor representing the 8th City of Ballarat Regiment was inspected by His Excellency, who congratulated the officer in charge (Capt Stone) on the excellence of the turn-out. Lusty cheers from hundreds of children who took up positions on each side of Lydiard street greeted the party when they came into view, and right along the route to Sturt street the cheering continued to the accompaniment of flag waving. Their Excellencies gracefully acknowledged the renewed outbursts from each section, and the children were delighted with the recognition they received. Between Lydiard street and the City Hall a large number of citizens had assembled, and they took up the cheering.

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worldly standards, a failure—socially, financially, politically—he could not hold his own, but he lives forever in the heart of the Australian people. The reason is that the conception of the materialistic Australian is a totally false one, and Gordon has put into verse that can be understood and remembered by all, the essential poetry of open-air life and sport in Australia, and of the haunting loveliness of the Australian landscape. He appeals to the sense of beauty latent in every Briton, and shown often in the most apparently prosaic man's flower-garden. He appeals also to another universal feeling, the love of sport. He was indeed a sportsman, who rode in the stiffest steeplechases when he was so near-sighted as to be almost blind. Think of his exploit on 10th October, 1868, when he won the Hunt Club cup at Flemington on Major Baker's Babble, the Metropolitan Steeplechase on his own horse Viking, and the Selling Steeplechase on his good little horse Cadger, which he had ridden to second place in the Grand National at Ballarat in April of that year! He took over the business of this building, Craig's Livery Stable, in the autumn of 1867, and brought his wife and little daughter from Mount Gambier. Here he met and associated with all the leading hunting and racing men of the district, and here, as much as in his nature lay, he enjoyed the society of others who shared his tastes. We will think of him thus, and think of his words:—

'Courage, comrades, this is certain,  
All is for the best.  
There are lights behind the curtain,  
Gentles, let us rest.'

"I will conclude with Will Ogilvie's eloquent tribute:—

'Our Lindsay Gordon! From the north-most cape  
South to the Otway he is loved and known;  
The boughs that shadow and the dusts that drape  
His horse and horsemen—are they not our own?  
And every bronzed, burnt bushman of the East,  
And every digger in the western mines,  
From him has learned one lifting page at least,  
And loved it for the heart between the lines.'

"I now unveil this plaque, presented by Mrs Ida Buckley, and dedicated to the memory of Adam Lindsay Gordon."  
The unveiling of the plaque was followed by cheers.  
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cellency then amidst applause declared the cottage open.  
The vice-regal visitors were then shown over the cottage by Mr Martell, and they were deeply interested in the various curios and pictures found in the cottage and others which the committee had added.

### Returned Soldiers' Welcome

#### GOVERNOR VISITS MEMORIAL HALL.

Accompanied by the Mayor, His Excellency paid a visit to the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Hall, where he was greeted by the president of the Returned Soldiers' Association (Mr Stanley Walker) and a large gathering of officers and ladies. His Excellency was shown over the building, and evinced a deep interest in many of the historical pictures relating to the late war that adorned the walls. He also remarked on the excellent condition in which the building is maintained, and in that connection personally congratulated Mrs Brown, wife of the assistant secretary (Mr George Brown).

Mr Walker, in welcoming His Excellency expressed members' sense of deep appreciation of the visit to their building having been included in the itinerary on the occasion of His Excellency's first visit to Ballarat. The visit would give the Vice-Regal representative an opportunity to obtain first hand knowledge of the way ex-service men were being looked after. They realised it was a most important function as far as their League was concerned. Ever since His Excellency's arrival in Victoria they noted with much satisfaction the interest he had taken in the movement, and they felt confident he would follow in the footsteps of the honored gentleman who had represented His Majesty in the past. As Governor of the State His Excellency had naturally to exercise care in his utterances, but he would be perfectly safe in giving the fullest expression to his thoughts regarding the organisation, and by doing so on every occasion. His Excellency would earn their gratitude and give strength to their organisation. Ballarat had one of the largest sub-branches of the Returned Soldiers and Sailors' Associations in Australia. It had approximately 500 financial members, and they gave place to no sub-branch in the care and attention they devoted to ex-service men. Through their unemployment bureau they were able to send men out at a minute's notice, and reports that came to hand from employes showed that the men thus supplied gave 100 per cent. satisfaction. They were particularly proud of the work achieved by the Distressed Diggers' Fund by means of which they had been enabled to perform much valuable work in assisting ex-service men and their wives and families. They were equally solicitous about the welfare of ex-service men of the Empire who happened to be 'up against it.' That institution was the refuge of a tremendous number of men passing through the city in search of employment. The organisation also enjoyed the confidence of the citizens of Ballarat because of the bearing of the men on all occasions. The men would be particularly gratified with the knowledge that His Excellency had taken an interest in them and their work, and the more His Excellency toured the State the more closely he would come into contact with returned men, and the more they would learn to appreciate him. The inability of Lady Huntingfield to accompany His Excellency to the Memorial Hall was regretted, and he asked His Excellency to convey to her the sincere hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would give her health and strength to co-operate with His Excellency in the performance of his manifold and important duties with honor to themselves and to the complete satisfaction of the citizens of Victoria.

In responding, his Excellency said he felt it a privilege to visit the Institute. He had not much time at his disposal—not time enough—because he would have liked to meet more of the members of that flourishing sub-branch. He congratulated them on that outstanding example of what could be done by good-

trials; and he congratulate that prestige. During it they had been in Australia he had received nothing but kindness and help. That another example of what it when they were going on. Their desire was to go over to meet the people as they doing. Lady Huntingfield greeted her inability to go to the Institute and to be present. She was engaged function, and it would be convey to her what had been could assure them that it did in the late war would the British Empire held to gotten. (Applause.)

### Arrival at Show

#### SCOUT GUARD OF

On arrival at the show, cellency was received by the A. and P. Society and members of the A. There a guard of honor by the Boy Scouts, in charge mons (president of the Council), District Scout M and Senior Scout Master son. His Excellency evinced interest in the boys, and the officers in charge on out. His Excellency went over the exhibits, in which keen interest.

### Visit to "No

A visit was also paid by and Lady Huntingfield to hospital. There they with the president of the Ball the Red Cross Society (Miss Beccie Macdonald, party. The vice-regal shown over the building, impressed with the facility had observed for the treatment, and those who were enough to meet with the Matron Stubbs and the formed a guard of honor cellencies, who were sustained at afternoon tea.

### Visit to Baby Hee

Lady Huntingfield, who accompanied by the Mayoress (Mrs A. J. Darling), inspected the Baby in the afternoon. The under the District Com G. F. Morton), district c Roediger), and district K. Must), formed a guard the entrance to the building. Lady Huntingfield, who showed appreciated their presence several of the girls and autograph books. Mrs. president of the Baby welcomed her Excellency. speech later said she was impressed with the spectacle being performed at it.

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#### REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

All local and district institutions were represented in the large gathering which assembled at the City Hall to greet the Governor and Lady Huntingfield. There was also a large crowd in front of the building, and from them their Excellencies received a very hearty greeting, and their cheers were cordially acknowledged by His Excellency. Attended by the Mayor and Mayoress their Excellencies took up a position in the Mayor's room, where those present were in turn presented.

The Mayor said it was with the greatest pleasure that on behalf of the citizens of Ballarat he welcomed His Excellency and Lady Huntingfield. It was a function which gave citizens generally an opportunity of seeing the Governor, while many had had the privilege of being presented to His Excellency.

His Excellency, who was given a hearty reception on rising to respond, said it was an unexpected pleasure to say a few words to so many citizens of Ballarat. It gave him the greatest pleasure to come amongst them, and to pay a visit to the celebrated City of Ballarat. They had had a little controversy in the Mayor's room as to whether Ballarat should be spelt with one or two "a's." (Laughter.) There was an exhausting day before them, and by the time 12 o'clock was reached that night they would have seen a good deal of the city. Lady Huntingfield and he arrived in Victoria only 14 weeks ago, and most of the intervening time had been devoted to functions in Melbourne, but between the present and the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester they hoped to make tours into different parts of the State and after the Duke's visit he hoped to see a great deal more of the Ballarat district, and of Victoria. He sincerely hoped to have the pleasure of visiting Ballarat, and meet them all again. (Cheers.)

### Gordon Plaque

#### UNVEILED AT CRAIG'S HOTEL.

#### ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO THE POET.

Another hearty welcome awaited the Governor and Lady Huntingfield on their arrival at Craig's Hotel. Here His Excellency unveiled a Doulton plaque in the vestibule. This tribute to Adam Lindsay Gordon's contribution to Australia's literature and to the memory of the poet bore the inscription—"The Poet, Adam Lindsay Gordon conducted livery stables—1887-1868."

In his opening remarks the Mayor referred to the pride citizens of Ballarat, in common with the whole population of Australia, felt at the poetical genius revealed by Adam Lindsay Gordon, and it gave them a further throb of satisfaction to know that Gordon's memory had been honored by his bust being installed amongst the illustrious at Westminster Abbey. The plaque had been presented by Mrs Ida Buckley, a Ballarat native, who had a soft spot in her heart for the city of her birth.

His Excellency said: "You have given me this morning one of the pleasantest tasks which a Governor can be called upon to perform—the commemoration of a name honored by the people of the State to which he belongs. The name we commemorate is a name I remember from my earliest childhood in Queensland—that of Adam Lindsay Gordon. It is commonly supposed by dwellers in the Old World that the peoples of the new countries are materialistic in their outlook, hard and matter-of-fact and mindful only of assessing the worth of a man, of the crude tangible rewards of his toil—yes, the man whose name is a household word throughout Australia, and in whose honor we have gathered this morning, is, according to all

towed by cheers. Mr F. J. Martell (president) represented the Ballarat Gordon Lovers' Society.

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One of the most interesting events in the day's programme was the official opening of the Adam Lindsay Cottage, which had been transferred from Craig's Hotel to the Botanical Gardens. Light rain was falling when their Excellencies arrived, but despite that fact a large crowd had assembled in front of the renovated structure. The architects were Messrs Clegg and Morrow, and Mr D. S. Quayle carried out the practical work.

The Mayor said they had the honor of having with them their Excellencies Lord and Lady Huntingfield, at the invitation of the Historical Society, which was endeavoring to perpetuate the fact that Adam Lindsay Gordon at one time lived in Ballarat. The great Australian poet's memory was now being immortalized at Westminster Abbey. The Gordon committee had done a wonderful work in removing to that location the cottage in which Gordon had lived during his residence in the Ballarat district. He was sure as the years progressed the value of the cottage and the sentiment attached to it would be enhanced. It would perpetuate the memory of Gordon in Ballarat for all time, and it would be one more attraction to the Botanical Gardens.

Mr F. J. Martell said the people of Ballarat looked upon the opening of the cottage by his Excellency as a very great honor. Three months ago a representative of His Majesty, in the person of H.R.H. the Duke of York, unveiled a bust of Adam Lindsay Gordon at Westminster Abbey, and to-day on the other side of the world another representative of His Majesty, the Governor of Victoria, was performing a somewhat similar ceremony in Ballarat. His Excellency had that morning unveiled a plaque erected to the memory of Gordon at Craig's Hotel. On 19th October last, which was the centenary of Gordon's birth, a suggestion was thrown out to the public that it would be a good thing if the cottage, then standing in the garden adjoining Craig's Hotel, were placed in a position more accessible to the public. The movement attracted the attention of an old Ballarat "boy," who had come under his (Mr Martell's) tuition 60 years ago. That gentleman volunteered through Mr J. J. Brokenshire to defray the cost of renovating the building and transferring it to its present site. Up to the present that gentleman's name had been withheld from the public, but by consent he (Mr Martell) would inform them that it was Mr R. A. Crouch—(applause)—a gentleman well-known for his civic benefactions. Mr Crouch had already given large sums to the Ballarat Art Gallery and to other institutions. He (Mr Martell) was pleased to see present representative members of the Melbourne Gordon Society, including Mr Long (chairman) and Mr Jennings (secretary). It was also gratifying to see present a direct descendant of Adam Lindsay Gordon, Dr J. R. Heath, of Melbourne, who was a great grandson of Gordon's favorite sister. In conclusion Mr Martell wished His Excellency and Lady Huntingfield good health and long life, and that they would look back with pleasant memories to that occasion. Mr Martell then handed to His Excellency a gold-mounted walking stick made from a raffa which had formed part of the Gordon cottage.

His Excellency said his deep thanks were due to them for the stick which he appreciated very much. In the cottage at which they were then assembled Adam Lindsay Gordon lived with his wife and family while he was conducting livery stables at Craig's Hotel. The presentation of the Gordon cottage was one more proof of the patriotism and public spirit of the citizens of Ballarat. In that cottage he liked to think that Gordon was happy, but how little he (Gordon) dreamt that 100 years after his birth his memory would be perpetuated in such a way that day. His Ex-

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