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British Empire Day, August 19, 1893

at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

The British Empire Demonstration Committee, composed of British colonial commissioners, united with Her Majesty's commissioners in the celebration of this day, and Canada, Australia, Ceylon, Trinidad, Cape Colony, British Guiana, seventeen British societies, and the British military representatives lent force and *éclat* to the ceremonies.

Among the many special features in the morning parade in the city the Scottish clans and pipers were a great attraction, and the marching and evolutions of the Sons of St. George and the Military Tournament Company were highly applauded. At 2 pm. the military ceremony of "trooping the colors" took place in front of Victoria House, in which the British troops were assisted by the Knights of St. George, the Royal Scots, and other bodies.

At 3 pm. the march was taken up to Festival Hall, where an interesting program of speechmaking and music was carried out, a chorus of a thousand voices having been provided for the singing of British and American national songs. Colonel Hayes Sadler, British consul at Chicago, called the gathering to order, and the building rang with shouts as the audience rose to the singing of "God save the Queen." After the address of welcome by Mayor Harrison, the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner was received with hearty cheers.

In the succeeding program of addresses by colonial commissioners Canada was represented by the Hon. George R. R. Cockburn and Senator Joseph Tassé ; New South Wales, by Dr. Arthur Renwick ; Ceylon, by the Hon. J. J. Grinlinton ; Cape Colony, by Mr. M. Berliner ; Trinidad, by Mr. M. H. Vincent ; British Guiana, by Mr. J. J. Quelch ; and India, by Mr. Richard Blechynden. With the singing of Rule Britannia the exercises were brought, to a close. In the evening a special exhibition of the Military





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Tournament was given in the Stock Pavilion, at which a gold medal was presented to Corporal Evans for bravery in the cold-storage fire. A fine feature of the fireworks that evening was a representation of the flags of Great Britain and the United States entwined with the imperial arms of England in a design a hundred by fifty feet in size, and containing ten thousand separate burning pieces. The attendance on this day was greater than at any time since the Fourth of July.