

all that He is prevented by the necessities of His position and not by any lack of appreciation of the loyalty and devotion of the people of Canada to His Throne and Person.

H. M. King Christian of Denmark, father of H. M. Queen Alexandra, died at Copenhagen on January 29, aged 88. A despatch from Lord Grey tendering the devoted sympathy of the people of Canada to their Majesties the King and Queen in the loss which they have sustained was acknowledged by Lord Elgin, in which he stated that he was commanded to request His Excellency to convey to the Canadian people 'the cordial thanks of Their Majesties for this mark of sympathy' and to say that 'Her Majesty the Queen has been greatly comforted by the expressions of affectionate regard towards herself and by knowing that the heart of Canada goes out to Her in Her sorrow.'

Early in the year H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and nephew of H. M. the King, visited Tokio for the purpose of presenting to the Emperor of Japan the insignia of the Order of the Garter. His Royal Highness returning home by way of Canada landed at Victoria, B.C., on March 27, and was welcomed with loyal enthusiasm by the Dominion and Provincial authorities and by the people of Canada.

The appalling earthquake of April 18 on the Pacific coast by which, with the subsequent outbreak of fire, nearly the whole of the city of San Francisco, California, was reduced to ruins, occasioned immense losses of life and property, and evoked universal sympathy with the sufferers. Nowhere was this sympathy more keenly felt than in our own country, and it found practical expression in a grant of \$100,000 which the parliament of the Dominion voted on April 20 towards the relief of the distress caused by the earthquake and fire.

During the winter a serious famine in northern Japan caused acute distress amongst a population of nearly 3,000,000 persons. The parliament of the Dominion voted a sum of \$25,000 towards the relief of the sufferers, and flour to this value was despatched to the districts in Japan affected by the famine.

A convention between the United Kingdom and Japan respecting the commercial relations between Canada and Japan was signed at Tokio on January 31. By this convention it was agreed that the stipulations of the treaty of commerce and navi-