

LORD MAYOR OPENS HARROGATE BATHS EXTENSION. 578

One of the biggest civic events Harrogate has known was the occasion of the opening of the Royal Baths Extension when the Lord Mayor of London, Major Sir Frank Bowater, with the Lady Mayoress, travelled from London to attend the ceremony. The London party was received at the station by the Mayor of Harrogate, Councillor Dawson J.P., and the Mayoress. A large number of distinguished personages was presented to the Lord Mayor --- including Lord Mayors and Mayors of many of the important cities and towns of the British Isles. The party left the station and drove to the Baths in procession with police and soldiers. The route chosen was by way of Station Parade, Victoria Avenue, West Park, War Memorial, Cambridge Street, James Street, Prospect Hill, Pump Room and Crescent Road.

The Royal Baths of Harrogate were considered already to be among the best-equipped bathing establishments in Europe, but so popular were they and so beneficial was the treatment, that it was found that the high season suffered somewhat from overcrowding. The present extension scheme has solved the problem, and thus the occasion becomes one of real importance not only to Harrogate but indeed to all the world.

Arrived at the Baths themselves the Lord Mayor inspected a guard of honour provided by the 5th Battalion the West Yorkshire Regiment. The present arrangements of the Spa at Harrogate being inaugurated this day were completed at a cost of approximately £80,000.

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A tour of the buildings reveals that this establishment has been equipped with the most modern appliances for administering the renowned Harrogate Natural Waters, embodying the result of many years of research work. Yes, it is an occasion of which ~~XXXX~~ Harrogate may justly be proud.

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