

The
**ROYAL
TOUR**



OF CANADA AND UNITED STATES



MAY
JUNE
1939

The silver and blue Royal Train, drawn by Canadian National Railways' streamlined "6400" locomotive.

TED HARRIS

The Royal Tour of Canada and United States

In grateful appreciation of this memorable visit and in proud recollection of the part it had in serving their Majesties during a large portion of their Canadian tour, the Canadian National Railways System dedicates this souvenir booklet and offers it to those who wish to preserve in printed form a memento of this historic occasion.

His Majesty's Farewell Message

Broadcast from the Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, N.S., Thursday, June 15th, 1939

The time has come for the Queen and myself to say goodbye to the people of Canada.

You have given us a welcome of which the memory will always be dear to us. In our travels across your great country, we have seen not a little of its infinite variety of natural wealth and natural beauty. We have had the privilege of meeting Canadians, old and young, of many proud racial origins and in all walks of life. We hope we have made many friends among you.

We have had the opportunity also, of crossing your border and paying an all too brief visit to Canada's great and friendly neighbor to the south. Our minds and hearts are full. We leave your shores after some of the most inspiring and illuminating weeks in our lives.

Mon premier devoir est de vous remercier tous du fond de mon coeur. Dans un court espace de temps, vous nous avez permis de voir beaucoup de choses. Nous vous remercions non seulement de votre bonté, mais aussi de la perfection de votre organisation. Je dois dire que nous croyons avoir accompli presque un miracle en surmontant les nombreuses difficultés que présentait le parcours d'un aussi vaste espace en un si court temps.

I return to England with a new sense of the resources and of the responsibilities of our British Empire. I am confident that Canada has before her a development far beyond the most optimistic dreams of her pioneers. Her growth in material wealth is fully assured. For her sons and daughters I wish her an even greater growth in the stature of mind and spirit. I go home with another thought, which is a comfort and an inspiration. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the tropics to the Arctic, lies a large part of the earth where there is no possibility of war between neighbors, whose peoples are wholly dedicated to the pursuits of peace, a pattern to all men of how civilized nations should live together. It is good to know that such a region exists, for what man can do once he can do again. By God's grace yours may yet be the example which all the world will follow.

Her Majesty's Farewell Message:

I cannot leave Canada without saying a word of farewell to you all, and thanking you for the wealth of affection that you have offered us throughout these unforgettable weeks.

Seeing this country, with all its varied beauty and interest, has been a real delight to me; but what has warmed my heart in a way I cannot express in words is the proof you have given us everywhere that you were glad to see us. And in return, I want particularly to tell the women and children of Canada how glad I am to have seen so many of them. Some, I know, came scores of miles to meet us, and that has touched me deeply. There were many others, I fear, whom distance, or illness, prevented from coming; to these I should like to send a special word of greeting—they have been always in my thoughts.

This wonderful tour of ours has given me memories that the passage of time will never dim. To the people of Canada and to all the kind people of the United States who welcomed us so warmly last week—to one and all on this great friendly continent, I say thank you. God be with you and God bless you. Au revoir et Dieu vous bénisse.

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Their Majesties in front of their log cabin home at Jasper Park Lodge, in the Canadian Rockies.



HALIFAX, N. S.,

15th June, 1939

My dear Prime Minister

The Queen and I have travelled several thousands of miles, by land and by water, since we arrived in Canada. Our long journey has now been accomplished successfully, and with a regard for our comfort and for the demands of our time-table that calls for the highest praise. I know very well that this result could not have been achieved without an elaborate organisation and the loyal and efficient co-operation of all connected with the great transportation systems of Canada.

On the railroads, and at sea, we have had the opportunity of meeting and talking with many of those who, in one capacity or another, were concerned with our journey; there are many others, however, with whom we have not been thus brought in contact.

I should be much obliged if you would make it known how grateful we are to all those engaged in this important department of Canada's national life for the great service that they have rendered to us.

*I am
Yours very sincerely
George R.I.*

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WILLIAM L. MACKENZIE KING,

P.C., M.P., LL.D.

*From the Prime Minister of Canada, to S. J. Hungerford, Chairman and President
Canadian National Railways*

I trust you will convey His Majesty's message to the many officers and employees of the Canadian National Railways, who contributed so much to the Royal Visit to Canada, and add, if you will, the cordial congratulations and warm thanks of myself and my colleagues for the consistent courtesy and efficiency with which their many and difficult duties were performed.

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From S. J. Hungerford, to All Officers and Employees of the Canadian National System

Before departing from Halifax this evening, at the close of his visit to Canada and the United States, His Majesty the King expressed to me his appreciation of the uniform excellence of the railway service on his long journey over the lines of the Canadian National, and accordingly I have pleasure in congratulating the Officers and Employees in the various departments of the System, all of whom have contributed in some measure to this highly satisfactory result. Their Majesties travelled in all 4,251 miles over the Canadian National Railways and some 80 miles on the Canadian National Steamship "Prince Robert" from Victoria to Vancouver. I have expressed to His Majesty the deep pleasure which we have all had in serving him.

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*From the Prime Minister of Canada, to the Lord Mayor of London, on Their Majesties'
Return to England*

The citizens of Canada desire to join with the citizens of London, and indeed with all parts of the British Empire, in rejoicing upon the safe return of the King and Queen after the voyage of Their Majesties across the Atlantic and their visit to the New World.

At no time has such a welcome been accorded a reigning sovereign as that which marked the progress of King George and Queen Elizabeth across Canada and Their Majesties' visits to the United States and Newfoundland.

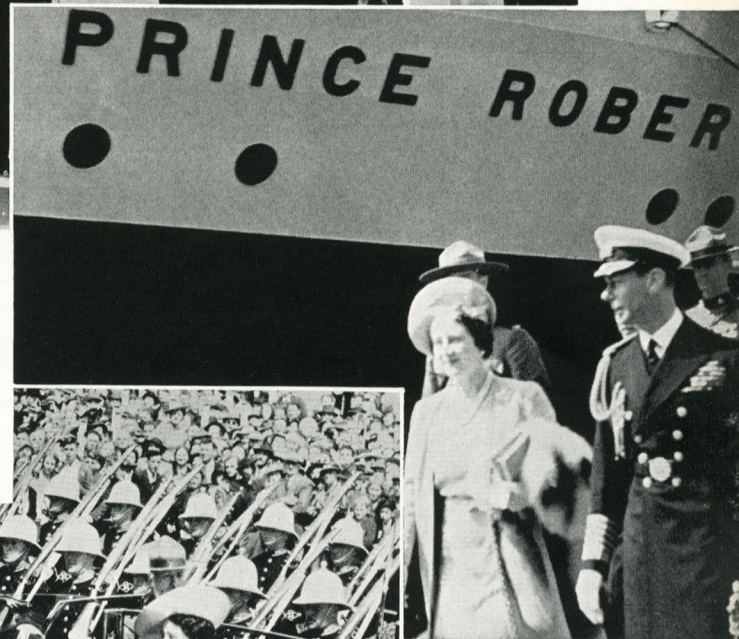
In the personalities and purpose of the King and Queen the people of the countries visited have found an expression of the ideals which they hold in common and which they long to see prevail.

It will be the prayer of one and all that Their Majesties may long be spared to further, among men and nations, the understanding friendship and goodwill which, with such evident sincerity they everywhere manifested and on which more than all else depends well-being throughout the world.

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Under her parasol, Queen Elizabeth is an interested spectator while the King (left) presents colours to the Royal Canadian Navy at a brilliant ceremony in Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, B.C.



Their westward journey ended, the Royal Visitors walk along the Ogden Point Pier at Victoria to board the Canadian National Steamship Prince Robert for a record-breaking trip to Vancouver.



Their Majesties arrive to receive the official welcome of British Columbia at the Legislative Buildings, Victoria.

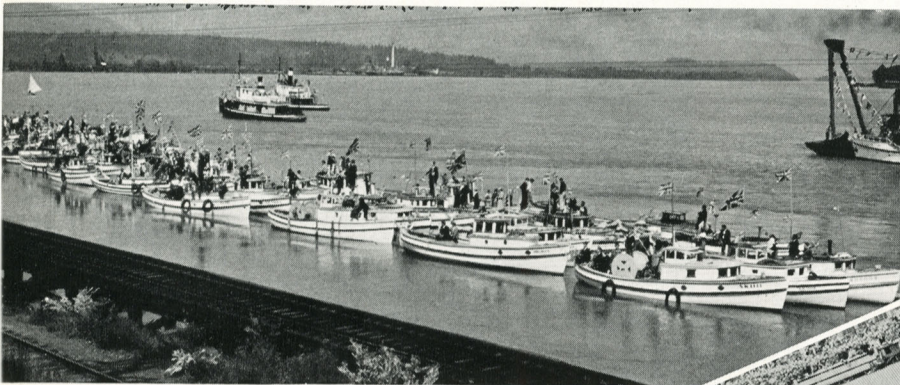
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Under the wide span of the Lion's Gate Bridge, the S.S. "Prince Robert," flagship of the Canadian National's Alaska fleet, sails into Vancouver from Victoria, with Their Majesties on board.



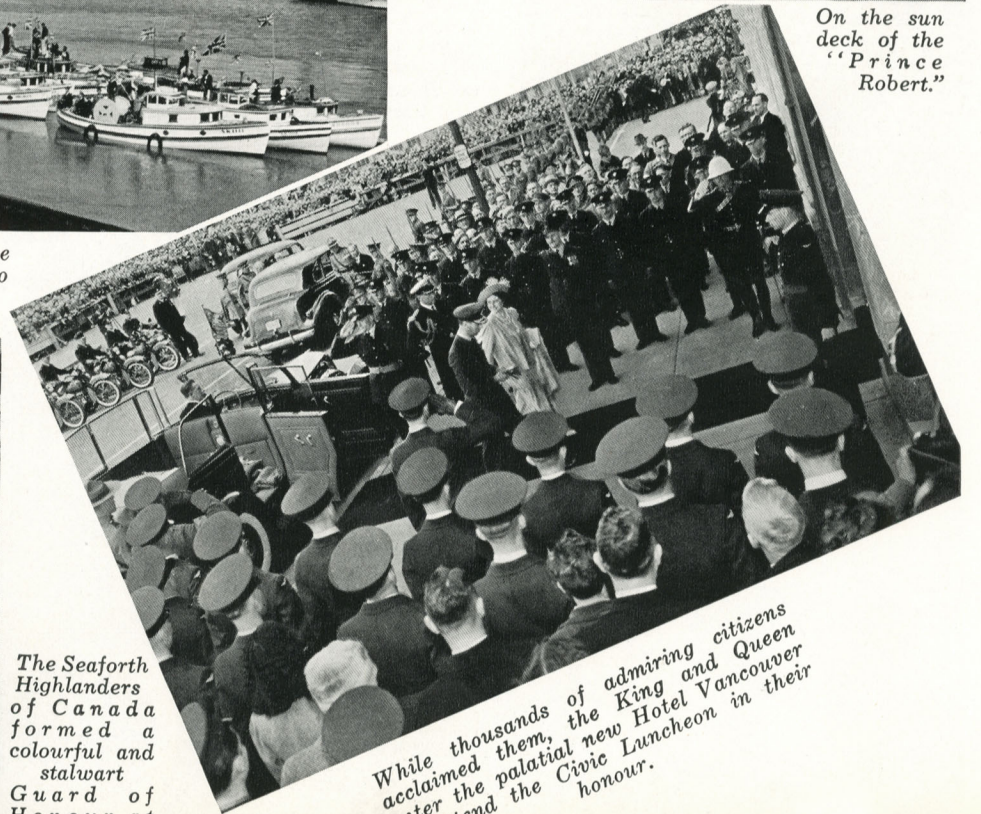
On the sun deck of the "Prince Robert."



Bedecked with flags and bunting, boats of the Fraser River fishing fleet gave a gay salute to them at New Westminster.



The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada formed a colourful and stalwart Guard of Honour at Vancouver.



While thousands of admiring citizens acclaimed them, the King and Queen enter the palatial new Hotel Vancouver to attend the Civic Luncheon in their honour.

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The Royal party detains to view Mount Robson, highest peak in the Canadian Rockies.



An informal chat with 85-year-old E. A. Hargraves, Rocky Mountain veteran.



The crowd was small but the welcome enthusiastic at Mount Robson, British Columbia.

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Arrival of the Royal train at Jasper in the Canadian Rockies.



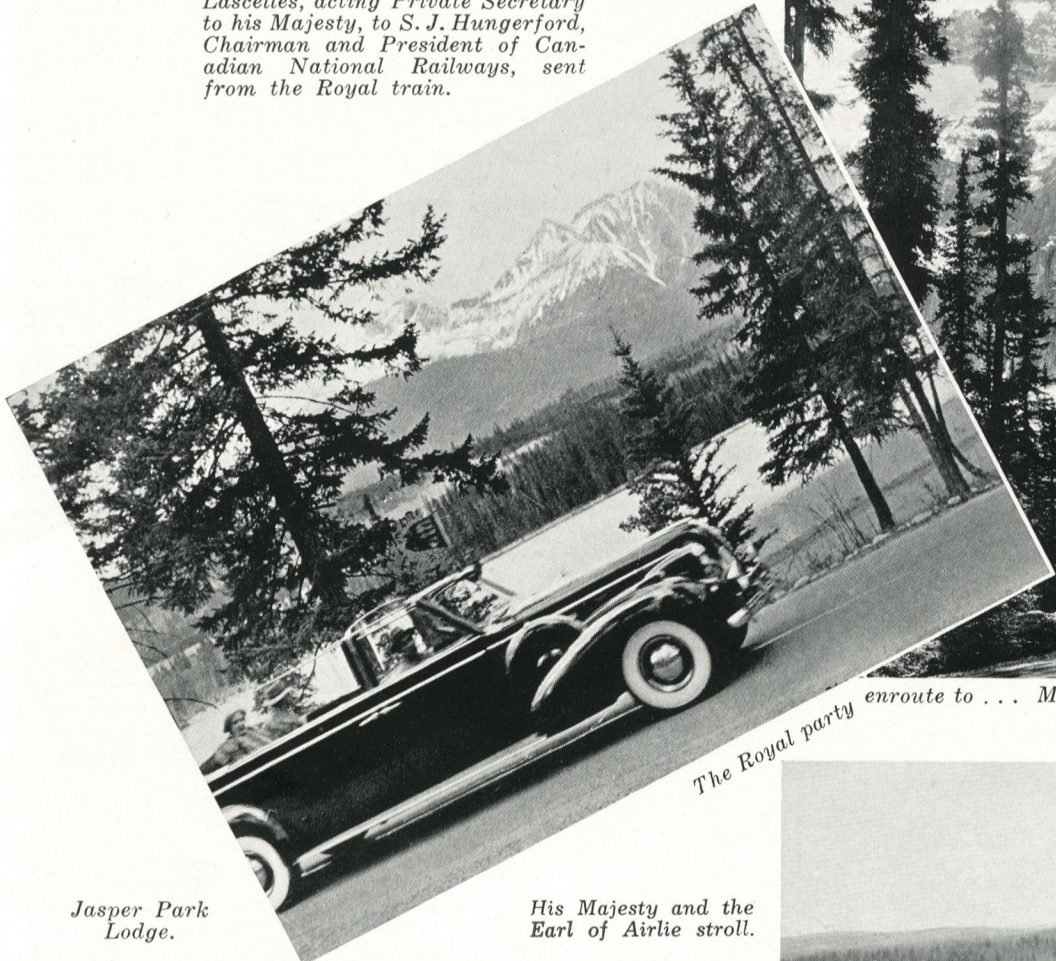
The King and Queen had a home all their own during their stay in Jasper National Park. Except for two servants, they lived by themselves in Outlook Cabin, on the shore of Lac Beauvert, where they enjoyed freedom from all formality.



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"The King and Queen left Jasper with great regret and much appreciate all that was done for their comfort and amusement during their enjoyable stay there."

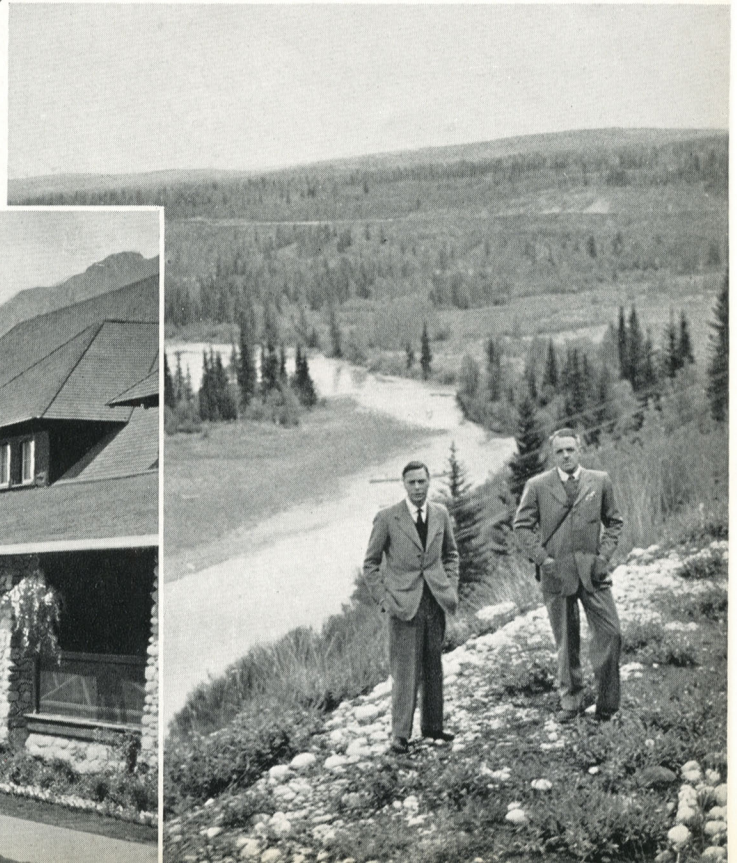
Telegram from Sir Alan F. Lascelles, acting Private Secretary to his Majesty, to S. J. Hungerford, Chairman and President of Canadian National Railways, sent from the Royal train.



The Royal party enroute to . . . Mount Edith Cavell.

Jasper Park Lodge.

His Majesty and the Earl of Airlie stroll.



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Throughout the West original Canadians came to town to see the Great White Father and his Queen.



Calgary gave them a real Western reception. The arrival is shown.



Biggar was a rallying point for northwestern Saskatchewan and box cars made an ideal grandstand.



She was small but she made sure her Union Jack was flying high when the King and Queen visited Wainwright.

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Through the great arch of welcome the Royal Visitors drove triumphantly into Edmonton, and heard the echoing cheers of 68,000 loyal subjects as they rode along Portage Avenue.



They had their first and last glimpses of the Alberta Capital from the Canadian National station in Edmonton,

and at the Macdonald Hotel* Their Majesties were banqueted by the Provincial Government.

*A Canadian National Hotel



At Edson, Alberta, wolf cubs packed the station grounds to greet Their Majesties.

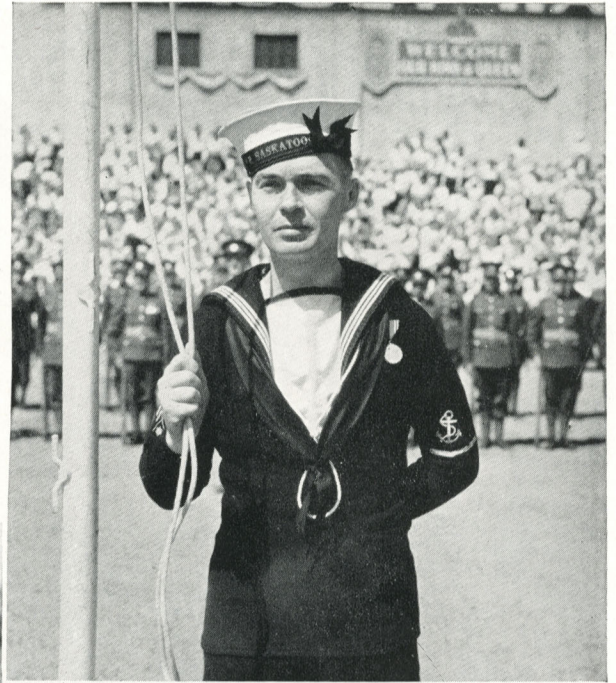


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Smilingly the Royal couple return the tremendous greeting of the huge throng at Melville.

A prairie sea scout broke out the Royal Standard at Saskatoon.



In typical fashion they acknowledge the tributes of the citizens at Regina.



At Regina, as everywhere, eager, admiring eyes followed them wherever they went.



The Calgary Highlanders formed the Guard of Honour when Their Majesties arrived at the station in that City.

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All Watrous was at the station when the Royal Train rolled in.

Dainty little Marcelan McEachern captured the hearts of Their Majesties as with a curtsy she presented a bouquet to Queen Elizabeth at Saskatoon.



Down from the dais stepped the King and Queen to greet the veterans and their families in an unrehearsed ceremony at Melville.



The High School choir girls took off their scarfs and formed this living Union Jack at Saskatoon and so pleased the King that he asked them to repeat it several times.

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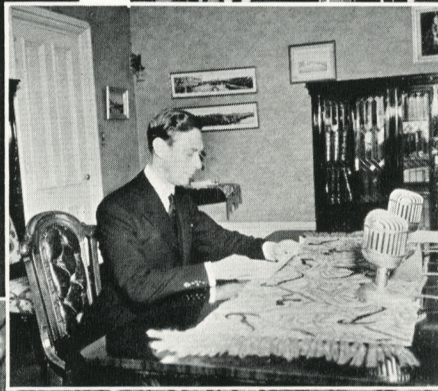
A Mountie shields the Queen from the falling raindrops while His Majesty, escorted by the Premier of Manitoba, acknowledges the welcome of the crowd on the steps of the Legislative Buildings in Winnipeg.

Close by the Fort Garry* Hotel, His Majesty receives historic tribute from the Hudson's Bay Company in Winnipeg.

*A Canadian National Hotel



With Queenly grace and simplicity, Her Majesty offers her hand and sympathy to disabled veterans in the Canadian National station, Winnipeg.



From the Lieutenant-Governor's home in Winnipeg His Majesty broadcast a stirring message to the Empire on the Twenty-fourth of May.



The skies were wet but hearts and voices were sunny the day Their Majesties rode into Manitoba's Capital.

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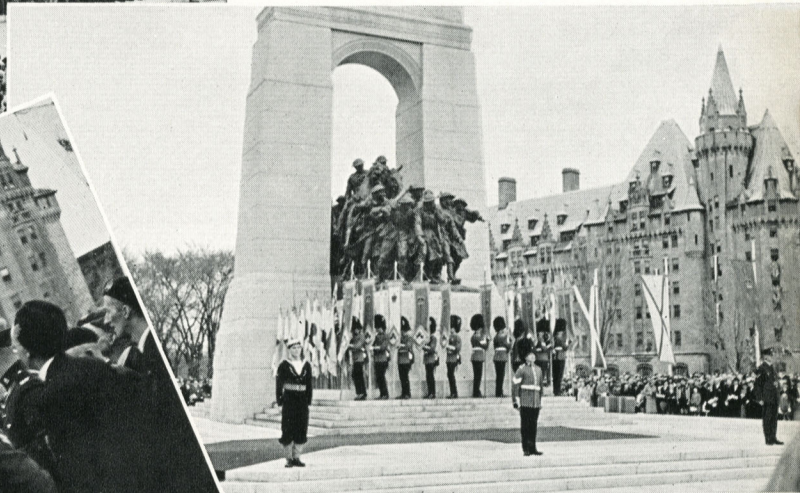


The people of Canada will not soon forget the emotion and brilliance of that Sunday morning hour when His Majesty unveiled the National Memorial in Ottawa.



Their Majesties walked among the veterans gathered by many thousands about the Memorial.

Millions in Canada heard Queen Elizabeth's voice for the first time when her speech at the laying of the corner stone of the Supreme Court Building, Ottawa, was broadcast.



Soldiers, carrying standards, move slowly from the front to the flanks of the Memorial to complete the symbolism of unveiling.



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At the Parliamentary Dinner in the Chateau Laurier* in Ottawa, the King and Queen and the Prime Minister, show deep interest in the golden bowl, filled with flowers, which was presented to Their Majesties by the people of Canada.

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The King, in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet and the Queen, radiant in court dress, are met by the Prime Minister at the Houses of Parliament where, at an historic ceremony in the Senate, His Majesty gave his consent to a number of Bills.

The King comes to the salute and the Queen stands gravely by as, emerging from the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa, they hear the band playing the National Anthem.



In an open carriage Their Majesties rode through their Canadian Capital on the day of their arrival.

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With the Canadian National's powerful streamlined "6400" pulling it, the Royal Train leaves Ottawa.



The Trooping of the Colour in front of the Houses of Parliament was a bright bit of pageantry.

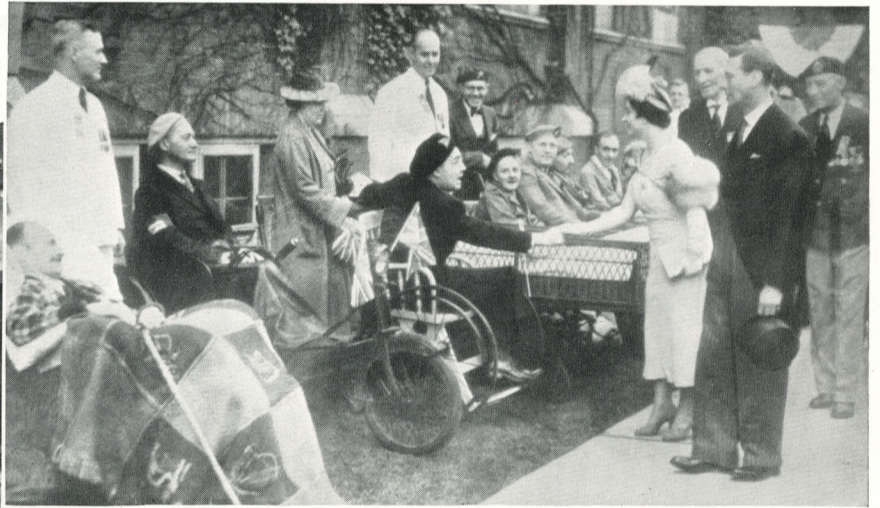
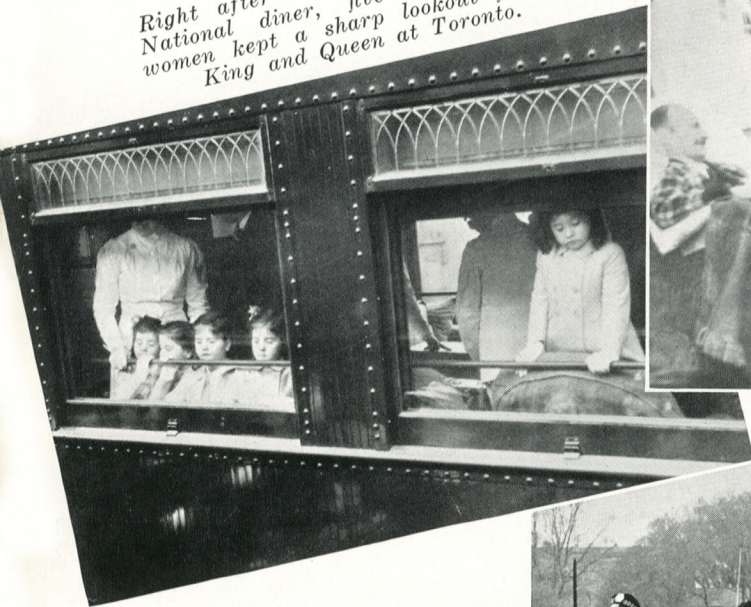
S. J. Hungerford, Chairman and President of the Canadian National Railways, is presented to Their Majesties as they prepare to leave over the lines of the Company from the Union Station, Ottawa.



Seated upon the throne in the Chamber of the Senate of Canada, Their Majesties listen to the reading of Bills to which the King gave his gracious consent.

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Right after breakfast in a Canadian National diner, five famous young women kept a sharp lookout for the King and Queen at Toronto.



There were smiles on gallant faces and joy in brave hearts when Their Majesties visited Christie Street Hospital.

At Toronto's City Hall, the Royal visitors respond to the enthusiastic welcome of the citizens.



The Toronto Scottish were inspected by their lovely Honorary Colonel-in-Chief, when she presented colours to the Regiment.



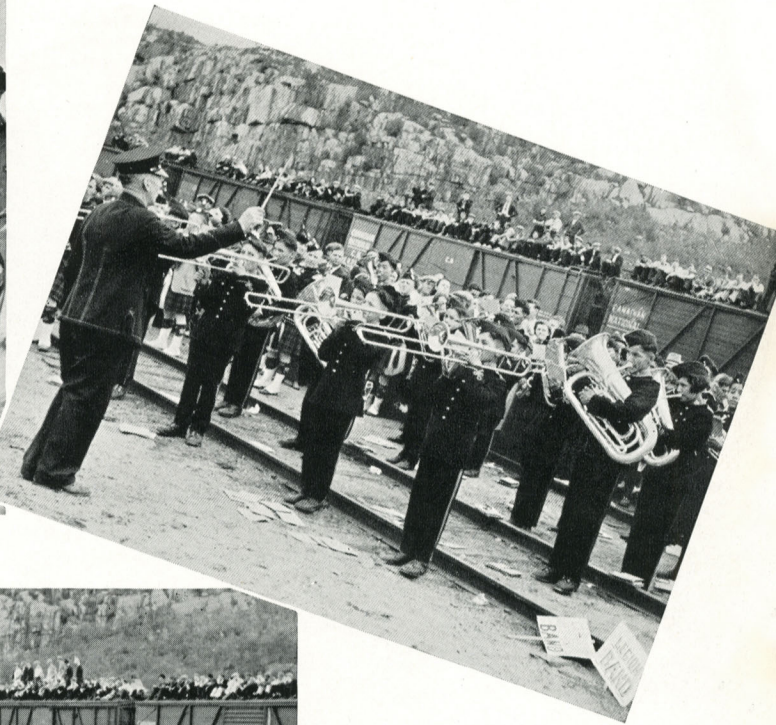
The lovely Queen treads a triumphal path as she walks through Queen's Park in Toronto to present colours to her own Toronto Scottish.



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Indian maids and mothers meet Their Majesties at a Northern Ontario stop.



This young miss assured herself of a preferred position at Sioux Lookout.

At Redditt, near Minaki, Ontario, they listened to an Indian band comprising both boy and girl instrumentalists, and were welcomed by a great crowd of Northern Ontario residents.



The Guard of Honour at Port Arthur was drawn up smartly in front of the Prince Arthur Hotel.*



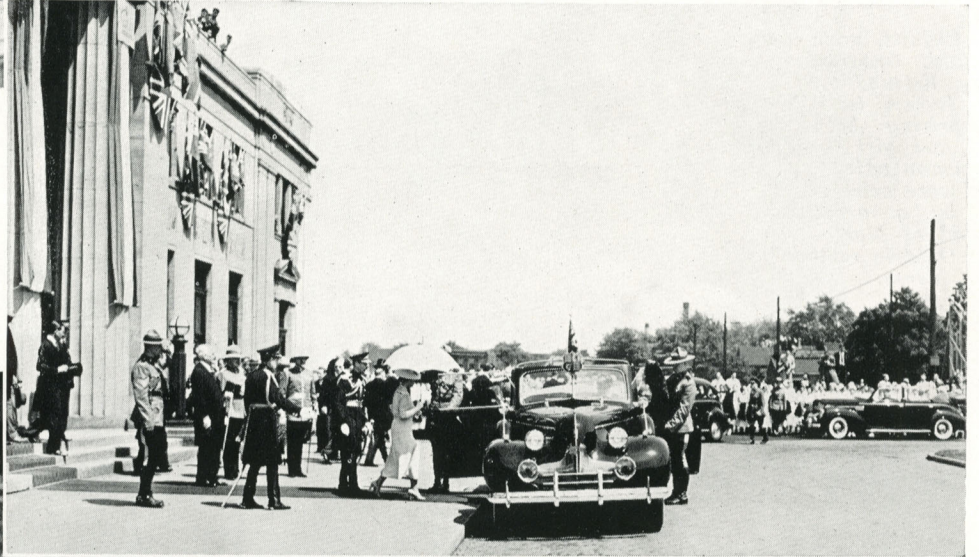
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In Sudbury, Their Majesties donned slickers to go down the deep shaft of the Frood Nickel mine.



Their Majesties arrive at Woodstock, Ontario.



Entering their car at the Canadian National station, they rode through the crowded and beautifully decorated streets of Hamilton.



From the rear platform of their car the King and Queen wave goodbye to the huge throng which acclaimed them at Kitchener.

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Veterans were prominent among the welcoming crowds at Stratford.



They alight from their car to receive a royal acclaim in Guelph.



Throughout their long tour of Canada, both the King and Queen always found time to spend a few special minutes with the veterans and the disabled.



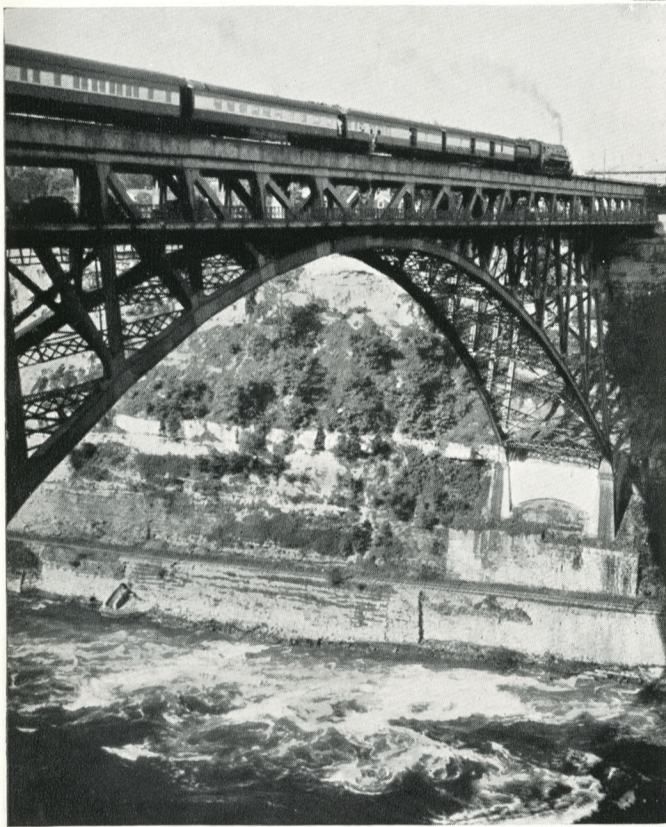
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Canadian National's "6400" proudly pulls the Royal Train across the Suspension Bridge at Niagara for the historic visit to the United States.



Windsor merited its title of "The Royal City" by the warmth of its welcome to the King and Queen.

A sea of flags rippled above the happy faces of thousands of school children massed at the Canadian National station in Brockville as the Royal Train pulled in.



At Niagara Falls, not even the roar of the great cataract could drown the cheers.



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Escorted by the Prime Minister, Their Majesties take their first steps on Canadian soil after landing at Wolfe's Cove, in Quebec.

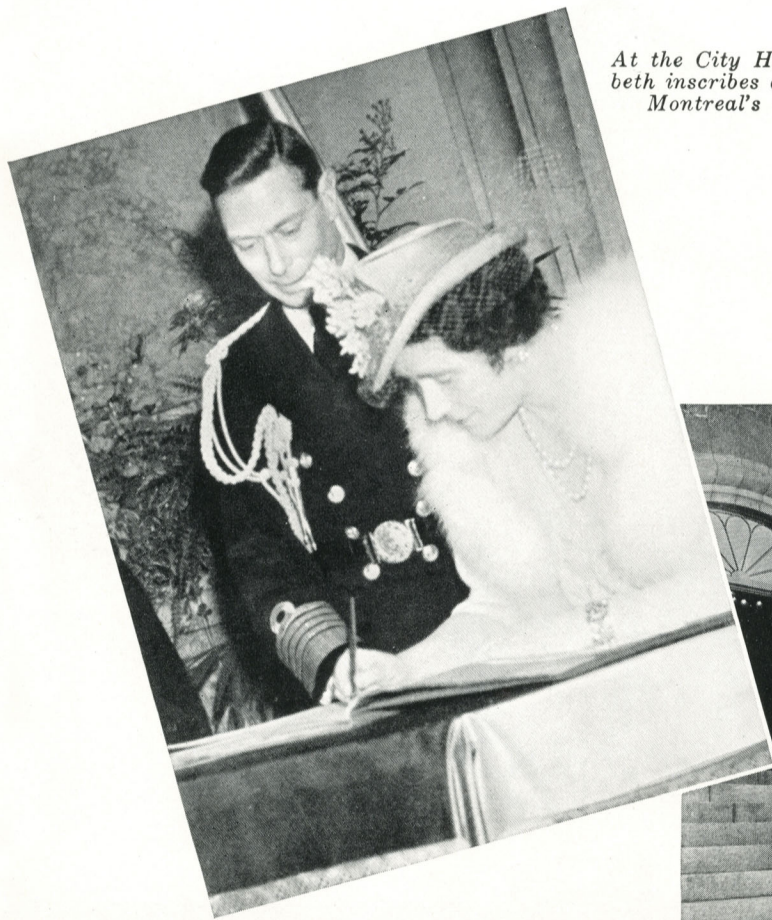
Their first Guard of Honour in Canada was drawn from the Royal Twenty-Second Regiment which had a brilliant record in the World War.



Seated upon the Thrones in the historic Red Chamber of the Quebec Legislature, the King and Queen listen attentively as the Quebec Premier reads to them, in French, their first address of welcome.

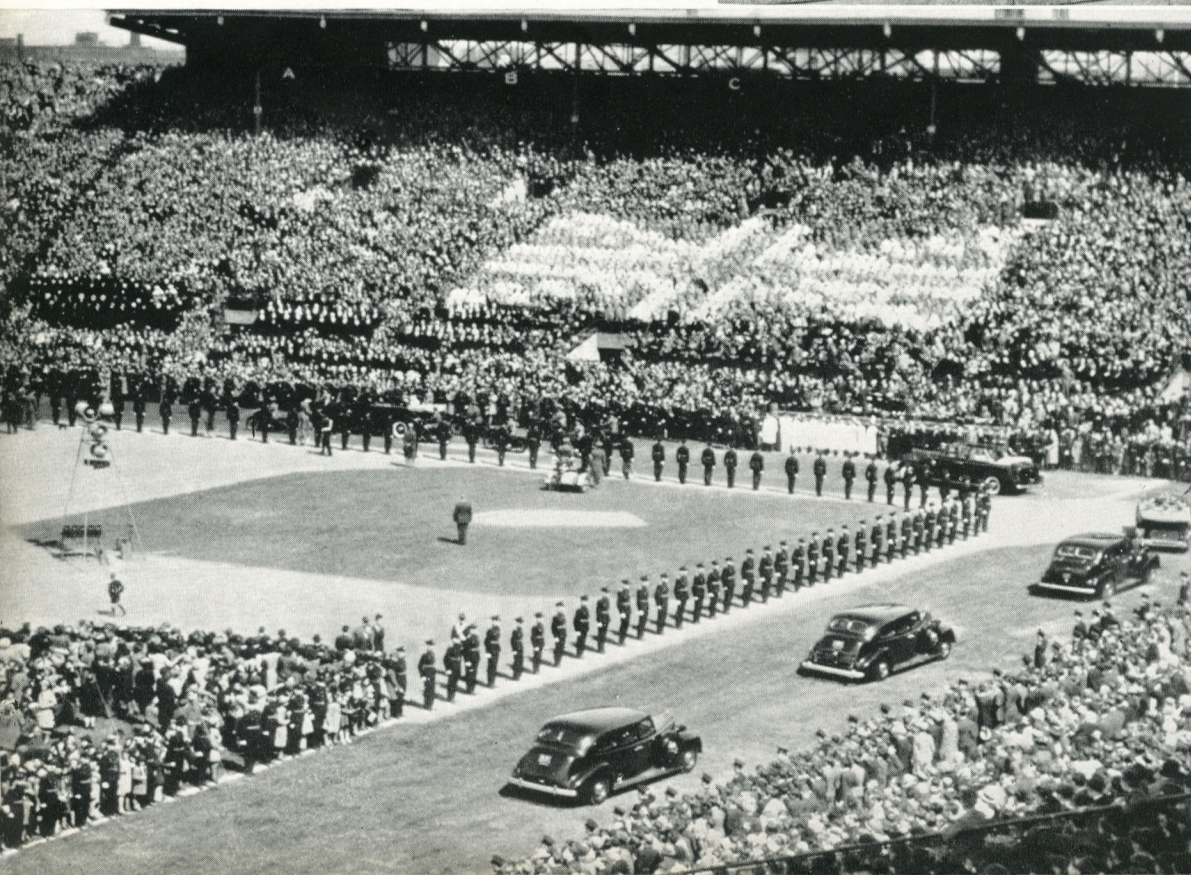


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At the City Hall, Queen Elizabeth inscribes a golden name in Montreal's Golden Book.

From the steps of the Chalet on the crest of Mount Royal the Royal visitors see the panorama of city, river and countryside spread out below and the Queen points out to the King a view that has caught her fancy.



With their red, white and blue capes, school children form a huge living Union Jack as Their Majesties drive slowly by the immense throng greeting them in the Montreal stadium.

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Like two honeymooners the King and Queen smile at each other from the observation platform of the Royal Train.



The Black Watch of Canada and Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal made a fine looking Guard of Honour at Montreal.



Under this welcoming arch Their Majesties rode in to capture the heart of Outremont.

The Eastern Townships were out in full force to provide a tumultuous welcome at Sherbrooke.



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A Girl Scout in Washington shows her medals to Her Majesty while the King, ever eager to learn, watches with interest.



With a firm handclasp, the rulers of two great nations re-consecrate a friendship which has endured for a century and a quarter. The historic scene in the Washington station as the President welcomes Their Majesties to the United States.



Accompanied by the President, the King arrives at the Capitol to receive the greatest welcome ever accorded a visitor in the history of Washington.

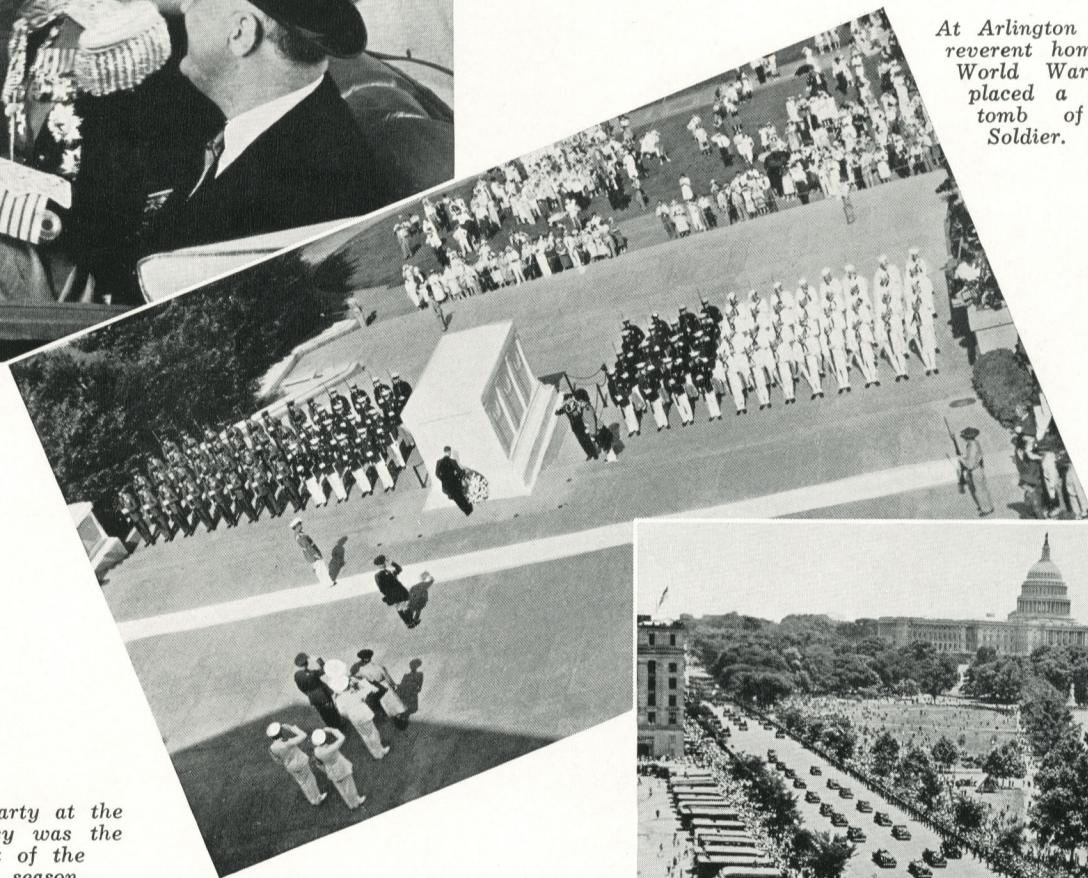


At Mount Vernon, King George placed a wreath on the tomb of George Washington.

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More eloquent than even words could be of the friendliness of the two great nations for each other, were the smiles on the faces of King George and President Roosevelt as they rode through the streets of Washington together.



At Arlington His Majesty paid reverent homage to a gallant World War ally when he placed a wreath upon the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The Garden Party at the British Embassy was the social event of the Washington season.



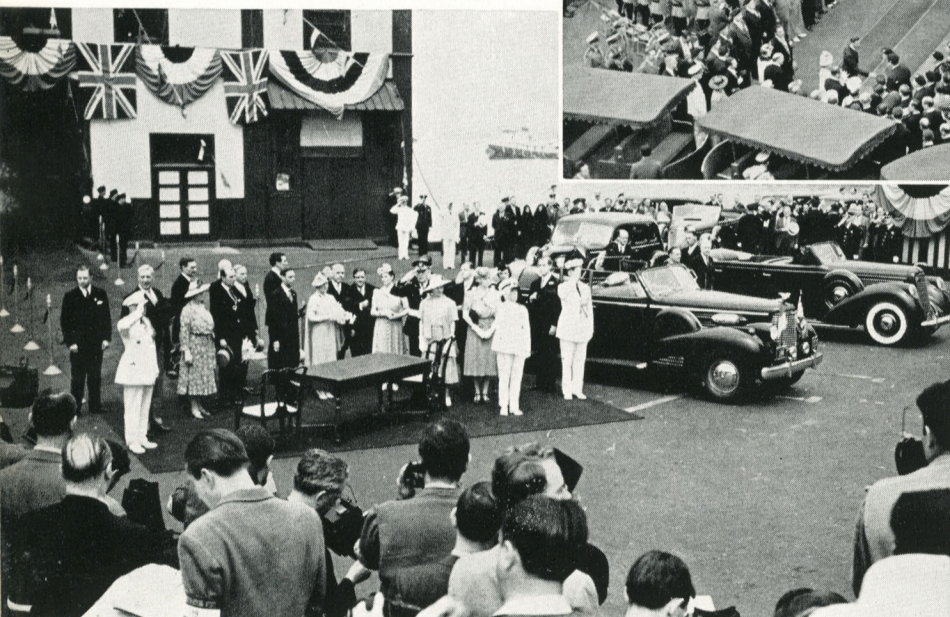
No parade in the colourful history of Washington was as brilliant as that in which Their Majesties rode with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt: no welcome was ever warmer.

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At the Battery Their Majesties made their entrance into New York and then rode for miles through the City's streets to the unparalleled acclaim of Manhattan's millions.



Having viewed among other things the Canadian National Exhibit, Their Majesties leave the Canada Building at the New York World's Fair.



Under the shadow of towering skyscrapers, Their Majesties rode along the elevated West Side Highway from the Battery to the World's Fair, while millions of New Yorkers cheered them on their way.

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At Fairville, the King and Queen received an address of welcome to Saint John from the Mayor.



Everything they had went into the music with which the Blacks Harbour Band greeted Their Majesties at Saint John.

Before starting their interesting motor drive from Newcastle to Fredericton, Their Majesties received prominent residents of the district and officials of the New Brunswick Government.



Under the spreading branches of ancient trees and with a great congregation of school children as a background, the King and Queen walked from their car to the Provincial Legislative Buildings in Fredericton.



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Rain couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of the crowds at Tormentine, New Brunswick.



Showers interfered with the Garden Party at Government House, Charlottetown, but on the sheltered verandahs of the ancient building, the invited guests saw and met Their Majesties.



From the balcony of the historic Province Building in Charlottetown, the King and Queen returned the salute of the throngs gathered in the square below.

At Charlottetown, as elsewhere throughout the country, Their Majesties chatted with men and women whose wounds and medals were splendid testimony of valiant service to the Crown.

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Great crowds gathered in the plaza in front of the Nova Scotian Hotel*, Halifax, to see the Royal Guests leave after the Luncheon given them by the Provincial Government.
*A Canadian National Hotel



At Government House, Halifax, an hour before they sailed, they said goodbye to their four Mounted Police orderlies.

One of the greatest mass gatherings of the Tour welcomed the Royal Visitors and saw the historical pageant in Citadel Park, Halifax.



Their Majesties had a smile for everyone as they neared the end of their triumphant journey.



Boy Scouts and Girl Guides gave Their Majesties a typical welcome as they rode through the streets of Halifax.



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Royal Steward Wilfred Notley and Royal Chef J. P. Morgan (above), both Canadian National men, examine a brace of ducks for the Royal Table and (top right) they prepare one of the Royal Train menus.



This latest type dining car of the Canadian National Railways was selected for the Royal Train.

W. G. Stinson, Vancouver, (30 years of unblemished service with the Canadian National) was one of the experienced engineers chosen to handle the locomotive of the Royal Train over the lines of the Company.



On the right is the famous silver and blue Royal Train and in the background is the Pilot Train on which rode the correspondents, photographers and radio men who covered the Royal Visit.



*Pyramid Mountain
from the lawn and rock
garden of Jasper Park
Lodge, in the Canadian
Rockies.*