

1939 Visit Of The King And Queen



Welcome

DAY TO REMEMBER

On this memorable occasion, Canada Packers Limited, joins with all Prince Edward Island in extending a Royal Welcome to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. May pleasure fill every moment of their stay, and memories of our Province be among the happiest which they carry home.

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CHARLOTTETOWN

It rained on June 14 in Charlottetown in 1939—and at times it came down in something more than gentle showers. The King and Queen were here that day, but somehow the rain didn't seem to matter. Children in thousands were assembled in the city, lining the streets, occupying every vantage point they could find—but they paid no attention to the rain.

Nor did it dismay Their Royal Highnesses, who appeared oblivious to the frequent downpours as they waved and smiled at the cheering delighted crowds who thronged the streets.

Nothing in fact, could dampen the ardor of the countless loyal subjects of Their Majesties, who had come from all parts of the Island, some leaving their homes the day before and others before dawn—and a shipload of two hundred from Sydney—in order to arrive in time to extend a joyous welcome to the Royal couple.

Their Majesties landed at the Marine Wharf, after crossing the Northumberland Strait aboard H.M.C.S. Saguenay. There they were greeted by the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. George D. DeBlois and Mrs. DeBlois, the Premier, Hon. Thane A. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, the Mayor of Charlottetown, Mr. E. A. Foster and Mrs. Foster, and the District Officer Commanding. On the dock, the King inspected the guard of honour, formed by the Prince Edward Island Highlanders.

Their tour then took them to the Provincial Building. Among the proceedings there was the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to the Queen by Miss Virginia Campbell, daughter of the then Premier of the province.

The members of the Government and their wives were presented, and an illuminated address was given to the King and Queen, of which the most remarkable feature was its case—woven of native green and white sweet grass by a Micmac Indian of Lennox Island.

While at the Provincial Building they appeared on the balcony in full view of the crowds, waiting eagerly for a glimpse of them. Descending from the balcony, they stopped to shake hands and chat with a group of disabled veterans.

From the Legislature the Royal entourage moved on to the luncheon at Government House. The menu consisted of lobster cocktail, turtle soup, brook trout, chicken salad, cakes and coffee, and it is recalled that the King and Queen appeared to enjoy it thoroughly.

Paul de Marfy was the pianist privileged to play during the luncheon. Included among the selections played was a composition by William Keith Rogers of Charlottetown. It is interesting to note that Mr. Rogers himself will play for the enjoyment of Princess



Their Majesties at Government House

Elizabeth and Prince Philip. Disappointment was general when rain forced the plans for a Garden Party at Government House in the afternoon to be cancelled, but the presence of Their Majesties seemed to cast its own sunshine over

the day, and the guests were presented inside the Governor's residence. Before their departure at four o'clock for the Marine Wharf to board H.M.C.S. Skeena, they found time between showers to greet the

many people gathered outside Government House, and to talk with Girl Guides stationed around the edge of the driveway. Crowds gathered on the wharf watched the Skeena up anchor and move slowly from the dock, bearing away two visitors who made a never-to-be-forgotten impression on all who saw them. The prolonged cheering of the crowds and the blast of ship sirens marked the end of a happy and most memorable day.

The Royal Wedding

Britain's John Masfield, as Poet Laureate, composed the following "Lines on the Occasion of the Wedding of Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth" November 1947.

How many times, when London bells have rung
At Royal Weddings in these crowded ways,
This air has trembled to the iron tongue:
The same Hope stirs as in those yesterdays.

Only today beside the human hope
That two young lovers, taking hand in hand
May tread the dark in which we mortals grope
The surer way for two hearts that understand.

Beside that hope, mankind, in its distress,
Turns to the Crown today as something fair,
Something divinely bright for men to bless,
A gleam, a star, to point men from despair.

An Order and a Beauty from of old,
Set by its Virtue above greed and hate,
A loveliness of living crowned with gold,
In all life's storm a standard to the State.

To such a Crown all broken spirits turn:
And we, who see this young face passing by,
See her as a symbol of a Power Eterne,
And pray that Heaven bless Her till she die.

The King cannot be arrested. This is the basis of the proverb that "The King can do no wrong."

The King is a Field Marshal, an Admiral of the Fleet and Marshal of the Royal Air Force only person in Britain to hold three such ranks.

The style of a marquess is always "Most Honourable". He is officially addressed by the King as "Our trusty and beloved cousin".

Peers in Britain are always exempt from serving on juries.

It takes 31 pages of closely printed type in Burke's Peerage to set out details of the King's descent from the days of Egbert, King of Wessex in the ninth century.

Princess Margaret is the first member of the Royal family to be born on Scottish soil since the union of the English and Scottish Crowns in 1603.

Field Marshal's batons are regarded as a minor type of sceptre. The sceptre is an emblem of kingly authority, and the baton therefore a more minor one.



Loyal Greetings

It is a privilege to salute Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and bid them welcome to Prince Edward Island . . . with a cordial wish that they may enjoy every moment of this visit and take back lasting memories.

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May their visit to our
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and

The Duke of Edinburgh

