

Royal Visit A Memorable Day In Province's History

Tomorrow's Coronation ceremonies will recall many happy memories of the still recent Royal visit to Prince Edward Island. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is personally known to many in this Province and was seen by thousands more when they welcomed her in November, 1951.

It was not known then that the gracious, smiling Princess was so soon to be the ruler, but she could not have been more warmly welcomed had she come here as a Queen. Accompanied by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, she completely stole the hearts of all her present subjects.

At Provincial Building After a short motor tour through the city the Princess and her Duke arrived at the Provincial Building where they were greeted by Premier J. Walter Jones. Thousands of Islanders were gathered in front of the building to hear her remarks when she appeared on the balcony after receiving the gifts the people had made possible.

The gifts represented the heartfelt devotion of the people here to the Crown and the family which has so nobly carried on the ancient British traditions. Premier Jones, who personally greeted the Princess on her arrival at the Provincial Building, made the presentation of the famous sapphire fox cape.

The Princess apparently thoroughly enjoyed her short visit to the Confederation Chamber and was more than interested in seeing the distinguished guest book in which are the names of her parents, the late King George VI and the present Queen Mother, who visited here in 1939.

The appearance of the Princess on the balcony of the Provincial Building brought forth resounding cheers from the huge crowd gathered there in front of the building. It was perhaps at the Provincial Building that she did more to captivate the hearts of her people

than any other place she visited here. Her simple, homely and friendly chat from the balcony could hardly have been excelled in the effectiveness of putting her listeners completely at their ease and bringing them closer to her.

At City Hall At City Hall Mayor J.D. Stewart presented her with a beautifully bound copy of "Anne of Green Gables", one of the all-time great stories which was written by the Island's own author, L. M. Montgomery. The presentation was made by His Worship on behalf of the children of this city. There were also many other gifts to keep the memory of her visit here fresh in her mind in years to come.

During a short call at the Experimental Farm hundreds of small children had an opportunity to see her as she added another oak to those planted by other famous people including other members of the Royal family.

The Royal couple also took a keen interest in the livestock at the Farm and personally visited all sections where they were quartered. Princess Elizabeth personally displayed intimate knowledge of the handling of animals and expressed her surprise at the dehorning of Arshire cattle for which the Farm is noted. She preferred cattle with horns. It was also interesting to note that the oak tree the Princess planted was grown on the Farm from an acorn which came from a similar tree planted in 1919 by her uncle, the former Prince of Wales, one-time King and now the Duke of Windsor.

Another highlight locally during the visit to the Experimental Farm was the presentation by Her Highness to Col. William Beatty, R.C.M.P., of the fine Revolver Trophy which he won in competition with Mounties from all parts of Canada.

Enjoyed Island Fare The Royal appetites obviously heartily approved Island food when they attended the State dinner at The Charlottetown. In any event fresh lobsters and steaks two inches thick were much enjoyed.

When the couple left the hotel it was late and they drove directly to the waterfront. There they went on board a pinnace from H.M.C.S. Ontario, the big cruiser which was lying at anchor at the Three Tides to take them by water to Sydney.



Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth is shown above with Major Ivan Harper, M.C., commander of the Guard, as she inspected the Royal Guard of Honor drawn up in front of the Provincial Building. The Guard for the occasion was formed from the various units of the local Garrison.

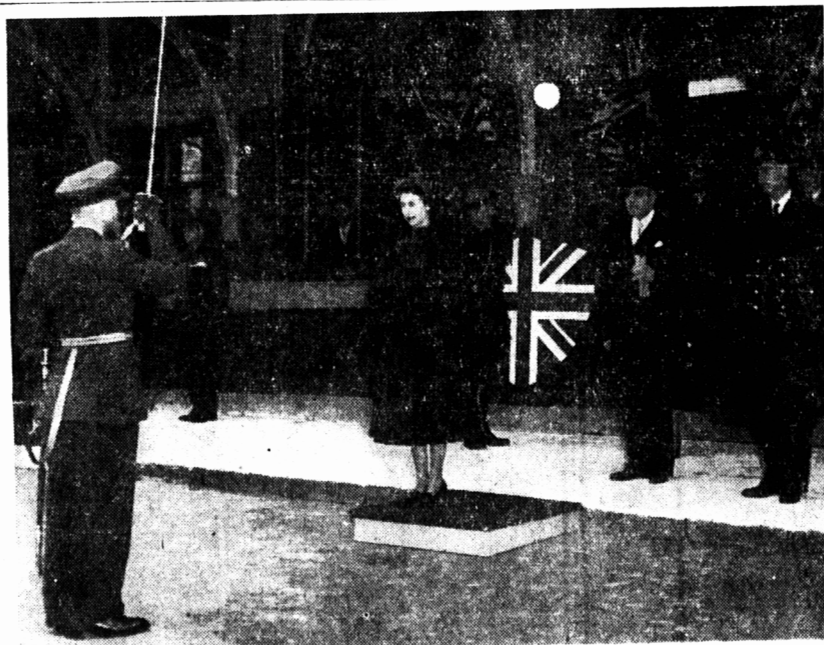
As they pulled away from the waterfront the big guns of the 23rd L.A.A. Regiment roared out a farewell and from Victoria Park came a brilliant display of fireworks easily seen from the water. It was a visit that will long be remembered by the people here and perhaps by the Queen herself who said she hoped it would not be too long a time before she could return.

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Immediately following the arrival of the Royal Train at the C.N.R. Station then Princess Elizabeth was greeted by His Honor Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse and escorted to the front of the station where a Guard of Honor was drawn up under command of Flt. Lieut. W. P. Palmer, R.C.A.F., Summerside. Shown above is the Princess prepared to take the Royal Salute. In the background are the Duke of Edinburgh and Lieutenant Governor Prowse.



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