

Business Of Sovereignty Goes On Despite Tour

Whether Her Majesty is in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, or London, England, the business of sovereignty goes on. Documents must be studied, decisions made, and signatures given. Above all continuity must be retained in the daily routine, and this is the task of the Queen's party, or entourage.

Recognition of the fact that Her Majesty is Queen of Canada is given by the fact that seven of the 22 senior members of the entourage, totalling 46 in all, are Canadians. It is the job of making the tour a success.

The majority of the Queen's staff, however, on the tour is drawn from those household officials who normally perform the same functions in Britain.

They include among others, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Michael Adeane, the Queen's private secretary; James Orr, private secretary to the Duke of Edinburgh; and Major Mark Milbank, Master of the Household, along with their immediate assistants. There are too, the household staffs who, because the Queen is travelling in the Royal Yacht Britannia, are indispensable.

The position of the Canadians in the entourage is a notable one in that the current Royal visit is the first one in history during which so much responsibility has been given to the Commonwealth country being visited. Those selected to carry out these exacting duties were drilled in their tasks for months.

Senior member of the entourage is a Canadian, the Cabinet minister in attendance. Other Canadians directly concerned with the complicated arrangements and the protocol involved, and in immediate attendance on the Royal visitors, are headed by Lieutenant-General H.D. Graham, the Canadian Secretary and tour director.

SERVICE EQUERRIES

Among those who have important personal responsibilities to the sovereign are the three Service equeries:

Lieutenant-Commander I.A. Macpherson, Royal Canadian Navy, is a Nova Scotian who entered the Royal Canadian Navy as a cadet in 1942. He saw service with the Royal Navy, was aide-camp to Governor-General Vincent Massey for two years, and is now on the staff of H.M.C. Gunery School.

Major R.A. Reid, Montreal-born, a graduate of the University of Montreal, and who studied engineering at McGill University, is an able linguist, fluent in English and French and also capable in German. He served with the Regiment de Maisonneuve and at training centers in Canada until seconded to the British Army as a Canadian Exchange Officer. He was wounded twice during World War II while serving in Europe with the Devonshire Regiment.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

After the war Major Reid held staff appointments, served with the Royal 22nd Regiment in Korea and on the staff of the First Commonwealth Division. Following Korea he was posted to Headquarters, Quebec Command Montreal, and was Duty Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, Headquarters, First Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany. In 1956, he became General Staff Officer, Grade Two, with Headquarters of Quebec Command.

Squadron Leader, R.M. Edwards was born at Lucky Lake, Saskatchewan, and enrolled with the regular Royal Canadian Air Force in 1947. He became a pilot, serving with 426 Transport Command, and later a staff officer in the organization branch of Air Transport Command Headquarters. In 1958 he was one of the first four post-war trained officers to reach the rank of Squadron Leader.

It is these three equeries who work in conjunction with the Queen's private secretary to see

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that all Royal arrangements run smoothly and on time. They accompany her at all functions, except when she takes with her only a lady-in-waiting, meet and present all visitors at audiences and pass on to her such details as timing of engagements, persons to be presented and background information which may be interesting or useful.

PRESIDE AT MEALS

In the absence of the Master of the Household the equeries preside at all Royal Household meals, are responsible for seating arrangements at private luncheons and dinners, look after the Queen's private film shows and, while in waiting, are always on call.

Two other members of the entourage who have had considerable and valuable experience in London to prepare them for the inevitable rigors of the Canadian tour are Esmond Butler, acting press secretary, and Petty Officer Rosalee Auger, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, clerk to Mr. Butler.

Mr. Butler, who has held the assistant press secretaryship at Buckingham Palace for almost two years, made a "dry run" visit to Canada to prepare press arrangements throughout the route the Queen will take.

He is no stranger to his existing post. He was appointed to Buckingham Palace in 1957 to help arrange Princess Margaret's visit to British Columbia's centennial celebrations in 1958. He had previously gained valuable experience as assistant to the secretary of Governor-General Massey.

Rosalee Auger, the Winnipeg Wren who joined the staff as Mr. Butler's assistant at the turn of the year, is the fortunate young woman whose appointment brought reality to any girl's dream—that of being an integral part of the Royal household.

In addition to these Canadians in the entourage, six Canadian sailors spent several months as part of the crew of the Royal Yacht Britannia in preparation for the yacht's voyage through the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes. They were lucky in being able to accompany the Duke of Edinburgh on his recent world cruise.

PERSONAL NEEDS

Two important members of the Royal Party who are not Canadians are the Countess of Leicester, Lady of the Bed-chamber, and Lady Alice Egerton, Woman of the Bed-chamber. Upon them fall many of the duties of look-

ing after the Queen's personal needs and her considerable correspondence, such as that from school children and other admirers and well-wishers who write to her during the tour. As such correspondence is always heavy, they have no more time than any other of the members of the entourage for a holiday.

To some it may seem that the entourage is large. But no one is unnecessary; when it is remembered that while the Queen is in Canada as that country's sovereign, she is also the head of the Commonwealth, and the business of the sovereign continues at almost as busy a pace while she is overseas as it does when she is at Buckingham Palace.

It is therefore, a new honor for Canada to be shouldered with the responsibility of providing so many of the members of the team which is so vital in maintaining the Queen's necessary links with the Commonwealth and in playing so large a role in making the Canadian tour a pleasure and a success.

PISQUID

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Craig, West Covehead, were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald MacNeill and daughter Heather, Cambridge, Mass., arrived Sunday to spend their holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Theresa Garland, Toronto, Ontario, arrived Monday to spend her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly.

NINE DROWN

KAMPALA, Uganda (Reuters)—Seven persons, including two women, were drowned when a canoe carrying 11 persons on Lake Victoria overturned in high winds Thursday. Four survivors were picked up by another canoe.

WHY HAVE SORE FEET?

JUST RUB IN MINARD'S LINIMENT

Barricades Strengthened Against Forest Fire Menace

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Overnight rain and favorable winds Sunday gave the southeastern Labrador settlement of Port Hope Simpson a chance to strengthen barricades against menacing forest fire.

Firefighters—the only persons left in the small community—widened a fire break during the weekend rainy spell. There's solid hope now that if the wind doesn't shift, the settlement may be saved from the flames that have raged out of control for four days.

Meanwhile, fog and a thick overcast has prevented aerial checks of various other fires roasting through rich Labrador timberland.

The only three families left in Port Hope Simpson were evacuated Friday night when the fire advanced to within three miles. It was thought then that the community would burn. But the rain and wind shift kept the fire at bay.

The settlement normally has a population of 150—there are about 70 houses—but during the summer fishing season entire families move out to settle along the coasts.

Port Hope Simpson actually is caught between two out-of-control fires, at Gilbert and Alexis Rivers. Newfoundland's Resources Minister W. J. Keough, who has been keeping on constant touch with the Labrador situation from here, said there is not 20 miles separating the two fires.

Port Hope Simpson is surrounded on three sides by forest. On the other side is the Atlantic. Prevailing winds were off the water, fanning the flames away from the community.

Aircraft stood by to hurry fire fighters to safety should the wind change and the fires double back

on the village. Charlottetown, another small community on the southeastern Labrador coast, also was being threatened by fire estimated about 12 miles away. Two other fires in the same area also were reported uncontrollable.

The fire area is about 160 miles southeast of Goose Bay, site of the big United States air force and RCAF bases. But it was reported the only evacuation in the area was the three families of Port Hope Simpson.

The fires, which so far have burned more than 1,000 square miles of valuable timber, mostly

black spruce, started two weeks ago. Earlier last week they had burned down to the muskeg and firefighters had gained frontal control. But hefty 50-mile-an-hour winds Wednesday fanned them back into life.

WELLINGTON

Mrs. Alphonse Arsenault, Mis-couche, recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abdon Gaudet.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Saint John, N.B. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cameron. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Grant, Middle Sackville, were recent visitors in Southwest, Bedouque and Freetown.

Mrs. Purdy Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stewart, Carleton Siding, visited relatives in

Southwest. Mrs. Keith Baglole and two children, have returned home after a visit in Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Baglole and Mrs. Betty Crossman, Freetown, recently visited in Southwest.

Mrs. Leigh Simmons and son arrived in Summerside from Rockland, Mass., and are spending some time in various parts of this province.

Mrs. Basil McDonough and two children, Saint John, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McFriel. Recent visitors to Moncton, were Messrs Roay and Ivan

Baglole, George Campbell and Bradford Birch. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McNeill, Saint John, N.B. visited relatives in Southwest and Summerside.

Congratulations are extended to M. and Mrs. John J. Baglole who on Sunday, July 12, observed their 38th wedding anniversary. This highly esteemed couple have lived their entire life in Southwest. B.M.

LARGEST OCEAN
The Pacific Ocean covers about 170,000,000 square miles.

DEFEND TITLE
OTTAWA (CP)—Plans of the Canadian air division in Europe will defend their gunnery supremacy against seven teams from other NATO countries next month. Air force headquarters said Friday the Canadians, who won the Guynemer Trophy, emblematic of aerial gunnery supremacy of the Allied air forces, central Europe, in the first competition last year, will compete at the French air force firing range at Cazaux, France, Aug. 24-29.

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