



ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA will bring the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh from Summerside to Charlottetown in a leisurely overnight cruise in time for the official Charlottetown arrival Tuesday forenoon. The trim vessel will serve as a floating Royal palace for the balance of tomorrow and Wednesday, and then will carry the Royal couple on the second leg of their Canadian tour, which takes them to Quebec City for a Saturday arrival.

Royal Yacht is floating palace

On Tuesday morning when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive in Charlottetown they will come from Summerside on the Royal Yacht Britannia, escorted by four destroyer escorts, HMCS Nipigon, HMCS Yukon, HMCS St. Laurent and HMCS Assiniboine, all ships of the RCN's 1st Escort Squadron.

The Britannia, when completed in 1954, replaced the 59-year-old Royal Yacht Victoria and Albert. She was designed to serve a two-fold role. In peacetime she serves as the Royal Yacht and for wartime use she is designed for easy conversion to a 200-bed hospital ship.

The 4,715-ton Britannia is 412 feet overall in length and has a beam of 55 feet. Her top speed is almost 23 knots, or about 28 miles an hour. Her sustained cruising speed is 21 knots or 26 miles an hour.

She is powered by two geared steam turbines. The steam is generated in two boilers each having a capacity of 75,000 lb. per hour at a pressure of 300 lb. and the temperature of the superheater outlet is 660 degrees.

To meet harbour requirements she has an auxiliary boiler.

For communications she is equipped with four transmitting and receiving sets, plus a ship-to-shore telephone link. Certain phones are equipped with "scramblers" for security purposes if they are required.

For navigation, Britannia is equipped with a gyro compass, magnetic compass, direction

The Royal Yacht is manned by a crew of 21 officers and 250 men. She can carry 350 tons of fuel, oil, sufficient to cruise 200 miles at 20 knots.

She was constructed at a cost of 2,095,000 pounds or roughly \$5,875,000. Since she was launched she has travelled well over 300,000 miles.

The fall the Britannia brought the Princess Royal from England to Newfoundland for her visit there. The vessel will be the residence of the Queen while she is in Prince Edward Island. The Queen will sail from Charlottetown to Quebec City aboard her on Wednesday night.

Her boat complement consists of: one 40-foot Royal barge; two 35-foot medium speed motor boats; one 32-foot motor cutter; two 27-foot jolly boats; two 16-foot fast motor dinghies; and two 14-foot sailing dinghies. In addition to the boat complement there are 18 self-inflating life rafts and an inflatable raft to carry a Land Rover.



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First visit to Canada was a memorable one

Elizabeth II travelled more widely and met more of her subjects than any other monarch in British history. Her first major trip, undertaken at the age of 21, was to South Africa in company with her parents and sister. She celebrated her 21st birthday during the trip and from Capetown made a solemn dedication in a memorable broadcast.

"I declare before you," she said, "that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me as I now invite you to do."

Her later travels took her to virtually every country in

the Commonwealth. Among the most happy were her visits to Canada, a country for which she said she had developed "a love that will never grow cold."

She first stepped on Canadian soil in October, 1951, on a five-week tour from Montreal to the Pacific Coast and thence to the Atlantic provinces. It was a personal triumph. Canadians who followed the tour throughout said they were sending a "new princess" back to London.

WARMLY WELCOMED
By nature shy and undemonstrative, Elizabeth at first seemed slightly overwhelmed by the informality and spontaneity of the Canadian welcome, but she soon gained confidence amid the heart-warming cheers of enthusiastic crowds.

A highlight of the journey took place Oct. 12, 1951, at a private party in Government House, Ottawa. Lord Alexander, then governor-general of Canada, proposed that the princess and her husband should join some 100 other dancers, dressed in Canadian cowboy costumes in country square dances.

The princess wore a blue flared skirt and a checked blouse with Peter Pan collar and cuffs. The duke donned a white checked shirt with red kerchief around his neck and blue jeans and brown loafers.

Among the songs they danced to were "Cattle in the Crop" and "Haste to the Wedding." The princess was particularly lighthearted on that occasion because she had just received a transatlantic telephone call from London saying that

her father, who had taken ill shortly after her departure, was showing considerable improvement. The princess went to the dance in high spirits, and next day pictures of her gaily dancing with the Duke appeared on front pages of newspapers around the world.

A sample of the kind of unbridled welcome received from Canadians, in contrast with the more genteel reception accorded at home, came on a visit to McGill University in Montreal. Gaily dressed students greeted the princess with a special cheer: "Yes, Betty, Yes, Windsor, yes, yes, Betty Windsor, rah, rah, rah."

QUEEN OF CANADA
Six years later, in October, 1957, the Queen and Prince Philip paid another visit. It was an historic occasion because of the stress laid on the dawn realization that in-

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Queen was "Queen of Canada" and because she became the first sovereign to open a Canadian Parliament.

She did so Oct. 14, driving to Parliament Hill in a horse-drawn landau to preside at the opening of the first session of the 23rd Parliament. The Queen sat on the Senate throne with Philip at her left.

"I greet you as your Queen said Elizabeth in the speech from the throne.

"Together we constitute the Parliament of Canada. This is for all of us a moment to remember."

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said:

"The Commons, and the Senate as well, will walk with history today. It is a great and joyous occasion, a shining moment of re-dedication and of ex-emplification of our history."

PRINCE HONORED
The same day, Prince Philip was made a member of the Privy Council of Canada. He also took time off to batz eight

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