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## Canadian Editor At Historic Parade

by R. G. Simpkin

**The Queen is Crowned**  
 Like many of you I did not see the actual crowning — I saw the parade passing to and from the Abbey and from a room in Canada House watched the ceremony of the crowning in the Abbey.

If I had been given an opportunity to choose my own seat I could not have had a better one. I saw the parade on the way from the Palace as it came to Trafalgar Square and swung right.

With a pair of field glasses I had along I could look into the carriages as they passed. As the Queen's Carriage swung around the turn I caught a glimpse of the Royal Couple as they waved.

Then on return they passed directly below us twice, each time within 25 feet of our gallery.

From B Gallery, which was the press box, we were high enough to see into the vehicles but not too high to look down on the tops.

On the first time past it had begun raining while the military units were passing, but before the Royal part of the procession came along the sun broke through and we were able to get colored movies.

In less than an hour the parade started back past our stand again and turned at the monument towards the Palace. This time the rain again soaked everyone.

Canadian troops, including navy, army and air force, formed a guard of honor on both sides of the route where the parade passed Canada House.

Those along the route were provided with sitters when the parade came near each time these were removed and like the police and spectators they stood in the rain. Of course thousands of military and naval personnel did not have sitters at any time.

**In Seats at 5 a.m.**  
 Everyone coming to Canada House had been warned to be in their seats by six a.m. However, most of us were there by five or soon after.

We had purchased meal tickets with our seats at \$6.80 for breakfast morning coffee and luncheon. Breakfast consisted of two slices of thin bread buttered and a dab of marmalade (if you could get it but it was all gone when I got served) and a partly filled cup of tea or coffee. This we balanced on our hands as no place was provided to sit or stand. Morning coffee included a square of cake and a sandwich, again if you could get it.

Luncheon, which was served during the time the Abbey service was going on, consisted of a cold plate of vegetable salad, lettuce and tomato, with either a slice of cold meat or some cold chicken which included bones as well as meat, a dessert of fruit and a slice of ice cream and a piece of cake, choice of tea or coffee. This we again ate from our hands and I have pictures of several sitting on the thick rugs in the High Commissioner's office.

**Parade a Wonderful Sight**  
 All at home have seen pictures of the parade by now but to actually watch it pass was most inspiring. It did something that nothing else could. It was not the color and the pomp and uniforms so much as the loyalty of those millions who stood not for hours but for days, wedged in so tightly that not a jot of pavement was visible among them, with the rain coming down time after time.

Some had slickers, others not; some a newspaper which soon got soaked but they did not move. Even after they had seen the parade pass once they stayed on another two hours to see it pass again. With such loyalty as this we realize there is great truth in the words, "There'll Always be an England."

**Carried on Stretches**  
 St. John Ambulance did an amazing service. From our seat we saw at least fifty persons carried away on stretchers, back beyond the monument to where they were

given temporary rest. From there ambulances took those needing further assistance to hospitals.

At first they called the ambulances to the spot but soon the service became overtaxed and an emergency place was set up. Had the weather been hot and humid perhaps many more would have collapsed.

We saw St. John's men take children and others away on foot, presumably to toilets and they brought them back later where they warmed back into the crowd.

An amazing thing about the whole crowd was how they managed for personal services. There were no facilities nearly large enough to accommodate a small portion of them.

Looking down from the railing over covered balconies while rain was dripping on the bare heads of women below, I counted one hundred and twenty-five heads in an area not as big as the average dining room. They never moved or even tried to avoid the dripping rain as there was no place to move.

**Churchill Show**  
 On the return to the Palace when Sir Winston Churchill's coach came opposite us it veered from the parade.

Units following were signalled on past and Winnie and his guests together with the mounted body guard stood there to see the balance of the parade.

Immediately the shout went up, "We want Winnie," and he leaned out the window and waved. Cheer after cheer broke out from the multitudes.

As the balance of the parade passed the officers in charge of each unit saluted the Prime Minister's Coach.

Mr. Churchill remained there while the Royal Carriage approached and the Queen and the Duke both laughed and leaned towards the Prime Minister and waved to him. The Duke seemed to really enjoy this incident and I took colored movies. I believe we in Canada House press gallery have an exclusive on this.

As the procession passed out of our view, making a right turn at the Square, there were cheers from the throng. But even then there seemed no rush to move on.

I made my way out to the street. It had been a long day, just over 12 hours since I had entered the building, 12 hours and the passing of the greatest pageant the world had ever seen.

**Air Force Fly Past**  
 In less than an hour, as soon as time allowed for the Queen to get to the Palace and take her place at the balcony, the air force fly past began.

I got as close as I could to this but crowds had filled the roads leading to the grounds down which the procession had recently passed.

Around the Palace the people had broken through the police lines and filled the square. The fly-over was most thrilling. Jets and all the latest type of aircraft took part including the RCAF.

Those who had stood packed there for 36 hours or more cheered not the planes but the Queen in the window.

All during the night the streets were filled with merriment, dancing and laughter. They who had endured the waiting along the streets were still not exhausted but filled the pubs and drank and danced and later watched the fireworks display.

With you next week at the Derby.

**WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT**  
 The all-male group questioned by the Financial Post is preponderantly in favor of giving women a bigger share in parliamentary and legislative responsibility. Experience in U.S., India and China is cited as one precedent for electing more women for office. More women in government, it is urged, would result in less extravagant government—since women are experts in getting value for money, as one respondent puts it.

An opposing view holds that women as a group tend to take a short and personal view of social problems.

## Tipson Touring

By Carol Lane

**Women's Travel Authority**  
 Is it safe for a woman to travel alone?

The answer is "Yes" — if you follow a few basic, common sense rules. In my years of travelling by car in all sections of the country, I've looked into this question thoroughly and have reached the general conclusion that a single woman will not run into trouble unless she asks for it, either consciously or unconsciously.

**Rule No. 1: Dress and act like a lady.** Flashy clothes, too-brief shorts or heavy make-up are too often an invitation from strangers to show unwanted interest. A wrap-around skirt to be whisked on when propriety demands is excellent if you like to drive in shorts.

**Rule No. 2: Do not pick up hitch hikers.** Occasionally, you may be approached by ride-seekers in a small town. If you feel charitable, ask for identification and check with the service station attendant, the drug store clerk or the town policeman before you offer a lift.

**Rule No. 3: When travelling at night, stay on the main highways and stop only at well lighted and obviously respectable places.** A lone woman traveller stopping at a dimly lit, off-the-beaten-track roadside inn is asking for possible trouble.

**TRAVELLING TURTLE DISCOVERED IN CAR**  
 A peculiar scratching sound in the back seat of his car troubled a traveller who had come to Acton to visit Baxter Laboratories last week. Unable to account for the noises, which were in the wrong part of the car to be attributed to the engine, he took the car to Garner Motors.

There, the back seat of the car and back panel were removed—to reveal a nine-inch turtle! The traveller from Kitchener had no idea where he had picked up the hitch-hiking animal and was glad to leave the turtle in Acton at Garner Motors.

The travelling turtle saw Acton from a pall of water at Garner's garage.

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