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Homecoming of the Queen Evokes London to Gay Show of Affection

Saturday, May 15, the Queen and Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, landed back in London for the first time in six months. This was an occasion all Londoners were awaiting; London was gaily decorated and everyone was gay.

Ken and I rose early Saturday morning and left Nuffield Foundation House after breakfast. To see the Queen we travelled to Trafalgar Square on the London Transport railway. This is the quickest if you are in a hurry as the buses move slower and stop frequently. But this morning London seemed to have just twice as many people, especially when they are all going to converge in one section of the city.

From Trafalgar Square we walked into the very crowded Mall which is the great wide drive that leads from Trafalgar Square to the main gates of Buckingham Palace. Many Londoners had spent the night here so they would be assured of a place right in the front row. Ken and I had to be satisfied in the fifth or sixth row, which was not too bad.

It was a long wait but worth it. I never remember seeing a St. John's Ambulance man so busy before; they were set out just behind where we were standing and had stations at various places along both sides of the Mall. At times there were between 40 and 60 people lying on stretchers behind us and this was only one station out of possibly a dozen on the Mall.

Thousands in the Mall
There were thousands crowded into the Mall and the people still kept coming even up to 3.45 p.m. when the procession came by. The bells of Westminster Abbey were ringing and we heard the 21 gun salute. Everyone around us said, "she has landed at Westminster Pier and it won't be long now!"

Over the PA system you could hear the cheering crowds as the Queen and the Duke rode in an open tandem through Whitehall pulled by horses with glittering harness. As they came out of Trafalgar Square into the Mall the crowd there started cheering. The noise was deafening. I was able to get a picture of the Grenadier Guards Band as it passed. The red coats and the very high hats are a sight indeed, but as the Queen and Duke in the open tandem passed the crowd surged forward about seven feet, cheering and waving.

I had great difficulty holding my feet, let alone get a picture, however I did see them before a section of the crowd broke through the police cordons.

The crowd swarmed towards Buckingham Palace, everyone running as fast as they could go for whoever reached the Palace fence first would see the Queen and the Duke as they came out on the balcony.

"We Want the Queen"
At this point I lost Ken and never saw him again, not until about 7 p.m. back at Nuffield Foundation House. I did get fairly close to the fence of Buckingham Palace and I hope got a good picture of the Queen and Duke when they appeared on the balcony along with Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

The Queen and the Duke waved to the crowd and when the children waved you could hardly imagine the roar that went up. The children have stools to stand on when

they come out. The Royal couple and children then went back in.

The bands played and people sang "Rule Britannia" and "There'll Always be an England", and between songs they started a chant, "We want the Queen. We want the Queen." And the crowds were not disappointed, for the Queen, Philip, the children, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret appeared the second and last time of the day on the balcony. They waved to the crowd.

This sent everyone home happy. It took some time to get home even though extra buses were being run; also more trains on the underground railway were running that day. It is one day I will always remember.

Farm in Hampshire
I have left the farm of Mr. C. Davidson-Smith and last week spent three days with Mr. Rex Paterson Hatch Warren, Basingstoke, Hampshire. Mr. Paterson is a man who has been to Canada and Australia, in fact has travelled a great deal. He is known throughout Britain as a very extensive farmer and the inventor of the grass silage buck rake and a rapid fertilizer spreader, both of which are in common use in Britain.

Mr. Paterson has 7,000 acres of land, milks 1,000 cows. Most of the cows are a Jersey-Shorthorn cross. He has some Friesians, however. Mr. Paterson's land is not in one block. One farm is 17 miles to the west of Basingstoke, another 10 miles east. Each farm is run by a farm manager but Mr. Paterson is the captain of the boat and on the latter farm. Two men work in an office in his home the year around. Mr. Paterson employs 105 men the year around.

This is the farm where Donald Small, Elgin County, eastern Canada's winner of the Nuffield scholarship two years ago spent his first three weeks. Every year he has

not been taken lightly. He is a firm believer of mixed farming.

This is the first time all Dominion Young Farmers were together, Hugh Brockway, Western Australia; Allan Hookings, eastern Australia; Peter Gordon, Jim Holderness, New Zealand; Neil Gilmore, Rhodesia; Gerald Stidolphs, Rhodesia; Hugh Brockway, Australia; Neil Gilmore, Ken and I went together. Neil Gilmore tells me that in Rhodesia of two million people 100,000 are white. His parents were born in Aberdeen while Gerald Stidolphs were born in Cambridge. The Australians, Rhodesians and New Zealanders get along better in this country. They are from sterling countries and therefore have no difficulty with the money.

The biggest surprise of the day was the guide who took us on the tour of the colleges. A student there, he was Tom Lawson of Oakville. It is a small world indeed. I go to Kent County next, then Sussex.

Visit Cambridge College
On Friday all the eight Dominion Young Farmers on Nuffield Scholarships visited Cambridge College. We received a talk by Sir Frank Engledon, Professor of Agriculture, also one of the trustees of the Nuffield Foundation. He spoke mostly on rainfall of the British Isles, the size of the country compared with some of the Dominions we come from. He also told of the cattle population of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, almost 11 million.


He spoke at some length of time over the decreasing farm population of the Highlands of Scotland, which he felt was serious but did commend the farmers in the lowlands for their very good farming which they carry on. Of Scotland's 19 million acres, 16 million are mountainous rough and wild country only fit for sheep. Sir Frank Engledon also felt this absence of livestock in eastern England as compared with western England and Wales should

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BRITISH COLUMBIA 1954
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QUEBEC 1953
In Quebec, Alcan completed two new powerhouses and augmented its aluminum smelting facilities during 1953. The new generating stations at Chute du Diable and Chute a la Savane on the Peribonka River — one of the principal tributaries of Lake St. John — have a combined generating capacity of 540,000 H.P. The total installed generating capacity of Alcan's power plants in Quebec has thereby been increased to 2,380,000 H.P. The rated annual capacity of the added aluminum smelting facilities at Isle Maligne is 71,500 tons a year. By the end of 1953 ingot capacity in Alcan's four Quebec smelters — at Shawinigan Falls, Arvida, Isle Maligne and Beauharnois — totalled over one billion pounds a year, or about a quarter of world capacity.

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