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Programme of Royalty for Coronation Months

Some of the Important Pre-Coronation Events for King and Queen. Events on Coronation Day and After. Special Coronation Hospitality Committee to See that Overseas Visitors are Entertained.

As noted by despatches from London, England, and in the Old Land newspapers, Canadians and other Empire visitors will be invited guests at many of the functions of the most brilliant London season of the century.

More than 4000 requests for seats to view the coronation procession have poured into Canada House. Eight thousand Canadians are expected in London and there will be invitations to take part in everything from the balls at Buckingham Palace to the dinner at the Zoo.

So overwhelming has been the hospitality offered, a special Coronation Hospitality Committee has been formed to co-ordinate efforts, with representatives from Dominion secretariats, the Government Hospitality Committee, the Overseas League, the Royal Society and others.

Official Canada will be entertained by the British Government Hospitality Committee, but ordinary every-day Mr. John Canuck and his wife will also have an opportunity of seeing how London does things on special occasions.

The revised programme and detail of events follow:

Pre-Coronation Events

The following are some of the pre-coronation events noted here because of their importance and because many will wish to keep them as a matter of record:

March

Tuesday, March 16—The King and Queen gave an afternoon party at Buckingham Palace.

April 23rd (St. George's Day)—Unveiling of the King George V Memorial at Windsor by the King who was accompanied by the Queen.

April 25th—The King and Queen witnessed a parade of the King's Scouts at Windsor.

27. King and Queen open National Maritime Exhibition at Greenwich.

May

2. (Sunday)—King and Queen attended Royal Military College inauguration service at Sandhurst.

3. Royal Academy of Arts exhibition opened at Burlington House, Piccadilly, until August 2. Duke of Gloucester attended London Chamber of Commerce dinner at Grosvenor House. Duchess of Gloucester attended Friends of the Four Ball, Princess Gate.

4. Field Marshals baton presented to King George. Duke of Gloucester attended National Association of Boys' Clubs dinner at Guildhall. Marquess and Marchioness of Londonderry gave reception at Mayfair.

5. Their Majesties held first court for debutantes at Buckingham Palace. Duke and Duchess of Kent attended Playing Fields Ball, Dorchester Hotel.

6. Their Majesties held second court at Buckingham.

7. King attended luncheon of Empire Parliamentary Association in Westminster Hall to meet prime ministers and members of Empire legislatures in London for Imperial Conference. Ships of the Home Fleet arrived in Thames for a week's visit, during which they were open for visits by the public.

8. Dukes of Gloucester and Kent and other members of the royal family meet foreign envoys and deputations. Coronation Ball at Grosvenor House for Child Guidance Clinic.

9. Prime ministers of Dominions and representatives of India and the Colonial Empire visit Buckingham Palace to present addresses and loyal greetings to the King. Luncheon party by the King and Queen to British Commonwealth representatives. Dinner party by the Duke of Gloucester as senior Prince of the blood royal, for foreign envoys at St. James' Palace, Jubilee Jewel Ball at Grosvenor House, Park Lane.

12. (Coronation Day)—Processions to Westminster Abbey, crowning of King George and Queen Elizabeth, six-mile state drive through streets of London to Buckingham Palace. Empire broadcast by his Majesty. Balls gala performances, and general activities in the West End.

13. State banquet for foreign guests at Buckingham Palace. Costume ball organized by the Earl of Lytton at Royal Albert Hall, Kensington. (The King has reserved the royal box for his friends but is not likely to attend). Warships leave Thames to mass for the review at Spithead off the Isle of Wight.

14. Dinner to the King and Queen by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in Whitehall. First Court Ball at Buckingham Palace. (The ball will last about two hours and their Majesties will lead the dancing).

15. Final reception for and departure of foreign envoys and delegations. Garden party by the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland at Guildford Surrey.

17. Exhibition of royal robes and dresses worn by royalty opened at Royal School of Needlework, South Kensington.

18. General Assembly of the Church of Scotland opens with state ceremonial at Edinburgh.

19. King and Queen drive through streets of City of London for luncheon with Lord Mayor and Corporation at the Guildhall. Pilgrim's Coronation dinner at Hotel Victoria to honour President Roosevelt's representative, Hon. James W. Gerard. The Earl of Derby will preside and guests will include General John J. Pershing and Admiral Hugh Rodman. U.S. Navy Reception to 250 overseas visitors at headquarters of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

20. Naval review by the King at Spithead. The Home, Mediterranean and Reserve Fleets will be represented as well as vessels from foreign navies. His Majesty will use the royal yacht Victoria and Albert.

21. Duke of Kent at banquet for Brompton Hospital.

24. (Empire Day)—King and Queen attend service at St. Paul's Cathedral. British Empire Union's Coronation ball at May Fair Hotel.

25. Prime Minister's dinner to Their Majesties at 10 Downing street.

26. Seventieth birthday of Queen Mary. Second Court Ball at Buckingham Palace. Fashionable Chelsea flower show opens. Queen Mary Ball for Royal Eye Hospital.

27. King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Elizabeth and Margaret Rose attend opening of royal military tournament at Olympia. This display lasts about a fortnight. Their Majesties attend evening reception in their honour by London County Council.

28. King holds levee at St. James' Palace driving in state along the Mall.

29. Garden party by Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury at Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

30. (Sunday)—"Judges Sunday"—High Court judges at St. Paul's.

31. Duke and Duchess of Gloucester at Derby Ball in Grosvenor House to aid Royal Northern Hospital.

June

3. Special recital for overseas visitors on Westminster Abbey's new organ. Race for Coronation Cup at Epsom.

8. Garden party by Provost and Fellows of Eton at Eton College.

9. Official celebration of King's 41st birthday (actually December 14, 1896) by trooping the colour ceremony on Horse Guards Parade. His Majesty will ride in full dress Guards uniform at the head of his troops and Queen will watch the parade from a window of Whitehall Palace.

10. Investiture at Buckingham Palace. Richmond Royal Horse Show opens (until June 12). Aldershot Tattler (until June 19).

11. Second investiture at Buckingham Palace.

12. State entry of their Majesties into Windsor and Eton as the Court arrives at the castle for Ascot Week. The royal procession escorted by Household Cavalry will drive out to Eton College for an official reception. Torchlight march of ex-service-men in the Grand Quadrangle, and river fete on the Thames. Cathedral Music and Drama Festival at Canterbury (until June 19).

14. Installation of Knights of the Garter in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, the first service of Garter Knights since 1914. Banquet in St. George's Hall.

15. King and Queen drive in semi-state landaus down the course at opening of Ascot races. Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Kent will also attend, their carriages being drawn by the famous Windsor grays.

16. Their Majesties are expected to attend Ascot races (on succeeding days also).

17. International Horse Show opens at Olympia (until June 26).

18. Banquet to celebrate Battle of Waterloo anniversary.

19. Opening of Coronation international regatta at Torbay, Devon, with Duke of Kent as patron. Four hundred yachts from all countries expected to be present.

21. Court returns to Buckingham Palace from Windsor Castle. Earl and Countess of Onslow give evening party at Clarendon Park, near Guildford, Surrey. Wimbledon lawn tennis championships open (until July 3).

22. The King holds a levee at St. James' Palace, driving there in state from Buckingham Palace with an escort of cavalry. Their Majesties' afternoon garden party at Buckingham Palace.

24. The Honorable Corps of His Majesty's gentlemen-at-arms will entertain 1000 guests in the throne room at St. James' Palace.

26. Royal Air Force display at Hendon. The King will attend and there will be special stands for overseas visitors.

27. (Sunday)—Review of ex-service-men (war veterans) by the King.

29. King to open new sculpture section, Tate Gallery.

30. British Empire garden party at Richmond.

July

1. Third Court at Buckingham Palace.

3. King and Queen visit Festival of Youth at Wembley.

5-12. King and Queen make their first official visit to Scotland, making a state entry into Edinburgh and taking up residence at the palace of Holyrood. Week's events will include a Court, garden party and other functions.

14-15. King and Queen visit Wales, including Caernarvon Castle where a pageant will be staged similar to that given when the Duke of Windsor was invested as Prince of Wales on the Coronation of George V and Queen Mary.

19. King reviews Honourable Artillery Company.

21. King opens new headquarters for the London fire brigade at Westminster Embankment.

22. Second garden party at Buckingham Palace.

28. King and Queen leave for official visit to Northern Ireland. They will cross the Irish Sea on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert and be guests of the Duke of Abercorn (Governor of

The Modern Coronation Service

(Continued from Page Four) "The Lord bless you and keep you; and as He hath made you King over His people, so may He prosper you in this world, and make you partake of His Eternal Felicity in the world to come.

"The Lord give you a fruitful country and healthful season, victorious fleets and armies, and a quiet Empire, a faithful Senate, wise and upright counselors and magistrates, a loyal nobility, a dutiful gentry, a pious, learned, and obedient clergy, an honest, industrious, and obedient commonalty. Amen."

Turning to the assembled people, the Archbishop continues:—"And the same Lord God Almighty grant that the Clergy and Nobles assembled here for this great and solemn Service, and together with them all the People of the Land, fearing God, and honouring the King, may by the merciful superintendency of the Divine Providence, and the vigilant care of our gracious Sovereign, continually enjoy peace, plenty, and prosperity—through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with

"God save King . . . Long live King . . . May the King live for ever!" (This last salute—"May the King live for ever"—is extremely ancient in England, and mention of it is made in what is called the "Egbertine Ordre," a Coronation ceremony said to be 1,200 years old.)

After the Act of Homage, preparations are made for the crowning of the Queen Consort. This rite of crowning the Queen Consort is performed according to ancient custom by the Archbishop of York. She rises from her Throne and is accompanied to the steps of the Altar by two Bishops, and here she remains kneeling while the Archbishop of York says that the following prayer:—"Almighty God, the foundation of all goodness, give ear we beseech Thee to our prayers, and multiply Thy blessings upon this Thy servant . . . whom in Thy Name, with all humble devotion, we consecrate our Queen. Defend her evermore from all dangers, ghostly and bodily. Make her a great example of virtue and piety, and a blessing to

Archbishop places the Sceptre in the Queen's right hand, the Ivory Rod with the Dove in her left hand, and says the following prayer:—"O Lord, the giver of all perfection, grant unto this Thy servant . . . our Queen, that by the powerful and mild influence of her piety and virtue she may adorn the high dignity which she has obtained through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Anointed, crowned, and having received all her ornaments, the Queen rises from the Altar steps, and supported by her Bishops, goes up to the Throne. As she passes the King on his Throne she bows reverently to him and then walks on to her own Throne.

After the Communion Service comes the "Recess," which is the last Act of the Coronation Service.

While the choir is singing the Te Deum Laudamus the King, with the four Swords being carried before him, descends from the Throne crowned, holding the Sceptre and Rod, and proceeds through the door on the south side of the Altar into St. Edward's



The Late King George V. and Queen Mary

the Eternal Father, and God the Holy Ghost, be glory in the Church, world without end. Amen."

Now the King goes to the Throne, and is lifted up into it by the Archbishops and Bishops, and other Peers of the Kingdom, when he is "Inthronized," all the Great Officers—those who carry the Swords, Sceptres, and other Regalia—stand about the steps of the Throne. The Archbishop of Canterbury now stands before the King, and says:—"Stand firm, and hold fast from henceforth the Seat and State of Royal and Imperial Dignity, which is this day delivered unto you, in the Name and by the Authority of Almighty God, and by the hands of us the Bishops and Servants of God, though unworthy. And as you see us to approach nearer to God's Altar, so vouchsafe the more graciously to continue to us your Royal favour and protection. And the Lord God Almighty, whose ministers we are, and the Stewards of His Mysteries, establish your Throne in righteousness, that it may stand fast for evermore, like as the sun before Him, and as the Faithful Witness in Heaven. Amen."

The next Act of the Coronation service is called "The Homage."

First the Archbishop kneels down before the Sovereign, and the rest of the Bishops follow his example, while the Primate says:—"I . . . Archbishop of Canterbury (he pauses while each Bishop repeats his own name) will be faithful and true, and Faith and Truth will bear unto you our Sovereign Lord, and your Heirs Kings of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defenders of the Faith and Emperors of India. And I will do, and truly acknowledge, the service of the lands which I claim to hold of you, as in the right of the Church.

"So help me God."

The Archbishop then kisses the King's left cheek. (This is the ancient "Kiss that follows the Oath," an act centuries old.)

If there is a Prince of Wales to attend the ceremony, he now takes off his coronet, kneels before the Sovereign together with the rest of the princes of the Blood Royal. The Prince of Wales says the following, which is repeated after him by the other princes:—"I . . . Prince of Wales (or Duke as the case may be), do become your liege man of life and limb, and of earthly worship, and faith and truth I will bear unto you, to live or die, against all manner of folks.

"So help me God."

(This part of the Coronation service, the "Act of Homage," has been shortened and modified considerably, and is now limited by the first nobleman of each order touching the Crown for the rest of his peers.)

Dukes, Marquesses, Earls, Viscounts, and Barons—all in their order of precedence perform the Act of Homage before the Throne. During this somewhat lengthy ceremony the King is relieved of parts of the Regalia by those standing near him, and the Bishops who support the King in the Procession also ease the weight of the heavy crown on his head.

When the Act of Homage is ended, drums beat, trumpets sound, and the whole congregation shout as loudly as they may:—"Northern Ireland) and the Duchess of Abercorn at Hillsborough Castle, Belfast.

this kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Queen now rises and goes to a faldstool set before the Altar. There she kneels down, and four Peeresses hold a rich pall of cloth of gold over her while the Archbishop anoints her on the crown of her head with these words:—"In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Let this Anointing with the Oil increase your honour, and the Grace of God's Holy Spirit established you for ever and ever. Amen."

From the Keeper of the Jewel-House the Archbishop receives the Queen's Ring, and places it on the fourth finger of her right hand, says:—"Receive this Ring, the seal of a sincere faith, and God—to Whom belongeth all power and dignity—prosper you in this your honour, and grant you therein long to continue, fearing Him always, and always doing such things as shall please Him through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Taking the Queen's Crown from off the Altar, the Archbishop of York sets it reverently upon her head.

"Receive," he says, "the Crown of glory, honour, and joy. And God, the Crown of the faithful, who by our episcopal hands—though unworthy—doth this day set a Crown of pure gold upon your head, enrich your royal heart with His abundant grace, and crown you with all princely virtues in this life, and with an everlasting gladness in the life that is to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

In this moment, as the crown descends on the Queen's head all the Peeresses put on their coronets. Then the

Chapel. As he passes the Altar the rest of the Regalia lying there is delivered by the Dean of Westminster to those lords who carry it in the Coronation Procession.

The Queen descends from her Throne at the same time, and enters the Chapel from the north side of the Altar.

When the King and Queen are together in St. Edward's Chapel, which for centuries has been the scene of the anointing—they both kneel before the Altar there and the Spurs are given into the keeping of the Dean of Westminster. The King then removes the Royal Robe of State, and is clothed with a robe of purple velvet. Now the Imperial State Crown—hat St. Edward's Crown—is set upon his head, and he receives the Orb in his left hand from the Archbishop.

Then their Majesties proceed through the Choir to the west door of the Abbey—the same by which they entered—where, it seems, the whole world waits to receive them. Both King and Queen are wearing their crowns, the King bearing the Sceptre with the Cross in his right hand and holding the Orb in his left hand. In her right hand the Queen bears the Sceptre with the Cross, and in her left the Ivory Rod with the Dove. All nobles and ladies are now wearing their coronets and crimson robes, and follow in procession outside the Abbey where the faithful commons are waiting—waiting and cheering madly—lining the route on scaffolds and pavements to make the streets of old London town a scene such as is presented nowhere else in the whole world.



Princess Margaret Rose