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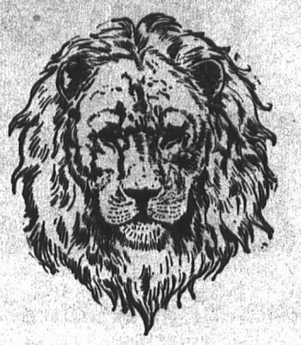

Rule Britannia

Still more majestic shalt thou rise,
More dreadful from each foreign stroke;
As the loud blast that tears the skies,
Serves but to root thy native oak.
Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves
Britons never shall be slaves.

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great, great grandmother of His Majesty, namely, Queen Charlotte of blessed memory. All this associates us intimately with the Royalty of our Empire, and the citizens of the Province are counted among the most loyal and law-abiding within His Majesty's Realm. In extending our loyal welcome our citizens pray for the continued health and happiness of Their Majesties, and as in duty bound, petition that they may long be spared in health, strength and hppiness to reign over us.

n. Thane A. Campbell,

PREMIER OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

sport they disembarked and ped on shore. They stopped to visit the great Nile dam, not quite completed. A wonul welcome awaited them at rtoum, with its triumphal es and night-time illumina- in their honour. With this iant scene as a last memory heir happy tour, they took ship ort Sudan for England and e.

he King's East African tour a prelude to an increasing asation between His Majesty and British lands beyond the sea. sooner was he back in England we find him immersed in the ils of the Empire Exhibition Wembley, which was then about nter on its second term. He had n over the presidency of the ibition from the Duke of Windthen on a visit to South Africa the Argentine; and he opened ormally on May 12th 1925.

Voyage Round The World

rst a cadet's cruise to the West es and Canada; then a four months' holiday trip through Africa; now the most ambitious project so far—a voyage round the world, with Australia and New Zealand as the main objectives.

The new Parliament House of the Commonwealth of Australia was to be formally opened at Canberra on May 9th, 1927, and the Federal Government were anxious that one of the Royal Princes should perform the ceremony. King George V, who had presided over the opening of the first Federal Parliament in Australia 26 years previously, gladly nominated his second son for the mission.

From the moment the Royal couple set foot on shore at Auckland to the day when they bade a regretful farewell to Perth they were made to feel at home. Without this universal spirit of comrade ship the tour might well have been a trying ordeal instead of a voyage of delightful discovery. For this was their first really official visit to any part of the Empire and the first time the Duke had acted for any length of time as the formal representative of the King his father. But from the beginning they found that the people of the Dominions had the gift of making formality seem informal; and the "hail-fellow-well-met" approach of everyone with whom they spoke delighted the Duke and Duchess, who both prefer human contacts to official ones.

"I Call Myself A Digger"

The spirit of their Majesties' tour of the Antipodes was admirably summed up by the King himself when he declared in his address to the Returned Soldiers at Sydney : "I think I can now call myself a Digger".

The long journey in H.M.S. Renown began from Portsmouth on January 6, 1927. The Duchess was accompanied by two ladies-in-waiting, thus creating a new record for the Navy. For, as the Captain remarked to her, this was the first time any lady had circumnavigated the globe in one of His Majesty's ships.

The Duke spent the first few days of the voyage going through the draft of his official programme in the two Dominions. He had to make a lavish but unwilling use of the blue pencil, for had he accepted every invitation and visited every town which wanted to see him, the Royal tour would have lasted years instead of months.

Calling en route at Jamaica and at Fiji, the Renown reached Auckland on February 22. The welcome taken in it by the boys and girls—was one of the "high spots" of the tour, which the Royal visitors will never forget.

Gifts For The Princess

It was at Auckland that the Duke struck one of the keynotes of their whole tour. "The Duchess and I want to see as much as possible of the children" he said. Australians and New Zealanders took him at his word, and when he was back in London once more he was able to tell an English audience: "Never have I seen such happy, healthy children".

Those "happy, healthy children" of the Dominions—now almost grown up—are still remembered at Buckingham Palace by two children who never saw them. For they loaded the Duke and Duchess with presents for "the little Princess at home"; and Princess Elizabeth has since shared them with her younger sister.

Leaving Auckland, the Duke and Duchess had their first experience of deep sea fishing. In the Bay of Islands the Duke landed a 120-pound marlin swordfish; and the Duchess, fond of fishing from her earliest childhood, brought back to the Renown a fine basket of smaller fish.

Languages are an important item in Princess Elizabeth's schoolroom time-table. The Princess, who stated to learn German some time ago, is now going to have more advanced lessons.