

DUKE'S VISIT TO GLASGOW

Receiving Freedom of City

During his visit to Glasgow to-morrow, which will extend over five hours, the Duke of Edinburgh will undertake a number of engagements and receive the freedom of the city at a ceremony in the City Chambers.

On his arrival at the Central Station at 10.30 a.m. he will be greeted by the Lord Provost, Mr Thomas A. Kerr, and the Lady Provost. There the Lord Provost will present Sir Robert Calver, Q.C., Sheriff of Lanarkshire; Sir William Kerr, town clerk; Mr Malcolm M. McCulloch, chief constable; and Mr Thomas Weir, the Lord Provost's secretary.

At Kelvin Hall

The Duke's first engagement will be to open the Scottish Dairy Show in the Kelvin Hall at 11 a.m. This is the original and primary purpose of the visit. He will drive from the station to the hall by way of Hope Street, Bothwell Street, St Vincent Street, and Argyle Street. At the hall he will be met by Bailie David M. Wardley, the senior magistrate. Among those to be presented are representatives of Glasgow Agricultural Society and the Kelvin Hall Committee.

After declaring open the show in the arena, the Duke will make a tour of the exhibits. He is expected to leave the hall at 12.15 p.m. and travel by way of Argyle Street, Sauchiehall Street, Buchanan Street, West George Street, George Square North, and George Square East to the City Chambers, where he will be the principal guest at a civic lunch.

The freedom of the city will be conferred on the Duke at 2.15 p.m. in the banqueting hall of the chambers. Shortly before 3 p.m. he will leave for the Trades House where, as a natural sequence to the freedom ceremony, he will be presented with the guild ticket as guild brother of Glasgow of craft rank and receive his certificate of enrolment as craftsman in the Incorporation of Hammermen, the oldest of the 14 incorporations.

Flying from Renfrew

On his arrival at the Trades House, the Duke will be received by Mr James Stirrat, deacon-convener of the Trades of Glasgow; Mr John W. Train, collector of the Trades House of Glasgow; Mr Allan S. Dixon, late deacon-convener; and Mr Robert D. Allison, clerk to the Trades House.

This will be the Duke's final engagement. The ceremony is timed to take one hour and afterwards he will fly from Renfrew Airport to London. The route from the Trades House to the airport will be:—Glassford Street, Stockwell Street, Victoria Bridge, Gorbals Street, Oxford Street, Kingston Street, Paisley Road, Paisley Road West, Edmiston Drive, Shieldhall Road, Renfrew Road, Glasgow Road, Renfrew, Sandy Road, and Broadloan.

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FREEDOM OF GLASGOW FOR THE DUKE

But One Objector

An objection to the freedom of Glasgow being conferred upon the Duke of Edinburgh when he visits the city on February 15 was put forward at a meeting of the Glasgow Corporation yesterday by Councillor Hugh Brown, a Labour member, in his maiden speech. His amendment was not seconded.

The visit by the Duke to open the Scottish dairy show was, he said, not sufficient justification for conferring the honour upon him and he moved that it be not made. He added:

"If we are about to confer the honour upon a member of the Royal Family, we should have some good reasons other than that they should just be a member of the Royal Family. He is quite an outstanding young man, but I don't think he has made any outstanding contribution to the welfare of this city or the community at large which entitles him to be given this freedom."

Some passages in Councillor Brown's speech—he referred to the Royal Family's recent Commonwealth tour as not having solved the problems of the people of the West Indies—were greeted with dissent.

Councillor Andrew Hood, leader of the Labour group, said that in making the speech Councillor Brown had acted in defiance of a unanimous decision of the group that the freedom of the city should be conferred on the Duke.

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