

KING AND QUEEN AT SHOREDITCH.

King George and Queen Elizabeth made another surprise visit to L.C.C. housing estates, including Shoreditch and Hoxton in their second tour. Although the visit was supposed to be secret the news leaked out, and their Majesties had an impromptu bodyguard throughout the day. Only a short while previously the King and Queen had paid a similar call on Lambeth and Wandsworth and Battersea, and here again, as then, complete informality was the keynote. ~~The characteristic simplicity of our Royal Family accorded perfectly with the simple surroundings, and the tour was once again an unqualified success.~~ The Queen chatted with children who lined up as she passed by --- Her Majesty particularly admired this baby of Poole Street.

FIRE AT STEVENAGE.

Flames lit up the evening sky when this yard caught fire at Stevenage in Hertfordshire. Timber to the estimated value of thirty thousand pounds charred and crackled in the blaze. Fifty firemen played their hoses on it continuously throughout a day ~~and~~ and a night, but the water had little effect. By the evening the stacks of timber had been reduced to the appearance of a rubbish dump, but still those flames stalked hungrily among the debris, destroying and devouring.