

HAS FOR LONG BEEN

Glasgow: The Govan Shipyard on the Clyde ~~is~~ the centre of ~~its~~ activity, in preparation for the launching of a vessel that will bear an illustrious name in shipping history.

And to honour this proud day for Clydeside, The Queen arrived to perform the christening ceremony. A unique occasion, for this is only the second merchant ship to be launched by a reigning Monarch. (2)

On this day of Scottish ~~pride~~ <sup>achievement</sup>, two year-old Robert Bruce - the grandson of the shipbuilding company's chairman - and <sup>a/s/o</sup> descendant of the famous Scottish king - presented a bouquet to Her Majesty. But only after he <sup>too</sup> had tried again!

Then the ~~vessel~~ - a twenty-four thousand ton liner, (built for the Canadian Pacific's Atlantic service) received its proud name ~~SOUND~~

The launch was a triumph of planning - for the ship's length ~~is~~ 635 feet - is actually greater than the width of the river.

Built at a cost of over five million pounds, the liner will carry over a thousand passengers and replace her predecessor, which was sunk in the war. From Glasgow to Rosyth Dockyard - where the Queen and the Duke of Ed ~~ward~~ went aboard the waiting Royal Yacht, "Britannia" for their ~~Sw~~ Visit to Norway, as the guests of King Haakon.

~~From the Royal Dockyard, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were waiting towards the tumultuous welcome of~~

Change in Irish - The Queen.  
and on "width of the river".