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BIRMINGHAM RECEIVES THE ROYAL PENNY.

Fine weather and enthusiastic crowds welcome the King and Queen to Birmingham.

Escorted by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Their Majesties walk to the Town Hall for the presentation of Birmingham's own silver wedding gift. Adding a touch of informality to an impressive occasion, the King, handing the Lord Mayor a newly-minted penny, acknowledges an age-old superstition. In asking the people of Birmingham and ...

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The penny is an assurance that the bond of friendship uniting him with the people of Birmingham will not be severed by his acceptance of their gift - a canteen of silver cutlery. Fashioned by workers from the city, each knife, fork and spoon is engraved with the Royal Cipher.

As Their Majesties appear on the Council House Balcony the throng in Victoria Square pay a warm-hearted tribute to the Royal couple in this - the year of their Silver Wedding Anniversary.