

ROYAL COUPLE SEE 'WILD WEST'

The royal train pulls into Calgary in a swirl of snow and the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta and Cowboy Mayor Mackay welcome Princess Elisabeth and the Duke to Canada's cow country. First call is to the Indian village, where, on behalf of the five South Alberta tribes, Chief Heavyside and his wife Heavyside offer gifts for Prince Charles and Princess Anne. Chief Shot-on-both-sides, who greeted the King and Queen is unable to attend.

Princess Anne's gift is a white-deerskin Indian costume made by the chief's 70-year-old wife. Though Canada's redskins have all the advantages of their white brothers, they keep up old customs including the tribal dances. With the braves in full regalia and with the beating of tom-toms this is one of the highlights of the Princess's tour of the dominion. Now it's farewell to the Indians, and on to the Calgary stampede, as the royal couple arrive in an old-time stage-coach used by the Princess's great-grandfather, later Edward VII, 90 years ago, and out steps the Duke with a ten-gallon hat!

It's a typical Calgary stampede show, with all the thrills telescoped into one session, and snow to make it all the harder to stay onboard. Electric blankets warmed the visitors, who enjoyed the thrills of the chuck-wagon race all the more because they'd just enjoyed a typical cowboy chuck-wagon dinner.