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ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

At Buckingham Palace is held a royal garden party, so the Mall is filled with thousands, eager to catch a glimpse of some of the 7,000 guests from Britain and the Commenwealth who are attending.

Brilliant sunshine greets the royal party as they come onto the lawns to met their guests. Charming in a gay summer dress, the Queen frequently steps to that with many of those present.

Close by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh has an especial word for many who have travelled far to attend the Coronation.

Adding extra celour to the gay scene are embroidered unbrellas which shelter chief tains from the Gold Coast. Wearing white lace is Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Princess Margaret wears a dress of grey not for this most colourful of royal garden parties.

Others in the Royal party include the Duchess of Kent, her daughter Princess Alexandre, and her young sen, the Duke of Kent.

For more than two hours, Her Majesty chats with her guests. Set in a garden so very English, the first reyal party of the year is a splendid prelude to a week in which the Empire will be united in rejeicing with Her Majesty.