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BELFAST CHEERS PRINCESS AND DUKE

Belfast goes gay! Thousands of its citizens crowd the streets of the great city to give a royal welcome to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, making their first joint visit to Northern Ireland. Cheering crowds throng Donegal Square to watch their Royal Highnesses arrive at City Hall, there to receive the Freedom of Belfast.

Wherever the Royal couple go (and they face a crowded programme) there is a tumultuous reception for the smiling Princess and the handsome sailor duke.

At Short and Harland - the city's giant seaplane works - the visitors see further proof of Northern Ireland's great loyalty to the crown and all that it represents. Royal tours are always marked by joyous, cheering crowds; yet seldom, if ever, has there been a welcome to exceed Belfast's.

Occasion of the Royal visit to Short and Harland is the christening by Princess Elizabeth, of a flying boat to be used on the Tasman Empire Airline to New Zealand.

On the following day at the Royal Ulster Agricultural Show in the Balmoral Showground, on the outskirts of the city, the Princess and the Duke again receive a wonderful welcome from a near 100,000 crowd. Among the dignitaries presented to the Princess is the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Tom Williams.

The "Royal Ulster" (an annual highlight for farmers everywhere) this year beats all previous records. A visit Northern Ireland will long remember.