

And so it proved; an operation on the King's lung was found necessary; a brilliant surgeon performed it with success and the bulletins told of a slow but steady return along the long road of convalescence. ^

Despite the family anxiety, it was with courage and the sense of duty that Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh left home at this time..... to carry out their promised tour of Canada. Happily matching the improvement in the King's health, the royal tour successfully covered more than fifteen thousand miles of the great Dominion..... ~~at one and the same time a royal triumph --- and a warm-hearted dinner meeting of the members of our great Empire Society~~

From Canada, the royal travellers went to Washington, where they won the hearts of the President and the people of the United States. /

Home again, after weeks of exhausting but exhilarating experience; to a family welcome of the old kind on the old familiar platform of Euston station. /

And for sportsmen --- 1951 was a bumper year. Arctic Prince won the Derby six lengths from Sybil's Nephew. ^

Cup Final --- Newcastle United defeated Blackpool 2 - nil. /

Grand National ---- won by Nickel Coin. / Thirty-six starters --- and only three finished.

And --- whoa! What's this? A Grand National Boat Race. / And they don't know if they're kangaroos jumping or a zebra crossing. Scores of swimmers swam the Channel --- but some got out and walked. ^ Some of the motor racing was so spectacular the spectators couldn't stand it. /

Then Fashion reared its ugly head. So many people threatened to go back to Victorian styles even the birds got nervous.

Sport again! Where fashion hit the news with frillies at Wimbledon it was such a bad summer that some cats played in a fur coat. Loud applause from the onlookers.

Crime didn't pay; and the nose-print experts found out at last who bit the postman. But the gangster's girl friend still said she loved him.

Re-armament! Once again the tramp of marching feet was heard on the barrack square. One recruit didn't know if he was called up for UNO or Ludo.

And sport again! The competition fever spread downwards through the ranks of the world's golfere from the ~~Walker Cup~~ Ryder Cup to the Toddler's Trophy. ~~Go on - it's no one's~~ looking!

And in the march of scientific progress --- the world's inventors at last discovered how to be happy though married.

Mow the lawn? It's a pleasure. And so to all citizens who ~~work hard during the night~~ stay late at the office finding more mon ey for taxes --- here's another Happy New Year ----- even if it kills us.