ROYAL TOUR ››› WELLINGTON. 19/1/54.

At the end of the Royal Tour of New Zealand's North Island, came the visit to Wellington the capital; and in the Town Hall, Her Majesty held an investiture . In this great city of the Commonwealth, so far distant fromLondon, three new knights received the accolade in a ceremony that was at once regal, and romantic . This is the first filming, of ~~a truly~~ an historic act.

To the Parliament House in Wellington, the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, drove for the ceremonial opening of the New Zealand Parliament. Her Majesty wore her Coronation dress and sash, with Commonwealth emblems embroidered on the skirt.

It was a session of the thirtieth Parliament of New Zealand. And the ceremony was enacted, in the place known as the Council Chamber, in the Upper House. Although the Upper House no longer takes part in the actual Government of the Dominion.

In the simple Chamber, the Queen sat upon the throne with the Duke by her side; [redacted] The speech from the Throne was handed to Her Majesty by the Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland. and then the Queen addressed the Members of New Zealand's House of Parliament. Then Her Majesty left the Throne, and presented the Speech to the Speaker, Sir Matthew Oram. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Something of an age-old ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ tradition in a new land. By contrast with the ~~xx~~ State Opening of Parliament in London --- the eye is struck by the absence of the robes and coronets of peers and peeresses. But here --- in this far-flung ~~xxxxxx~~ city --- the spirit of democratic government shines as brightly as a crown. The true descendant of the Mother of Parliaments, cradled centuries ago in ancient Westminster, beside the River Thames.