

This is a scene long familiar to Londoners; but it makes ~~news~~ ~~news~~ headline news when it happens on the other side of the world. A royal car picking its way through crowded streets outside a cinema --- where sightseers have been waiting for a glimpse of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. A Royal Premiere. ~~M~~

This is the Regent cinema in Christchurch; and it's the first Royal Film Performance in the South Island of New Zealand.

The films so honoured were the ~~Mal~~ing comedy "The Love Lottery", and the film of the royal visit to Fiji and Tonga. ~~/~~

A day at the races on Addington Racecourse was another sparkling event in Christchurch, towards the end of the Royal Tour of New Zealand. And the course was packed as never before, as the Duke went to the ~~Starters~~ stand to "let them go" in the Duke of ~~Edinburgh~~ Stakes. The meeting was organised by the New Zealand Trotting Club. ~~/~~

The Queen had expressed a particular wish to attend this meeting, as her father had also started a race here, when Duke of York. ~~/~~

And at the finish Her Majesty presented the Gold Cup to the winning owner. ~~/~~

The week-end was spent at Longbeach, a seaside home placed at their disposal by a local sheep-farmer. It's on the east coast, by the famous Ninety Mile Beach. The Duke is wearing army uniform on his return from a military inspection at nearby Burnham. ~~/~~

At this time we recall that it is now two years since Queen Elizabeth acceded to the throne; the death of her father, ~~King~~ had brought her back to England at the start of a tour of the ~~far-off~~ lands in which she is now voyaging. ~~M~~ We remember, too, how our young Queen pledged herself ^{then} to our service. ~~/~~ She has carried out her heavy task so well, as to make it seem --- so easy. ~~/~~ Back to New Zealand and the present time, we find the Queen and the Duke once again on a train journey --- going southward down the east coast towards Dunedin. ~~/~~

Dunedin, of all these Dominion cities, claims close ties with Scotland --- and they gave their visitors a real Scottish welcome.

During their short stay here, Her Majesty went to the hospital for Children. This is also a centre for nurses, training in the Truby King methods of child welfare.

All the babies certainly look healthy enough; and jolly strong.