

Mayor George Nelms of Ottawa accompanying the Queen at the ceremony marking opening of the Queensway.



At the foot of the Peace Tower steps, where Prime Minister Diefenbaker awaited them, the Queen and the Prince stepped out of the landau and mounted a platform to receive a Royal Salute by guns and band. "The historic hour had struck. It was three o'clock and the Queen of Canada entered the halls of Canada's Parliament to get her government started on its business."

That evening's schedule of appointments for the Royal couple included a State Dinner and Reception at Government House. On Parliament Hill one of the most awaited musical side-attractions of the Royal visit program provided a fitting finale to a memorable day. Climaxed by the deafening roar of three 12-pounder guns of the Royal Canadian Navy and the triumphant peal of the Peace Tower carillon, Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture was performed by a massed band of 250 musicians. Originally scored to include real cannon fire but seldom displayed in the manner in which

the Russian composer conceived his work, the overture depicts the retreat of Napoleon's forces from Moscow. Units which participated in this singular performance were: the Central and Training Command Bands of the RCAF, the Canadian Guards Band from Camp Petawawa, the Royal 22nd Regiment Band from Quebec City, and the Headquarters Band of the RCMP. Earlier in the evening an inspiring "Sunset Ceremony" staged by a Royal Canadian Navy Band and Guard had also drawn an appreciative audience.

Tuesday, October 15, the Royal Party visited the City Hall, Hull, Que., and were welcomed by Mayor Moncion, Madame Moncion presenting Her Majesty with a bouquet of flowers. A number of municipal and civic dignitaries were then presented, following which Her Majesty and Prince Philip signed the Golden Book.

On departing from Hull the motorcade returned to Ottawa, en route to Hurdman's Bridge where the Royal Couple were to be received at the commencement site of the new Queensway by Mayor and Mrs. Nelms. Once again an escape route was necessary in travelling from Hull to Hurdman's Bridge, avoiding the immense crowds, and insuring a safe arrival well in advance of the Royal Motorcade.

Following the welcome by Mayor and Mrs. Nelms, Her Majesty and Prince Philip were escorted to a special dais for the presentation of Federal, Provincial, and Civic dignitaries. The Golden Book of Ottawa was then signed, and Premier Frost of Ontario made a short speech requesting Her Majesty to inaugurate the new Queensway by pressing an electric switch detonating the first rock clearing explosives. Following the resulting blast, impressive to all concerned,