

Above—The Royal Procession passing Ottawa's Chateau Laurier included an RCMP "Captain's Escort with Guidon"—42 men and officers, plus two postilions and two footmen. Below—Framed in the archway of the Peace Tower, the Queen and Prince Philip pause to receive a Royal Salute before the Opening of Parliament.

by four glossy black steeds, and escorted by a troop of mounted riders—admittedly there was something of the unreality of a fantasy about it.

Shortly before 2 p.m. a massed band assembled on a high stand overlooking the east lawn began to play a varied program of concert music for the entertainment of the accumulating throngs of people. The Canadian Guards lined up beneath the Peace Tower to form the 100-man Guard of Honor, their band stiff and smart in scarlet tunics and bearskin hats taking a central position in front of the main steps. Presently, came the clatter of hoofs and visible soon afterwards were the jogging tips of pennoned lances. While the Peace Tower carillon chimed a triumphant welcome, the 42-man mounted escort of the RCMP swept into view, convoying the black open carriage bearing the Royal couple.

