

“The Queen’s Tea Party”

HER MAJESTY, Queen Mary of England, had decided to give a tea party, and she had consulted the King before coming to this decision, because since the beginning of the war the King and the Queen had been so hard at work that they had not been doing much entertaining, but this was to be an exception. “You see, dear,” the Queen had said to the King, “these Vancouver ‘Woollies’ are really doing a great deal for our poor prisoners of war. They have earned so much money, and having made us honorary members of their committee, I really think we should invite them to tea.” The King said he quite thought so too. So the invitation was sent, and when it was received in Vancouver and was opened by the “Woollies” secretary, there was fine excitement. I can tell you they were just a pretty excited lot of people. You see it is a great honour to receive an invitation from a King and a Queen, so no wonder the inside threads of the “Woollies” (which take the place of their hearts) just quivered with delight. The invitation was written on a beautiful, big card, with the royal arms in gold at the top, and it said that the Lord High Chancellor (or somebody of that sort) had been ordered by their Majesties to invite the “Woollies” to tea at Buckingham Palace.