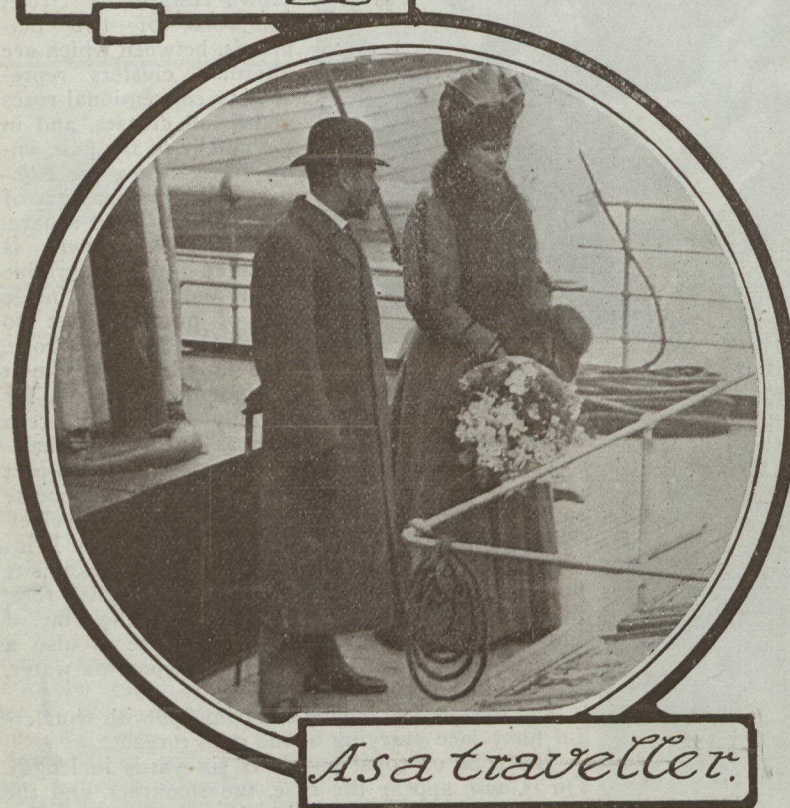


Pictorial Studies of a Monarch



Driving.



As a traveller.



As a Sportsman



Unveiling Victoria Memorial.



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Riding.



Reviewing troops



At a Cricket Match.



As a Sailor.



As a Monarch among Monarchs



At a Civic Ceremony.

W. T. Stead says that he believes in King George because King George believes in him—in the common people over whom he is called to reign. He adds that he is straight and can be trusted, has the pluck and resource and dash of a sailorman, has travelled over the whole Empire and knows what it means, will put the interests of the country before his personal interests and is a real human being. This is a fair statement of the case. King George is more like his grandmother, Queen Victoria, than like his father, Edward VII. He is somewhat cold, holds himself aloof, and is conservative in his policies and conduct.

He is not the hail fellow that his father was, and he will probably never reach the height of personal popularity. Nevertheless, he is at least shrewd and well-balanced. He is of king's temper, his sympathies broad, his enthusiasms wholesome, his moral tone of his court will be high; the leadership lines. Where he fails, it is because he is an ordinary Englishman with all his faults.

Where he succeeds, it will be because of his appreciation that he is a constitutional monarch with all the limitations and opportunities of such a personage. Canada knows the new sovereign fairly well, and he knows his Canada. No reasonable ambition which this country possesses will suffer through any action of his. Rather will he be likely to appreciate Canada's hegemony and to encourage her leadership among the newer Dominions of the British Empire. For such a purpose has he been trained; for such a purpose he may reasonably be expected to labour.