

The King at Sandringham.

The following account of the home life of our sovereign will be read with much interest by every loyal Canadian.

There are many more spacious and gorgeous mansions in this country than Sandringham House, Norfolk—the King's country residence—but few are fitted up and conducted in such perfect good taste. Both the King and Queen possess most refined instincts, and their sense of what is right, proper and becoming shows itself in every detail about their home life.

The King and Queen are perfectly aware that the visitor to Sandringham must needs feel somewhat uneasy and overawed by the greatness of his host and hostess, and, knowing this, their first object is to make the newcomer—whatever the duration of his stay is to be—perfectly "at home," with their good old English friendliness and hospitality.

Let us endeavor to describe a Sandringham day. The King and Queen breakfast together in private, the guests—there are generally guests at Sandringham—taking their first meal downstairs at a number of small tables in the morning-room. If the day is Sunday, everyone then goes to church at 11 a. m., the King in his good-humored way insisting on all his guests attending the small but very pretty church on the estate. But if it is a week-day, the Royal host puts in an appearance about half-past ten, and takes all the male guests off to inspect his menagerie of all kinds of wonderful pet animals, from crocodiles to hedgehogs, and then organizes a shooting party.

The Queen, if there are ladies staying with her, carries them off to admire the kennels, where she keeps her pet dogs, over eighty in number, and of all breeds. If the guests are confined to the male sex, the Queen and her daughters probably spend the morning in her boudoir, stitching, darning, knitting, and trying over new songs and music.

After luncheon, which takes place at two o'clock, the King goes off for another roam, and his steps, in all probability, take the direction of his home farm, where his magnificent prize cattle, of which he is very proud, are kept. He will then stroll about the stables for half an hour, and afterwards go and work with his secretaries. Afternoon tea is served between four and five, and then everybody does what he or she likes till 8 p. m., when dinner is announced. The household goes to bed soon after twelve.

The King has to get through an enormous amount of correspondence, and several quick clerks are kept hard at work all day at it.

After lunch you may often meet the Queen and her daughters visiting the Sandringham cottagers, and inquiring after the welfare of this or that sick man, woman or child.

There is a pretty story told of one of the Queen's many charitable deeds. It was shortly after the death of her eldest son that she went into a cottage in the neighborhood and found a poor, crippled woman in the deepest distress. On making inquiry as to what was wrong, she was informed that the old cottager had just lost her eldest son—and he was all she had. The Queen turned away visibly affected, but shortly afterwards there was delivered at the cottage a new bath-chair for the old woman to be wheeled about in. And the message accompanying the gift was: "With Alexandra's kindest sympathy."

In short, the household at Sandringham is a very homely and united one. Its master and mistress have both known what it is to suffer dire bereavement, and their sympathy and help is ever held out to those who are afflicted and in trouble.

THE KING AS A FARMER.

You will be immensely interested in the six hundred acres of land farmed on scientific principles. Every known improvement in machinery, etc., is introduced, with results of as near perfection as possible in crops. The King looks a genuine farmer as he tramps through the fields in true Norfolk garb of tweed and gaiters; and it does not require much attention to find from his conversation that he quite understands what he is talking about; so it quite behooves one to rub up his weak points in this direction.

In the stables all are disposed to linger, every one of sixty stalls being inhabited by first-rate steeds. The prettiest sight of all is the Queen's stable—a similar one adjoining; this is tiled white and green, with stalls white and silver. Here

that invariably greets you with calling for "Three cheers for the Queen."

THE MODEL DAIRY

is a picture, but the preference must be given to that owned by the Queen. Here she sometimes favors her friends with the "cup that cheers," often, too, cutting bread and butter and cake with her own hands. Moreover, the same hands have often made the

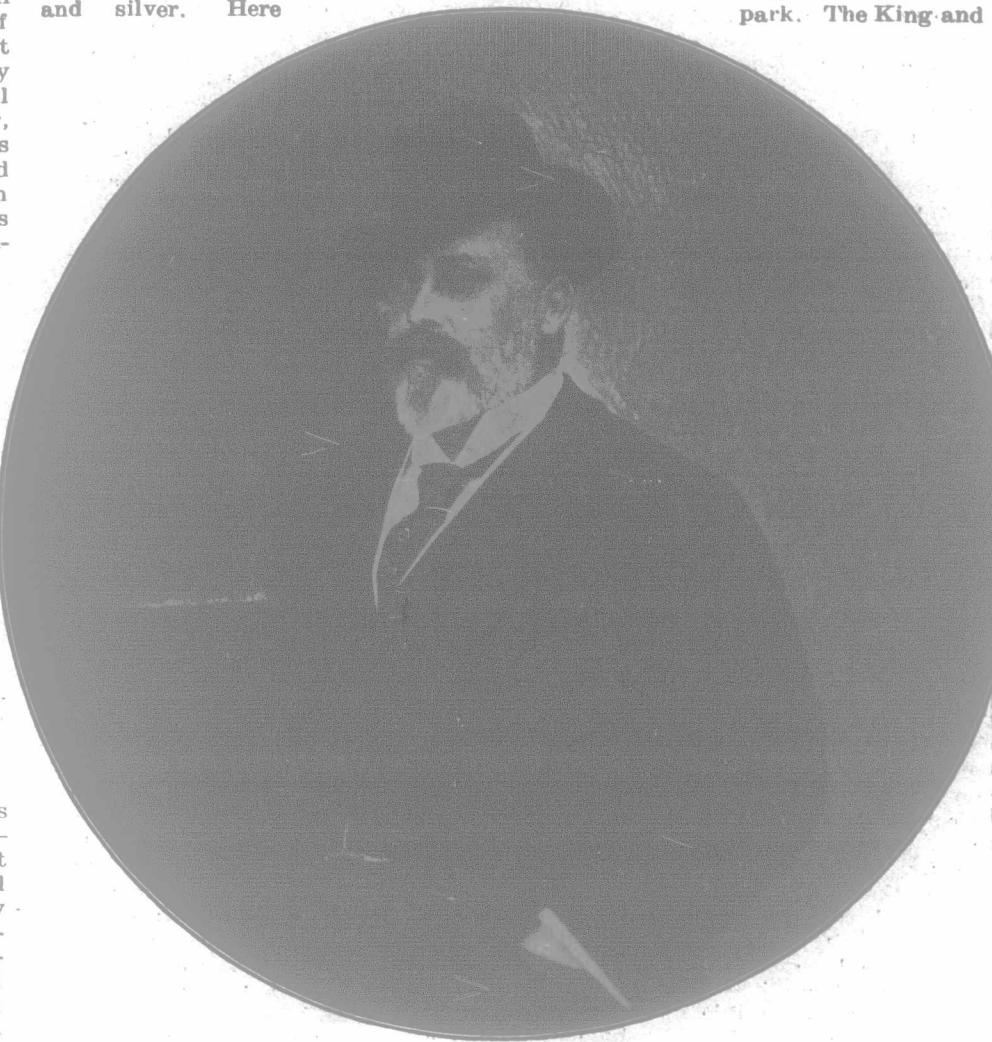


King Edward VII., Queen Alexandra, and Their Family.

Including the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

butter that is used—as each of the ladies of the family is skilled in dairy management, and capable of turning out a good honest pat of creamy Norfolk. Merry times they have had in this cottage, arrayed in apron and sleeves, doing the real work, not merely giving directions.

On Sunday morning everybody goes to the little church of St. Mary Magdalene in the park. The King and



"The Farmer King."

are some charming ponies and her favorite mare, Vera. The younger members of the family especially, have many pets—cats, dogs and birds; indeed, one of the first things you notice on your arrival, is a parrot in the entrance saloon,

Queen set example by their regular and punctual attendance. A quiet, peaceful spot it is, entered by a lych gate, and surrounded by a small "God's acre." The Sunday afternoon is quietly spent in the house or grounds.

Visitors cannot but notice the prosperous look of the villages and villagers, pointing unmistakably to the certainty of a good landlord. Had you longer time here you would hear many an anecdote of the kindness and generosity of the King, and the goodness of the Queen and her daughters. Hardly a cottager but has some anecdote to tell you of the family: how the Queen visits the sick and afflicted, talking to them, reading to them, and helping them in their needs. Every child seems to know and to love the "beautiful lady," and every man and woman seems almost to worship her. They will tell you all about summer flower shows for villagers, treats on royal birthdays, invitations to see the sights in the park, how the family have given a wedding present to this one, what they have bought or sent the other one when ill; and so on, and so on, until you come to think what a pity it is a few landowners, with their wives and families, cannot come here for the lessons so many need, and see how well this family interpret the words, "Am I my brother's keeper?"—[Onward.

Rulers of the World.

Alva McCandless, of Capet, Mich., writes asking for the names of the rulers of the world. These, arranged in alphabetical order, are as follows:

Country.	Official Head.	Title.
Abyssinia	Menelik II.	Emperor
Afghanistan	Habibulla Khan	Ameer
Annam	Thanh Thai	King
Argentine Republic	Julio Roco	President
Austria-Hungary	Francis Joseph	Emperor
Baluchistan	Mir Mahmud	Khan
Belgium	Leopold II.	King
Bokhara	Seid Abdul Ahad	Ameer
Bolivia	Jose Manuel Pando	President
Brazil	Francisco de P. Rodrigues Alves	President
Bulgaria	Ferdinand	Prince
Chile	Jerman Riesco	President
China	Kuang Hsu (Queen's aunt, rules)	Emperor
Colombia	Jose M. Marroquin	Act. President
Costa Rica	Anuncion Esquivel	President
Cuba	Tomas Estrada Palma	President
Denmark	Christian IX.	King
Ecuador	Gen. Leonidas Plaza	President
Egypt	Abbas Pacha	Khedive
France	Emile Loubet	President
Germany	William II.	Emperor
Great Britain and Ireland	Edward VII.	King
Greece	George	King
Guatemala	Manuel Estrada Cabrera	President
Haiti	Nord Alexis	President
Honduras	Manuel Bonilla	President
India (Empire of)	Edward	Emperor
Italy	Victor Immanuel III.	King
Japan	Mutsuhito	Mikado
Korea	Yi Hung	Emperor
Liberia	George W. Gibson	President
Luxembourg	Adolphus	Grand Duke
Mexico	Gen. Porfirio Diaz	President
Monaco	Albert	Prince
Montenegro	Nicholas	Prince
Morocco	Muley Abdul Aziz	Sultan
Netherlands	Wilhelmina	Queen
Nicaragua	Gen. Jose Zelaya	President
Panama	Provisional junta	
Paraguay	Manuel Dominguez	President
Persia	Muzafer ed Din	Shah
Peru	Julio Candamo	President
Portugal	Carlos	King
Roumania	Charles	King
Russia	Nicholas II.	Emperor
Servia	Peter	King
Siam	Khoulalonkorn	King
Spain	Alphonso XIII.	King
Sweden and Norway	Oscar II.	King
Switzerland	B. Comtese	President
Tunis	Hafiz Mehemet Pasha	Bay
Turkey	Abdul Hamid II.	Sultan
United States of America	Theodore Roosevelt	President
Uruguay	Jose Batlle Y. Ordonez	President
Venezuela	Cipriano Castro	President
Zanzibar	Seyyid Ali	Sultan