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Duchess, Daughter Arrive

Canadian Tour Opens In Quebec

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Quebec, Aug. 23 — The smiling, brown-haired Duchess of Kent and her 17-year-old daughter, Alexandra, came by air to Quebec today to begin a three-week Canadian tour and immediately endeared themselves to Quebecers.

Her easy manner and direct approach were quickly evident as she was greeted by Governor-General Massey and a group of dignitaries.

It was even more evident when she reviewed the First Battalion of the "Van Doos", the Royal 22nd Regiment, on hand for her arrival.

"Never has there been a better inspection by royalty or visiting dignitaries," remarked one enthusiastic major. "The Duchess not only actually inspected the battalion, but she seemed to enjoy doing it, and asked very good questions."

The Canadian visit is the fulfillment of a long ambition by the Duchess. The same could be said for Canada too, for this visit is the result of the third invitation extended by the Canadian Government. The first was refused because of the Far Eastern tour of the Duchess; the second was refused because of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

This time, the Duchess was asked to Canada to open the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. But it was decided, as this is her first visit to this country, to extend it to a tour of the Eastern provinces.

Canadian Touch

The interest the Duchess has been showing in things Canadian was exemplified by the hat she wore as she left the airplane. It was of off-red maple leaves cut out of fur felt and fitted closely to her head. A matching belt added its touch to her ensemble.

Princess Alexandra, a younger version of her beautiful mother, wore a silk shantung dress of blue and grey. Alexandra's youth was emphasized when the wind blew her hair out of order.

Lt.-Gov. Gaspard Fauteux and Mrs. Fauteux were on hand to greet the visitors, as well as Onesime Gagnon, provincial treasurer, representing Prime Minister Maurice Duplessis, and Mrs. Gagnon. Others on hand were Wilfred Hamel, mayor of Quebec; Brig. F. J. Fleury, Cmdr. D. Lantier and Mrs. Lantier and Wing-Cmdr. E. L. Baudoux.

The Duchess and Princess looked fresh and rested, despite their 20-hour flight across the Atlantic via the Azores.

The flight over was "beautiful and calm," said Group Capt. J. G. Stephenson, who was in charge of the plane.

The Duchess rode in a pale blue Chrysler and the princess in a cream colored Lincoln on their trip from the airport to the Citadel, where they are staying as guests of the Governor-General.

The weather, incidentally, was fine and sunny. About 2,000 people in their gay Sunday best were on hand to greet the royal party at the airport.



The Duchess of Kent (right) and her 17-year-old daughter, Princess Alexandra, flank Governor-General Massey at Quebec City airport after arrival by plane from England, to start a Canadian visit. (AP Photo.)