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## ROYAL EDITION

### VISIT OF THE KING TO Ramsey Bay.

His Majesty will  
Probably Land and  
Drive through the  
Town.  
Extraordinary  
Jubilations and  
Rejoicings.  
The Acting-Governor  
AND THE  
Town Commissioners  
Visit the Royal Yacht.

Sunday, 21 pm.  
His Majesty the King, accompanied by  
Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria,  
arrived in Ramsey Bay on board the  
Royal yacht, Victoria and Albert at 7.30  
The Royal ship was accompanied by an  
escort, consisting of the first class cruiser  
Crescent, and the torpedo boat destroyers  
Lively and Gipsy.

**The First News.**  
The Royal yacht arrived in Douglas  
Bay at 5.30 this evening, and stayed there  
for an hour. Messages were speedily sent  
to Ramsey stating that the Victoria and  
Albert would arrive in Ramsey Bay some-  
time on Sunday evening. H.M. Coast-  
guards were on the alert, and soon after  
seven o'clock the King's Royal yacht  
observed steaming round Maughild  
Head.

**The Arrival of the  
King.**  
At 7.30 the Royal yacht Victoria and  
Albert dropped anchor in Ramsey Bay,  
about a mile E.N.E. of the Queen's Pier.  
**Excitement runs High.**

The news of his Majesty's arrival spread  
like wildfire. About 7.15 two signal guns  
were fired from the Harbour, which  
speedily brought flocks of persons from  
all parts of the town, eager to learn the  
meaning of the signals in question.  
News was also conveyed to

**The Churches.**  
And here processions out about their ser-  
mons. Persons left the services abruptly,  
and rushed with hot haste to the

**Promenades and Piers**  
which speedily became filled with a mass  
of excited visitors and residents, eager and  
anxious to see as much as possible of the  
Royal Yacht, and by the use of glasses  
to discern the personages on deck. At  
the Queen's Pier the scene was one of  
the most extraordinary descriptions.  
Crowds and crowds and crowds  
hung about the promenade until  
eventually the gates had to be opened and  
many received through them; indeed the  
crowds were able to tearing gates and

arrivals to pieces in their eager excite-  
ment. The Promenades were black with  
a great concourse of spectators, and the  
excitement of the people, in realising that  
our beloved Monarch was so near to  
Ramsey town, found expression in various  
patriotic forms.

**Decorating the Town.**  
Very little time was lost in making a  
magnificent display of bunting. All along  
the Promenades flags were hung out, and  
the Lifeboat House was most beautifully  
adorned by Mr Kerr and his men.

**The Illuminations**  
however, were the principal feature and  
excelled everything previously known here.  
The North and South Promenades were  
one great mass of light, coloured  
rockets were set up and coloured lights  
were displayed, and from the Ramsey  
Hydro at one end to Ballure Mount at  
the other, the Promenades were a blaze  
with light; from the bay and piers the  
scene was like a grand panorama.  
Albert Tower was also illuminated, and  
rockets and torches were much in  
evidence; indeed the display made at  
such short notice by the visitors and  
various hotel keepers and boarding house  
keepers were marvellous.

**The King  
Will Probably Land.**  
Deputation from the  
Commissioners.

Monday 1.30 a.m.  
The Town Officials were soon astir  
after the Royal ship had arrived, and con-  
sulted together as to the possibility of His  
Majesty landing and visiting the town,  
and also as to whether the King would re-  
ceive an address from the inhabitants of  
Ramsey.

**Lord Knollys**  
the King's private secretary, who is ac-  
companying his Majesty on his tour, a  
respectful enquiry, asking if His Majesty  
would be graciously pleased to receive an  
address or deputation from the town.

The letter was quickly drawn up by Mr  
Kermode, and despatched to the  
Victoria and Albert. It was afterwards  
decided, however, by the Commissioners  
to make a personal visit to the Royal Ship  
and present the enquiry in person. Ac-  
cordingly at twenty minutes to ten two  
small boats put off from the harbour, con-  
taining Mr P. M. C. Kermode, J.P.,  
Chairman Ramsey Town Commissioners,  
Mr A. H. Bows, T.C., Mr James Bell  
(Town Clerk), Mr G. W. Kevin (Surveyor),  
Mr A. E. Bell, and a representative of the  
"Ramsey Courier". The Commissioners  
and their officials were received on board  
the Royal Ship in a gracious manner by  
the officer and the enquiry was forwarded  
to Lord Knollys.

**The Reply.**  
which was signed by an enquiry in writing  
was most gracious and kindly. It  
stated that his Majesty's visit was  
purely a private one, that he would  
not receive any deputation or an  
address, but that he hoped to visit some  
part of the Isle of Man during his visit.

**Sir James Gell,  
Governor of the Island,  
Visits the Royal Yacht.**  
His Excellency the Acting-Governor,  
Sir James Gell, became aware of the  
fact that the Royal yacht was at Ramsey  
during the evening, and immediately set  
out for the Northern metropolis, arriving  
here at 9.30. He was met by Mr  
McMillan, Manx Northern Railway, and

immediately proceeded to the Royal  
yacht, escorted by Inspector Cannon  
and P.C. Clarke. Sir James returned from  
the Victoria and Albert about 12 mid-  
night. A "Courier" representative was  
present when Sir James landed. His  
Excellency stated that his Majesty's  
visit was purely a private  
one, that he would receive no address, but  
that his Majesty would probably land  
on Monday morning. No programme  
had been arranged, but details would be  
settled early in the morning. There was  
an excited throng awaiting the arrival of  
our veteran Governor, who heartily  
cheered him on his landing.

**The Probable  
Hour When the King  
will Land.**

"Courier" Office, 2 a.m.  
A "Courier" representative has just  
come in with an important item of news,  
which points to the King's landing at  
Ramsey to-day (Monday) as almost a  
certainty.

**Carriages for the King  
Arrive from Douglas  
This Morning.**

About 7.30 a.m. hearing the rattle of  
wheels in the street our reporter rushed  
out and discovered two magnificent land-  
aus at the Mire Hotel with men in  
livery.

**The Exact Hour.**  
"Courier" Office, 3 a.m.  
We wish to be very careful in making  
an important statement as to the exact  
hour when his Majesty may be expected  
to land at Ramsey.

We have no official authority for mak-  
ing the statement, but we have the very  
best possible grounds for believing that  
his Majesty the King will land at the  
Queen's Pier soon after ten o'clock this  
morning. This information we have  
from reliable quarters, and whilst of  
course the arrangements may be altered, it  
is almost certain that the present arrange-  
ments are those we have named above,  
viz., the King will land between ten and  
eleven this morning.

**The Route**  
over which his Majesty will drive will  
probably be a short one—in all likelihood  
along the promenade through the town  
into the country for short run. It is  
earnestly hoped his Majesty will be able  
to visit

**Albert Tower,**  
the historic spot visited by his great and  
good father, Prince Albert, who along with  
Queen Victoria landed at Ramsey in 1847.

**A Notice respecting  
Decorations.**

The Chairman of the Ramsey Town  
Commissioners hopes that during the  
stay of the King's Yacht in the bay, the  
town will be decorated and that his Ma-  
jesty's wishes for privacy and quiet will  
fully respected by the loyal inhabitants  
and visitors of Ramsey Town.  
25th August, 1902.

**The News in other  
Places.**

The other towns of the Island are in  
much excitement over the King's visit,  
and in telephone messages have been flying  
all over.  
The "Courier" Office sent issue 20  
telegrams last night, to London, Glasgow,  
Leeds, Birmingham and Liverpool, papers  
announcing the great event.

### Sir James Gell and the Arrangements.

We hear that arrangements will be  
made this morning by Sir James Gell as  
to the route etc. to be travelled by His  
Majesty.

### The Queen.

It is expected that the Queen and  
Princess Victoria will accompany his  
Majesty in his drive through the town.

### Later News

"Courier" Office, 5.30 a.m.  
Any further news will be published in a  
later edition this morning, and in  
Special reports in Tuesday's and Fri-  
day's "Courier".

### The Royal Visit

By his unexpected visit to our shores his  
Majesty the King has honoured Ramsey  
in a supreme degree. After a very brief  
visit on Douglas, the Royal yacht accom-  
panied by an escort consisting of a cruiser  
and two torpedo destroyers entered Ram-  
sey Bay on Sunday evening about quarter  
past seven. Our Sovereign arrived at a time  
when half the population were in their places  
of worship, but the news swiftly spread and  
in a very short time after a salute was  
fired, our loyal little town was aflame with  
joy and the houses extending along  
our coast on both Promenades, were  
speedily and most effectively illumina-  
ted. Loyalty to the throne is shared  
by the inhabitants of Ramsey and indeed  
by the little Manx nation, in a degree not  
one whit inferior to that held by our  
brother Britons throughout the United  
Kingdom and the vast Empire over which  
our Louis King Edwards holds sway.  
And not only so, but the inhabi-  
tants of these parts have for the  
present sovereign an almost personal love,  
since the sorrow caused by his recent af-  
fliction, from which we thank God he has  
been so wonderfully restored, has endeared  
King Edward to all our hearts. Dur-  
ing his distress Ramsey citizens at  
any rate showed that they and their  
children were ready and willing to share  
to the full in the natural disappoint-  
ment, and now when he has bestowed  
on them so great a favour they  
are overwhelmed with a desire to  
render to the rightful Sovereign the  
higher measure of honour and homage.  
Albert Tower stands a permanent memorial  
to the last Royal visit to Ramsey  
when the King's illustrious father,  
the Prince Consort, landed here in 1847.  
The late Queen Victoria the Good, and  
our present King, stand an instant, but  
on board the Royal Yacht. Our  
citizens are much struck with the appropri-  
ateness of the circumstance that in  
this matter, as in others our King should  
follow in the footsteps of his noble parent.  
But it does not to chance, or good fortune,  
people will, but at this moment Ramsey  
is so patriotically proud of the fact that  
his has been honoured by another Royal  
visit, and it is the earnest hope of all that  
on his cruise to Scotland for salmolet  
our Sovereign Lord, the King, so Manx  
people have the peculiar privilege to style  
King Edward the VII. In Ramsey we  
find Ramsey a convenience for his Royal  
purposes but that his strength may be in  
cessant, and not in any sense impaired  
for alighting at the Queen of Manx Water-  
ing Place.

On attaining the top, the King was  
introduced to his Worship the Mayor of  
Douglas (Mr S Webb) with whom he  
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early about town and along with the Bish-  
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information from the Royal yacht.

About ten o'clock some information was  
received and the Acting-Governor, the  
Speaker of the House of Keys (Mr A. W.  
Moore) and party drove to the  
Queen's Pier where they met Captain  
the Hon. Hedworth Hamblin, of the  
Royal yacht.

Shortly after they proceeded to the Pier  
head and the Acting-Governor and the  
speaker went out with the launch to the  
ship.

Steam launches kept plying to and from  
the yacht, and the King and Queen, when  
the joyful news went forth that the King  
was descending the purple stairway and  
was about to embark. Then the launch  
was sent to speed away and the crowd  
followed her progress to the pier with  
interest. She was safely brought along  
side the west landing of the outer pier,  
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on alighting was received by the Acting-  
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Majesty impressed everyone by his healthy  
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Brilliant Spectacle.

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Cheers were given as the Royal party  
entered the carriage, and "God save the  
King" was sung. The people on the Pier  
huzzahed, and the progress of the Royal  
party up the pier was so followed with the  
greatest enthusiasm. Enthusiasm knew  
no bounds when the entrance to the Pier  
was reached, and thousands of people  
fairly raved with excited cheering. The  
Queen continually bowed her gracious  
acknowledgments. The route followed  
was along Queen's Drive into Waterloo  
Road, Peel Street, Parliament Street,  
and Leszary Road.

Thousands lined the entire route, and  
the Royal carriage was followed by a  
great throng, the King and Queen being  
evidently pleased with the loyal dis-  
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**The King Appreciates His Visit.**  
The Royal party lunched at Bishop's  
Court.

His Majesty conversed with Hall  
Caine, J.P., member for Ramsey, and  
referred to his father's visit to the Island  
in 1847, incidentally remarking that  
it had long been his desire to visit the  
Island. The King and Queen both ex-  
pressed their admiration of the beauty of  
the Island, and were so far highly delig-  
hted with the visit. Photos of the Royal  
visitors were taken by Mr G. B. Cowen,  
of the Art Studio, Ramsey.

From Bishop's Court the King and  
Queen proceeded to Peel, where they  
were received by the High-Bailiff and  
Mrs Laughton. Guests were fired and  
the city was in the wildest state of enthusiasm.  
His Majesty and Queen Alexandra and  
party lunched in the grounds of the his-  
toric Peel Castle. At 3.30 the Royal  
party left for Cronkbourne, the residence  
of Mrs W F Moore, where they will have  
tea.

**The King will Return this  
Evening.**  
From Cronkbourne, the Royal party  
will pass through Douglas, and will leave  
Derby Castle by special car about seven  
o'clock.

**Grand Illumination of  
the Town this Evening.**  
The Town Commissioners are making  
every preparation for a grand illumination  
of the town this evening. The Albert  
Tower will be illuminated, and it has been  
arranged to decorate the entire Promenade  
side with Chinese lanterns, so that there  
is every probability of a grand display.

Private persons also intend to illuminate  
and we would respectfully urge that the  
inhabitants of the town would by utilizing  
every form of illumination within their  
means make a display in every sense  
worthy of the occasion. We would  
have better now call "Royal Ramsey."  
The display last night was grand, and we  
are sure that the townspeople will again  
rise to the occasion.

**The Latest News.**  
Our representative, cycling with the  
Royal party, informs us that the King  
and Queen left Peel at 4 p.m. and arrived  
at Douglas at 5.15 p.m. from whence they  
proceeded to Cronkbourne. They will  
leave Douglas at six, and arrive in  
Ramsey soon after seven.

The exact time of their departure from  
Douglas will be announced from the  
Ramsey Courier's Office.

