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(4) The first investiture of the reign of King Edward VIII was one of the biggest since the war, nearly five hundred men and women receiving ~~are~~ decorations. Of these more than half were sailors whose sad privilege it had been to draw the gun-carriage through London and Windsor at the funeral of King George. King Edward, in the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet, drove to Buckingham Palace for the ceremony. Among others who were honoured at the investiture ~~were~~ was a visitor to London from one of the farthest points of the British Isles --- Police Constable Mainland from the distant Orkneys. The investiture over, the naval ratings marched away, each man wearing the medal of the Royal Victorian Order.

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(5) The next day the King paid a visit to Olympia for a tour of the British Industries Fair. This was His Majesty's first public engagement since his accession, and special royal permission was given for these pictures to be taken, in the interests of British Trade. This is our national shop window. The King, when he was Prince of Wales, proved himself to be our greatest salesman, and now His Majesty is showing as great interest as ever in the industries of the British Empire. In the Royal party touring the exhibition were the Earl of Harewood and Mr Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, The King's first interest was the Empire section, and later he went on to the sports department.