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'MR. THEM' GETS A BIG RECRUIT

East Greenwich Works, largest of the South Eastern Area Board welcomes the Duke of Gloucester who is accompanied by the Minister of Fuel and Power for the opening of a new coke oven plant.

To inspect the huge plant the Duke puts on an overall. Coal, is fed by charging cars into these ovens. After cooking or carbonising for 15 hours the resultant coke is pushed out. During the treatment gas and a host of byproducts are extracted from which nylon, saccharine, dyes, disinfectants and the like are made. This plant can handle 1000 tons of coal a day.

The coke car takes its still burning coke under the quenching tower where 5000 gallons of water puts it out in a minute. The coke is then spread to dry and cool, and, after grading, begins its last journey to the consumer. What happens to all the goodness extracted is another story.