

MALAYAN WEDDING.

A princess marries a Sultan's heir in the biggest royal wedding Malaya has seen for many years. The bride, Tengku Bahiyah, met the groom, the Raja Muda of Kedah when they were both students in London; she is an expert on Scottish dances.

Distinguished guests sprinkle ceremonial water over the bridal pair. This is the purification ceremony which follows the religious rites - just one item in a time-honoured programme of festivities which goes on for several days.

Tengku Abdul Rahman, Chief Minister of the Federation of Malaya, takes his turn at sprinkling the symbolic water.

One thing at least is familiar to Western eyes - the giant wedding cake.

Later, the festivities become less formal - and this is where the newlyweds are glad of that bridal canopy!