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NEWS FLASHES:

At Combermere Barracks, Windsor, the Queen and her family meet some colourful visitors to Britain - Inspector Downey's detachment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The fabulous Mounties are a rare sight over here, and the royal children are absorbed in studying the scarlet coats and handsome striped breeches.

The detachment will be in this country for some time, taking part in various shows during the summer. Their first engagement - a "musical ride" display at the Royal Windsor Horse Show.

And here's the newest addition to the Queen's own stable - "Busaco", a gift to Her Majesty from the President of Portugal, General Craveiro Lopes. Quite at home in the Royal Mews, he's a pleasant souvenir of a memorable State Visit.

A London street makes a highly effective salon for a fashion show - at least you can be sure of attracting attention. Though with frocks, like these, you'd better choose a fine day!

A mother-and-baby set in bouffant style. Mother's outfit, modelled by Dawn Shebette, is eight guineas; only three for the other, modelled by two-year-old Lorraine.

Malka Offenbach wears a dress costing about six guineas; and called, simply, "Marilyn Monroe".

And here's a collection of Grace Kelly dresses. Presumably Lorraine's frock is an advance model for the baby princess in a couple of years' time.

What d'you say, Sergeant? An obstruction? Surely, no one's complained?