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FRIDAY, 15 JUNE, 1923.

Whitehall, 13th June, 1923.

The following Addresses were presented to Their Majesties on the 12th instant on the occasion of Their visit to Ilford and Becontree:—

ILFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

We, the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council for the Urban District of Ilford, humbly beg to offer Your Majesty, in the names of the inhabitants of this loyal Parliamentary Borough, an expression of our devotion to Your Royal House and our whole-hearted and respectful welcome on the auspicious occasion of Your Majesty's presence here to-day.

As loyal and devoted subjects we are well aware of the deep interest Your Majesty displays in all matters concerning the welfare of the community, and it is in consequence of Your Majesty's particular interest in the housing accommodation which is being provided on such an extensive scale in this eastern district of Greater London that we, the citizens of this Parliamentary Borough, have the honour, privilege, and happiness of welcoming Your Majesty this day.

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The town of Ilford, as Your Majesty is aware, has on a previous occasion been

honoured by Your presence when, as Prince of Wales, you declared open the Hainault Playing Fields. On that occasion the population of this district was approximately 60,000. It is now estimated at 100,000, and is still rapidly increasing by reason principally of the provision of new housing estates within its confines.

Within the area of this township, not only the London County Council at Becontree, but the Corporation of the City of London, have recently established large housing estates, and, in addition the Council of this town have completed four building estates, comprising three hundred and fifty-six houses in different parts of their district.

It is particularly gratifying that Your Majesty is accompanied to-day by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, who so fully shares Your Majesty's deep solicitude for all that tends to provide the high ideal of home life, with its resultant happiness and contentment amongst all classes of Your Majesty's subjects.

We devoutly pray that Your Majesties, secure in the affection of Your people, may long be spared to preside over the destinies of this great Empire, in whose prosperity and happiness every loyal subject of Your Majesties evinces such justifiable pride.