B.C. AWAITS THE QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will be welcomed to B.C. by Premier Bennett Saturday.

The premier heads for Kamloops today to meet the royal couple there. Afterwards he will return to the coast.

The Queen and Prince Philip will then fly from Kamloops to Pennask Lake, 50 miles south, for a two-day vacation.

The B.C. government has chartered two Grumman Mallards — amphibious flying boats—from B.C. Air Lines for the trip to Pennask Lake.

MINIMUM COST

The Mallards have been chartered by the government "at a minimum cost per aircraft of $720 a day — our standard charter rate," said Mr. Best.

One aircraft will take off from Kamloops airport at 3:05 p.m. Saturday for a fishing lodge at Pennask Lake. The other aircraft will remain at Kamloops on standby duty.

COAST BY TRAIN

Pilot will be Capt. William Waddington, 38, of 638 Williams, Richmond, who is BCAL's senior pilot. Second pilot will be J. E. Boak of Victoria.

The royal couple are scheduled to leave the lake at noon the following Tuesday and return to Kamloops where they will board a train and travel to the coast.

The royal party will arrive in Vancouver at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday after stops in the canyon and Chilliwack, and ceremonies in New Westminster and the Deas Island Tunnel, which will be officially opened by the Queen.

The royal pair will visit Shaughnessy Hospital, Empire Stadium, University of B.C., Theatre Under the Stars and the new civic theatre before leaving for Vancouver Island aboard HMCS Assiniboine at 10:30 p.m.

SPECIAL SHOW

During their visit here they will attend a special condensed performance of The Chocolate Soldier at Theatre Under The Stars but they will not go backstage.

The Queen and Prince Philip will sit in what would normally be row H. The seven rows in front will be cleared away.

With them will be Park Board chairman F. Drewe Pratt and Mrs. Pratt, and Dorwin Baird, president of Vancouver Civic Theatre Society, and Mrs. Baird.

REGULAR SHOW

There are still tickets available—at regular prices—for this show. After the queen leaves, the regular show will start about 9:15 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.