

Manx Notes 662 (2024)

“NEW FLAG FOR THE GOVERNOR” (1911)

On Wednesday morning, from the foremast of the R.M.S. *Snaefell*, was flown for the first time the new flag devised and issued by the Admiralty for display from passenger steamers by which his Excellency the Lieut.-Governor of the Isle of Man may be travelling. The flag consists of the Union Jack embellished in the centre by the Three Legs of Man in white within a narrow green circle. Much calculated to puzzle people who take an interest in flags and heraldry is this somewhat fanciful combination of the crosses of St George, St Patrick, and St Andrew, with the legs (armed), which go to form the bearings on the shield of the Lords of Man. It was with a view to denote the fact that Lord Raglan was journeying from Douglas to Liverpool by the *Snaefell* to take part in the annual Manx gathering that the new flag was hoisted above the pennant which proclaimed that the Royal Mail was on board.¹

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¹ {Anon, 1911 #2366}