

AKIHITO AND SCOTLAND GET TOGETHER

20 Bowhill, home of the Duke of Buccleugh, was visited by  
the Japanese Crown Prince, whom the Earl and the Countess  
of Dalkeith escorted in the grounds. In <sup>15</sup> a few days Prince  
Akihito crowded a great deal and saw many facets of Scottish  
life. The Buccleugh family have held high place in Scotland  
for more than 700 years. The 3rd daughter of the 7th  
Duke is the ~~present~~ Duchess of Gloucester. The present Duke  
40 brought out the Buccleugh pack for the Prince's benefit,  
but the hounds picked up no scent.

20 The Forth Bridge, of which Scotland is rightly proud, was  
among the objects of interest shown to Prince Akihito, when  
he was on his way to visit another great nobleman of  
Scotland the Duke of Atholl, at Blair Castle, in Perthshire.  
The Duke showed his visitor his famous armoury, also  
a curiosity brought home <sup>from Japan</sup> /70 years ago by the Duke's father,  
35 the costume of a <sup>Samurai</sup> ~~Samurai~~ warrior.

In this bed the Prince's father the Emperor slept <sup>during</sup> ~~32 years~~  
his visit 32-years-ago. Before leaving Blair Castle the  
50 Prince also saw the tree his father planted during that  
visit, ~~in 1901~~. His Imperial Highness  
accepted the invitation to plant one <sup>himself</sup> ~~on his own account~~.  
Pipers of the Duke's private army were equal to the occasion  
and played the Japanese National Anthem.

In the nearby Pitlochry Hydro-Electric Scheme Akihito  
saw an example of modern Scottish industry.  
The scheme is part of an ambitious plan to turn the waters  
of the Highlands to good account.