

QUEEN TOURS VICTORIA%

Nearly half the electric current used in the Province of Victoria (Her Majesty was informed) comes from the open-cast coal dug at Yallourn, biggest open-cut in the whole southern Hemisphere. There's an unbroken seam of brown coal, 200-feet thick; daily output, 18,000-tons.

Welcome was the word formed by some of the 17,000 children on Melbourne Cricket Ground. There was no doubt they meant it.

Touring up-country by train the Queen stopped off at such places as Rochester. ~~As a compliment to the Duke a few young shavers were in naval uniform. One, surely, the youngest two-ringer on the high seas.~~

At Point Cook the Queen went to a station of the R.A.A.F., meeting there the crews of Australian Canberras ~~who~~ *it flew* ~~took part~~ in the London-New Zealand Air Race.

Turning their backs on official duties for a few hours the Queen and Duke went for a week-end to the O'Shannassy Chalet, near Warburton, in typical Bush country. One of the attractions here is the Koala bears. Sometimes they're shy, but not on this occasion.

(169) ~~This little chap was up a gum tree, but very pleasantly, *one* that tree providing the food it likes best. Wouldn't he make a lovely pet.~~