

QUEEN HOME

By train 120 miles from Lagos the Queen and Duke came to Ibadan, capital of the Western Region. Her Majesty was received by the Governor, Sir John Rankine. After a quiet week-end the Queen attended a rally at Ibadan race-course. 600 ex-servicemen, 3,000 people of voluntary organisations in the Western Region and 17,000 children and teachers were present. The ex-servicemen, many of them world war veterans, lined up for ~~the Duke's~~ inspection.

At Moor Plantation, established 57 years ago to improve agriculture in general, the Queen saw what fine cattle are now reared as the result of experiments here.

Kano was the last town visited. A city quite unlike any others on the royal tour. In ^{the} Northern region Kano is a trading and commercial centre of the greatest importance, still proudly guarding its links with a past of ~~magnificent~~ splendour. The Emir of Kano welcomed the Queen and her husband. His palace, occupying an area of 33 acres, was established here almost 500 years ago. A vast crowd outside saw the Emir ride with his royal visitors on the eleven-mile drive round the walled city. The wall is 30-to-50 feet high, 40 feet thick, pierced by 13 gates. *By the rd car drove past to Mosque* The people of the Northern Region in no way lagged behind any in Nigeria in fervent reception of the young Sovereign.

At the airport the Queen and Duke said good-bye to the Governor and the Premier of the Region. The splendid tour was over.