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The Royal Tour of New Zealand--

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Before leaving Rotorua, the Queen- looking fit and rested after her brief holiday, was introduced to a 107 year-old Maori woman, whose happy handshake told, more than mere words, that this was the happiest day of her life.

On the Waikanae Beach- at the feet of wind-swept Kaiti Hill, near the spot where Captain Cook first set foot on New Zealand's North Island.

Then it was time for the Queen and the Duke to begin their long railway journey through the rich pastoral country that supplies so much of the world's dairy produce.

Though the welcome of the cities and towns was always inspiring, the greeting from these small, almost-forgotten hamlets, which are seldom in the news, was even more spontaneous and intimate.

~~At every level crossing in the open country there was always a group of cheering people waving simple bouquets to their Queen and her husband.~~

PATEA →

A pause at Patea- where proud veteran ex-servicemen received Royal recognition.

Then off again beside ~~quiet meandering rivers-~~

THEY TRAVELLED ON. AND

Nearing Wellington- the capital- where a stop was made at New Plymouth. Here the Queen saw mountains of butter being processed, ~~and~~ the fact that much of the butter was destined for ^{GREAT} Britain, must have given ~~great~~ satisfaction to ~~Her Majesty~~ Her Majesty.

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