

Northern Ireland: The second day of the Royal Tour was centred on Belfast. And six hundred nurses ~~were~~ welcomed the Duchess of Kent (accompanied by Princess Alexandra) to the new Headquarters of the Royal College of Nursing.

The Duchess had come to open the new building - and later, unveiled a bronze and enamel plaque - as a permanent reminder of the occasion. Before leaving the College, the Duchess and her daughter planted commemorative trees in the grounds. And the Duchess, no doubt, recalled her own service to this noble profession - when she nursed at London Hospitals, during the war years.

On now - to the Balmoral Showgrounds - where the Royal Visitors were the guests of honour at the Royal Ulster Show

~~on arrival, they made their way to the Royal Box - accompanied by the Governor of Northern Ireland, Lord Londonderry.~~

And into the huge arena - came a reminder of the origin of all jumping events - a parade of a famous Irish pack - bringing the cries of the hunting field to this "Festival of the Horse!"

In the Showjumping field - twenty-two riders competed for the Wright Challenge Cup. The event was won by Mr W. McCully, riding November Eve.

~~Princess Alexandra presented the rosettes to the winning riders.~~

In the Agricultural Section of the Show - farmers were sizing up the latest mechanical aids to increased production.

And while Hubby talked "shop" - the wife was <sup>thinking about</sup> ~~strategizing~~ a fashionable increase for her wardrobe - at the Mennequin Parade.

After the Show Jumping - the Duchess and the Princess visited the Horticultural Pavilion - where they were each presented with a ~~piece~~ bouquet.

And then <sup>they</sup> spent some time admiring the fragrant collection - which, despite the recent cold spells - brought the promise of summer to an annual Spring occasion.

Next day, came a visit to H.M.S. Sea Eagle - a unit of the Women's Royal Naval Service - situated in the Springton Barracks, Londonderry.

~~and the Duchess inspected the xxxxxxxxxx of xxxxxxxx~~

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And as Commandant-in-Chief of the Service - the Duchess inspected a ~~band~~  
Guard of Honour.

Later, the Unit passed in review - a smart force - with a fine record of  
service.