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Local

Dumfries Agricultural Show--

June 29th. '54.

Driving over from nearby Drumlanrig Castle, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother arrived at the grounds of the Royal Highland Society's Show where she was warmly received by ~~the Duke of Buccleuch and Lord Galloway~~^{the} Lord Lieutenant of Kirkcudbrightshire, AND THE DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH.

Her Majesty spent some time touring the various exhibits, ~~and~~^{among them an} instrument of centuries-old craftsmanship ~~which~~ still used in lonely crofters cottages.

Young saplings at the Forestry Commission's Stand ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ proved of special interest to the Queen Mother, who shared her husband's ~~(the late King's)~~ interest in everything to do with estate planning and agriculture.

In the show ring, the parade of prize animals clearly showed that the country's supply of good roast beef has been well provided for.

The attendance this year was larger than at any Highland Show since the record figures at Dundee in 1949.

No showring north of the Border would be complete without the Shetland Ponies- and who can resist those sprightly foals- "all legs and friskiness" - though never very far away from Mother?

A novel attraction was a tableau parade on the works of ~~Robert Burns~~^{Scotland's National Poet, who} ~~was~~ a staunch lover of Nature and humanity.

It's interesting to recall that ~~in~~^{it was in} 1791 ~~Burns~~^{that} was appointed Excise Officer for Dumfries - ~~the~~ hence the link with this year's/Royal Highland Show.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ And what Scotsman does not glow with pride on a Burns Night when ~~some~~^{words} of the best-loved ~~songs~~ from that immortal pen send him home happily to bed?