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Royal Visit to Lancashire-

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Lancashire -- Arriving at Wigan at the beginning of her two day tour of the county ~~Palatine~~ ^{Lancashire} (the first time in ~~the county~~) - The Queen, ~~WIGAN. THE QUEEN -~~ accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, was warmly greeted by the Earl of Derby- Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, at the start of a two day tour of the county. Outside the John McCurdy Hall, (which Her Majesty was to open), the arrival of the Royal Car was the signal ~~of~~ ^{for} spontaneous outbursts of affection from the people of this famous textile and mining town.

Drawn up at the entrance of the main building, was a Guard of Honour of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry- Royal Armoured Corps. ~~Then~~ when the Queen, with a special key, opened the John McCurdy Hall of the Wigan Mining and Technical College- named after the 83 year-old Past Mayor of Wigan.

X Ten miles on now to St Helen's, where, at the Town Hall, the Queen and the Duke received a tumultuous ~~greeting~~ ^{magisterial} Lancashire welcome from thousands of loyal citizens- including town councillors, ~~Magistrates~~, and other civic and business leaders.

~~After~~ After a short stay, it was time for farewells, as the Queen and her husband left to resume their tour of South-West Lancashire.

During the drive through the packed streets of Liverpool, the Royal Couple arrived ~~at~~ at the School of Tropical Medicine- oldest of its kind in the world.

Here Her Majesty talked to members of the staff who carry on research work into tropical diseases. ~~The Duke of Edinburgh has been patron of the School for the past two years.~~

As the Queen left, the cheers ~~of~~ from hundreds of Liverpool's ~~school-children~~ school-children must have warmed her heart. The Royal Car continued its triumphant way- ~~accompanied~~ accompanied by an escort of Mounted Police- to the Town Hall. And the ~~Citizens~~ ^{people} of this great ~~Northern~~ Northern Port were determined to make the most of this memorable occasion- ~~for it was the~~ ^{the} first visit of their Sovereign, since she was crowned.

A balcony appearance was the signal ~~for~~ for yet another display of fervent ~~affection~~ loyalty and affection for our young Queen, at the end of ~~her~~ ^{the} first day of ~~her~~ ^{a great} Lancashire Tour.