

Royal Visit to Lancashire-

Oct 22nd. '54.

Lancashire --- Arriving at Wigan at the beginning of her two day tour of

~~the county Palatine (the first time in her reign)~~ ~~Lancashire~~ ~~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 ~~XXXX~~

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.

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

During the drive through the packed streets of Liverpool, the Royal Couple arrived ~~xxxx~~ 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 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ school-children must have warmed her heart. The Royal Car continued its

triumphant way- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ accompanied by an escort of Mounted Police- to the Town Hall. And the ~~Citizens~~ ^{people} of this great ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Northern Port were

determined to make the most of this memorable occasion- ~~for it was 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. /