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Birmingham- Visit of the Duke-

Nov 19th. '54.

Birmingham— Arriving at Fort Dunlop, for a tour of the production lines, the Duke of Edinburgh was warmly greeted by the Chairman of this famous Tyre Company. TAD

In the clothing section, ^{the working of} a frogman's rubber suit was explained by the wearer- John ~~Watts~~ ^{Watts} a former Navy diver- while the Royal visitor was much interested in a Portable Iron Lung, which is helping to fight Infantile Paralysis. 15 16 19 6

The Duke spent more than three hours in watching all the different car and aeroplane testing devices which, when completed, will keep the wheels of British transport second to none in the world- freely moving. 10 4 3

The Duke's ready smile and cheerful humour will long be remembered in this ~~thru~~ Midland factory. 4 4 3

Walking through ~~the~~ one of the departments, ~~the~~ His Royal Highness had to dodge the maze of tyres ~~which were~~ travelling on a conveyor belt to the assembly lines. 16 6

Before leaving, the Duke enjoyed a chat with a wartime shipmate- Mr Sydney Lloyd- now a commissionaire at Fort Dunlop. 5 2

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