

Ideal weather conditions greeted the opening of the Royal Highland Show - Scotland's premier agricultural event - on a new eighty-six acre site at Corstorphine, Edinburgh.

In the Beef Cattle Section - the Aberdeen Angus ~~winners~~<sup>class</sup> led in numerical strength - with an entry of ninety-six. ^

\* And here's a proud Hereford winner of the "Cow-in-milk with her calf" class.

Away from the judging rings - the machinery section specially attracted the grower ~~with~~<sup>and</sup> a potato-harvester among the many exhibits on view - and the ~~latest~~ mechanised aids to increased production. /

A Royal visitor to this "agricultural shop window" was the Duke of Edinburgh - who was presented with a shepherd's crook, carved from a ram's horn, in the shape of a thistle, by Mr Ian Brown, a Lanarkshire shepherd. /

The Duke (who arrived early and stayed late) watched the stock-judging (carried out in fourteen rings) and always seemed ready to lend-a-hand - even if it wasn't quite the touch of an expert. /

However, being an accomplished horseman - the Duke was obviously more at home appraising the various horse and pony classes. /

Altogether, over two thousand livestock were on show - competing for a total prize fund of £15,000. /

A six-hour Royal visit - bringing welcome encouragement to agriculture - North of the Border. /