

Royal Visit to the Isle of Man--

Aug 12th. '55.

T.T. Riders formed an honour escort for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh during their visit to the Isle of Man.

And making Parliamentary history, Her Majesty was the first Monarch to preside at a meeting of Tynwald- the oldest Parliament in the Commonwealth.

At Castle Rushen came a link with the first Elizabeth, with the winding of the one-handed clock, ~~which~~ presented to the Island by the Tudor Queen in 1597.

The second Elizabeth had made her first visit to the Isle of Man - and it will long be remembered by the fishergirls of Peel.

A night voyage brought the "Britannia" to Stranraer, and the Royal Family were early on deck, admiring the rugged Scottish coastline.

While ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ their parents prepared to go ashore, Prince Charles and Princess Anne were left in the charge of two Navy babysitters. With their grandmother, Princess Andrew of Greece, (the Duke's Mother) always near at hand.

This was Wigtownshire's first Royal Day for over 390 years. The last reigning Sovereign to visit the county was Mary, Queen of Scots.

An hour and a half was spent at the Stranraer Agricultural Show, where the Queen presented trophies, and long-service medals to agricultural workers.

Then Princess Margaret ~~who had been staying in Scotland with the Queen~~

~~at~~ joined the Royal Family <sup>To</sup> board the "Britannia". ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ It was "full-steam ahead" for a

cruise round the North of Scotland to Aberdeen. An exciting trip

for the Royal children, especially for Princess Anne, who is celebrating her fifth birthday. Many happy returns. ~~the fifth anniversary of her birthday.~~