

Royal Visit- Gateshead and Darlington-

Nov 18th. '55.

Darlington-- Paying a visit to the North-East, the Duke of Edinburgh opened a new High School for girls- ^{where he} ~~and unveiled~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{TOE} ~~special~~ plaque to commemorate ~~this auspicious~~ occasion. The keynote of ^{the Duke's} ~~his~~ visit to the school- (whose ~~origin~~ ^{origin goes back} to the year 1885) was informality- for the Royal Guest wished to see as much as possible of the normal daily routine.

Before leaving, he was presented ~~with a book~~ ^{IT.} of children's stories for Prince Charles, which contained the handiwork of pupils of each of the six school houses.

^{Next call} ~~The next engagement~~ was at Gateshead- and the journey was made by helicopter, which the Duke- ^{now} an experienced ~~pilot~~ ^{airman}, piloted himself.

~~It was~~ ^{College.} a "Red Letter" Day for Gateshead folk, who gave the Queen's husband a real Northern welcome when he came to open the new Technical School.

After Mr C.E. Darlington- (Principal of the College) had been ~~presented~~ ^{a thorough}, the Duke made an ~~extensive~~ tour of the ~~foundry~~ ^{foundry} and machine shops. As a result of his visit, it was announced that ~~the~~ College would make an award to be known as the "Duke of Edinburgh's Prize"- to the best student each year.