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May 1st. '56.

Queen Mother in Forfar-

~~Forfar - Driving over from Goodenay Castle, Angus-~~ Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was warmly greeted by ~~the~~ Provost A.C. Smyth, when she came to receive the Freedom of ~~the Burgh.~~ **FORFAR.**

On arrival, Her Majesty inspected a Guard of Honour of the ~~4th~~ 4th/5th Battalion, the Black Watch.

A visit to the Strathmore Woollen factory followed, ~~when~~ ^{many} presentations were made, before the Royal Visitor/ ^{escorted by the Provost} made an extensive tour of the works.

Here- the Queen Mother watched, with keen interest, the various processes which go to make up the finished products. The woollen industry is one of the oldest in the country- dating back to the Middle Ages.

The Gallowshade Housing Estate was the next stop- where the 1000th Municipal House to be erected in the Burgh, received Royal approval. It was at Reid Hall that the Freedom Ceremony took place- and here the Queen Mother was received by the Provost and ~~xxxxxxx~~ escorted to the dais.

The Provost- making the presentation- recalled that King George VI was admitted a Freeman in September 1923, when the Queen Mother's father- the Earl of Strathmore- was also made a Freeman.

A signal honour for a gracious Scottish Queen.