

On the second day of her visit to Mauritius, a crowded programme awaited Princess Margaret: but first, she attended morning service at St. Paul's Church, Vacoas.. There, she was received by the Bishop of Mauritius, and joined a congregation composed of many races. During a tour of the Northern part of the Island, it was hail and farewell for hundreds of schoolchildren and members of Youth ~~organisations~~ organisations, assembled at the Pamplemousses Botanical Gardens...

A flying visit - but the memory of a lifetime. Then, in front of "Mon Plaisir" - (the former country residence of the French Governors of the Island) - the Princess planted a commemorative tree, of a species known as "Queen Flower".

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~~At Fleuve, the oldest village on the island, a building of great interest was a sugar mill.~~

During a tour of a cane-crushing factory, (the biggest and most modern in Mauritius), Her Royal Highness walked along the narrow cat-walks, high above the giant machinery that crushes 250 tons of cane every hour.

This Mill produces one-tenth of the Island's total production of sugar. There was Royal interest, too, in the social progress of the Island, when the Princess arrived at the Victoria Orthopaedic Hospital, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to open the New Wing ~~in a delightfully informal ceremony~~.

The visit proved a real tonic for a crippled Creole youngster - who presented the Royal bouquet.

Not forgotten - was the Children's Ward, where the presence of a real Princess brought much happiness to young sufferers.

Already, on the Tour, Princess Margaret has won all hearts, and, in no small measure, has strengthened the bonds between Commonwealth peoples and the Crown.