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Scotland: Deep in the Lowther Hills, the new Daer Valley Reservoir blends into the rugged landscape. "A work of skill and imagination" - those were the words of the Queen, who was welcomed by Sir John Mann - when she arrived for the Inaugural ceremony.

By pressing a button in the filter house, Her Majesty started the daily flow of 15 million gallons of purified water - to the homes and factories of Lanarkshire. ~~She~~ <sup>A new supply deal has</sup> banished the fear of drought and the irksome restrictions of the past ten years.

During the ceremony, Sir John presented, on behalf of the people of Lanarkshire - a brooch, made from gold panned in neighbouring streams.

Later, The Queen drove over the causeway of Britain's newest and greatest earth-filled dam - to unveil a commemorative plaque.

Then, another view of a vast social project that cost six million pounds - and brought new employment, and new hope, to the people of Lanarkshire.

After lunching at Drumlanrig Castle, Her Majesty drove through the gaily-decorated streets of Dumfries. At the Town Hall, she was officially welcomed by the Lord Lieutenant of Dumfriesshire, the Sheriff Principal, and the Provost of Dumfries.

The Guard of Honour, (mounted by the King's Own Scottish Borderers) added a loyal salute to a memorable occasion for Dumfries. For this was the first visit by a Reigning Monarch for nearly 340 years.

Before leaving the town (so closely linked with Robert Burns) the Queen laid a spray of pink and lilac flowers on the grave, ~~in St. Michael's Churchyard~~, of <sup>A</sup> Scotland's much-loved National Poet.