

QUEEN'S TOURS BY TRAIN.

Away from the cities and into the country heads the royal train taking the Queen and Prince Phillip on a 320 mile trip across New Zealand's North Island. The red and cream train journeys into the rich, pasture land, known as the Garden of New Zealand. The Queen, charming in a blue and white patterned silk dress, is welcomed by more than 2,500 school-children, some of whom journeyed many miles from outlying farms for this great moment.

A member of the royal train's crew is Mr. Inglis who was the guard on the Wellington-Auckland express which crashed on Christmas Eve. Along the "Waipawa River" Valley moves the train, passing scenes of ever-changing beauty. On into the heart of the farmer's country, from which springs so much of New Zealand's wealth.

At one point, six bed-ridden patients have been taken from their hospital to wave their greetings.

Ahead lies New Plymouth, town and village acclaim the young Queen, who, referring in a public speech to her train journey, says, "I hope that it has brought you happiness, as it most surely has to my husband and me".

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