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QUEEN AND DUKE IN LANCASHIRE.

Her Majesty the Queen declares open the new John McCurdy Hall of the Wigan Technical and Mining College during her visit to Lancashire. The magnificent building, which cost £220,000 can accommodate 3,000 students. Councillor Tom Merry, the Mayor of Wigan, escorts the Queen, the Mayoress accompanies Prince Philip.

Then, on to St. Helens, where there's a tremendous welcome for the royal couple as they leave the town hall where they have signed the visitors book. The Mayor, Councillor Hignett, who escorts Her Majesty tells his guests that their signature will be cut out and added to an illuminated scroll which bears the signatures of the Queen's parents and grandparents.

This is the first time since her Coronation, that Her Majesty has visited Lancashire. In St. Helens, as at every place on the royal route, crowds gather in thousands to give the Queen and the Duke a warm welcome.

At the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, the Queen meets both students and professors. At this school, research work is carried out into such scourges as Malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness.

The Queen's arrival at Liverpool's Town Hall provides perhaps the most stirring scene of her visit. With Prince Philip, Her Majesty makes two appearances on the balcony. This is the climax of the first day of the Queen's Tour of Lancashire.