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QUEEN IN NORTHUMBERLAND.

Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh continue their tour of Northern England, and Tynemouth is one of the places they visit when they journey into Northumberland. Here, as at so many towns, on the royal route, strong winds and threatening-rain clouds can't deter the crowds. Outside the Plaza Ballroom, after a stay of twenty minutes, the Queen says goodbye to Mrs. Ada Southworth, Tynemouth's Lady Mayor.

Next stop is Wallsend Town Hall. The royal couple are scheduled to stay only about five minutes, but two appearances on the balcony help to make their visit last about for times as long.

Alderman T. Connell, the Mayor of Wallsend escorts Her Majesty who has chosen a beige coat with fur collar, and a beige hat for her tour of the North East.

As the royal car draws away from the town hall, it would seem that all the town's 44,000 people have turned out to cheer the Queen on her way. A drive of four or five miles, and Her Majesty is at Newcastle. At the Mansion House, which was opened recently, the Queen reviews the Guard of Honour mounted by the 4th/5th Battalion, the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

It is at the Mansion House that Her Majesty and the Duke take lunch. Then at two-o'clock it is time to leave Newcastle, and the Queen bids farewell to the Lord Mayor, Alderman Colonel Mould-Graham.

Thousands line the route to Tyne Bridge. Many have waited for hours for a glimpse of the royal visitors, despite the cold.

And now the royal car arrives. The hood is down, so that the patient crowds may see the Queen and her husband more clearly as they near the gateway to Co. Durham.

Tyne Bridge was opened by the Queen's grandfather, King George the Fifth. At the south end of the bridge, Her Majesty is greeted by civic officials of the town of Gateshead.

Now Her Majesty enters her name in the visitors book.

The Duke too adds his signature.

The short official welcome ended, the royal couple begin their drive into Gateshead. A brief stay there, and on they go to visit Felling, Pelaw, Hebburn and Jarrow. The high, welcoming crowds all the way make it a triumphal journey.

And so to South Shields Town Hall as the evening draws near. It has been a long and exhausting day for Her Majesty, yet she shows no sign

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of fatigue as she mounts the dais at the foot of the town hall where some of the leading citizens of South Shields are presented to her.

During her brief but comprehensive tour of the North East, Her Majesty has given many thousands a glimpse of the warm charm and sincerity that has endeared her to millions throughout her Commonwealth.