

QUEEN MOTHER IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

Big crowds pack the streets of Newtonards as the Queen Mother drives in from Bangor to lay the foundation stone of the new Civic Centre. Matron, Miss I.M. Percival escorts Her Majesty as she inspects a parade of nurses, and then comes the main ceremony of the visit - a royal start to a building which will be the pride of this Northern Irish City.

Back to Belfast, where the Lord Mayor welcomes her for a luncheon at the City Hall, with representatives of the State, Church, armed services, industry and voluntary organizations. Stormont is crowded programme; a garden party in the grounds of Parliament Buildings, with Lord Brookborough and other national leaders.

At Belfast Harbour, the Queen Mother opens the new Sinclair wharf, named after the harbour chairman, whose wife, Lady Sinclair, presents some Irish linen. The warm welcome to Her Majesty from the harbour workers provides some of the happiest and most informal pictures of the whole tour.

At the Royal Naval Air Station, Sydenham, Her Majesty is driven through the ranks with Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer to review a parade in honour of the Golden Jubilee of the Territorial Army.

Knowing the Queen Mother's fondness for racing, the authorities have seen to it that her programme includes a visit to the Down Royal Races, where the main event of the day is the Governor's Cup.

Here comes the field on the first time round.

And here's the finish, with Copper Cottage, owned by Major T.W. Hughes, winning comfortably. A very special occasion for Major Hughes - for he receives the Governor's Cup from the royal visitor's own hands!