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THE QUEEN GOES NORTH.

For the first time for seven hundred years a monarch was visiting the Shetland Islands. Awaiting her at Bressay landing stage was the Lord Lieutenant for Shetland, Sir Basil Neven-Spence.

It was a postponed Royal visit. The one planned last year was deferred for the best of good family reasons. Members of the Lerwick life-boat crew were presented by Provost Thomas Henderson. Her Majesty congratulated the skipper and his men on their fine record. The tremendous winter storms in those Northern waters keep the life boat busy.

The sea looms very large in the life of the Shetlands. A big section of the fishing fleet managed to be in port for the Royal inspection. After that the Queen and Duke rode to Fraser Parkin a thirty-year old Rolls Royce (time is leisurely in this part of the world) On Exhibition there were livestock reared in the Islands. The Shetlanders have for many centuries farmed and fished for everything they need, and are very properly proud of the fact.

This is the home of Shetland ponies, delightful little animals which have endeared themselves to lucky children since the Islands first exported them. One was presented to the Queen.