

Hamilton's

A civic reception at ~~the~~ famous showgrounds- this was how ~~Hamilton welcomed~~ ^{was welcomed} the Queen to the rich dairy-farming country of the Waikato. And during the glimpse of the North Island's agricultural wealth, the Royal visitor ~~saw~~ saw a remarkable demonstration by Godfrey Bowen ~~who won the world record, by shearing 456 sheep in 9 hours~~.

On now to Roturua- for the great Maori reception at Arawa Racecourse. Again, the Queen was confronted by the traditional challenge- the laying of carved spear-like darts. ~~Her Majesty was now accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, who had previously been attending the funeral of the rail disaster~~ ^{THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE} ~~walked among~~ ^{MAORIS} through 11,000 members of the Maori Race - from all parts of New Zealand- to the Royal Dais.

The Maori people, observing their ancient customs, conferred the highest honour upon the Queen, as the Bishop of Aotearoa invested her with the Korowai- the cloak of feathers- symbol of ~~the~~ ^{supreme} highest rank.

And a similar honour was awarded the Duke- conferring upon him the dignity of chieftanship.

^{BECAME} By her reply to the address of welcome, the Queen ~~referred~~ ^{THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO SPEAK ON THIS SACRED TRIBAL MEETING-GROUND} to the fine ~~traditions~~ traditions of the Maori-- (Sound)-

Then- an amusing unrehearsed incident- when a five year-old girl ^{ROYAL FAVOUR.} gate-crashed her way to ~~the Queen.~~ ~~xxx~~ After receiving permission, she sat at the feet of her Queen, and together, they watched the Maori, in song and dance, ~~(called the Maori)~~ tell the story of their coming to New Zealand- in canoes, 500 years ago. (Sound)-

The Queen and the Duke were now due for a short rest- following a long round of engagements. And they moved to Moose Lodge- the beautiful home of a wealthy New Zealand business man - on the shores of Lake Rotoiti.

Here were the hot springs of Roturua, the most famous in the world, where ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ subterranean volcanoes - under a thin crust of the earth, ~~heat the xxxxxx water.~~ ^{provide permanent hot water.} ~~boiling point.~~

And the youngsters did a roaring trade in diving for pennies.

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Then-- escorted by Rangī-^{the}/famous Maori woman guide- the Queen and the Duke explored the thermal pools- where heaving bubbles of porridge-like mud, and a sudden 60 ft spurt from ~~the~~ ^{the} "Father mixx of all geysers" ^{- Pōhutu -} provided a colourful climax to a wonderful day.