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Royal visit to the Province of North-Brabant 94 N.

Queen Juliana, accompanied by Prince Bernhard arrives at the Government-building in Den Bosch (capital) for the first official visit to the Province of North-Brabant after her Accession to the throne.

At the fore-court a flag-greeting is brought to the royal guests by a number of fifty standard-bearers.

During clock-chiming Her Majesty and the Prince stride over the ~~struck~~ flags, to the entrance of the Government-building.

This is a privilege, only adjudged to a justly crowned monarch.

Next day they start from Den Bosch, via St Michielsgestel, Schijndel, St. Oedenrode, and Best to Oirschot, where the royal guests are received at the middle-age market-square.

Before the flight of steps of the townhall girls dance a national dance. Thereafter the daughter of the burgomaster of Oirschot offers an Oirschots chair, a product of this part of the country, destined for the little Marijke. (youngest princess).

From Oirschot they went to Middelbeers, via Diessen, where the high guests are greeted by the only Dutch woman-burgomaster, Mrs Smulders. The company set out for the farm of Mrs Smulders on foot, where they use a famous Brabant twelve o'clock lunch.

In the afternoon the Queen and the Prince go among others to Hilvarenbeek. Here again an intermezzo to the old tradition.

The fool of one of the guilds, for this especial occasion graduated to court-yester polishes the boots of the visitors.

Shown out by demonstrating gymnastic clubs Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard go to Oosterhout, where they visit the Norbertinessen-cloister Catharinadal, dated from 1270. In the provost-hall the Royal Pair put their signature into the Guests-book.

After a short residence in the Chapel there is made ^aperambulation through the cloister, that, besides ~~xxx x~~ by the inhabitants, only may be walked upon by the members of the ~~Knights House~~ of France.

Then the end of the visit approaches. At the frontier of the Province in Sleewijk the departure grows to a great manifestation of attachment. At the ferry-boat to Gercum the provincial governor voices the thank of population for the visit, that both the Royal guests and the thousands of Brabant men will always remind.

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