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Royal Show-

July 3rd. '58.

The 110th Royal Show (held this year at Bristol) had a staunch supporter in Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. And Her Majesty obviously enjoyed the wonderful floral display of 20,000 choice blooms, covering an acre with dazzling colour.

The Forestry ~~Exhibit~~ Section housed many products of home-grown timber - and there were many unusual designs of shepherds crooks and long-handled sticks, besides demonstrations of basket-shaping, saw sharp-

-ening and the making of chair legs.

~~THE HOUSE OF RANK THAT PROVIDES SO MUCH OF OUR DAILY BREAD - WAS ONE OF THE LARGER EXHIBITS.~~

The grand parade of cattle (totalling 1385 entries) was, as usual, a spectacular highlight. The Aberdeen Angus breed retained the Burke Trophy - ~~for the fourth time~~ by winning the honour for the fourth time in seven contests. The Beef Shorthorns gained second prize.

When distributing the awards, the Queen Mother commented on the fact that the Beef trophy winner had been bred near her old home at Glamis. A country fair and market added to the attractions - with a meet of the Beaufort Hunt in 1840, in which about 150 amateur actors and 70 riders took part. A replica of one of the oldest Gloucestershire inns forming a fitting centrepiece.

So "Come to the Fair of 100 years ago" like this - in a four-in-hand/^{coach} (with top-hatted drivers and ~~liveried~~ liveried attendants) - a gracious reminder of ~~the~~ the past glories of rural ^{LIFE.} ~~England.~~ Yoiks. Tally-Ho. Those were the days!