

QUEEN MOTHER AT HIGHLAND SHOW.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother arrives at the Royal Highland Showground at Dumfries. She wears a platinum fox stole and a light grey-blue coat for the occasion. A dull chilly day this, for the sun has long since vanished behind dark clouds. But there's no doubt about the warmth of the greeting extended to the Queen Mother by all the many thousands who attend this splendid Highland show. The very finest livestock in the world, is of course, one of the main attractions.

Now the Queen Mother walks across to take her place in the stands. The parade of prize animals will pass the Royal Box. This year's entry of cattle provided the judges with some of their biggest headaches for years. From the fine selection, Scotland emerged triumphant - there's no doubt the country's beef is as fine as any in the world.

Now from the cattle, let's turn to the ponies - Shetlands and Dartmoors are both on show and, naturally enough, they're some of the most popular exhibits. In front of the Royal Box, a tiny Dartmoor colt lets off his high spirits.

The Queen Mother remains in the royal box for a grand parade of tableaux illustrating the works of Robert Burns. The sticky mud in the show-ring threatens some of the lorries, but Burns at the Plough is one man who doesn't worry.

The Royal Highland Show of 1954 has been one of the most successful for years. Many thousands of visitors, with plenty from below the border and overseas, made it also one of the most pleasant social occasions of the year. It was in every respect a truly Royal show, honoured as it was by the gracious presence of the Queen Mother.

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