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INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE CAITHNESS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER
SCHEME AT HOY, HALKIRK BY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER.
SATURDAY, 30TH APRIL, 1955.

To be checked against delivery.

I am very glad to inaugurate today a service which is invaluable to the people of this county.

Before the war barely one fifth of those who live here had a supply of running water, and it is a great happiness to me to realise that an advantage which I can myself enjoy should now be available to a great number of my neighbours. I learn that 150 miles of watermains, and over 1,500 individual connections have already been made, and that extensions are being rapidly promoted for those whose turn has not yet come.

There can be few amenities more welcome throughout the county, and it is a pleasure to me to associate myself with it.

I am glad to see that the pumping station, unlike some of its kind, has an appearance which is both workmanlike and unostentatious.

I should like to offer my warm congratulations to all who have been concerned with this admirable accomplishment.

I have much pleasure now in starting a flow of water to inaugurate the Regional Water Scheme for the County.

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Description of present by County Council to
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Designed and manufactured by Hamilton & Inches, the Inkstand is made of Silver, bearing the Edinburgh Hall Mark, and set with characteristic Scottish Pebbles. The large stone on top is a Cairngorm, while the feet are formed of stags' heads modelled in Silver.

A print of a very old map of Caithness by Timothy Pont is also being presented.
