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In this natural amphitheatre in the heart of the Highlands, the stirring music and swinging stride of the Royal Canadian Pipe Band defied the weather at the annual Braemar Gathering.

As always during their holiday on Deeside, the Royal Family came over from Balmoral to watch the Games. *They were welcomed by the Rangers of Aburdene*

It's one of the rules of the Gathering that competitors for Local Events ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~Highland~~ must be either residents of the neighbouring parishes or qualified by birth; and indeed, having to compete with dancing ~~xxxxxxx~~ raindrops, would have made almost ~~xxxxx~~ anyone but a Scotsman turn it up.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh showed particular interest in the essentially ~~Highland~~ *heavy* part of the programme; events like putting the heavy stone and throwing the hammer.

This was the tug-o'-war between teams of those two famous regiments, the Gordon Highlanders and the Black Watch.

But what everybody wants to see is that test of mighty muscle --- tossing the caber.

It's a sport for strong silent men; So when our cameraman asked one competitor what he thought of the weather -----