

Old Grandfather Steals The Show

"Old Grandfather" was the real guest of honour at the Scottish debut of the new M.G. one and a quarter litre saloon car at Perth yesterday.

Lined up outside the Royal George Hotel were a number of gleaming new models, and at the end of the line was a less immaculate car—"Old Grandfather."

Sir Miles Thomas, D.F.C., vice-chairman of the Nuffield organisation, told Scottish distributors that the car had been created to his specification when he was looking after 61 factories in different parts of the country during the war.

"Old Grandfather" had covered 375 miles at 44 m.p.h. and 33 m.p.g. when he came north to Perth.

Sir Miles spoke enviously of the electricity being harnessed from Scottish water power, and commended Scotland's fierce pride and individuality, without sacrificing the team spirit, as an example of what was wanted in the country's industrial recovery.

It sometimes seemed to him the Government wanted one-third of the people educated, one-third to sit back and enjoy their old age, and one-third as civil servants.

"We have endured sloppy idealism too long," he added, "and the call is for realism. It does little to help the right working atmosphere to have political mountebanks prancing on platforms at the week-end and upsetting everyone by their vague and seemingly unauthorised threats of nationalising this and that."
