

THIS PALACE IS THE LARGEST WATER TANK IN THE WORLD AND IT'S DECORATED WITH SKILL FROM THE POTTERIES!

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Travelling Staffordshire people always give away their origin when caught looking at the underside of a cup or plate. This kind of pride was felt on a much greater scale when we stumbled on the most peculiar but majestic building to be found in Argentina. The Buenos Aires authorities, to cope with European immigration in the late 19th century set up a new water system with tanks totalling 72,000 tons of drinking water- that amount of water would engulf the Britannia Stadium. To blend in with the

magnificent architectural city-style of the 'Paris of South America' the site was contained within a huge palace that took seven years to construct.

The original plan was to decorate the exterior using marble and granite depicting the shields of the 14 different country provinces - but due to cost and other delays, another idea came about, undoubtedly due to influence from a host of involved British engineers and architects.

DOULTON & CO. Sea shipments arrived over a period of more than three years - and to this day these amazing examples of skill originating from the Potteries are still in perfect condition - and to be admired exactly as originally positioned.

To a Stokie, it was just like looking at the underside of a plate really - or maybe a touch more emotional!

Sadly, there is a but, the water company's museum gives many tributes to foreign

Pictured: **Head offices of Argentina's Water Board in Buenos Aires -**
NOT very easy to find



Proof! Don't we just love to show off.

manufacturers of materials used in the project - and of course to Royal Doulton & Co of... Stoke-on-Trent? No - London. What a pity our pottery industry never did insist (as do the Sheffield steel producers) on boasting about

170,000 terracotta and ceramic pieces along with 130,000 enamelled bricks were ordered - and from where else... the UK. And who was to have the capability to come up with the goods and to reproduce the Argentine shields? ROYAL

the town - not just the country of origin. If 'Made in Stoke-on-Trent' was on every piece of crockery ever made and exported worldwide perhaps the names Bennett, Mitchell, Matthews and Williams wouldn't be needed quite so often to claim fame.

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