

Canadian in the U.K.

Enjoys Last Short Excursions Before Journey Back to Canadian Home

by Mac Sprawl

September has been a month when one can hardly realize where the time went. It has gone so quickly. Since my last writing I returned to Windsor from London, picking up my car at the Howe Hill farm of Mr. and Mrs. Morpur, my former host where I stayed during the Royal Show.

From here I spent a week-end at Loudwater, county of Buckinghamshire, with Mr. and Mrs. George Whitby. George worked for my father as a young man from 1930-34. During the same week-end I attended High Wycombe Agricultural Show, a one day affair. From Loudwater I travelled down to Brighton Sussex, a seaside resort, going via Windsor and Aldershot, home of the British army. From Brighton I drove west along the English Channel to Chichester, going to Cheltenham, Gloucestershire via Reading, Newbury, Cirencester to the farm of Mr. C. Davidson-Smith, my first former host with whom I spent my first three weeks.

Mr. Davidson-Smith told me that harvest was three weeks behind in the Cotswold Hills and he had only 400 acres of barley combined while all his wheat stood only partly ripened. He also went on to say that most of the wheat combining would be done in October.

I stayed at Westfield farm for two days with the weather nothing but rain and more rain. After leaving Westfield farm the next part of my journey was to Pass on Wye, north of the Wye valley, the great orchard country, to Hereford and Leominster, crossing into Wales at New Raxnor, going on to Cross Gates, next going north to Newtown. The country through this particular section is quite rough and most of the land is grazed by sheep.

From Newton I drove west to Machynth and from this Welsh town on through to North Wales. The country becomes very mountainous with the ranges varying from 1,500 feet to 3,000 feet. North Wales looks very similar to the country in the south-west corner of the Irish Republic around Killybegs, county of Kerry. It also is very much like the Highlands of Scotland.

After seeing Mount Snowdon's 3,560 feet, highest peak in Wales, the next part of my journey was through Bettws-y-Coed, Mold, Warrington, Preston, Lancaster, Kendal, Penrith, Carlisle, to Dumfries. This is the third occasion I have travelled over this road.

After spending two days at Dumfries, the town of Robert Burns, I travelled on to Mauchline in Ayrshire. While staying there with Hugh Muir, young Scottish farmer, he took me to Ayr 11 miles away to see the cottage where Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, was born. It is just on the edge of Ayr and has a thatched roof, painted yellow. The inside has been retained and remains the same today as the day Burns was born.

From Mauchline I drove to Glasgow where I met Mr. and Mrs. Joe Findlay and Glen of Toronto, on holidays with relatives in Glasgow. Mrs. Findlay is the former Minnie Stalker of Acton. From Glasgow I drove on to Stirling through Dunblane to Auchterarder, stayed an evening with Ron Dalgligh, the Scottish young farmer who stayed at the home of Dave Pelletier last year previous to the Guelph conference.

The acreage of the Dalgligh farm is 260 while 40 Friesian milk cows are kept. From Auchterarder I was on to Perth and once again up through the Highlands for my last time. I wished to make this trip as the weather is in full bloom at this time of year.

From Perth I drove through Dundeld, Pitlochry, Dalwhinnie. This country is right in the midst of the Grampian Mountains. From Dalwhinnie to Kingussie one sees many of the new power plants that are being built in the Highlands. This section of country on both sides of the river Spey is known as the district of Badenoch in the county of Inverness-shire.

It was interesting for me to see on the map there is a Crieff in Scotland not too far from the district of Badenoch as there is a Crieff in the township of Pusinch not far from Badenoch near Morrison on the Guelph-Hamilton highway. From Grant-on-Spey I drove to Aberdeen via Tomintoul, the highest town in the British Isles. The morning when I passed through it four inches of snow lay on the Grampian Mountains around the town.

Last week was spent in the Granite city of Aberdeen visiting relatives here. I sold my car and returned by rail to London, leaving Aberdeen at 9:45 in the morning, arriving at London's King Cross station at 9:05 in the evening.

This past week-end has been spent at Westbury, Wiltshire, where I met Mr. Robert Linham, father of Walter Linham, township of Esquesing's deputy reeve and neighbor of mine for a great many years. Mr. Linham is visiting his sister and brother and families at Westbury and is in fine spirits and enjoying himself.



The past six months have gone very quickly and I enjoyed my stay in the United Kingdom even though driving is difficult. According to the latest road census of the U.K., the roads were planned for horses and are death traps although the British are the world's safest drivers and traffic on the island is denser than it is in any other country in the world including the U.S.A. Eighteen vehicles not counting motor cycles and tractors are now on every mile of road, lane and city street in Britain, yet the country is the only one in the world where the road death rate has decreased. Over 19 years 6,000 more miles of new roads have been built. Goods vehicles have doubled since 1939 with an increased traffic flow of 24 per cent. The death rate has gone down by 23 per cent, which is indeed amazing for I have never seen such dangerous roads any place before, at least not as dangerous as here.

During my six months on the island, three months have been spent in England and I travelled through all 41 counties in Wales. I travelled through eight out of the 13 and during my 56 days spent in Scotland I travelled through all the Scottish counties except the three most northerly. Another month was spent between the continent, Ireland and London. All in all it is an experience I will never forget. Since this is the last week in England and Ken and I sail October 1st on the Empress of Scotland, this will be my last writing.

In closing I would like to thank the readers, Halton Junior Farmers, members of the Federation of Agriculture, neighbors and relatives who wrote to me while overseas. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated and I only hope that I have been able to give you somewhat of a picture of what is going on in the eight countries I visited. Thank you

Show Male Surplus In Every Province

Ottawa, Sept. (CP)—Prospects for women in search of a man are better than five years ago. For every female in the country at the beginning of June this year there was a male, and 198,000 to spare.

The bureau of statistics has just issued an estimate that at the beginning of the month so popular with brides there were 7,633,000 males and 7,435,000 females.

In Canada, of course, there's always been a surplus of men. At the start of June a year ago there were 7,281,300 women and 7,474,700 men—or 193,400 extra men. Away back in 1901, the male majority was 112,900.

The smallest margin in almost 50 years turned up in the 1951 census, which showed a mere 164,400 spares. Since then however the male population has increased by 608,600 and the female by 565,000. In 1951 Quebec was the only province showing a majority of women. This year, men were more abundant than women in every province.

The current figures do not include the Yukon nor the Northwest Territories. But the bureau gives no information for women who want to know how to make the best of their advantage. It has a cooling note for them: between the ages of 25 and 34, and over 74, there were more women than men. It gave no figures.

PIPES IN STYLE

Having a lingering preference for the dainty type of women who keeps cigarette smoking to a reasonable minimum, we feel slightly apprehensive about seeing ladies puffing pipes, whether the pipes are the plain unadorned kind or designed to match wearing apparel, complexion or color of hair. —Rouyn-Noranda (Que.) Press.

Teen-Age Cowboys Build Secret Ranch

Montreal, (CP)—Some youngsters dream about going west and becoming cowboys. A group of Montreal teen-agers are more realistic. They went east to suburban Tiroquoilville—and turned a city-owned field into a miniature ranch.

The boys—about 10 or 12 are in the group—bought five horses, cleared out a 50-foot square corral, and built a stable for the animals. They called themselves "Les Cavaliers" and kept the project a secret.

It was finally uncovered when one of the boys, concerned about the horses' welfare, bought home a stick of dynamite. He told his mother Les Cavaliers were going to "blast a well so that the horses can have water."

His mother told police. The police told the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The SPCA investigated and found the horses so well cared for there was no complaint to be made. They were all licensed and the boys hired a veterinary to come and see them once a month. If one of them gets so much as a scratch or something like that," said Paul Etesonne, 13 year old spokesman for the group. "we call the vet in right away." The SPCA said the only worry is that the stable is unheated and the ranch may have to be closed down for the winter.

Det. Sgt. Arthur Deighton said although the boys admitted stealing the dynamite from a nearby construction site, they didn't take any fuses or blasting caps. He said no charges will be laid.

The boys told police they formed the club and built the ranch in March "just for sport."

Paul said the field was covered with bushes when Les Cavaliers got to it. "We all pitched in and cleared it. Then we built the stable and a small outbuilding for the saddles and other gear. All of it was built from scrap lumber that nobody wanted."

Esqueing Teachers Meeting at Norval

Rural teachers of Esqueing Township met in Norval Public School on September 20, with the president, Douglas C. Copeland of Norval in the chair.

Those attending were Miss Margaret Russell and Mrs. R. R. Gardner from Glen Williams School; Miss Margaret McEdwards of Waterloo; Mrs. Pollock of Stewarttown; Miss Kidd of Cedarvale; Bruce Stevenson of Dufferin; Mrs. J. T. Cascarden and Miss Carson of Norval staff; Mrs. W. T. Cromar of Ashgrove; Mrs. Shortill, Ballinacraig; Miss Earle of Bannockburn; Mrs. Albert Presswood of Clay Hill; Miss Marjorie Shaw of the Stone School; Mrs. Jack Lawson of Limehouse and music supervisor Crawford Douglas.

Business was discussed and a general discussion of school problems and methods followed. Lunch was served by the Norval staff.

PIONEER MONUMENT

Nanaimo, B.C. (CP)—A time capsule will be built on Pioneer Rock here November 27, the 100th anniversary of the arrival of pioneers from Britain via Victoria on the steamship Princess Royal. The monument will contain pictures, maps, mementoes and other documentary evidence of life here today.

NOT MUCH CHANGE
Fredericton (CP)—Philip V. Tipet, native of Fredericton who now lives in Ansonia, Conn., paid his first visit here in 67 years. He concluded things looked pretty much the same as when he left—at least around the old family homestead.

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