

"Ag. Rep." Reports on West Coast Trip Accompanies Ontario Soil, Crop Group

The third annual tour sponsored by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association brought together 106 folk from all sections of Ontario for the trip to British Columbia.

For your "Ag. Rep." it was his first trip west of Sault Ste Marie and consequently it was an amazing revelation. Despite what one learned in school or by reading, one has to travel across Canada to appreciate its tremendous size and potential resources.

Travelling by CNR across Northern Ontario, one sees a wilderness of trees, dotted with lakes and here and there sparse settlement. Then on across the prairies to Kamloops where our program really commenced.

Two days were spent in Okanagan, famous for its apples and other small fruits. Here our conception of the Okanagan was suddenly shattered. Primarily this is an arid area which receives only some 12 or 14 inches of moisture per year. Instead of a lush valley, we found a beautiful lake some 60 miles long, and on the steep benches or shelves which rise from the shoreline, are the orchards or ranches.

Irrigation is a must in the orchards and also for any cereal or hay crops. The ranch land in Ontario eyes is a barren hell or moon-land, nevertheless they report that 25 to 40 acres will carry one cattle head. The water for irrigation purposes in the main, is piped down from the lakes up in the hills, and as we recall, the cost of irrigation per acre is around \$15.00 per year exclusive of the necessary pipes required on the operator's farm.

Approximately 50% of the agricultural wealth of B.C. Here the rainfall, as we recall, ranges from 50 to 60 inches. Coupled with that they have a fertile soil and the crops are little less than terrific.

Yields of 150 bus of oats to the acre are common. In the main it is a valley of 40 to 60 acre farms—with dairy cattle producing 65% to 70% of its agricultural wealth. In addition, one sees orchards of filberts, fields of hops, raspberries and strawberries.

Top to Twelve Cuttings Per Year
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10 Acre Farm—50 Head of Cattle
At the George deKoning 60 acre farm in the Fraser Valley, we found him carrying 50 head of cattle. \$2.81 is the producer price for fluid milk to the farm. \$2.50 is the price for class two milk, and \$3.30 for class three milk on a 4% B.F. basis. In B.C. they have a seven cent differential for each point above or below 4%.

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Strong on Co-operation
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TALL STANDARDS of white gladioli decorated Acton United Church Saturday when Miss Arlene Ann Gordon became the bride of Robert Bruce. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gordon and the groom is the youngest son of Jack Bruce.

Trip to East Coast Follows Bruce-Gordon Vows Saturday

Acton United church, decorated with white gladioli, was the setting last Saturday for the marriage of Arlene Fay Gordon and Robert James Bruce. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gordon of Acton and the groom is the son of Mr. John Bruce and the late Mrs. Bruce.

Rev. Gordon Adams officiated with George Elliott playing the wedding music. The solemn, Mrs. Shirley Anderson sang "Thanks Be to God and Through the Years."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an ankle-length gown of white nylon over satin fashioned on princess lines trimmed with a wide hem of accordion pleats. The rounded neckline was outlined in embroidered daisies. Her waist length veil was held by a coronet of pearls. She carried white gardenias and stephanotis entwined with ivy.

Matron of honor was Mrs. E. Gregory of Hamilton who wore a ballerina length gown of white embroidered organza over aqua taffeta. The rounded neckline was trimmed with georgette ending in shoulder streamers. A matching picture hat, gloves and slippers completed her ensemble. She carried a bouquet of yellow shasta mums.

Friends and relatives gathered in the Sunday school room of the church following the ceremony. The bride's mother chose for the occasion a dress of navy silk with pink and white accessories. Her corsage was of tallman roses.

The bride and groom left on a three week trip to the east coast for travelling, the bride wore a brown and white printed orlon dress with a full skirt gathered to a cummerbund. Her accessories were white, and her corsage of bronze roses. On their return, they will live at the groom's home, Bowyer Ave., Acton.

Guests were present from Timmins, Rockwood, Hamilton, Ottawa, Grasse, Pompe Michigan, Detroit, Brampton, Georgetown, Deserange and Toronto as well as Acton.

Top Brass Sees Industrial Site In Georgetown

GEORGETOWN—The top brass of a large Canadian corporation were in Georgetown last week looking over sites in Delrex with a view of locating one of several plants in town.

The company first became interested in Georgetown last October according to Mayor Armstrong who mentioned the matter at last week's council meeting.

The mayor said he had been personally contacted in October by a company representative who was given all relevant information about industrial locations. This firm, a Canadian branch of a large American organization, has been in frequent touch with Delrex officials. As many as five plants might locate here if the decision favors Georgetown.

Rev. Heshop, Delrex developer, was at the council meeting and contributed the mayor's statements.

A decision, he said, hinges largely on the town's ability to provide sewage disposal and he urged council to make a decision soon on the problem of a new disposal plant which has been under discussion for some time.

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Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury and Mrs. Harvey Jestin visited last Wednesday with Mrs. Walter Cudde who is recuperating quietly in Orangeville hospital.

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Omagh Takes Hornby In Rural Semi-Final

Friday night Omagh defeated Hornby in the first game of a two out of three series in the semi-final of the Halton Rural Football League.

Tasker was leading scorer for Omagh with two runs. Willmott, John Jarvis, Eves and G. Gillies collected one each.

W. Thompson scored two for Hornby, while Leslie and Cunningham scored one run apiece, making the final score six to four.

Battery for Omagh — Willmott and Hevlin.
Battery for Hornby Telfer (2), J. Thompson and Leslie catching.

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Small Farms in Fraser Valley
From Chilliwack, buses transport the party through the Fraser Valley which contains some 230 to 240,000 acres and represents approximately 50% of the agricultural wealth of B.C.

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The answer is that farm women usually do. In fact, their shopping, in person and by mail adds up to a lot of money. How much? Well, last year, farm families put about 2½ billion dollars into circulation. That's over twice the amount spent for all the new housing in Canada. About 1,000 million dollars went for household requirements—the things you buy regularly. And the rest of the money was spent for equipment, wages, feed, seed, fertilizers—everything that farmers need to produce food in abundance.

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