



CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD
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Editor's Note:

This is the fourth of a series of weekly stories which Elliot Moses, a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, is writing, about the visit of Canada's champion plowmen to the British Isles. The party returned home last week-end.

Edinburgh: Our tour of the Scotch farms around Edinburgh has been one of the most profitable experiences of our trip so far. We have had several days in this area before proceeding to Glasgow and then to Ireland.

We are very favourably impressed with the general standard of agriculture in Britain. However, it must be admitted that, both in England and Scotland the farms we have visited are the best in each district and perhaps not entirely typical.

One of the first stops on our route was a 200-acre truck gardening farm. The seasons here are ahead of ours and we noticed lettuce and some other vegetables beginning to peep through the soil. At least 25 varieties of vegetation are grown on this farm, which during the war years provided the government with 5000 tons of vegetables annually. The owner, Mr. R. L. Scarlett, told us that he employed 60 men the year around and in the growing and harvesting season often hired an additional number of men and women. The women in this country are just as active in the fields as the men. After watching them at work we wondered if we might suggest something similar for Canadian women!

Potato Growing:

Potatoes were the main crop of another farm we visited. Potato growing is quite a thriving industry in many sections of the land and we found the procedure most interesting. Flat boxes, containing about 50 pounds of seed potato in each box, are laid out in single layers for sprouting purposes and stacked one on top of another to the roof of the building. While in this position only one sprout appears to develop on each potato. The potatoes are then planted by hand and great care is taken not to break off the sprouts which, the farmers claim, help the potatoes to mature several weeks earlier than if planted without sprouting.

The potato crop is sold in the field, the buyer doing his own harvesting and supplying his own men who are housed by the owner of the farm in dwellings that must measure up to the government's regulations on housing. At the Ross farm where Ayrshire cattle are bred in large numbers, we were shown a herd of 130 milking cows and young stock, totalling in all 300 head. The stables, as in other places we inspected, are adjoining the house and are kept as clean and as neat as the house itself. These stables were the most modern of any we saw, with plenty of light and ventilation. The milking is done by machine, bottled on the farm and then taken to the city in the farm's own truck. Mr. Ross keeps the large herd mainly for milk production and very few head are sold for breeding purposes.

Livestock:

The raising and breeding of cattle is still one of the most important industries in Scotland. We visited several stock farms, including the F. MacGillivray Farm at East Lothian. Mr. MacGillivray one of the most noted shorthorn breeders of Scotland, is a great believer in fresh air. Overhead ventilators in

the stables, provide a plentiful supply for the animals without causing a draught.

Many of the best cattle on the farms we inspected were being prepared for the great Perth Aberdeen Angus sale. It was a treat to see those well-fed animals, some of whom were so fat they were barely able to navigate.

Scarcity of Commercial Feeds:

Securing enough commercial feeds is quite a headache for the Scottish farmers because all such feeds are rationed by the government. Dairy farmers are on the preferred list while beef men must be content with second classification. One of the beef farmers we met told us that he had been unable to secure sufficient rationed feeds but solved his problem by working out a feed mixture of grains, roots, potatoes, etc. which he claimed is giving him as good or better results with his herd than can be obtained by commercial feeds and at less cost.

The beef farmers are unhappy about the feed situation and argue that the people need beef as well as milk. After living on British food for several weeks now we are inclined to agree with them. We are all beginning to long for a good Canadian roast despite the fact that the substitutes, mainly fish and poultry, are good and are not on the ration list. There is also a form of sausage which has become somewhat of a national dish-made, I am told, mostly of bread crumbs with little or no meat in it.

A Plowman in Distress:

We had an experience at one of the stock farms which seems funny to us now but certainly was not amusing at the time, particularly to Rhys Bacher. While we were looking over a herd, Rhys lingered behind in a pen of four young bulls. The herdsmen thinking all were out closed the door and bolted it. A few seconds later we heard loud shouts for help and we all rushed back to discover the trouble. Then we saw Rhys cornered by four beautiful young bulls who apparently were making up their minds just how and where they should begin their attack. Rhys later claimed that he was not scared but he didn't look exactly at his ease when the herdsmen came to his rescue.

Visit to A 2,000 Acre Farm

Possibly the most interesting farm on our journey of the Edinburgh area was the 2,000-acre St. Cuthbert's Co-operative Society Farm.

A herd of 150 Ayrshire milking cows are kept on the farm and the milk is handled in a most scientific manner. The milking room or parlour as it is called, consists of individual stalls for each cow. While the milking machine is in operation, the cow receives her ration of grain or commercial feed. The milk is weighed and then sent to the cooler and bottling machine after which it is ready for the market.

In addition to the milking cows, 350 feeding cattle are kept to supply the company's meat shops. Most of the feed for the cattle is grown on the farm. There are also 1,000 registered pigs, 150 of which are breeding sows of the large Chester White breed. The Society has a world-wide market for all pigs bred for breeding purposes.

The cattle and pigs are housed in the most modern and elaborately finished buildings.

In addition to our tour of Scottish farms we also visited many places of historical interest but

Norval Scouts Hold Father and Son Banquet

A most enjoyable Father and Son banquet was held in St. Paul's Parish Hall, Norval, on Wednesday evening, February 23rd.

Mr. A. Hudson, chairman of the Group Committee, acted as toastmaster for the evening. The toast to the King was proposed by Cub Kenneth Richardson, and a toast to the Norval Scouts and Cubs, was proposed by Miss Gladys McCrea which was responded to by Mr. George Smith.

Mr. E. C. Reed was the guest speaker of the evening. Mr. Reed in his address stressed the necessity for developing physical stamina, qualities of character and initiative. Mr. Reed likened the individual life to a game of baseball. Without good health and physical development, it is difficult to reach first base. It is the development of character that will carry us on to second, where we would remain if we neglect the cultivation of spiritual qualities. These combined with personal initiative brings us to the home plate, the goal of each life, the purpose for which we were created.

Mr. Harold Lyons and Mr. Burt Carney thanked the speaker for his most interesting and enlightening address.

The table decorations, candle holders, ash trays, etc. were constructed out of natural wood and barked clay by the Scouts and Cubs. The Cubs were in charge of the arrangement of the tables, under the guidance of the Akela, Miss Mary Coupland.

space doesn't permit me to tell you about them now. In my next letter, which will be written from Ireland, I'll describe our sight-seeing tours of two famous Scottish cities — Edinburgh and Glasgow.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Patrol Leader Gordon Graham expressed the thanks of all assembled to the ladies who served in the kitchen for the excellent food and the capable and efficient service. Mrs. Murray Laird spoke for the kitchen committee.

Following the benediction, Scouts and Cubs gathered around the camp-fire for a brief sing-song under the leadership of the Brampton Scouts and Mrs. Collis, Akela of the Brampton Pack.

Among those serving in the kitchen were: Mrs. Murray Laird; Mrs. Ray Pomeroy; Mrs. Harold Lyons; Mrs. William Graham; Mrs. Robert Richardson; Mrs. E. C. Reed; Mrs. Frank Fendly; Mrs. Thos. Caspadden; Mrs. Keltly Webb; and Miss Maureen Needham.

F. D. CHARLES HAS RECORD HALTON JERSEY

The record Jersey cow reported in Halton County the last two weeks in January was Cloverhill Janet, 157093, owned by F. D. Charles, Georgetown. Janet went on test as a Senior three year old and in 265 days produced 9,591 lbs. of milk, 511 pounds of fat, with a test of 5.33 per cent. Featherstone Brothers' herd at Oakville was represented by Avonlea King's Princess 3rd, 178921, with 8,869 pounds of milk, 460 pounds of fat, in 305 days, with a test of 5.19 per cent, qualifying for a Silver medal certificate. Harold R. Laird, Norval, Ont., has a cow, 1-nornbrook Susan's Royal Hazel, 132163, that at seven years of age produced in 305 days, 9,042 pounds of milk, 447 pounds of fat, Lindale Avonlea Gladys, 162617, bred and owned by Maurice C. Beatty, Milton, as a Junior three year old produced in 301 days 7,268 pounds of milk, 412 lbs. of fat.

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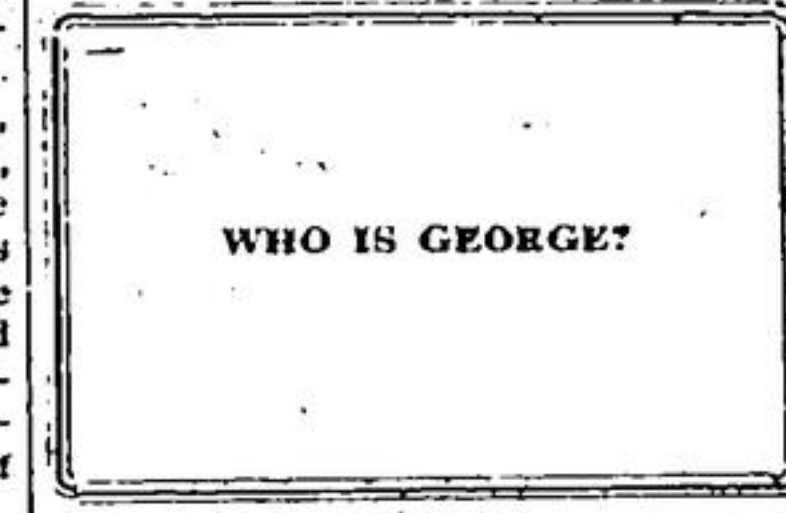
In the Estate of Jack Trevelyn (John) Gilbert, late of the Village of Glen Williams in the County of Halton, Papermaker, deceased.

The creditors of Jack Trevelyn (John) Gilbert, late of the Village of Glen Williams, in the County of Halton, Papermaker, deceased, who died on or about the 4th day of February, 1949, and all other having claims against his estate are hereby notified to send by post, prepaid, or otherwise to deliver to Messrs. Langdon and Aylsworth, Georgetown, Ontario, Solicitors for the undersigned, Executrix of the Estate of the said Jack Trevelyn (John) Gilbert, Papermaker, deceased on or before the 6th day of April, 1949, their names, addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities if any, held by them, and that immediately after the 6th day of April, 1949, the Executrix will proceed to distribute the estate of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the Executrix shall then have notice.

DATED this 23rd day of February, 1949.

Mary Gilbert, Executrix
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