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**CANADIAN  
PLOWMEN  
ABROAD**

by LYOT MOSES \* Director  
ONTARIO  
PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**  
This is the seventh and final of a series of weekly stories which Elliott Moses, a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, is writing about the visit of Canada's champion plowmen to the British Isles.

This is the final letter in the 1949 Canadian Plowmen Series. Our trip is over and we are back in Canada with a new knowledge of conditions in the old land.

We have also gained a still greater appreciation of our own country and the standard of living we enjoy here. Perhaps this is because more than once during our stay in Britain, we heard the opinion expressed that the people's lives are becoming nationalized to such an extent that they are gradually losing some of their rights as democratic citizens.

Whether this is true or not, we are not in a position to judge. Our general impressions of conditions in Britain are, on the whole, favourable. It is true that they are passing through strenuous and uncertain times and that the currency situation is bad. But on the other hand, despite privations, they remain cheerful and calm and seem to feel that their present difficulties are only temporary. We didn't find the same worrying about the future and about the possibility of war as there is in this country and certainly not nearly as much as in the United States.

**British Farms Highly Mechanized:**  
The farms we visited were not only mechanized but employed the most modern and efficient methods and had higher crop yields than Ontario farms. We were quite amazed at the advanced stage of mechanization of farms in Britain. The stables were spotless and the milk was handled so carefully that it was not exposed to the air before it reached the consumer.

During our travels we came in contact with the farmer, the industrialist and the ordinary business man. Strange to say, no one appeared to be in accord with the present labour government, yet all seem to feel that their program is the right one to pull the country together. Most of the people we talked to expressed the opinion that in the event of an election the government would be re-elected because its policy has been to improve conditions for the labour class which holds the balance of power. It is quite evident that the average citizen feels that the Labour Government has come to stay, for a while at least. If this is true, I believe one can expect to see the old governmental policies that have been adhered to for generations, greatly revolutionized.

We were interested to learn the average Britisher's reaction to the announcement of the government's new contract with Canada. Everywhere we met, particularly the farmers, seemed to regret and even resent the government's decision in this matter. The people expressed

sympathy for Canada and said the action was a poor return for the part Canada had played in the war and postwar years in providing men, money and supplies to help them through. However, they did feel that it was probably the only course open to the government in view of the country's critical dollar position.

While we were anxious to learn all we could about conditions in Britain, the British people appeared eager for information about Canada. Wherever we went we were besieged with questions. Some of course, were quite impossible to answer, like the man who asked if we knew his cousin in Saskatchewan.

When spokesman at social functions, I emphasized that in Canada there is a fine spirit of cooperation between the agricultural industry and business. As an example I cited the fact that Canadian firms have been most generous in donating prizes for our county and international matches and that the expenses of our trip were paid jointly by two companies.

**Need International Plowing Rules:**  
This is the third year that Canadian plowmen have visited Britain and I believe it has been profitable both for us and for the British farmers. However, there is an urgent need for greater uniformity in regulations, type of plows used and standards of judging at the matches. As things stand, the Canadians are at a disadvantage when competing in Britain and the same applies when the British compete in Canada.

British plowmen are anxious to participate in Canadian matches and plans are underway to make this possible. It is hoped that the English team will be able to get sponsors who will take care of their expenses on the same basis as the firms who sponsor us. A trust fund has been established for this purpose and Mr. L. A. Greene of Port Arthur, Ontario, is trying to interest Canadian business men in subscribing to this fund. Mr. Greene came from Workington, England, and is a vice-president and a Canadian representative of the Workington Agricultural Society. I sincerely hope Mr. Greene's efforts will be successful because these exchange visits are helpful in promoting understanding and cooperation between our two countries.

The boys and I have returned to Canada with a great admiration for the British people. With courage and a steadfast determination they are going about the task of building up their country.

All the people we met did everything possible to make our stay enjoyable and we shall always remember the kindness and hospitality. Our trip was well-planned from start to finish and we are indeed grateful to our sponsors, the Salada Tea Company of Canada Ltd. and Imperial Oil Ltd. We are also indebted to the plowing associations of Workington, Newquay,

### LIMEHOUSE

(last week)  
Col. and Mrs. Bourne visited at St. Catharines recently, where they attended a historical play at Ridley College in which their son, A. C. Bourne played a leading part.

Winners in euchre on Friday evening included:  
Ladies, 1st Mrs. Chas. Jones; 2nd, Mrs. Jas. Costigan; men's first, Mr. Cain; 2nd Mr. Batkin; Mrs. Ouke Mulder and Mr. Clarence Varey provided music for dancing with Mr. Jack Cain as floor-manager. The event was sponsored by the Hall Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills entertained a few near neighbours on Saturday evening. Winners at euchre were Mr. A. C. Patterson and Mrs. H. Norton with consolation going to Mr. S. Wright and Mrs. A. W. Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and Mr. Peter Mulder motored to Niagara Falls, N.Y. during the week-end.

The roof on the home of Mrs. Jas. Ross; check line, caught fire on Friday afternoon from a spark from the chimney, it was believed. Fortunately Mr. J. Ross, who was leaving for town shortly, noticed it before headway had been made and although help was called it was soon put out.

Mrs. Leslie Campbell and daughter Joan of Hamilton visited the Nortons on Sunday. Also Mr. and Mrs. Roy Latimer and Gloria of Georgetown.

Miss Lena Cox visited Miss Helen Shelbourne one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smethurst and

Jacqueline, of Toronto, were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Smethurst. Miss Marjorie Hall of Acton was a recent visitor with Mrs. Lang and Mrs. H. Norton.

At the marathon euchre in the Hall last night, first prizes went to Miss Nora Kranz and Mr. E. Miller, with seconds to Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mrs. Charles Meredith. Marjory Hall won the half-way prize. There were 11 tables of players.

### BALLINAFAD

(last week)  
Mr. Fred Gray held a very successful auction sale Saturday afternoon. Mr. Bernard Miller, has disposed of his property and will hold a sale early in April.

Mr. Alex Mitchell suffered a painful accident last week. When cutting wood the axe slipped from his hand and cut a deep gash in his leg.

Rev. and Mrs. O. R. Flindall visited last week with Mrs. Flindall's parents in St. Catharines.

Mrs. Walter Linham of Acton and daughter Linda spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. W. Sanderson.

Miss Alva McKechnie has returned home after convalescing for some weeks at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Jas. Crymble in Toronto.

Mrs. A. Vannatter of Georgetown spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kirkwood.

The evening auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. K. Cotton Friday night. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. G. Price and taken from the Missionary Monthly. The topic on "Doctors Old and New" was given by Mrs. N. Sinclair, in her usual capable manner. Mrs. T. MacLoughlin conducted a "purse" quiz which proved most interesting. The April meeting will take the form of a social evening. Miss Lydia Snow read an item on temperance. There were twelve members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McMillan are rejoicing over the birth of their baby daughter born Sunday, March 20th at Guelph Hospital.



Fred Astaire and Judy Garland musical "Easter Parade" at the comedy scene from the technicolor are "A Couple of Swells" in this Roxy next week.

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