



CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD
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Editor's Note:

This is the second of a series of weekly stories which V. C. Porteous, a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, is writing about the visit of Canada's champion plowmen to the British Isles, Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands.

London, England: It is just a little better than a week since we said goodbye to our relatives and friends in Canada and now we are in the great city of London. Our long anticipated "invasion" of the British Isles is now well underway. If the next few weeks prove to be as exciting as the past one, we'll certainly have a lot to talk about when we get home.

But to pick up where I left off in my last letter which was written the first day out on the Atlantic Ocean aboard the Queen Mary. As this was the first ocean voyage for all of us we never ceased to be amazed. The accommodation and service on that big ship — about a quarter of a mile long — was all that one could desire. We had coffee in bed every morning, which none of us get at home. We found the meals excellent and the menus had considerable variety.

There were facilities and services of every sort aboard including a swimming pool, bar, tennis court, gymnasium, library, bank, drug and general merchandise shops; even a hospital with doctors and nurses. Fortunately we didn't have to use the hospital but we found all the other services reasonable, in many cases more so than those to be had on land. The ship's crew were most obliging and even though the ship rolled a little, life on the ocean wave was indeed agreeable.



"The Queen" made good time crossing the Atlantic. At six a.m. of the fifth day out of New York she dropped anchor at Cherbourg, France. But she stayed only long enough to discharge some passengers and car-

go and we were soon on our way again to England. At one p.m. the "Queen" docked at Southampton, our destination.

Waiting on the dock to greet us were representatives of the Anglo-American Oil Co. They helped us clear customs and in a short time we were on the train to London. There we were met by officials of Ontario House and they escorted us to the Cumberland Hotel where we are installed.

For the benefit of those who did not read the first letter in this series I would like to explain that when I use "we" I mean Hugh Leslie, of Georgetown, Ontario and Herbert Jarvis of Agincourt, Ontario, gold medal winners in the Esso Champions Trans-Atlantic classes for tractor and horse plowing respectively at the International Plowing Match last October. Top prizes put up by Imperial Oil were all-expense-paid tours of the United Kingdom and Europe. I was appointed manager of the team by the Ontario Plowmen's Association, sponsor of the International matches.

On our first full day in London we went by train to visit the National Agricultural Experimental Machinery Institution which is operated by the Department of Agriculture of Great Britain. It is located at a place called Silsoe in Bedfordshire. It consists of 250 acres and was part of an estate formerly owned by the Duke of York, now King George VI.

There we met Mr. John Hawkins who has made an extensive study of plowing matches. When I mentioned that we in the Ontario Plowmen's Association are interested in setting up a standard method of plowing to be used at international matches throughout the world, instead of the variety of methods that are used today, he was in agreement. He offered to lend his assistance to any efforts we may make in that direction. This was gratifying and makes me feel that the day may not be long off when we will have a universal standard. Perhaps by the time I get back home there will be more to report on this matter.

Following day R. H. Staple-Ontario House took us on a plowing tour. We saw landmarks and dis-

no city in the world quite like London. Even though there are big gaps caused by flying bombs and air raids, it still has an air of grandeur and solidity. To these qualities may be added that of hominess. It is no wonder that our boys who were here during the war possess an affection for the city that is only exceeded by their love for their home town.

Our tour ended at the residence of Col. James S. P. Armstrong, Agent General for Ontario, where we were guests at lunch. It was an enjoyable affair and among the other guests was D. A. Bruce Marshall, agricultural secretary at Canada House, who is the son of the late Senator Duncan Marshall.

a former Ontario minister of agriculture.

Following lunch we were taken on a tour of the Houses of Parliament at Westminster. A special attendant explained details of the buildings and some of the customs and traditions that surround the "mother of parliaments". We were deeply impressed with all we saw and heard. As a former member of the Canadian parliament the visit was an experience I had looked forward to from the day I learned that I was to make the trip.

In the evening we were guests of Anglo-American at a dinner and a show. I had some difficulty in getting everything that was said, at the show, because it was delivered in that broad and proper English that is not, as you know, always spoken in Canada.

Opinions at this early stage are naturally subject to revision at a later date. Herb says the girls here aren't as pretty as they are at home and Hugh says he hasn't seen a new car since he arrived.

My first observations would be that England, more than five years after VE day, is still suffering from the effects of the war. This is evident in such things as the numbers

of old cars, the many buildings in need of repair and the old-fashioned and dilapidated railroad equipment.

After talking it over, we are agreed that the British people are facing and accepting their responsibilities with a fortitude and a forbearance that is to be admired. I think the secret lies in the fact that while they have less to eat, have fewer cars and do without many things that we take for granted, what matters most to them is that England survives. There can be no doubt that it will.

Tomorrow we fly to the continent to visit Denmark, Holland and Belgium. My next letter will be from Copenhagen. Till then, all the best from the Canadian plowing team.

The retiring president, Harvey Lusty was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members. The financial statement showed the association finances to be in good shape. Plans to hold a banquet for members and their wives next month were discussed and it is expected that the Brampton club will combine in this.

Corey Herrington was asked to conduct the election of officers. The new officers are: Harvey Lusty, past president; Percy Clark, president; Mayor Harold Cleave, Fred Chapman, Frank Benner, honorary presidents; Norman Ridler, 1st vice president; Thomas Clark, 2nd vice president; Clarence Spence, secretary treasurer; Directors — A. Wadlie, Milton; Carman Copland; A. Haddfield, Milton; E. Balley, Milton; William Turner, Campbellville; Cliff Ridler, Erin; Ken Weston, Erin; Corey Herrington, Jr.; George (Mac) Herrington, Roy Hills; P. Clark, auditor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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late of the Village of Glen Williams Married Woman, who died on or about the 31st day of December, AD 1950, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of February, A.D. 1951, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

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Montague Merryday, Executor of the estate of Lydia E. Merryday, by his Solicitors, Dale and 2-7 Bennett, Georgetown, Ontario.

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