



CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

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Editor's Note:

This is the third 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.

Copenhagen, Denmark: In the days when Vikings roamed the seas it probably took a week or more to sail between Denmark and England. Not being Vikings we decided to go by air rather than by sea and in about two hours flying time we had travelled from London to Copenhagen.

At first the air was "pockety" but it wasn't long before the big passenger plane had climbed high above a bank of clouds at an altitude of between 8,000 and 10,000 feet from then on it was smooth flying.

Except for that brief period after take-off and just before landing we didn't see much of the land below, but we saw enough to give us a "birds-eye view" of the two countries. The view is not only different from what you see when you look at the ground, the land looks flat and pale.

When we came to the Copenhagen airport a large number of people waiting to see us came to us. Among them was E. D. Cornett, of the Canadian Plowmen's Association, Denmark. Meeting Mr. Cornett here was quite a coincidence for he lived for a time in my home town, Owen Sound, Ontario, and I knew his father, Rev. A. D. Cornett, who was United Church minister there before moving, a few years ago, to Oshawa. We had quite a chat about old times.

That night we (Herbert Jarvis of Agincourt, the champion horse plowman, and Hugh Leslie of Georgetown, the champion tractor plowman, and myself) were guests of Knud Peterson of the Esso company in Denmark and I. H. de la Cour representing the CNR here at a dinner and show. It was a most enjoyable evening.

The next day we left the hotel about nine a.m. for a tour and to see a herd of Danish brown cattle at a farm not far from the city. As we entered one of the buildings I thought for a minute that I was back home or standing there as a milk machine exactly like one in use on my farm.

We were impressed with the cattle. About 70 per cent of all the cattle in Denmark, we were told, is of this breed. As the name indicates they are brown in colour, heavily constituted and good milkers with a fairly high test. The mature cows in this herd averaged about 1300 pounds in weight.

This large, well-kept dairy farm was once operated privately by several generations of one family. In 1902 they turned the farm and herd over to the government for experimental and demonstration purposes. Today stock from this farm is in demand all over Denmark, especially the bull calves for artificial insemination units.

We also visited an experimental station for pig breeding. About 300 animals were there under experiment for breed and feed. They are fed three times a day; we learned and individual records are kept of the progress of each pig.

We also had time to inspect an experimental milk processing plant. It is very much like those at home and being a model plant it is just about perfect in every detail.

When you realize that about 90 per cent of the land here is productive and nearly 80 per cent is actually farmed it is easy to understand why there are so many experimental and demonstration farms and stations. There are also many farm organizations such as co-operatives and special societies for the stimulation of breeding and other stock improvements. Nearly every farmer belongs to one or more of these organizations. This no doubt explains why Danish farm products are so highly regarded.

During our tour we visited Roskilde, formerly a residential town of Danish kings. It possesses a famous cathedral that dates back to the 12th century. It is so well preserved that it was hard to believe that the

main part of the sacred edifice is more than 800 years old.

This stately cathedral is the seat of the bishop of Zealand who is head of the Danish state church. It is quite a contrast to many of the churches in Denmark whose architecture is what you would call modernistic in design. Perhaps the most famous is Grundtvig's church in Copenhagen. It is a large yellow brick structure and resembles a pipe organ with the backs of pipes standing out from the sky.

And while we are on the subject of churches it is of interest to know that a state church which is Lutheran is established here but they just meet their financial obligations through private contributions.

I think this is enough for this letter although I could go on for pages about Denmark. It is a fascinating country much like Canada, and the Danes are very proud of it. As for the Danes I must say that you could not see to meet a



SCOUTNEWS

The Ladies-Auxiliary of the Boy Scouts held a successful baking sale on Saturday, January 27th. Thanks to Don Barranger for the use of his store, and thanks to all the ladies who cooperated.

Donald Livingstone's group had the highest number of points in the Little Beaver Cub pack on Friday.

Cubs B. Martin, D. Richardson, B. Carey, G. Spence, J. Potts, J. Dalton, R. Hyde, R. McGuigan, R. Hillier, R. Kidd, D. Jones, W. Adams, B. Farmer and P. Marshall of the Leaping Wolf Pack have completed their first star work under the leadership of Akela Don Hutchison and Baloo Jim Buck.

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Cub Jim Potts received a crest for gaining 24 1/2 points out of a possible 25 during the month of January in the Leaping Wolf Pack. The best Six had 90 points and each Cub R. McQuigan, R. Hillier, E. Klingbeil, R. Kidd, D. Jones and R. Harrison received a Cub Book.

A Paper Drive was held on Saturday and a total of about 5 tons was collected. Scouts and Cubs who participated in the drive were served lunch in the morning and afternoon.

Our thanks to Messrs. Lane and Kentner and Smith & Stone Ltd. for supplying trucks for the Paper Collection.

Citizens are requested to start saving paper now for the next collection which will be held in April. This will be our big drive and proceeds will help camp expenses.

Father & Son Banquet for Scouts, Cubs and dads will be held on Thursday, February 22nd.

Cub hour practice will be withdrawn this week. Resume practices next week.

The first paint pigment plant in Canada was built on the St. Lawrence river in 1887.



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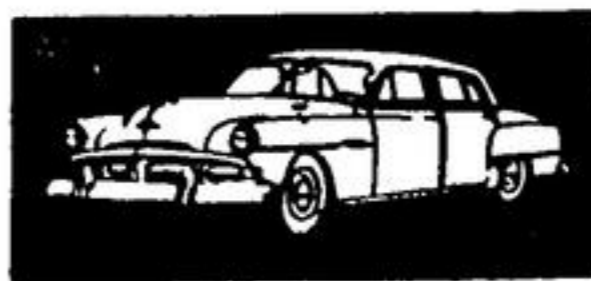
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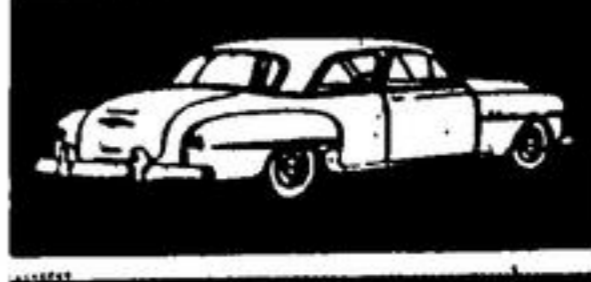
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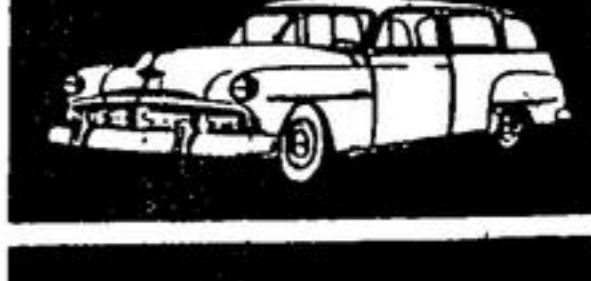
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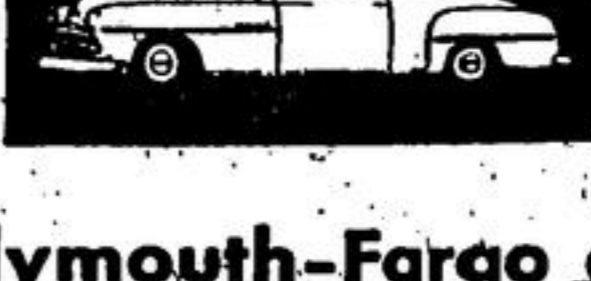
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