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**FARM NEWS**

**Panel Discussion for Crop Improvement Meet**

In a recent announcement issued by the Halton Crop Improvement Association we note a meeting open to the public is scheduled for the Farmers' Bldg., Milton on Friday, February 16th, at 1:30 p.m. The programme will include brief reports on some of the highlights of the annual convention of the Ontario Association recently held in Toronto. These reports will be presented by George S. Atkins, Bronte, and W. E. Breckon, of Freeman, who were the Halton delegates to this convention. The balance of the programme, we understand is to take the form of a panel discussion with Professor N. J. Thomas of the Soils Dept. at the OAC, and Prof. Jas. Laughland of the Dept. of Field Husbandry at the same institution, as members of the panel. Both men are recognized as experts in their respective fields and their attendance at a Halton meeting always ensures a packed auditorium.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE ESTATE OF John M. Coghill, Gentleman, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of John M. Coghill, late of the Town of Georgetown, Gentleman, who died on or about the 10th day of November, A.D., 1950, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 28th 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 they shall not then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, this 30th day of January, A.D., 1951.

Jessie Coghill, Executrix, of the Estate of John M. Coghill, by her solicitors, Dale and Bennett, Georgetown, Ontario.

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**CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD**

by V. C. PORTEOUS \* Director ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Editor's Note:**

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

Amsterdam, Netherlands — If I may be allowed to make one pun in this series of letters I'd like to say that we are now "in Dutch proper". We left Copenhagen, Denmark, by plane and landed in this famous Dutch city thirty minutes ahead of schedule because of a powerful tail wind.

The day was cloudless and we had a wonderful view of the earth below. Two things struck us as most unusual. These were the green fields at this time of year—(there being no snow or frost) and the network of waterways. Denmark is made up of about 300 islands while most of Holland, of course, is reclaimed from the sea. The waterworks of Denmark are irregular and from the air they look like rain fed streams, while those of Holland seem orderly, more like a system of well-laid-out streets. The districts, communities and even the farms in Holland are divided or bounded by these waterways, or canals, and most of the transportation is by water.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. I had better fill in on our last day in Denmark. We were taken about 20 miles north of Copenhagen to see Frederiksborg castle which was built nearly 400 years ago and took 60 years to complete. It is a massive structure with towers and steeples. Formerly it was the residence of the kings of Denmark but now is a public museum. It contains so many treasures connected with the history of Denmark that we felt it would take a week to see them all.

We had lunch at a restaurant overlooking the castle grounds and then returned to Copenhagen. In the evening we were guests at a dinner in one of the city's famous restaurants — The Viking. Among the guests were Mr. Cornett of the Canadian Legation in Denmark whom I mentioned in my last letter, and Harry Horne of the Canadian Legation in Norway, who comes from western Canada. The dinner was perfect in every way, as are most things in this country and it was with reluctance that we left to board the plane for Amsterdam.

When we landed at Amsterdam's airport we were again welcomed by a group of Esso representatives and government officials. In the group was Mr. Small of the Canadian Embassy here. This was another coincidence for his wife lived in Owen Sound a few years ago when her father, Ralph McNeill, was with the board of trade there. After we booked in at a hotel we were taken on a tour of the Hague, which is only a few miles from Amsterdam. It is a clean and tidy city and was one of the few large centres to escape comparatively undamaged from the Nazis invasion in 1940. It has many historical buildings including the Palace of Peace where the Permanent Court of International Justice presides. This is a handsome building set in the middle of beautifully landscaped grounds.



The next day we were up early and started out from the hotel at 8:30. We went first to visit the cooperative flower auction at Aalsmeer, which I would think is the largest of its kind in the world. The flowers sold there are shipped not only to the continent and the United Kingdom but to the U.S. and Canada the next day. I might mention that the flowers are brought to the auction by boat for canals run alongside every hot house and garden. We then went north and had lunch at Hoorn. While there we watched Friesian cattle being loaded for shipment to France. The exporting of cattle, which was knocked out by the war, is now pretty well back in full swing and is important business. Later we visited a farm of 80 acres where 80 head of Holsteins are maintained. While some feed for these cattle is bought outside most of the for-

age and silage and hay is grown on the farm, we were told.

After inspecting the farm we drove north to Leeuwarden to spend the night. In doing so we crossed over an 18-mile dyke which divides Yessel Lake from the North Sea. It is a remarkable piece of engineering.

Near this town I called upon the brother of a man who with his family migrated to our farm three years ago. There was much to tell him about how his brother had fared in the land of his adoption and much to hear of retelling when I return. But there was an element of sadness in being the mediator between brothers, who as he said, may not see each other again.

Perhaps you wonder how we manage to talk with the people in these foreign countries? We have found that if you take your time you can be understood by them and by the same token you can understand them. Nearly all the people we have met in Denmark and Holland have some knowledge of English, but it makes one wonder if some day there could not be an international language. This is a thought I'll leave with you until the next letter which will come from Belgium.

January 1st became generally accepted as the first day in the year in 1572.

From twelve noon to twelve midnight, a clock's minute hand passes the hour hand just ten times.

**HORNBY**

**MAY INSTAL HYDRO IN HORNBY CHURCH**

The annual Vestry meeting of St. Stephen's Church, Hornby was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brain on Wednesday January 31st. The meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Maxwell and the repeating of the Apostles' Creed. Mrs. John Bradley was appointed Vestry Clerk and the Rector acted as chairman. Following the reading of the minutes, reports were read by the Rector, copies of the financial report prepared by Mr. Ken Pewtress were distributed, the W.A. report was given by Mrs. Arthur Brain and in the absence of Mr. Foster Brain through illness, the Cemetery Report, was given by Mrs. Foster Brain.

During the business discussion which followed it was suggested that the possibility of installing hydro in the Church be investigated and

also that an attempt be made to secure vestments for the choir. The Cemetery Board was complimented on the general improvement of the Cemetery grounds.

In the election of officers which followed, Mr. Richard Weller was appointed to act as Rector's Warden and Mr. Kenneth Ella as People's Warden; Sec'y-Treas., Mr. Kenneth Pewtress; Advisory Committee: Messrs. Robert Orr, K. Pewtress, Guy Bussell, Wilfred Thompson; Sidesmen: Messrs. John Bussell, William Brain, Irvine Thompson, Orval Orr, John Bradley; Dick Course; Cemetery Board: Messrs. Foster Brain, John Orr, John Bussell, W. Robinson, Clifford Hunter. Auditors: Mr. Carl Saunders, Mr. John Bussell.

On behalf of the congregation the Rector thanked all those who had helped carry on the work of the Church during the past year. Following the Benediction Mrs. Brain and members of the W.A. served refreshments.

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