

## Nine Countries Already Entered In First World Plowing Match

Nine countries, including Canada, have confirmed their entries in the first world plowing championship to be held this October at Cobourg, John A. Carroll of Toronto, president of the World Championship Ploughing Organization, reported on his return from England. Mr. Carroll attended meetings of W.C.P.O. and the annual meeting of the British Ploughing Association.

Confirmed entries for the world match are expected from other countries. Four countries, said Mr. Carroll, have already chosen their national champions to compete at the match, and others will be selected within the next two months.

The first world plowing championship (restricted to two tractor classes) is being held by WCPO in conjunction with the Ontario Plowmen's Association's annual four-day International Match. The International will be held on the grounds of the Durham - Northumberland Counties Home Farm at Cobourg, Ontario, October 6 to 9.

To date, said Mr. Carroll, Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Eire, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Holland and Germany have confirmed their entries.

Britain will be represented by Leslie Dixon, tractor plowman of County Durham and Reginald Hogg, horse plowing champion from Yorkshire. Mr. Dixon has won some 80 first prizes in British plowing competitions since the war. He still has a long way to go to equal the record of his 73-year-old father who won 263 plowing first prizes and championships in 40 years. Both British entrants plan to enter some of the OPA open classes in addition to the world classes.

The Northern Ireland competitor, Robert J. Carse, Ulster's champion tractor plowman and a bachelor farmer from Carryduff near Belfast, will travel as a member of the British team. The team will be managed by a Scot, William Muirhead of Stirling, past vice president of British Ploughing Association, and a well known breeder and judge of Clydesdale horses, S. G. Powell, of Westmorland, president of British Ploughing Association, will accompany the party. Also from Britain will come Alfred Hall and G. T. Weir, secretary and treasurer of WCPO.

Ronald Sheane of Wicklow, and Thomas McDonnell of Louth will carry the banner for Eire. They became Southern Ireland champions at a special test match which saw Eire's top 10 plowmen compete for the national championship. Their manager will be J. J. Bergin, secretary of National Ploughing Association of Ireland for the past 23 years.

Norway's two national champions are Odd Braut and Olaf Nedberg. They will be managed by Tore Wilg.

Braut's plow is of Norwegian make and will be shipped to Canada in advance, along with plows for the British and Dutch teams.

Braut's 70-year-old father, Arne Braut, himself a plowman of note, intends to accompany his son to form the nucleus of a Norwegian cheering section.

The Swedish champions will be chosen next month at a National Plowing match at which the winner of 12 area competitions will compete. They will be managed by Bengt Svensson, a director of WCPO. The names of Finnish competitors and their manager have not yet been announced. The Dutch champions have not yet been chosen, but Arie Stehouwer has been named manager of the British team. Mr. Stehouwer intends to enter some OPA open classes himself.

West German world competitors will be chosen at the first federal plowing match at Cologne. Mr. Carroll said the stimulation of interest in match plowing in Germany was very gratifying to the WCPO. "Last November Germany spent special observers to the British National Match. They took lots of notes and asked many questions. They were very impressed by the fact that the British Ploughing Association was a democratic organization which assumed leadership rather than wait for the government to lead the way — a common attitude in Germany. They returned to Germany intent upon creating a similar organization."

Mr. Carroll said the measure of their success was that since last fall they have organized a series of area ploughing matches in which 36 horse and tractor area champions were named. From these 36 will be chosen the two world competitors.

### PRESENTATION MADE TO NEWLYWED

Presentation of an electric kettle was made to Bruce Melville on Thursday by members of the office gift club at Smith & Stone.

The presentation was in honour of his marriage on Saturday to the daughter of a minister at Deep River. Mr. Melville, who comes from Stirling, has been employed in the S&S office for the past year, making his home with Mrs. L. W. Dann. Mrs. Dann, Mr. Elmer C. Thompson and Miss Isabel Thompson were guests at the wedding on Saturday.

An insurance agent was filling out an application blank.

Agent—Have you ever had appendicitis?

Applicant—Well, I was operated on, but I wasn't sure whether it was appendicitis or the doctor's curiosity.

## Legion Notes

With Smith and Stone away on holidays as well as a good many others, the Legion is really quiet these days, although there was a crowd at last Friday night's party. Sam Tennant, still on the job running these affairs, and with his volunteer help, doing a pretty good job too.

With the forthcoming election next Monday, Provincial Command has been sending out bulletins called "Operation Citizenship." The Legion, being absolutely divorced from partisan politics of any description, nevertheless deplores the fact that many do not go out to vote and urges all members to get out and vote for the party of each individual's own choice, but to be sure and do it. They sent along a number of posters pushing this theme, as well as stickers. "So remember, vote as you like, but be sure and get out to exercise your franchise!"

The local Georgetown soccer team is drawing fair crowds, and we noticed at the last few games, there is each time an increasing number of members following the team. The boys put up a fine show too — each game being better than the previous one.

The secretary of the Imperial Section, Bob Muir, tells us that they sent a letter to the Queen congratulating her on her coronation, and have since received a letter back from her majesty, thanking them.

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