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Percy Saxe, who was associated with his father in operating the Georgetown Creamery until it was sold last month, returned to work Monday at the Oxford Picture Frame Co., in Toronto.

He will be associated with his brother-in-law Wally Cohen in operating the business established by his late father-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Saxe, who bought the D. G. H. Wright home on the 8th Lane when they moved to town, plan to continue living in Georgetown and he will be commuting to work in the city.

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**CANADIAN
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ABROAD**

By W. R. BULLOCK, Past President
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Editor's Note:

William Bullock of Camlachie, Ont., past president of Ontario Plowmen's Association, and manager of the Canadian plowing team at the second annual world plowing match at Killarney, Ireland, recently returned to Canada with team members James Eccles of Brampton, Ont., and Robert Timbers of Stouffville, Ont. This is his third and final report on the trip.

Some of the most interesting and unusual things we saw on our trip to the plowing match were not in Ireland at all, but in Scotland, which we toured before the match began.

The most notable thing I remember about the Scottish countryside was the way in which the thrifty Scots make use of every inch of land available.

For example, on one car trip through the Loch Lomond area, in the Highlands, my two plowmen, Jim and Bob got out to talk to a man who, as it turned out, was planting trees high on the rocky hillside where no trees ever grew before. Under a government scheme, these trees were to be left for a generation or more, and then logged off to be made into lumber. He explained that the tree planting machine with a big disc that piles up what little soil there was in a ridge. The trees are planted in this narrow ridge of earth. He said they have so much rain there that the trees will grow on top of these furrows, with very little earth covering their roots.

We could well believe what the man said about rainfall there, too, for it was mid autumn and the fields still had acres and acres of uncut wheat standing in them.

We were told later that the Scottish farmers faced a tough winter ahead because the rain had prevented them from harvesting much of their crops.



James Eccles

Another thing that amazed us about the Highlands was the way in which the farmers let their sheep roam away up in those mountains. As high as the eye could see through the mist, there were sheep grazing on the mountain grass. The Scottish farmer's sheep is just about as free as any domestic animal can be, for few of the pastures have fences, and it's a common experience for drivers to have to stop their cars and hunk at a herd of sheep standing or lying unattended in the middle of the road.

The sheep ranchers in Scotland use a system of marking their animals that is perhaps better even than the North American system of branding cattle. They mark each sheep with a bit of colouring across its back, just above the rump. Each owner has his own special colour and thus can pick out his own sheep even from a

considerable distance. Previously this colouring was some kind of a tar compound which used to spoil the wool and consequently cut down the yield. But lately they have begun using a newly developed colouring compound that will remain as long as it's needed but can be removed at the woolen mills.

The crops in Scotland are, pretty much the same as in all other parts of the British Isles and Ireland, consisting of such items as wheat, barley, turnips and potatoes. And of course the Scots also grow that grain specialty of theirs, oats, which are not found in such quantity in other parts of the British Isles.

Living standards on the average Scottish farm don't seem as high as our own, yet the average Scottish farmer seems to live comfortably enough, making use of modern methods and equipment to a considerable extent.

Scotland has a custom much the same as the one I learned about in Ireland and described in my last report, that of holding a "fair day" or market day at regular intervals, so farmers can sell their livestock and produce direct to the public.

One interesting thing I found in Scotland though, was that the farmer gets generous subsidies whenever his produce fails to bring what the government considers a fair price.

This is all done according to a grading system and for example, if Grade B beef had a price set at, say, 25 cents a pound and the best the farmer could get on the open market was 21 cents, then he



Robert Timbers

would receive another four cents a pound from the government, as a subsidy.

At the same time each farmer is striving to improve the grade of his livestock and produce, because if he can manage to get an "A" grade, he is automatically guaranteed a higher, fixed price than is being paid for Grade B.

I'm no economist, so I can't venture an opinion as to how this system affects the economy as a whole, but it must certainly provide the farmer with a pretty stable market situation.

**James O'Connor Was
County Bridge Builder**

James O'Connor, 69, died on Thursday, December 23 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton.

He leaves his wife, Edith Rogers, a daughter, Vera; Mrs. Allan Maltby, four sons, Warren, Alfred and Roger of Brampton and Stanley of Georgetown; four sisters, Mrs. Dan O'Connor, Toronto; Mrs. Russell Cudmore, Toronto; Miss Terence Kelly, Milton and four brothers, Hugh, John and Adrien of Milton and Leo of Port Credit. One daughter predeceased him two years ago.

Mr. O'Connor was born and lived the greater part of his life in Halton county, where he and his brothers built the cement bridge on highway No. 2 at Port Credit and Bronte. Later he farmed for a number of years in Milton. Moving to Brampton 10 years ago, he and his sons engaged in the building trade.

The funeral was held from the David McClure funeral home to St. Mary's Church. Interment was in Brampton Cemetery.

The pallbearers were two sons-in-law, Lawrence Maltby, Allan Maltby, and four former Milton neighbours, Wilbert Ford, Robert Brownridge, William Devlin, and Cecil McCann.

SILVER-WOOD

**JOHN GLYNN IS
STONE SCHOOL TRUSTEE**

The annual meeting of the Stone School S.S. No. 16 on the 7th Line was held on Wednesday evening, December 29th, 1954. Charles Greig, chairman of the Board, outlined the improvements and activities accomplished during the year, and the question of insurance for the children and the area situation was discussed at some length.

Robert Miller, the retiring trustee, was nominated for re-election, and in declining the nomination, he spoke briefly on the school activities during his six years as trustee.

John Glynn was also nominated, and as there were no further nominations, Donald Lindsay, chairman of the meeting, declared Mr. Glynn elected by acclamation.

The complete Board of Trustees for the year 1955, is as follows: Charles Greig, George Henderson, John Glynn, and Miss Charlotte McCullough, secretary.

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