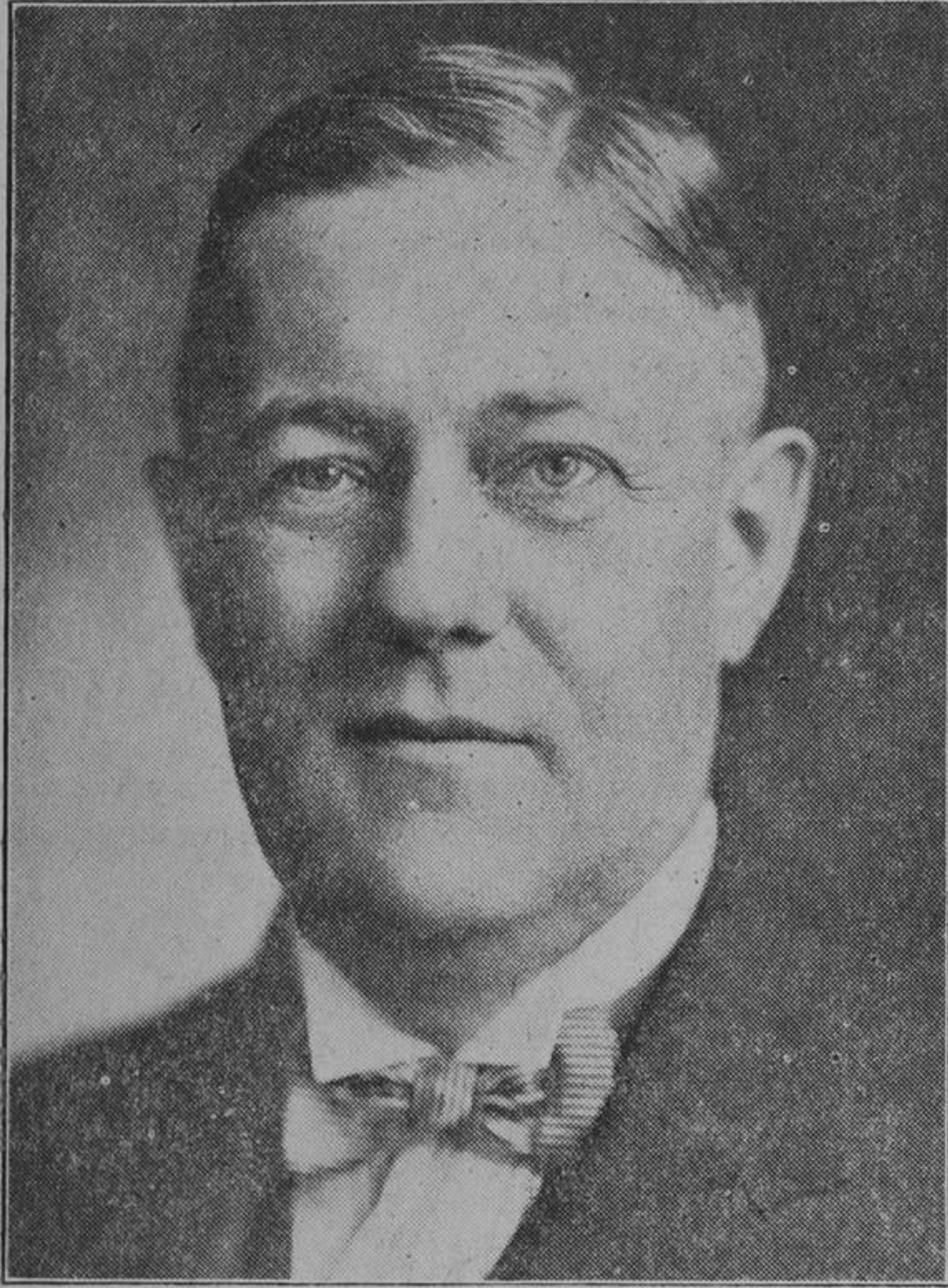


Welcome Thrice Welcome Visiting Plowmen YORK COUNTY GREETES YOU

A MESSAGE FROM ONTARIO'S MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE



HON. J. S. MARTIN

Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, and one of the Patrons of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

Plowing is one of the very earliest methods of cultivation of the soil. Unchanged in principle throughout the centuries it has in practice been revolutionized in method. In its fundamental importance, however, it holds its place in spite of all the changes and improvements which the years have witnessed. Hence the encouragement of plowing matches, which stimulate renewed interest, is a matter of first importance. We welcome the coming of the big International event which is taking place this year in York County. It has established a unique place for itself in the agricultural activities in this Province. It attracts many of the best plowmen of the Province and also provides an opportunity for the demonstration of the latest machinery. I have pleasure through these columns in extending my greetings and trust this great annual event will have the local and general support which it has enjoyed in the past.

JOHN S. MARTIN,
Minister of Agriculture

WELCOME TO MARKHAM TOWNSHIP

Markham Township the scene of the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration bids you welcome and hopes that your stay will be profitable and enjoyable. Markham is the home of many expert plowmen and they are glad of this opportunity of welcoming their fellow plowmen from all parts of the Dominion. On behalf of the Township I welcome you and wish the 1927 Match and the Ontario Plowmen's Association every success.

W. C. GOHN,
Reeve of Markham Township



W. C. BARRIE

Of Galt, director of Ontario Plowmen's Association. Here we have a real live wire a plowman of championship calibre, a judge of excellent standing, and a hard worker in the interests of the plowing match. He has been a director for many years, and was president of the association in 1919. He has specialized in judging and jointer plowing, and will be seen in action at the match this week, both as a judge and as a plowman, as he is one of those who will drive a team and plow against the tractors.



D. D. GRAY

Of Ottawa, a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and a past president of the organization. He is a real farmer from both a scientific and practical standpoint. He is superintendent of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, and in that position he is of constant service to the farmers of the Province of Ontario. He was elected a director of the Association some seven years ago, and has always taken an interest in its affairs. Mr. Gray is himself a good judge of plowing, and can plow a good straight furrow.

THE LIBERAL unites with the people of York County in extending to the Ontario Plowmen's Association and all the visitors to the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration a most hearty welcome. It is our sincerest wish that the match may be an unqualified success and that every visitor may enjoy the visit to the full.

York County as the birthplace of the Ontario Plowmen's Association appreciates the honor of being selected as the site of what has now become a great international event. It is an honor that will be remembered with pride in future years, and an honor that will result in lasting good to the people irrespective of their calling or occupation. It is fitting that the Plowmen's Association which first saw light of day as a struggling infant in this county less than twenty years ago should return to York in the year of its crowning success which 1927 promises to be.

The object of a Plowing Match is to encourage good plowing. It is the fundamental operation in Agriculture and the basis of good farming. Successful farmers are generally good plowmen. The craftsmanship that is inseparable from good cultivation of the soil manifests itself in every act of the farmer. It has been observed that the best plowmen in the community are not only the best farmers, but, generally speaking, the best and most influential citizens."

Every agency promoting better cultivation of the land is adding to the earning power of the farmer, advancing the prosperity of the community and increasing the wealth of the nation. The first requisite to successful grain growing is good plowing. This has long been recognized by the most advanced farmers and urged upon all engaged in the smallest way in agriculture. The Ontario Plowmen's Association endeavours to encourage good plowing and in their effort deserve the support of citizens in all walks of life.

WELCOME PLOWMEN, may you all plow straight furrows and if you do not win a prize may you have an enjoyable time anyway, and may the best man win. And may your efforts to plow a straight furrow be a source of inspiration to your fellow men to likewise in their journey through life endeavour so to live that when their earthly life is ended it may be said of all of us "he plowed a straight furrow."

ALL HONOR TO THE PLOW.

Let the world pay tribute to the plowshare in an age of remarkable achievement in mechanical inventions. Let us pay homage to the greatest invention of all time "the two handled plow" by means of which man has all through the years been able to gain a livelihood from Nature.

STRAIGHT FURROWS

To plow a straight furrow has been the advice given countless generations. There has always been a fascination about the art of plowing. The first plowman scratched the soil with a piece of wood and the evolution of the plow is one of the most interesting studies in civilization itself.

Soon the aboriginal plowman had fashioned plows for which he used his wives as the motive power. For many hundreds of years woman, the chattel of man, was also his beast of burden, such labor being beneath the dignity of primitive man. Times changed and the horse became the dragger of the plow and for many hundreds of years the horse remained, and still remains the puller of the plow. In many lands oxen were used, still are in use.

Then came the mechanical age and the tractor and the many-bladed plow. The use of tractors is extending, although the great bulk of the world's plowing is still done with horses and oxen.

Lowell, the poet, painted his ideal man as follows:
"A sensible man, He stays to his home and looks arter his folks;
He draws his furrer as straight as he can,
An' into nobody's tater-patch pokes."

AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

The great International Plowing Match held in York County this week brought together men from all parts of the province in keen and friendly contest in one of the oldest arts of civilization. THE ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION BY DEVELOPING AND PERFECTING THIS ART WHICH HAS PLAYED SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART DOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE ITSELF WINS A PLACE AMONG THE GREATEST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF OUR AGE.



J. A. GREENE

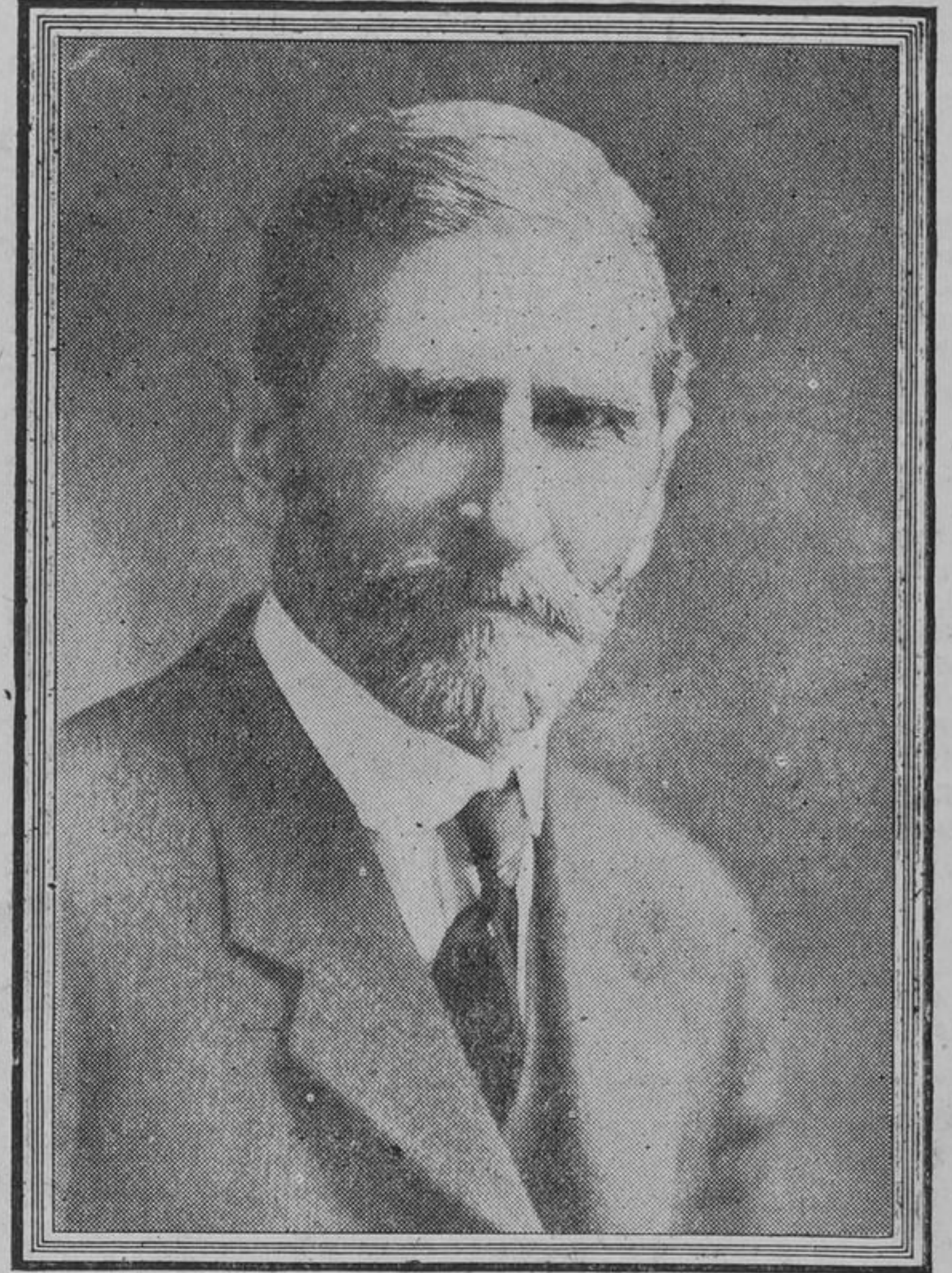
Of Richmond Hill, chairman of the Grounds and Concessions Committee. The business of this very important committee was efficiently handled much credit for which is due to Mr. Greene who devoted a great deal of time to the work. It is said if you want a job done right pick out a busy man, and the saying proved true in the choice of the chairman of the Grounds and Concessions Committee.



A. J. H. ECKHARDT

Honorary President of the Ontario Plowmen's Association. He is well known throughout York County and many are the organizations especially Agricultural Societies and Plowmen's Associations which benefit by his generosity.

"THE MAN AT THE HELM"



J. LOCKIE WILSON

Secretary and Managing Director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association on whose shoulders rest the major responsibility for the success of the great event being held in York County this week. But his shoulders are broad and he carries out the duties of office with grace and ease which indelibly mark him as the "right man in the right place." Undoubtedly he is the centre round which the whole organization of the big match revolves. He was largely responsible for the organization of the Ontario Plowmen's Association in 1913, when he gathered together a number of the representative plowmen of the province and put forward his project. He was elected secretary and managing director, and has held that post since its inception. His official position is superintendent of the Agricultural, Horticultural, Vegetable Growers' and Plowmen's Associations Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. His duties in this position are varied and numerous. As managing Director of the Plowmen's Association, Mr. Wilson carries out the planning of the details of the plowing match in a most efficient and painstaking manner. He is a shrewd judge of farming and farm conditions, and he has already created a very favorable impression on those who are handling the local end of the event.



WM. DOHERTY

Of Toronto, treasurer of The Ontario Plowmen's Association. Mr. Doherty can lay claim to much credit for the formation of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, and the inauguration of the annual provincial plowing match. Though now retired from actual farming, he has a fine record as a farmer. He was for many years superintendent of the famous Kilgour farm, near Markham, in East York and it was on this farm that the provincial plowing match was held for the first two years. Old timers still remember the splendid manner in which the visitors to this match were royally welcomed and treated on these occasions. Mr. Doherty was formerly secretary of the East York Plowing Association, in which he took a great interest. He has been a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association since its formation in 1913, and was president in 1916.



JAMES McLEAN

Of Richmond Hill, director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and president of the York County committee in charge of the big match. He is well known as an honored veteran in the plowing game and knows it from A to Z. He has been a director of the provincial association since its inception in 1913 and his great practical knowledge has been a tower of strength to the organization. He is a former grand champion plowman of Ontario having won that honor in 1904, 1905 and 1906. He is well known throughout Ontario on account of his varied activities in all Agricultural matters, his services being greatly in demand as a judge of plowing. He also judges field crop competitions and is active in the Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions Association. He has worked hard to make the 1927 match a success and his wide experience was a great assistance to the local committee.