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**CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD**  
by **ELLIOTT MOSES** ★ Director  
ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of weekly stories which Elliott Moses, a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, is writing about the visit of Canada's champion plowmen to the British Isles.

**FLASH — Canadians Win Northern Ireland Event**

Belfast, Feb. 9 — Three Canadian plowmen won prizes on February 9, at the International Plowing Match held at Limavady, near Belfast, Northern Ireland, according to Canadian Press reports. More than 50,000 spectators watched the match.

The winners, Alvin J. Mark of Cameron, near Lindsay, who also won the Visitor's Cup, Robert Timbers of Stouffville, near Toronto and Rhys Bacher of Hagersville, near Hamilton, placed first, second and third respectively in their class which was one of seven events at the meet. They are three of the five Canadian farmers who were awarded a trip to Britain at the International Plowing Match held at Lindsay, Ont., last October.

In addition to the Northern Ireland Match, the Canadians have been among the prize winners at two other plowing matches — the West England Champion Plowing Match at Newquay, Cornwall and the Empire Plowing Match at Worthington, England. Alvin Mark and Rhys Bacher came second and third in their respective classes at the West England Match and Alvin Mark and Wilbert McFaddin placed first and fourth respectively in a general purpose horse plowing class at the Empire Plowing Match.

Workington: Following the West England Plowing Match in Newquay, Cornwall, the boys and I toured the surrounding countryside before leaving for the Empire Plowing Match at Worthington in the north of England. At Workington for the second time within a few days Canadians were among the prize winners at a British plowing match.

Our travels of the past few days have accordingly given us an opportunity to see and contrast farming conditions in southern and northern England.

**Farming in Cornwall**  
Adding to the charm and beauty of the Cornish countryside are the well-kept farms with their hedges and fences made of stone and earth with shrubbery growing along the top. Many of the hedges are said to be four or five hundred years old.

We were impressed with the size of the Cornish farms, which seem to be larger than farms in other parts of England. The average is around three to four hundred acres. Each farm has four or five tractors and men to operate them as well as all the latest types of farm machinery.

The cattle are said to be good beef cattle and produce fair quantities of high testing milk, averaging about 4 per cent. We had our first look at the Northern Devon cow, which is a popular breed in this part of the country. It is a very large animal resembling our short horn breed only larger.

Stabling and large barns are not necessary in Cornwall due to the uniform mild weather and this of course cuts down very much on the cost of operation. In the winter months, cattle are fed in the fields and loads of turnips, cabbage, hay and straw are spread over the fields at intervals during the day.

Before leaving for Workington we were entertained at a farewell dinner by the hospitable residents of Newquay.

**The Empire Plowing Match**  
We reached Workington the following evening after a journey of 600 miles. Needless to say we were pretty tired but after a good night's rest the boys and I were up early and ready to start for the plowing fields.

It was early when we reached the field but even so there were a good number already there. We could see that these English plowmen really take their plowing seriously. Later we discovered that 65 had entered the competition.

Our boys, using strange horses and tractors and competing against England's best plowmen, were under a serious handicap. Realizing this and in an effort to make the events more competitive, the committee suggested the classes they should enter. This of course was a wise move.

The ground at Working is quite different from Cornwall, being hilly rather than flat. So rolling were the fields that our boys in the horse-drawn classes couldn't see from one end of the field to the other. The soil was different too. Instead of the light loam of the Cornish earth, the Workington soil was dark and heavy and full of stones. Three tractors used in the test broke down in the rough ground.

Alvin Mark and Wilbert McFaddin the Salada horse plowmen, were entered in a small general-purpose class and both succeeded in winning prizes. Alvin came first and Wilbert fourth. Alvin had difficulty with his team at first for one of the horses had been yoked to a plow only a few days before. However, after cutting his first six furrows, he was complete master of his horses.

The tractor classes were more keenly contested but our plows were so different that Rhys Bacher and Bob Timbers, the Esso champions were not in the money when the judging was completed.

**Need For Uniformity In Plowing Rules**  
After watching two British plowing matches and checking on the types of plows used, I am quite convinced that we cannot expect too much of our boys until we either change our plows to conform to the old country type or have the boys come over a week in advance to practice with the plows used here. The type of plows used and the method of scoring as compared with

**Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS**  
In the Estate of Frances Atkinson Deceased.  
Creditors of Frances Atkinson, late of the Village of Richmond Hill, in the County of York, Widow, who died at New Gormley Post Office in the said County of York, on or about the 29th day of November, 1948, are requested to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned Administrator on or before the 26th day of March 1949, after which date her estate will be distributed among the persons entitled thereto and the Administrator will not be liable for any claims of which he has not then received notice.

Dated at Toronto, Ont., February 14th, 1949.  
William D. T. Atkinson, 586 Drive-way, Ottawa, Ont., Administrator, by Malone, Malone and Montgomery, 255 Bay St. Toronto, Ont., Solicitors. c3w34

**Notice to Creditors**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE Estate of WILBUR HALL SKEELE, late of the City of Glenora, in the State of California, Esquire, deceased —  
ALL PERSONS having any claim against the late Wilbur Hall Skeele who died on or about the 15th day of September 1946 or against his estate are required to send particulars of their claim to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of March 1949 after which date the assets of the Estate will be distributed, having regard only to those claims of which notice shall then have been received.  
DATED at the City of Toronto this 14th day of February 1949 by WILLIAM COOK & GIBSON, 912 FEDERAL BUILDING, Toronto 1, Ontario, Solicitors for the Executrix

**Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS**  
In the Estate of Helen Louise Vanderveer, Deceased.  
All persons having claims against the Estate of Helen Louise Vanderveer, late of the Township of King in the County of York, Doctor of medicine, deceased, who died on or about the 11th day of November, 1948, are hereby notified to send the particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of March, 1949 after which date the assets of the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the executor shall then have notice.  
DATED at Toronto this 14th day of February, A.D. 1949.  
A. A. SHUYLER, Executor.  
320 Bay Street, Toronto

**Notice to Creditors**  
In the matter of the Estate of Frederick A. Clark, late of the Village of Richmond Hill, in the County of York, Retired Farmer, deceased.  
NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 56 of the Trustees Act, R.S.O., 1937, Chapter 165, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said Frederick A. Clark, who died on or about the 8th day of February, 1949, are required, on or before the 15th day of March, 1949, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to the undersigned, solicitors for the executors of the last will and testament of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars, in writing, of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the security, if any, held by them.  
And take notice that after such last mentioned date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which it shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received at the time of such distribution.  
REYCRRAFT AND MacDONALD, 45 Richmond Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario  
Solicitors for Wesley Clark and George Barker, the Executors of the said Estate.  
DATED at Toronto, this 15th day of February, A.D. 1949. c3w35

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3. Recent fiction, which is in great demand, may be kept out for seven days only, all others for two weeks.  
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5. No book may be taken out until outstanding fine is paid.  
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