

Canadian Plowmen Abroad

Edinburgh: Our tour of the Scottish farms around Elinburgh has been one of the most profitable experiences of our trip so far. We have had several days in this area before proceeding to Glasgow and then to Ireland.

We are very favorably impressed with the general standard of agriculture in Britain. However, it must be admitted that both in England and Scotland the farms we have visited are the best in each district and perhaps not entirely typical.

One of the first stops on our route was a 200-acre truck gardening farm. The seasons here are ahead of ours and we noticed lettuce and some other vegetables beginning to peep through the soil. At least 25 varieties of vegetables are grown on this farm, which during the war years provided the government with 5,000 acres of vegetables annually. The owner, Mr. R. L. Scarlett, told us that he employed 60 men the year around and in the growing and harvesting season often hired an additional number of men and women. The women in this country are just as active in the fields as the men. After watching them at work we wondered if we might suggest something similar for Canadian women.

Potato Growing
Potatoes were the main crop on another farm we visited. Potato growing is quite a thriving industry in many sections of the land and we found the procedure most interesting. Flat boxes, containing about 50 lbs. of seed potato in each box, are laid out in single layers for sprouting purposes and stacked one on top of another to the roof of the building. While in this position only one sprout appears to develop on each potato. The potatoes are then planted by hand and great care is taken not to break off the sprouts which, the farmers claim, help the potatoes to mature several weeks earlier than if planted without sprouting.

The potato crop is sold in the field, the buyer doing his own harvesting and supplying his own men who are housed by the owner of the farm in dwellings that must measure up to the government's regulations on housing.

At the Ross farm where Ayrshire cattle are bred in large numbers, we were shown a herd of 130 milking cows and young stock, totalling in all 300 head. The stables, as in other places we inspected, are adjoining the house and are kept as clean and neat as the house itself. These stables were the most modern of any we saw, with plenty of light and ventilation.

The milking is done by machine, bottled on the farm and then taken to the city in the farm's own trucks. Mr. Ross keeps the large herd mainly for milk production and very few head are sold for breeding purposes.

SALE REGISTERS

FRI., MARCH 11, 1949 — Important Extensive Auction Sale of Farm Stock, implements, hay, grain, etc. including near new IHC Tractor, new spreader on rubber, new fertilizer sower, herd of high class Registered and Grade Dairy Holstein Cattle; on lot 3, con. 9, Markham Twp., 1 1/4 miles south of Stouffville. Property belonging to Joe Olszewski. Sale at 1 p.m. sharp. Terms cash. No reserve farm sold. Ken & Clarke Prentice, auctioneers.

SAT., MARCH 12 — Auction sale of farm stock, implements, power machinery, hay, grain, etc., the property of Walter Proctor, Lot 100, Con. 1, Yonge St., East Gwillimbury. Terms cash. Sale at 12:30 sharp. No reserve as farm has been sold. L. S. Mount, clerk, F. N. Smith, auctioneer, phone Newman 187J. c3w35

TUES., MARCH 15, 1949 — Auction Sale of Goodison threshing machine farm stock, implements, hay, grain etc., on lot 11, con. 6, Pickering Twp. on No. 7 Highway at Greenwood. Property of Oscar Raine. Sale at 1 p.m. Terms cash. No reserve, proprietor quitting farming. Ken and Clarke Prentice, auctioneers.

WED., MARCH 16 — Farm Stock and implements, Holstein cattle, Wallace 12-20 Tractor on steel, hay and grain, furniture, at lot 4, con. 2, Etobicoke Twp. 1 mile west of Woodbridge, 1 1/2 south of No. 27 Highway and 1 east of No. 27 highway. The property of Henry Burnett. Sale at 1 p.m. Terms cash. A. S. Farmer, auctioneer.

WED., MARCH 16 — Important Auction sale of farm stock, implements, hay, grain, etc., on lot 6, con. 2 Vaughan Twp., on No. 7 Highway, 1 1/4 miles west of Thornhill. Property belonging to L. H. Hicks. Sale at 1 p.m. Terms cash. No reserve, farm sold. Ken & Clarke Prentice, auctioneers.

THURS., MARCH 17 — Important and extensive Auction Sale of almost new modern farm machinery, tools, dairy equipment, approx. 200 to 300 tons of first class hay and oat straw etc., on lot 12, con. 4, North York Twp. at Downsview. Property of F. D. Hubert. Sale at 1 p.m. Terms cash. No reserve as proprietor quitting and farm being sub-divided. On Keele Street 1/4 mile north of Wilson Ave. and 5 miles south of No. 7 Highway. Anyone needing farm equipment should attend this sale as mostly all equipment is nearly new. Sale includes New Holland pick-up hay baler, M-H tractor, side rake, John Bean (quick haymaker) mower, bale field loader, Bale elevator milking machine; furniture, including combination electric range, chesters, etc. Watch for posters. Ken and Clarke Prentice, auctioneers.

FRIDAY, MAR. 18 — Auction sale of farm implements and machinery, furniture, etc. on lot 7, con. 3 Markham Twp., Leechwood Farm, property belonging to B. R. Leech. Sale at 1 p.m. Terms cash. No reserve, farm sold. Ken and Clarke Prentice, auctioneers.

SATURDAY, MAR. 19 — Auction sale of farm stock, dairy cattle, implements, hay, grain, roots, furniture, etc., on lot 1, con. 8 Markham Twp., property of Bert Coxworth. Sale at 1 p.m. Terms cash. No reserve, farm sold. Ken and Clarke Prentice, auctioneers.

The raising and breeding of cattle is still one of the most important industries in Scotland. We visited several stock farms, including the F. McGillivray Farm at East Lothian. Mr. MacGillivray, one of the most noted shorthorn breeders of Scotland, is a great believer in fresh air. Overhead ventilators in the stables provide a plentiful supply for the animals without causing a draught.

Many of the best cattle on the farms we inspected were being prepared for the great Perth-Aberdeen Angus sale. It was a treat to see these well-fed animals some of which were so fat they were barely able to navigate.

A Plowman In Distress
We had an experience at one of the stock farms which seems funny to us now but certainly was not amusing at the time, particularly to Rhys Bacher. While we were looking over a herd, Rhys lingered behind in a pen of four young bulls. The herdsmen, thinking all were out, closed the door and bolted it. A few seconds later we heard shouts for help and we all rushed back to discover the trouble. Then we saw Rhys cornered by four beautiful young bulls who apparently were napping up their minds just how and where they should begin their attack. Rhys later claimed that he was not scared, but he didn't look exactly at his ease when the herdsmen came to his rescue.

Visit to a 2,000 acre Farm
Possibly the most interesting farm on our journey of the Edinburgh area was the 2,000-acre St. Cuthbert's Co-operative Society farm.

A herd of 150 Ayrshire milking cows are kept on the farm and the milk is handled in a most scientific manner. The milking room or parlour as it is called, consists of individual stalls for each cow. While the milking machine is in operation, the cow receives her ration of grain or commercial feed. The milk is weighed and then sent to the cooler and bottling machine after which it is ready for the market.

In addition to the milking cows, 350 feeding cattle are kept to supply the company's meat shops. Most of the feed for the cattle is grown on the farm. There are also 1,000 registered pigs, 150 of which are breeding sows of the large Chester White breed. The Society has a world-wide market for all pigs bred for breeding purposes.

The cattle and pigs are housed in the most modern and elaborately finished buildings. In addition to our tour of Scottish farms we also visited many places of historical interest but space does not permit me to tell you about them now. In my next letter, which will be written from Ireland, I'll describe our sight-seeing tours of two famous Scottish cities — Elinburgh and Glasgow.

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 27th 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 14, 1949.

William D. T. Atkinson, 586 Drive-way, Ottawa, Ont., Administrator, by Malone, Malone and Montgomery, 55 Bay St. Toronto, Ont., his Solicitors. c3w34

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE Estate of WILBUR HALL SKEELE, late of the City of Glendale, 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 Executor.

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 Trustee 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 of their 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.

REYCRAFT AND MacDONALD, 45 Richmond Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario
Solicitors for Wesley Clark and George Barker, the Executors of the said Estate.

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