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Comprehensive Address on Agriculture in the North

Address by Mr. C. W. Wright, of Enghart, Given at the Banquet Tendered by the City of Toronto to the Northern Crusaders on Tuesday Evening, Sept. 6th, 1927.

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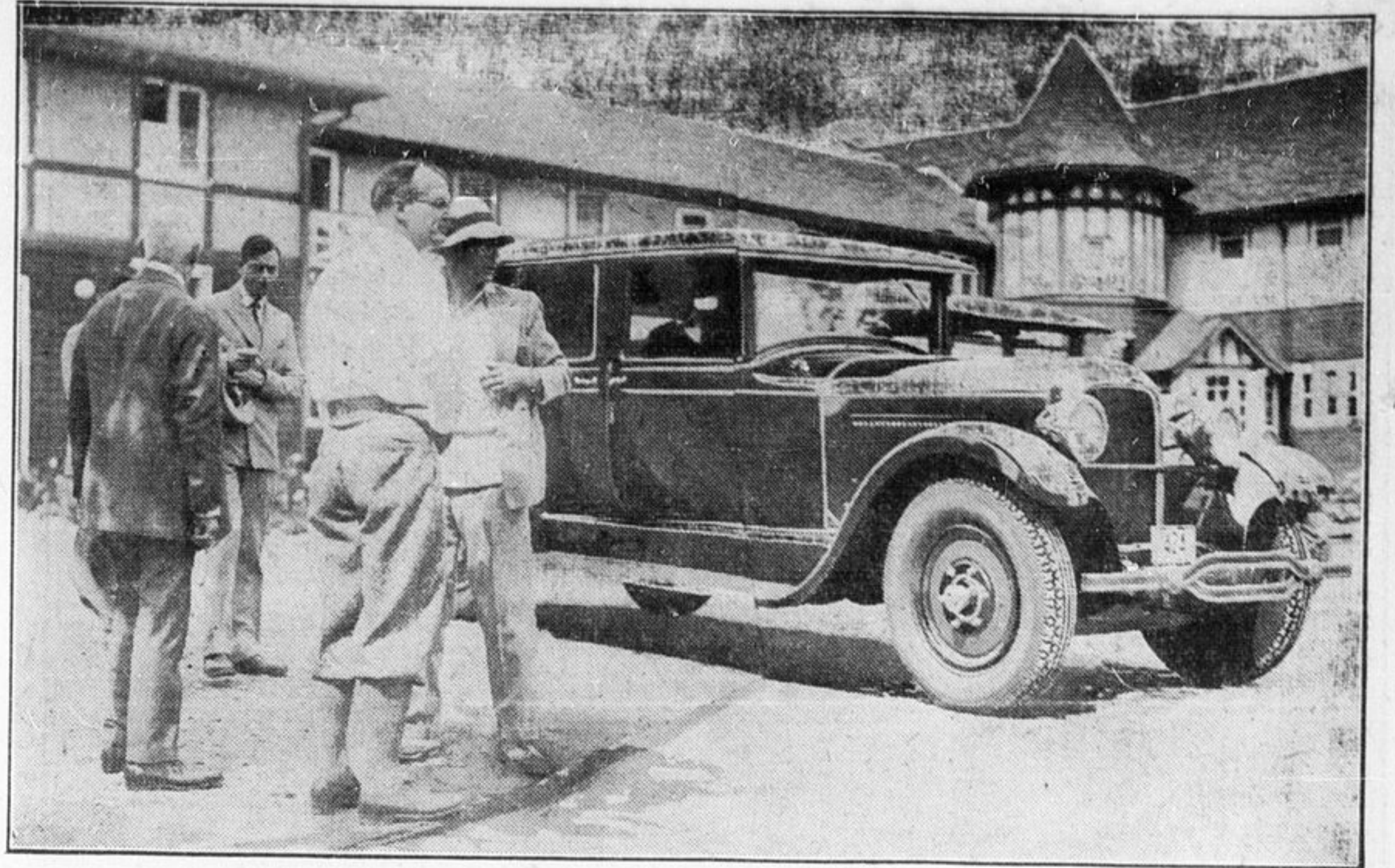
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COMEDY AND SERIAL

Watch for These

"Hearts and Spangles" "Tainted Money"
"Who Cares" "Don't Tell the Wife"



H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, after a game of golf with Prince George at the Rosedale Golf Club, Toronto. During his stay in the Queen City the Prince had for his personal use a Studebaker President Car shown above.

Your Worship,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

History records the enactment of several Crusades; today witnesses another. True, the location and means of transportation differ, but there is some similarity as to the objective. The location is changed from the Holy Land to Toronto, a vast difference, geographically speaking; and the objective, while not a religious one, is to carry the gospel of the North into that section of the Province where it should be the most readily embraced, namely, the South.

And so future historians will have to record another crusade, 300 automobiles bearing 1,500 people, arriving on Sept. 6th, 1927, in the Queen City of the Dominion, to say to those who built the road and made the trip possible, a word of thanks; to try to impress on all the valuable heritage the Province possesses in its more northerly regions, and to demonstrate that, as we of the North came South, you of the South can as readily go North.

And so, sir, without a thought politically, with nothing further from my mind at the present moment, I want to say that the present Provincial Administration, for their vision and energy in projecting and completing this great highway deserve unstinted praise.

They have joined in a most practical and acceptable manner two great sections of a great Province

into a greater whole.

Mr. Chairman, the progress of any country, next to the initiative and energy of its people, depends very largely upon its store of natural resources. These may consist of good agricultural possibilities; vast supplies of forest wealth, or rich deposits of mineral; the possession and exploitation of any one of these will ensure progress and prosperity to a country; when we realize that all these assets exist in abundant form in the North, we begin to realize in some measure the value of this territory to the Province, and, indeed, to the Dominion.

Let us examine for a minute the possibilities of agriculture in the North. What are the requirements for the successful pursuit of farming anywhere? Good soil, sufficient rainfall, ample sunshine, reasonable temperatures, and ready access to a market.

Northern Ontario has good soil, every variety of it. It is the consensus of qualified opinion that the virgin soil of the North is of surpassing richness, and the remarkable growth of all plant life bears eloquent testimony to this fact.

Careful records kept over a period of nine years show that we have ample precipitation, and, further, over 50 per cent. of this is received during the five growing months. This is a fortunate occurrence, as a sufficiency of moisture during the period of growth is of paramount importance.

Similar records as to the hours of sunshine show that the average annual sunshine exceeds 1,750 hours, and that over 60 per cent. of this comes to us during our growing season. This fact, coupled with that relative to precipitation, explains in some measure the very remarkable growth that occurs during our growing period.

And then we come to temperature. Temperature, sir, in the North is like unto some other things in life, we may criticize ourselves, but we reserve that right very much to ourselves. And we do not claim, like our friends from the West, that "it is a cold that you do not feel"; but we do say that our climate is of a dry, invigorating nature, and that the cold is not felt as similar temperatures would be elsewhere. We understand that the mean annual temperature of this city is 44 degrees, and that the

average annual temperature of Porcupine, 480 miles north, is 33 degrees.

As to the opportunity for crop disposition, the market exists in the North. Towns and cities rapidly growing; mines, mills and camps increasing in number and size, all contribute toward a large and expanding market, at the very door of the producers. Here, as elsewhere, however, the farmer must learn to exercise modern methods of marketing, must prepare his product to conform to the requirements of his market, and apply the same efficiency to selling as he does to production.

The North, then, has the soil, rainfall, sunshine and temperature to aid production, and the market to absorb it.

What a country can do is best illustrated by what it does do. Permit me to submit some evidence as to agricultural activity in the North. All types of grain, wheat, oats, barley, etc., are produced throughout the district, and well produced, too.

Northern wheat has been tested at the O. A. C., Guelph, for its bread-making qualities, and compares very favourably with famous Western product. It has also been awarded numerous prizes at the Ottawa Exhibition.

Northern oats are large, plump and heavy, and have also given good account of themselves in open competition.

Our barley is a splendid crop, and is become of more importance each year. With barley, in this city at your Royal Winter Fair, we have been awarded third and fourth places, while at Ottawa we have captured first place and championship, in open competition. Last year we forwarded to the West a large supply of barley to be used for seed purposes.

A Canadian agricultural professor is credited with the assertion that a farm that can grow clover can be made to grow anything. If that is so, then the Northern farmer is secure, because he can certainly grow clover. Clover is a weed, can be found anywhere, grows on the roadsides, and requires no soil inoculation to ensure its growth. It is natural that the abundant production of clover, and allied feed crops, should encourage the dairy industry. This fact, coupled with the rich, well-watered, rolling pastures, are all factors contributing to the success of that industry.

In 1917 the Government established our first creamery. It was established somewhat in the nature of an experiment, somewhat of a venture. To-day that institution is producing 10,000 pounds of butter per week, and there are at least nine other creameries in the district.

Carrivads of cattle have been shipped in, with the very acceptable assistance of the Department of Agriculture, and herds of pure-bred stock may be found throughout the entire district.

Our North is suited to dairying.

If I were asked to name the one outstanding branch of farming for which the North was particularly fitted, I would say for the production of seed. You may recall, sir, the passage throughout this Province of a Government seed-cleaning train. This train, consisting of several cars, was equipped with modern seed-cleaning machinery; it stood in the rural communities of this Province to instruct farmers how seed should be cleaned for market. (It might be interesting to know that as soon as this train reached the North it was found necessary to change the screens in the cleaning apparatus, because the Northern seed was so much larger and plumper than the Southern seed that it would not pass through the same screens.)

The manager of a large seed-cleaning plant in this city informed me that the finest samples of grass seed handled by him came from the North, and when I state that to my knowledge one individual alone received over \$7,000 for his seed crop last year I think you will agree that we can, and do, produce clover seed.

The superiority of Northern grown seed potatoes has long been recognized. Experiments performed at Guelph prove that potatoes grown from Northern seed produce a heavier yield than from seed obtained from anywhere else in the Dominion. And experience proves something else. In addition to a heavier yield, the resulting crop is free from disease, for it must always be remembered that the North is free to a very large degree from the various pests and diseases that beset the Southern grower.

And so, sir, we see that a variety of agricultural activities are successfully engaged in. Time will not permit the enumeration in detail of them all; the production of beef, of honey, of poultry and its products are all practiced and all offer excellent possibilities.

And now I have already occupied my allotted time. I have endeavoured to make my information as accurate and as reliable as could be obtained; many of my facts and figures are based upon results obtained from a point 550 miles straight north of this city, from a point 175 miles south of Moose Factory at James Bay, a point situated at the present northern limits of practised agriculture, and so these results can be duplicated and probably improved upon in the more southerly parts of the territory.

I have tried to present to you, without permitting enthusiasm to overcome good judgment, a fair picture of farming as it is in the North, to illustrate its actualities, to indicate its possibilities.

It is not difficult to become enthusiastic about the North.

I think of those lines written of the Canadian West:

"I turn to the Sunset Land,
The World of Promise, and Hope,
and Gain,

The World of Gold, and the World of Grain,

And the World of the Willing Hand."

And if ever those words were true of Canada's West, they are doubly true of Ontario's North.

"The World of the Willing Hand." That's it, Mr. Chairman, the world of the willing hand. You find it everywhere, a willingness to assist, a willingness to accept one for what one is, not for what one's ancestors might have been; that all-pervading will to do, that spirit of the North.

OPEN MEETING, WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary of the United Church will hold an open meeting and rally in the church on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 14th, at 8 o'clock sharp, to which a general invitation is extended. There will be an offering for the missionary fund. The following is the programme: Opening hymn; president's prayer, and short address on "Value and Some Uses of the W. M. S.," by Mrs. Monk; Scripture reading, by Mrs. Alexander; presentation of W. M. S. work and organization, by children of the Mission Band; "Progress of the Work During the Year," by Miss Quick; vocal solo, by Mrs. Sermon; "Educational Work of W. M. S. in Canada," by Mrs. Parks; vocal solo, by Mrs. Wightman; "Building," by Mrs. G. A. Macdonald; vocal solo, by Mrs. Twaddle; "Work in Korea," by Mrs. A. Ramsay; closing remarks and benediction, by the minister.

DIAMOND JUBILEE EDITION CANADIAN MOTHER'S BOOK

Through the kindness of Dr. Helen MacMureh, chief of the Division of Child Welfare, Department of Health, Ottawa, The Advance has received a copy of the Confederation Diamond Jubilee edition of the Canadian Mother's Book. The Mother's Book has been revised and enlarged, with modern ideas and new pictures added. It is a very valuable book and a copy should be in every home. Copies will no doubt be available in Timmins at the Child's Welfare Clinic. Some idea of the scope and purpose of the booklet may be gathered from the table of contents, the chapter headings being as follows: The Baby is Coming; Nursing the Baby; Things That the Mother and the Baby Need; The Baby Comes; Maternal Nursing and Care; The Baby Grows; The Baby's Habits, Health and Nutrition; The Baby's Character and Disposition. An index adds to the value of the booklet. The booklet is profusely illustrated, and most attractive in every way.

One paragraph from The Canadian Mother's Book is worthy of very general consideration: "There are homes in Canada where children would be welcomed, and where they were expected, to which children have never come. But these childless homes could find a homeless child. If we give our best thought and work to national child welfare, the time should come when there will be no Canadian home that never had a child, and no Canadian child who never had a home. No baby—no nation!"

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