

# CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

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Editor's Note: This is the fourth in the series of weekly articles which Clark Young, treasurer of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, is writing from Britain. He is accompanying the tour of Canada's champion plowmen. Others in the party are Floyd Steckley and Austin Nairn, winners of the Salada Trans-Atlantic class for horse-drawn jointers plowing at last fall's International Plowing match; Fred Timbers and Alex Black, Esso Open Tractor Class winners; and George Waldie, trip manager.

GLASGOW—Our visit to Scotland is almost over and today we are to go back to the north of England. We have seen a great many interesting things but the weather has been very bad, interfering with some of our travels. It seems doubtful that the Workington plowing match can be held on schedule which will be a disappointment to all of us.

Fuel is very scarce and in many places there has been no heat in our rooms. But we've had wonderful hospitality everywhere we've been and should not complain.

After our stay in southern England we left London for York. Normally it's about a four hour ride by train but again the cold delayed us.

On arrival we went straight to the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering at Askham Bryan, four or five miles from York. This building was formerly an agricultural school and farm of 400 acres but was taken over for agricultural research in 1912. Here they test all kinds of farm machinery and design many new types.

We were all interested in their three-furrow, one-way plow. This plow has both right and left hand bottoms. When turning at the headland, the plowman simply trips a lever, the plow half rotates and he goes back the same furrow. This eliminates dead furrows in a field where not necessary for drainage.

Harvester for Sugar Beets  
A sugar beet harvester is another implement of their own design. A large acreage of sugar beets is grown in England and this machine pulls, tops and elevates the beets into a cart or truck, thus saving a great deal of hard work.

We returned to the Institute the next day. The ground was frozen too hard for outside demonstrations so we were shown some interesting films on British plowing.

That afternoon we looked around York, one of the oldest cities in England. It still is surrounded by a heavy stone wall. We visited Yorkminster Cathedral and here again we saw some of the finest architecture in the world. The Cathedral's stained glass windows are said to be unexcelled anywhere. The Edinburgh train was hourly late, due to the cold and we did not reach the Scottish capital until mid night. We went to bed in the North British Railway hotel without supper.

Next morning we were met by T. B. Manson of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland who showed us a part of the city and after lunch we attended the International Rugby match between Scotland and Wales. They take their football seriously here for despite the cold weather and bad roads the attendance was 50,000.

The rules are altogether different from Canadian rules but we found the game interesting. Scotland was defeated 22 to 8 but in spite of the defeat there was a big time in the old town that night for all the Welsh and most of the Scottish players were in our hotel.

Next morning we attended service in St. Cuthbert's church in Edinburgh. Some of us had been anxious to go to St. Giles where the Rev. John Knox used to preach but it was closed for a while.

In the afternoon we were taken for a drive through some of the better farming sections and we had an excellent view of the Forth bridge, a wonderful piece of engineering, intact in spite of the blitz. Later we went through Edinburgh Castle and saw the 1914-1918 Scottish War Memorial situated within its wall.

On the Monday morning we motored 60 miles to Perth where we watched the judging of the Aberdeen Angus at the annual show and sale. After lunch we visited the farm of Mr. Thomas Clark of Muirton where we saw some excellent Clydesdale, one being Muirton Monarch Grand Champion Stallion and winner of the Cawdor Cup at Glasgow in 1915, the last time shown.

Next we went to the dairy farm of the Lord Provost of Perth, Ure Primrose. We were entertained at tea in the lovely home and in the evening we were guests of the Provost and city magistrates at a civic dinner in the Station Hotel. Later we attended a "braams trust" in the city hall conducted by the young farmers' club in which our manager, George Waldie, took part.

A Farm in Fife  
Tuesday morning we drove up to Fife to see one of the larger farms in Scotland, that of Mr. George Clark, Nether Pitlochrie. The farm contained about 1,000 acres, 600 being sown to spring crop annually. Mr. Clark is not a dairy farmer but feeds about 200 to 300 steers yearly. These are purchased in Ireland at between 12 to 13 cents per pound. He does not consider there is very much profit in feeding cattle at present prices but finds it necessary in order to utilize the straw to make manure. Most of the cattle at present prices but finds marketed; the balance are put on grass. They would weigh from 13 to 15 cwt. each.

This farm produces about 125 acres of potatoes each year as well as a lot of turnips and about 20 acres of sugar beets which farmers in some sections are compelled to grow. The potatoes are sold mostly for seed and are quite a profitable crop averaging as much as 12 tons per acre. We were surprised to find that most of the potatoes are picked by hand, thus requiring a lot of extra labor—for some reason they are not satisfied with the potato diggers. Sixteen men are employed yearly, with some casual labor during the harvest months. It seemed that the labor situation is not as acute as it is in Canada.

Perth Angus Sale  
After lunch we returned to Perth and attended the sale of the Angus cattle. Between four and five hundred passed through the ring, averaging about one a minute. The Grand Champion Bull sold for 5,800 guineas (\$24,476) for export to South America. The reserve bull was purchased by Mr. F. W. Harding of the U.S. for 4,600 guineas (\$19,412). With the exception of a few of the tops, prices were lower than we expected.

We drove from Perth to Glasgow this morning through heavy snow and over very slippery roads. At lunch we were the guests of the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Association, one of the largest co-operatives in the world. It was organized about 100 years ago by a few farmers: They handle or manufacture almost every commodity that's on the market. In the past the company was noted for its fine horses and while many have been replaced by trucks, they still have about 100 left.

This afternoon we are to take the train for Carlisle and then we're to go to Workington where the plowing match is to be held weather permitting. After that it will be over to Ireland for some new adventures.

## AVERAGE OF \$316 AT HUBERT HOLSTEIN DISPERSAL

One of the good Holstein dispersal sales of the year was that of the Oak Crest herd of Frank D. Hubert. Downsview, which sold on Feb. 26 for an average of \$316 on 38 head these bringing a total of \$12,030.

Highest price paid was \$765 by Findlay Dairy Farms, Edgely, for a five-year-old cow, Oak Crest Diplomat Pauline. Findlay Dairy also paid \$675 and \$580 for a pair of six and five-months-old calves respectively. Both were sired by the noted, Abegweit Iron Duke.

Heifer calves sold exceptionally well, 8 of these averaging \$333, 18 milking females averaged \$338, 6 bred heifers, \$271; 5 open yearlings, \$264; and one bull calf \$160. The big buyer of the day was H.W. Gills of Richmond, Va., who purchased 91 head for a total of \$2,720. These included a bred heifer at \$130 and a milking three-year-old at \$425. Stewart Rutherford, Bolton, bought a four-year-old cow for \$450, while Edward T. Bowers, Medina, Ohio, paid \$415 and \$405 for a pair of three-year-olds.

Other good prices included \$390 and \$380 by Hon. George S. Henry, Todmorden, for an open yearling and a heifer calf respectively; \$305 by Thos. Flett, Oshawa, for a seven-month-old heifer calf; \$350 by J. C. Fraser, Mono Road Station, for a three-year-old; \$330 by Fred W. Garthhouse, Malton, for a milking two-year-old; and \$335 by W. J. Cleave, Norval, for a three-year-old.

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A bit belated, but none the less hearty greetings to Mr. Malcolm Ramer, also many happy returns to Mr. and Mrs. Ramer's wedding anniversary.

Further word has been received relative to the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt who suffered an accident to her eye. It has been necessary to remove the eye, and we understand she is still in the hospital awaiting the fitting of an artificial eye.

Talk about the old Indian trails they had nothing on the sleigh trails "enjoyed" by our people of this line for the past week. One is surely treated to a back yard and barn yard view of our neighbours farm.

Unfortunately Mr. V. Pollard is confined to bed suffering from some broken ribs.

## GLASGOW

Mrs. W. I. Smith is spending a few days at the L. Byer home on the St. of Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Machesney and Mr. W. Davis motored to Oshawa on Saturday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. I. Pearson on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Betty Godfrey of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents.

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### FIND FARM CATTLE DEAD OR STARVING

Peterboro, March 8—Gerald Dunsford, inspector for the Humane Society, investigated the farm of James Hetherington, Smith Township, three miles north of here. He reported he had found the frozen bodies of six dead cows in the barn, 19 cattle and 17 horses in advanced state of starvation. Hetherington was due to appear in court on a charge of neglect yesterday. He did not appear and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The Tribune hears that a farm near Stouffville is in a very bad condition, and that if visited by an officer, a similar charge of neglect would likely be lodged.

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## FAILED TO FILE TAX RETURNS, PAIR FINED

Norman Wesley Mitchell, Sutton, pleaded not guilty to failure to file income tax returns for the years 1942, 1943 and 1944 and a second charge was withdrawn at the request of Miss B. E. Lyon, acting for the crown, in magistrate's court in Newmarket, Friday. Accused claimed that he had engaged an auditor to fill out and file the required returns and that it had been his understanding that this had been done. "When I got the warrant I checked and found that the forms in question had been prepared and signed but were still in my files and had not been sent in." He produced the forms, filled out for the two years, as well as a letter from the auditor corroborating Mitchell's statements concerning the misunderstanding. He said that he had filed the returns immediately after finding that they had not been previously filed.

"I am not denying that there was carelessness on my part but there was no attempt to violate the demands of the department," accused said. "I was travelling for the Bell Telephone Co. at the time that these forms should have been filed and neglected doing them myself." Miss Lyons said that there was no doubt that technically accused was at fault. "The department is asking for the minimum fine, however, because apparently the forms were prepared but not filed." Mitchell was convicted and fined \$25 and costs of 15 days.

Wilfred R. Hall pleaded guilty to failure to file an income tax return. He was fined \$25 and costs. F. J. McMahon acted for the crown.

## MAPLE COUPLE MARK 53rd WEDDING DAY

"He doesn't worry," she doesn't worry," are the reasons given for a happily married life together by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Manning on their 53rd wedding anniversary Friday. The groom of 78 and the bride six years his junior, have only one regret, that they might have set a fine summer day for the event, now that winter weather is a hindrance to a family gathering on February 28. They farmed for years in King Twp. at Teston, then returned to Maple where they continue to reside.

In the winter of 1894, when Edith Cooper of Teston, Vaughan township became the bride of Joshua Manning of Vaughan at a wedding held in the bride's home, they recall they used the buggy over slushy roads, and that there was no more cold weather after the end of February.

Besides doing her own housework, Mrs. Manning has made more than 70 hooked rugs in less than four years, drawing the designs and dyeing the rags. One of her favorites is a rug depicting the exact reproduction of Maple Presbyterian church, in its natural color, and in its present setting of shrubs against blue sky flecked with clouds overhead. Many of her quilts and rugs have been used to promote the work in the church and Maple Women's Institute of which she has been a member for 47 years.

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