



Final Instalment
 TORONTO—Our trip has ended, and as with most travellers, we wouldn't have missed it for the world, but we're glad to be back home again. Now it is my task to summarize the results of our tour, difficult though it is to sort out the importance of all we've seen and done.

We were in Britain in a time of crisis when the unprecedented bad weather added to all the accumulated troubles after the war. But none of us can speak too highly of the hospitality we received everywhere we went. The British people have an unusually high regard for Canadians and this speaks volumes for the conduct of our men and women in the armed forces who were overseas during the war.

We were terribly disappointed that continuing snow and cold prevented any plowing whatever, and our hosts were equally disappointed. I believe that if Canadian plowmen make the trip next year, our British friends may arrange the matches for another time to make sure the weather will not interfere.

Another result is that Scotland's champion plowman, Bob Allen from Aberdeen, plans to compete in the International Plowing Match at Kingston, Ont., next fall. You may remember that British plowmen actually were booked to sail on the Athenia in 1939. Because of the war's outbreak their passage was cancelled and the ship was the first sunk by a Nazi submarine.

The weather was a constant hindrance to our plans and the fuel crisis meant cold hotel rooms night after night. We were to have seen the Giant's Causeway in Ireland, but snow blocked the roads. However we managed to visit a good cross-section of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland and were able to make some conclusions about the state of British agriculture.

Longer Growing Season
 In many respects farm methods in Britain are different from those in Canada. The normal rainfall in the Isles is much heavier and the growing season is much longer there. Labor is more plentiful but

the farmer is hampered by the land ownership system and lack of machinery.

Because most of the farms are rented, the farmers are not in a position to modernize their buildings and so they just carry on the hard way, year after year. The buildings are quite different from those in Canada and most of the hay and grain is put in stacks or covered sheds, requiring much more hand labor than is common in our country.

A great many tractors are used for plowing and cultivating but the majority of farmers still stick to the one horse cart for hauling their crops and for drawing out the manure. I saw only one manure spreader of the wheel type. Thrashing machines are still fed by hand, and without a straw blower. Some have straw bundlers on the back. The cylinders are of the rasp-bar type because the British farmer wants his straw in long lengths. Combines are on the increase, but needed machines won't be delivered for a year or more.

They use more commercial fertilizer than we do and reap heavier crops. We might learn something in that respect. The Old Country is still the fountain-head as far as beef cattle are concerned, but I believe we surpass them with our dairy cattle.

We can't compete with them in the quality of their grain for they have the longer season and more moisture. British standards, in pounds per bushel, are: wheat, 63; barley, 56; oats, 42. The Canadian standards are, respectively, 60, 48 and 34. In the past we have tried British seed grains and they have tried ours, but the experiments weren't successful because of the difference in growing conditions.

Some reforestation is being attempted in Britain, with trees supplied by the government for a small charge. The British do not practise contour plowing as far as I could determine from numerous inquiries.

British farmers during the war were divided into three classes—those who could run their own farms without help or advice; those who carried on with some help

from government agricultural experts; and those who were poor managers to the extent that the government stepped in and replaced them with more competent men. John Wilson of Shifnal, Shropshire, told me there were only a few farmers that had to be replaced in the area where he was supervisor. Farmers who needed advice readily accepted it and the plan worked smoothly.

Mr. Wilson also said that the farmers raised no market hogs as they did not have the grain to feed them, but depended on Canada to supply pork products.

Machinery Expensive
 In general, machinery is much more expensive overseas than it is at home. Motor cars are more costly to run, the license alone 25 shillings (\$5.00) per horsepower, and car insurance, which is compulsory, is very high. Gasoline is still rationed and the average car is allowed only 10 gallons a month.

All food is rationed with the exception of poultry and fish, which are had to get. Meals are very expensive. All wearing apparel is rationed with the exception of hats and caps, and the allowance does not go very far.

The fuel situation, of course, is very bad, and many cities are back to the wartime blackout. In spite of all these difficulties, we heard very few complaints from the people. These are our impressions and of course some of them may be wrong because they were gathered in only a few weeks.

We had a last few interesting days around London. On one trip we were shown through a big tire plant and saw a stable equipment factory near Reading. The equipment was good, but too expensive for the average farmer. We saw one new machine which milks cows and pipes the milk directly to the dairy cooling system.

Another day was taken up with obtaining our passport visas and a visit to the Anglo-American Oil plant in its wartime quarters outside London on the Thames. Mr. Burgess and Frank Ellis were our hosts.

The next day brought our grand finale in London. We had dinner at the famous Simpson's restaurant in the Strand as guests of Anglo-American and Salada, and later we saw a good variety show at the Palladium theatre. The theatre was so cold we had to keep our coats on but our hotel, the South Kensington, was the warmest of the entire tour.

Next morning, a Friday, we left for Southampton to board the Queen Elizabeth for the voyage home. We sailed that afternoon, and arrived in New York the following Wednesday. The weather was better than on the eastbound crossing and none of us missed a meal, although the big ship rolled a bit. Canada's champion skater, Barbara Ann Scott, and her mother had the cabin next to mine but we saw little of them because Barbara was resting after her strenuous European tour.

Trip Well Planned
 Our entire trip was well planned from start to finish and all of us are grateful to the sponsors, the Salada Tea Company of Canada, Ltd. and Imperial Oil Ltd. Their representatives took excellent care of us all the way through. We are also indebted to officials of Canada House, Ontario House, and the Canadian National Railways, who took such pains to arrange our travels.

We have returned thankful we have in Canada such a land of plenty. Our big disappointment was the lack of plowing in Britain, but we shall always remember the courage, steadfastness, and warm hospitality of the British people, and their kindness to us as we visited their cities, their farms, and their homes. The trip was well worth while and we'll never forget our experiences.

ODE, TO THE SHOPPER!
 Can you eat dinner undisturbed?
 Boy you're Lucky
 Or get your sleep, without being perturbed,
 Oh! Boy you're Lucky

Do you ever think of the other guy. When to the store you go to buy, If he had dinner, or do you care, As long as you had your menu fair, Some folks don't stop to give a thought
 For the other guy from whom he bought,
 His dry-goods last week, his groceries today,
 Or whatever he needs along life's way.

'Twould be lots better, if try you would
 To wait till the meal times past, and try you should,
 For stomachs are not as good today, As they were an era back—they say. So, see if this little verse of mine Will cause you to pause, today in time,
 To give a chance for the man to eat His dinner when ready—give him a treat,
 Show him, you meant better far, Than actions showed—his lunch to mar,
 He'll give you thanks I'll bet a sou And now lets see what you can do.

The Mixing Bowl

You probably have one member in your family who thinks there is no dessert in the world like apple crisp. He is not far wrong, particularly if you use the following recipe and take enough cream from the top of the milk bottle to whip and place on the dessert just before serving. Be sure to add to the cream, besides a little brown sugar, a pinch of nutmeg. (You will likely have to explain to the family that the specks of nutmeg are not dirt, but they will forget about this when they taste it.)

Steamed Date Pudding
 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1-3 tsp. cinnamon, ½ tsp. salt, ½ cup rolled oats, ½ cup pitted chopped dates, ¼ cup raisins, ¼ cup milk, 1 egg, 4 tbsps. melted fat.

Combine dry ingredients. Add milk and beaten egg, then melted fat. place in well greased bowl and cover lightly with wax paper. Steam for two hours. Serve with brown sugar sauce.

Our muffins and desserts take on a new significance when whole wheat flour or oatmeal is used in

place of white flour. And here again we add vitamins and minerals galore which cannot be stored in the body and hence need regular replenishing.

Whole Wheat Muffins
 1½ cup whole wheat flour, 4 tbsps sugar, 3½ tps. baking power, ½ tsp. salt, 1 egg, 1 cup milk, 3 tbsps. melted fat.

Sift flour, baking powder, and add sugar. Beat egg, add milk and melted fat and pour into a well made in the centre of the dry ingredients. Stir only until damp and place in muffins tins. Bake in electric oven at 400 degrees, 20 minutes.

Oatmeal Drop Cookies
 ¾ cup fat, 1 cup brown sugar, 3 eggs, 2 cups flour, 2 cups oatmeal, 1½ tps. cinnamon, 1½ tps. allspice, 1½ tps. salt, 1-1.3 cup raisins, ½ cup sour milk, 1½ tps. baking soda.

Cream fat, add sugar and cream well. Add eggs, and beat. Sift dry ingredients. Add raisins. Add alternately with milk to first mixture. Drop on greased cookie sheet and bake in electric oven at 375 degrees until golden brown.

TAKE A TIP
 Rules for Good Tea Biscuits
 1. Use accurate tested recipes.

2. Read the entire recipe and visualize each step.
3. Use quality ingredients. They are the most economical in the long run.
4. Prepare pans before starting to work. Dust lightly with flour.
5. Preheat oven ten minutes before you need to bake. If you are not sure of oven control place a piece of unglazed white paper in the preheated oven and if it browns in half a minute it is the hot temperature needed—otherwise use 425 degrees.
6. Use level measurements for all ingredients, be systematic and accurate and results will not vary.
7. Sift flour before measuring, then measure amount recipe requires. Sift again with the baking powder and other dry ingredients to blend them evenly.
8. Handle quickly and lightly, and only enough to give the dough a smooth appearance. As little flour as possible should be dusted on bake board. Dough is then patted or rolled lightly to even thickness. Use a floured cutter to press out biscuits.
9. Place baking pan in the centre of the middle shelf. Two pans should be placed so that there is a space around them.

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