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Notes and Comments

Is Your Name a Problem One?

There never was a time when so many names are being overhauled, and genealogists say that 25 per cent of them could do with a change. The evidence is apparent, for in America no less than 450,000 people a year besiege the law courts in search of better names.

So many people come to our shores with foreign names which may be simple enough in their vernacular, but when translated to English they become a nuisance name. It is just the same with English being translated to a foreign language. At the Lions meeting last week somebody asked the guest speaker Rev. F. H. Muir, missionary from China, just what his name meant in Chinese, and everybody laughed when the minister said, ten cents." The word muir in Chinese also means "hair," like on an animal. However, it is impossible pronunciation that, become a problem. A Pole would probably have no difficulty in passing the time of day with Mr. Dzienghiewski, but in an English-speaking community such a name is bound to cause embarrassment. An American woman who married a Greek was seriously perturbed when she became known as Mrs. Demetrios Konstantine Papastafidas and was duly thankful when her husband was finally persuaded to change his name to plain Mr. Charles Staff.

The indiscretion of a parent has often led to the change of a first name. An eminent philosopher once christened his daughter Encyclopaedia Britannica, whilst another father named his 15th child Careful.

Genealogists are of the opinion that first names are lacking in variety. In a recent survey of names amongst the United States' 66,000,000 males, if transpired that there were 22,000,000 whose names were either Charles, John, James, George or William, whilst the feminine list revealed 6,000,000 Marys.

The adoption of a new name may, of course, result in complications of an unforeseen nature. Such was the case of Mr. George Kerstiopolis, who owned a restaurant. Within a week of changing his name to Harris, he was back before the court pleading for the restoration of Kerstiopolis. To his surprise he had discovered that his Greek customers were unable to pronounce the name Harris.

Many family names in use today can be traced back to very early times. Centuries ago shopkeepers and tradesmen did not number their shops as they do today. Instead, various distinguishing marks were employed such as the figures of birds, flowers, animals and other common objects.

As a consequence shopkeepers became known as Tom of the Finch, Will of the Fox, Harold of the Hart, and other such names. From this practice descended such family names as Fox, Hart, Finch, Swan, Pike, Wolf, etc. One does not require a vivid imagination to conceive some of the unfortunate associations which might follow from the use of this system.

The Tribune recently printed 2100 letter heads for a missionary to India, and we had to picture a hippopotamus on the heading, a symbol of the tribe the missionary is working with. Thus the idea originated in the medieval days, no doubt.

Contributory Old Age Pension

Contributory old age pensions are being advocated by one of the candidates in the Exeter Provincial by-election now in progress. It is something this newspaper has long stood for and we hope the day is not far off when a contributory pension scheme is put into effect. Besides rolling in millions in small payments annually, it would provide a pension that the recipient had earned and could be accepted just like any other life insurance. The stigma of charity would be wiped out, and the nation would be stronger under such a scheme. Nobody wants to feel that they accept charity, and because of this many people are struggling along at advanced age on their own when they should have more of the necessities of life.



CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD
 by W. L. CLARK * President
 ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

(This is the third of a series of weekly stories which Will Clark, president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, will write about the visit of Canada's champion plowmen to the British Isles.

Workington — Now that the Empire Plowing Match is over, I would like to tell you something about the contest itself. The big news is that John Capton, the Salada silver medalist, came second in the general purpose horse plowing match.

We are all very proud of John. He is the idol of the people here and wherever we go he is the centre of attraction. During the contest, which was held at Stainburn Hall Farm, Workington, crowds followed him up and down the field. The officials offered to hold them back but John said no—it didn't bother him. Afterwards, the school children vied with one another to get his autograph.

Alf Brunton, Russ Hare and Glen McFaddin also plowed exceptionally well. If judged by Canadian rules we might have had two or three firsts but the British have their own plowing methods that differ from ours. This is not meant to be an excuse. We realized all along that British standards and equipment would be different and everything considered the boys did very well. They took hold of strange equipment (the plowmen here still favour the High Cut plow for match work although they use very little of it on their farms) and tried to adjust it to Canadian techniques. They did not attempt to copy the British methods since that would have been impossible in such a short time.

Empire Plowing Match

The day of the match dawned blustery and unpromising. Light rain fell at intervals but fortunately not enough to cause any serious inconvenience. Last year, as you will remember, plowing matches in England and Ireland had to be called off due to the unusually severe weather.

Some 50 contestants took part in the Workington match and in spite of the weather, a large crowd of spectators gathered! The scene was much the same as one of our best branch matches. The tractors, slightly outnumbered the horses. The land was of a gravelly nature but in good shape to plow as far as moisture was concerned.

All the events were well contested and in most of them the winners were from the northern counties in England. John came second in his class to a chap from Carlisle.

After the match, we were guests of the Workington Agricultural Society at a dinner held in our honour. We heard a number of interesting speeches including an address by Canon Croft, on the history of the Workington Agricultural Society. Prefacing his remarks an anecdote, the Canon, who is a vice-president of the Society, told us that his experiments in tilling the soil had not been too successful—little more so

in fact than the man who when asked how his potatoes grew said: "Well, there are some as big as marbles, and some as big as peas—and of course, a lot of little 'uns."

Canon Croft then compared the present period in England with the year 1808 when the Workington Agricultural Society came into being. Then, as today, there was a shortage of food. The population had increased from 7,000,000 to 14,000,000 and England had to improve her agriculture or starve.

"British farmers met the challenge in 1808, they can do it again," said the Canon.

He concluded his talk with a tribute to the Canadian people, touching briefly on the part they played in the Boer War, World War I and World War II and emphasizing the contributions they are making in agriculture in the post-war period.

Russell Hare moved a vote of thanks to the Agricultural Society. He expressed the sentiments of all of us when he spoke of the pride felt by himself and the other plowmen at being the first representatives of Canada to compete in plowing matches in Britain and our appreciation of the warm welcome received on every hand.

Musical entertainment was provided during the evening and our own Alf Brunton sang amidst great applause. To quote from the Cumberland Evening Star, Alf "created a furore with Apple Blossom Wedding."

You will probably be interested to know that the plowing match, in addition to being filmed by news-reel cameras and made the subject of a broadcast commentary, was also televised. The boys were featured in a broadcast for the North American Radio and will be featured again in a ten minute program which will be transmitted during "Farmers' Half Hour" in the North of England and North of Ireland Home Service on Sunday, Feb. 15th.

Exhibition of Sheep Herding

Relaxing after the strain of yesterday's contest, we were taken today on one of the most enjoyable excursions of our entire tour so far—a motor bus trip through the Lake District. On Helvellyn Mountain, we watched a splendid exhibition of sheep herding by border collies. The dogs are directed by their master's whistle, each by a note of its own. The intelligence and skill of the dogs in rounding up the sheep is truly remarkable.

Tomorrow we leave for Scotland where our first stop will be Edinburgh. The itinerary planned for us includes St. Cuthbert's Co-operative Association Farm at Bonnington, the Perth Aberdeen Angus Cattle Sale, Glasgow and Loch Lomond.

Joseph Michaud, 46-years-old, slipped into his snowshoes and covered a trek of 336 miles from Quebec to Ottawa in 15 days to attend a snowshoe meet



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CHERRYWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hollinger and son had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hollinger.

A number of friends from here were entertained to a euchre and lunch at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell's at Markham on Wednesday last and all reported a real good time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Todd had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hollinger.

Little Miss Louise Davidson spent a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Davidson.

Jim McLean spent Sunday with his sister who resides in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Wes Petty and Miss Margaret Purdon were Toronto

visitors on Sunday afternoon. Miss Doris Hollinger is spending a three week vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hollinger.

World's Day of Prayer was well attended on Friday afternoon with Locust Hill and Zion Church ladies joining with us. Mrs. Leonard Gates was our special speaker and Mrs. Austin Reesor of Cedar Grove, soloist.

Glad to know that Mr. William Sinclair is able to be back to work after being home a week sick.

Miss Purdon entertained the school children to a Valentine party on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hollinger spent Sunday with relatives in Toronto on Sunday.

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