



## CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

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(This is the fifth 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.)

**BELFAST** — Here we are in Ireland and what a glorious three days we've had. As I write this letter we are preparing to return to England but we shall not forget this beautiful country nor the many friends we have made here.

From the moment we landed until now, we have been entertained and feted by our genial Irish hosts. After a very rough crossing, we were met at the station by a great crowd of officials. They took us to the hotel for a welcome dinner and from then on it was one continuous round of receptions, luncheons and dinners.

In the midst of all these festivities, however, the boys did not lose track of the main purpose of their visit—which is to broaden their agricultural knowledge and to strengthen the bonds of friendship that already exist between British and Canadian farmers.

The main event in Ireland and the primary reason for our journey to that country was, of course, the International Plowing Match, which was held at Saint's Field, County Down, Ireland. It was a grand contest.

**International Plowing Match**  
The morning before the Match, the boys were taken to farms where their plows had been delivered. They were provided with teams and tractors and all had a little

practice. As it turned out, they didn't have a chance to win anything at the Match since the prize list only called for two types of plowing: High Cut or Oat Seed Furrow and Broken Work, which is sod plowed with a plow having a blade attached to the back of a mould board. The blade breaks up the furrow and is supposed to leave it in condition to sow the grain.

We were a little disappointed in the weather on the day of the contest. It was mild and cloudy in the morning but at 12 o'clock rain started and by mid-afternoon, the field was a sea of mud and some tractors had great difficulty in making headway. Some fine work was done nevertheless.

The rain did not spoil the enthusiasm of the 20,000 people who had come to see the contest. Some of the spectators had travelled by special buses, from Eire while others had flown in chartered aircraft from the Isle of Man.

Plowmen from Scotland, England, Eire and Canada had come to County Down to compete in the Match. In all there were 128 entries—125 men and three women. The number of tractors and horses were about equal—65 horses and 63 tractors.

Admiration was generously accorded the three women contestants who plowed exceptionally well. The woman champion, Miss Joy Phillips, although only 20, had had more than five years' plowing experience.

According to the Belfast News-  
letter, the Canadian team was one

of the main attractions. As usual, everyone was particularly anxious to see John Capton. John, the Salada silver medalist, is a full-blooded Cayuga Indian. He was easily found for he plowed in the most colorful attire on view—a red and blue jerkin gaily decorated with leaping reindeer. Despite the admiring throngs around him, John plowed one of the best lands of his career and it took men at either end of the field to make way for his horses.

The lands for plowing were quite small in comparison to what we were used to but I think the reason for this was that the directors wanted to have all the plowmen in one field. It was quite a remarkable feat to have so many plowmen in a single field.

Our boys plowed very well but sad to report, the Canadian team had no success. The only competitors from outside Coleraine Province to secure a prize were the Macauley brothers, who won the horse-work team prize for Skene, Scotland. As I have mentioned before, our practical style of plowing is not favored here for match work. In another year, however, I believe a class will be included in their prize list for our type of plowing since most farms now are being plowed in that way.

**Belfast Shipyards**  
To wind up our visit to Ireland the day following the Match, we were taken to the Belfast shipyards which are said to be the largest in the British Isles. This is something few are privileged to see. During the war, of course, no one was allowed in and no pictures could be taken. The Germans bombed the shipyards and while they did considerable damage they were not able to slow up the output to any extent.

In the limited time we had it was not possible to see many departments so we confined our time to the main machine shop where the engines, propeller shafts and other engine room equipment are made for the big ships. We were particularly impressed with the dimen-

## Ontario Grants to Municipalities for Roads Quintupled in 6 Years

**Doucette Says Limit Has Been Reached; Expresses Anxiety**  
Toronto, Feb. 27.—Ontario government road subsidies to municipalities, which six years ago were \$3,600,000, totalled \$15,700,000 for 1947, Highways Minister Doucette today told the Ontario Good Roads Association.

This increase, you will appreciate, represents no inconsiderable part of our provincial revenues," he said in an address prepared for delivery to the association's annual meeting. "I think I should say frankly that it is about as far as we are prepared to go at this time and I hope the municipalities will govern themselves accordingly."

**Details Rising Costs**  
Rising costs in all phases of road administration and upkeep were detailed by the minister.

"Approved municipal road expenditures for 1947 were \$30,698,000 of the machinery. For instance, one lathe takes a propeller shaft 100 ft. long and 24 inches in diameter while a crank shaft for a 1,000 h.p. diesel motor weighs 20 tons.

After our tour of the shipyards we were taken to the only skating rink in Belfast. It is a very large building and, of course, the ice is artificial. We were provided with skates and spent an enjoyable half hour on the ice. When we came off the rink, as a memento of our visit to the Emerald Isle, we were each presented with a Shillelagh, — a stick made from Irish blackthorns.

We are sorry to leave Ireland and to have to bid farewell to the kind people who have given us such a warm welcome.

Before sailing for Canada we shall have nearly a week in England. In my next letter I'll try to tell you about our activities during that week.

983, and of this amount approximately \$2,225,000 represented supplementary department approvals," he declared. "I need not add that department does not favour supplementary approvals except in case of emergency."

He said the actual municipal expenditures for the year totalled \$28,135,357.

He said he spoke for the government in declaring his anxiety to avoid additional taxation and cited the unsatisfied judgments fund which became effective on July 1 last year. It was designed to protect victims of traffic accidents unable to collect damages from the offending party.

**Approximate Levy**  
The fund would be established by collection of a sum "not exceeding \$1" from drivers. Despite the impression that this would be collected this year, "it was felt the government could well carry the fund for the present year without imposing any additional charge against the holders of drivers' licences, and accordingly this is being done.

Claims against the fund have not been heavy as yet, said Mr. Doucette.

Discussing criticism over the province retaining the three-cent gasoline tax after the field was relinquished by the federal government, the minister noted that legislation last year provided for the extension of the subsidy system to include cities, towns and villages. During 1947 the number of organizations entitled to share these subsidies increased by 348.

**13 Pools Established**  
Thirteen machinery pools for upkeep of roads have been established with the approximate total cost \$143,000. In 1933 countries spent \$52,000 on winter maintenance, 1.7 per cent of their total road expenditure. In 1947, out of \$11,400,000 spent on county roads, \$1,600,000 or 14 per cent went for winter control.

"I know that our municipal governments and our municipal officials and our municipal taxpayers will not resent it when I suggest

that perhaps we are demanding too much of a luxury nature in relation to winter roads at the expense of the practicalities of the whole problem."

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2 Holstein Cows, bred in June  
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**SWINE**

Brood Sow 16 Fat Pigs  
7 Pigs, 10 weeks old

**IMPLEMENTS**

Farmall H Tractor on rubber, equipped with starter and lights, pulley, etc., in A1 condition  
Cockshutt Hay Loader, No. 2, near new

M.D. 3-furrow Tractor Plow, good  
M.D. No. 4A Manure Spreader, good, tractor hitch and horse hitch  
Gehl Hammer Mill, new  
M.D. Stiff Tooth Cultivator, 9 teeth, with tractor hitch  
M.D. Cultivator, 15 tooth, with tractor hitch, good

M.H. Grain Binder, 7-0, with transports, tractor hitch, horse tongue, nearly new

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M.H. Seed Drill, 13M, good

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Set Sloop Sleighs Turnip Drill  
2 Sets 4-section Harrows  
Walking Plow, No. 3 Verity  
Walking Plow, No. 21 Verity, with wheels

Walking Plow, No. 21 Fleury  
Fleury Walking Scuffer  
Set Wagon Springs  
Rubber Tired Wagon

Buggy Tongue Wheelbarrow  
Flat Rack with standards, new  
2-wheeled Trailer with stock rack  
Steel Stoneboat, new Pig Crate

M.D. 1 1/2 h.p. Gas Engine  
Bain Wagon Box Chop Box  
Set Platform Scales

Bain Truck Wagon, good  
50' Endless Hammer Mill Belt, new  
M.D. No. 3 Cream Separator for power

Electric Fencer Roller Tongue  
Blower Extension Pipe  
2 Hay Cars for round track  
Gate for round track

Riteway Milking Machine, 2 single units, good  
1/2 h.p. General Electric Motor, heavy duty

1/4 h.p. Wagner Motor, heavy duty  
Milker Solution Rack  
Large Tarpaulin

Root Pulper, good  
These are a good lot of implements.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

40 Rod Roll Woven Wire, new  
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10 Rod Roll Woven Wire, new  
80 Rod Barbed Wire, new

7 Pig Troughs Hay Knife  
Large Iron Kettle Bag Truck  
9 new Steel Posts Ladder  
4-100 Bags Fine Salt Draw Rope

2 White Ash Reaches  
Ensilage Fork 8 Sling Ropes  
New Stable Broom

Number Barrels Number Sacks  
Number Cotton Grain Bags  
Pair Rack Sills

Number 2" Ash Planks  
Number 1" — 1 1/4" Galvanized Pipe  
New Sash and Glass 4' x 5' approx.

6 Milk Pails Milk Strainer  
Number 2' x 10 x 14 Planks  
2 Pieces 8 x 8 x 16 Pine

New Tongue for spreader  
Set Stewart Clippers, hand or power

**HARNES**

New Pipe Horse Collar  
10 Horse Collars, good  
2 Sets Brass Mounted Breeching

Harness, good  
Set Single Harness  
Number Horse Halters

**HAY AND GRAIN**

Quantity Mixed Hay

**FURNITURE**

Cook Stove with warming closet  
Findlay Heater Day Couch  
2 Bedroom Suites Cradle

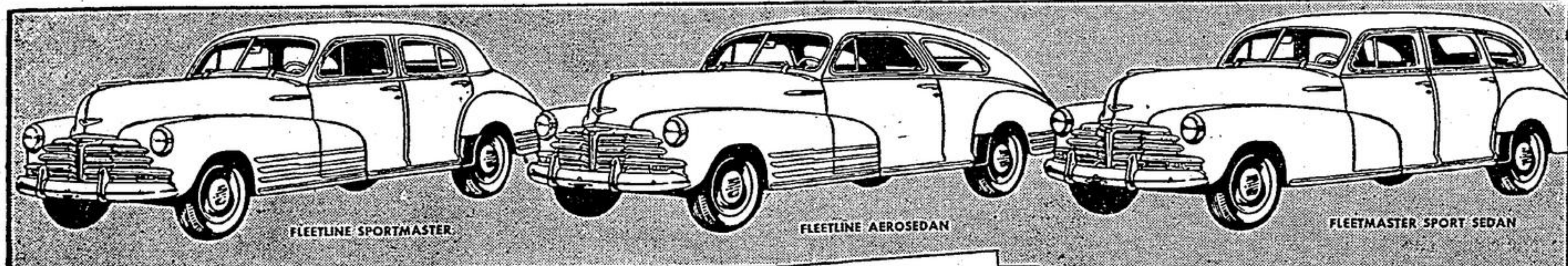
Drop Head Sewing Machine, good  
Extension Table, with extra leaves  
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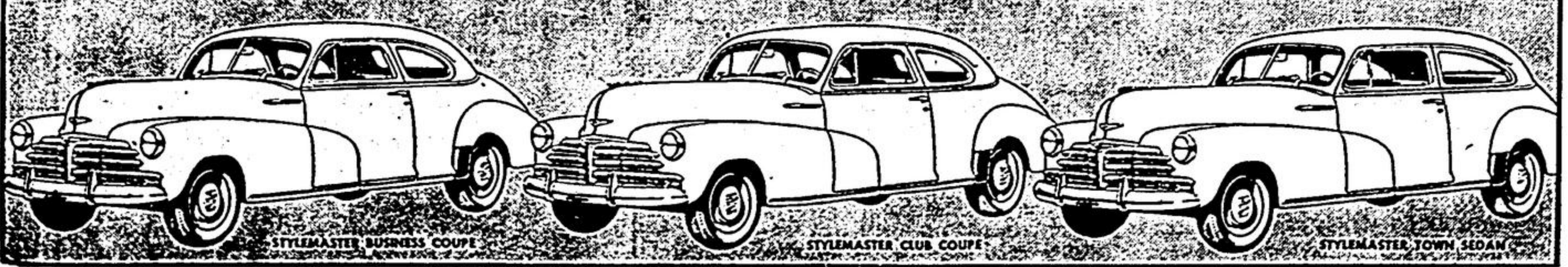


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