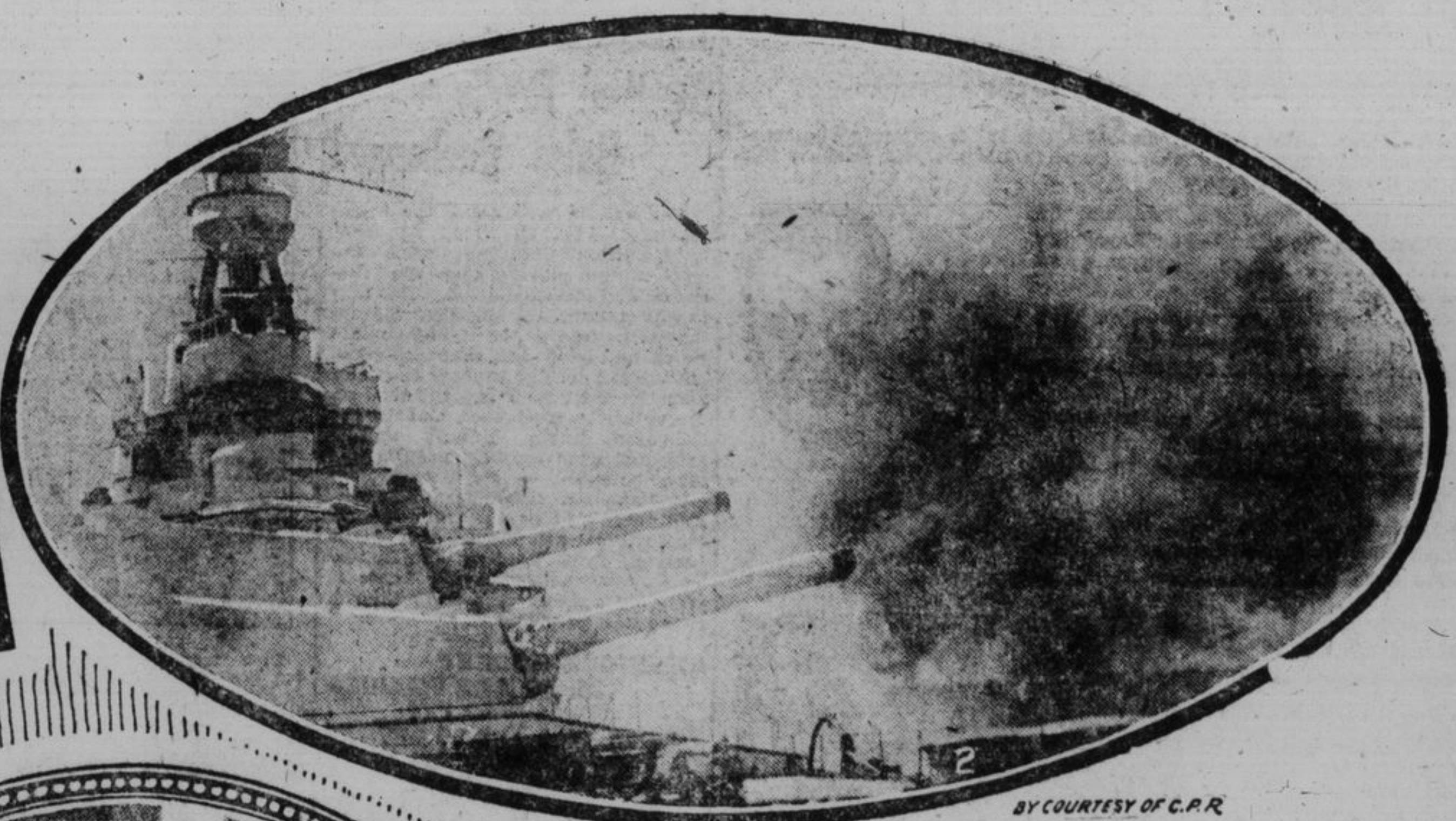


# ENGLISH PICTURE NEWS--AIDING CANADIAN AGRICULTURE



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- (1) The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York at the Combe Hill Golf Club, where the Prince played a three-ball match with Sandy Herd the Club professional.
- (2) The Prince of Wales Tour.—Some of the 15-in. guns of H. M. S. "Renown" at practice at Bermuda.
- (3) The Wonder Dog.—From time immemorial some dogs have shown such marvelous intelligence that they have dumbfounded humans, but a dog named "Taxie," which has been discovered by Geo. A. Allen, an old-time circus trainer, seems to be the last word in canine wonders. "Taxie" understands the English language so well that he has attracted the attention of scientists. He does all kinds of tricks, and can learn any trick within fifteen minutes. Twice a week "Taxie" has his nails manicured and his head massaged at the Vanderbilt Hotel, where his master lives. When he goes out it is in a taxicab.
- (4) Mr. Winston Churchill and Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, leaving a special Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street, London.
- (5) Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, with Earl of Macduff, at Waterloo Station, London, prior to their embarking for South Africa.
- (6) The funeral of the Lord Mayor of Cork passing through the streets of London.



Earl of Minto's Champion Oxford Ram, now on the Earl's Ranch in Western Canada.

## THE PRINCE AS AN AGRICULTURIST

Of the countless spots where beauty of surroundings combines with utility of situation which the Prince of Wales must have encountered on his recently concluded tour of the British Dominions, one particular sector would seem to have especially charmed him, and the heir of the British throne lost his heart not to a fair daughter of the Dominion, but to a stretch of brown prairie in Southern Alberta's cattle country, a ranch flanked by creek and coulee, lying within shadow of the foothills, over which in the bleak winter the Chinook wind wafts its warm breath. The Prince left the Province of Alberta the owner of the Beddington Ranch, adjoining the famous Percheron Ranch of the Bar U, and committed to enter actively upon the pursuit of Canada's first industry.

There is really nothing unusual about this, for the fact is well known that some of the happiest days the Prince spent in Canada were on the Alberta ranches, hobnobbing with the cowboys and riding on a broncho to the round-up. The most characteristic photographs of the Prince taken during his tour are those in western saddle astride a cow pony.

Having acquired the ranch and added the title of rancher to his many distinctions, the Prince entered whole-heartedly into the project and before he went away from the south to continue on his way through the British Empire he made arrangements for the shipment of the best stock of England to the ranch. This was a step of tremendous importance to the agricultural industry of the Province and of the Dominion.

Though some of the best animals procurable on the American continent could have been secured locally, the stock raisers of the province were benefitted by the introduction of yet more regal animals. Thoroughbred horses came from the royal stud, Shorthorn sheep from the Duke of Westminster's estate, and rugged, hardy little ponies from the Devon Farms for the Alberta Government, now manager of the Bar U Ranch of world-renowned Percherons.

The Prince, through his management, lost no time in entering prominently into the livestock activities of Alberta, and a herd of sheep arriving from England in the nick of time for the Calgary Fall Show went straight to an exhibition pen. Despite this handicap, one ram, a winner at Royal shows in England, carried off the all-round championship honors for the ram class, and then brought the highest revenue of the show with a purchase price of \$225. Three animals from the Prince's ranch sold for an aggregate of \$350.

The interest that the heir to the British throne is taking in stock-raising is very gratifying to the people of Canada, and is a warm tribute to agriculture as the premier industry of the Dominion. Agriculture in Canada is a profession drawing its following from men in every walk of life, and from those who have successfully followed a diversity of professions before hearing the call of the land and visioning the prosperity to be secured in following it. The benefits to accrue from the establishment of a Royal ranch in Alberta's cattle land can be presaged in the recent success at the western fair—the appearance of some of England's best thoroughbreds upon Western race tracks, the raising of cattle and sheep standards, and the institution in the west of a new breed of horses having many traits in common with the native cayuse, fast disappearing.



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