

PLOWING TOURNAMENT

A New Era for the Farmers of Nova Scotia Has Begun

The Great Plowing Demonstration Was a Huge Success, But the Exhibition of What Can be Done With Tractors Opened the Eyes of Thousands of People to the New Possibilities of Labor Saving Devices.

The plowing competition and traction exhibition at Kentville is over, having taken place on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Its success astounded even its enthusiastic promoters. No greater competition of the kind has ever been held in Canada, and old Scotsmen on the fields, men who have witnessed many competitions in their native land, famous for its plowmen, summed up their opinion of the two days' events by constant repetition in their animated conversations. "This is just grand."

Over forty teams were on hand for the start, two large fields on the Stead farm, sloping southwardly to the Cornwallis river, being the competing grounds. The lower field was hidden from the upper by an ascending slope, and thousands who had gathered in the upper field became so interested in the plowing class of elderly men, with horses and oxen, and the performances of the tractors, that they failed to discover that the most scientific plowmen were laying out long, straight furrows in the lower field.

The weather the first day was the finest that Jupiter Pluvius, the weather man, would produce. There was rain in the morning, but that only helped to soften the sod for the plow and to lay the dust on many sandy roads of Kings county. An automobile agent, with an eye for machines and their value, made a tour over the grounds and estimated that cars to a value of nearly two hundred thousand dollars had come to the demonstration. There were also carriages by the hundreds.

The spectacular work of the tractors especially attracted the younger men. The powerfully-built International Harvester Company tractor, with its following plows, was kept after so closely by the enthusiasts that much of its operations were hidden. The Smith-Forma truck attachment, which can be used with any Ford car, was watched with interest as a double furrow was plowed.

The admiration centered chiefly, however, on the tractor, which is being built on an eight thousand contract for the British government. It was the first machine built for demonstration, and the only one of the type yet shown in America. On its hood Henry Ford had painted "Peace, Industry and Prosperity," and then he sent it as a gift, with his compliments, to the College of Agriculture, Truro. It is a neat and highly acceptable souvenir of Mr. Ford's visit to this province some months ago.

This powerful machine, which is to cost no more than a pair of horses, plowed its two furrows at a speed much in excess of what was being made by the horses with only a single plow. After it had finished the plot, laid out for it, it rushed across the field at a speed that would bring the upraised hand of a street policeman. A disc harrow was attached and the plot thoroughly harrowed with as much ease and apparently as much pleasure to the driver as a joy ride.

Pictou county, famous for its plowing competitions, furnished one of the judges in the person of Rennie Stalker, of Barney's river, the champion of the county in a number of events. Colchester county furnished the other, Hibbert Blair, of Truro.

The following plowmen lined up in the various classes:

- CLASS "A"**
Joseph Parks, Upper Canard.
J. W. Eagles, New Minas.
Geo. R. Pineo, Upper Canard.
S. A. Cook, Central Chebogue.
A. W. Borden, Berwick.
Tom Hilder, Truro.
Harry Lydlard, Centreville.
James Newcombe, Canning.
Enos Norman, Lower Wolfville.
Blais Kilcup, Long Island.
Henry Hutchinson, Upper Canard.

- CLASS "B"**
James Viner, Upper Canard.
J. A. Magee, Port Williams.
A. N. Giffin, New Minas.
Andrew S. Fenwick, Greenwick.
W. Y. Stewart, Grand Pre.
S. A. Bowser, Grand Pre.
Guy P. Fuller, Grand Pre.
A. S. MacRae, Grand Pre.
Amos Findlay, Weston.
H. B. Vaughan, Sheffield Mills.
Scott E. Borden, Canard.
Fred Jordan, Centreville.
Wm. Ferguson, Kentville.
Embree Illsley, Welsford.
Chas. Stead, Kentville.
Wm. P. Brady, Canning.
F. W. Illsley, Berwick.
Tom Hooper, Truro.
Wm. Brander, Truro.
R. O. Harris, Upper Canard.
Austin Kennie, Gaspereaux.
Geo. Cole, Gaspereaux.
Havelock Fitzgerald, Gaspereaux.
C. F. McHeffey, Martock, Hants.

- CLASS "C"**
Lorne L. Rand, Upper Canard.
Walter W. Rand, Upper Canard.
G. R. Harvey, Grand Pre.
J. R. Skinner, Weston.
Ralph I. Ross, Upper Burlington.
Jos. A. Wallace, Upper Canard.
Harold B. Kingman, Sheffield Mills.
Glen Gertridge, Gaspereaux.
Chas. McR. Collins, Port Williams.
H. V. Rand, Port Williams.
Charles Fraser, Sheffield Mills.

- CLASS "D"**
Alfred Servant, Overton.
Edward Cann, Pembroke Shore.
John DeVan, Chegoggin.

The lots to be plowed were all laid off and numbered, and the judges made a careful circuit of the fields during the progress of the work, and shortly after it was finished arrived at their decisions and made the following award of prizes:

- CLASS "A" OVER 60.**
Thomas Hilder, Truro, \$25.00
J. W. Eagles, New Minas, \$20.00
Henry Hutchinson, Upper Canard, \$15.00

- Enos Norman, Lower Wolfville, \$12.00
Harry Lydlard, Centreville, \$10.00
S. A. Cook, Central Chebogue, \$8.00

- CLASS "B" ALL-COMERS**
Tom Hooper, Truro, \$25.00
Wm. Brander, Truro, \$20.00
Wm. Ferguson, Kentville, \$15.00
Guy P. Fuller, Grand Pre, \$12.00
A. S. MacRae, Grand Pre, \$10.00
C. F. MacHeffey, Martock, \$8.00
W. Y. Stewart, Grand Pre, \$6.00
A. N. Griffin, New Minas, \$4.00
H. B. Vaughan, Sheffield Mills, \$2.00

- CLASS "C" BOYS UNDER 25**
Walter W. Rand, Upper Canard, \$25.00
Harold V. Rand, Port Williams, \$20.00
Charles McR. Collins, Port Williams, \$15.00

- Lorne L. Rand, Upper Canard, \$12.00
Jas. A. Wallace, Upper Canard, \$10.00
Charles Fraser, Sheffield Mills, \$8.00

- CLASS "D" OX TEAMS**
Alfred Servant, Overton, \$25.00
Edward Cann, Pembroke Shore, \$20.00

The grand championship special prize of \$25.00 was awarded to Tom Hooper, of Truro.

Wm. Brander, of Truro, had the best crown and finish, while Scott Borden of Canard, had the best team.

At the finish of the competition there was a brief address by Principal Cumming and the presentation of the prizes. Principal Cumming said it was an historic day for Nova Scotia, and those present would always be able to say they had witnessed the first tractor demonstration in this province. The plowing competition had met with a surprising response on the part of the farmers. He could safely say that it was the greatest plowing competition ever held in Canada, more teams being started and more ground plowed.

That the event marks a new era in

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"Let Me Help You Carry the Burden, Mother"

"If Canada fails us in October, we must curtail many of our activities."

Sir ARTHUR STANLEY,
Chairman, Executive Committee,
British Red Cross.

It now costs \$300,000.00 a week to carry on the work of the British Red Cross, or \$16,000,000.00 a year.

Every minute of the day and night it costs \$30 to minister to the sick and wounded and dying.

Last year Canada's magnificent contribution paid for the entire work of the British Red Cross for nearly seven weeks.

This year, in view of the greater need, it is earnestly and confidently hoped that Canada's contributions will be as great proportionately as the magnificent offering of last year.

Our trust is, that the Citizens of Canada will give generously to this noble cause on—

"OUR DAY", OCTOBER 18th

A Few Facts about British Red Cross Work.

The British Red Cross Society is the only institution which carries voluntary aid to the Sick and Wounded of the British forces, on land and sea in every region of the War. Its work is therefore the concern of all classes of British subjects, whether living in the British Isles, in the Dominions and Colonies beyond the seas, or in foreign countries.

IN GREAT BRITAIN

57,000 Hospital Beds found in the United Kingdom.
30,000 of these provided with Nursing Staff.
2,000 Trained Nurses working at home and abroad.
7,500 V. A. D.'s helping in Army Hospitals.

\$220,000 spent on equipment of King George Hospital (1,850 beds) and \$130,000 a year contributed to cost of its maintenance.
\$225,000 spent on building and equipping Netley Red Cross Hospital (1,000 beds); and
\$625,000 spent on maintenance.
\$175,000 spent on Orthopaedic Curative Workshops and Training Fund.
\$185,000 for Facial Injury Hospitals.

ASSAM Teas for Economy

Assam teas are the strongest and richest grown. It is of these teas that Red Rose Tea chiefly consists. That is why it yields the very large number of 250 cups to the pound—at the cost of about a cent for five cups, and every cup rich, strong, delicious tea.

Kept Good by the Sealed Package

