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## This Competitor is Properly Proud of His Team len't this a team to make any farmer's heart glad? It's owner. Mr. Fred J. Fisher, Malvern, Ont., was awarded first place 'or heat turnout (hereas and harness) at the recent structural plowing match.

Match, once an annual event, has been revived after a long interval of 19 years. Good plowing is to be re-instated in its proper place as the first art of the farm. The Ontario Plowmen's Association with all of the strength of their 1400 members and backed by all of the enthusiasm that they have aroused throughout the country bave declared throughout the country have declared that such a long interval between Provincial matches will never occur again. They made a good start towards reviving this old-time institution on Tuesday, Novem-ber 11, when over 1,000 people and the

the cream of the plowmen of the province, gathered on the farm of Mr. Joseph Kilgour at Eglinton, Ont. The attendance would have been much larger had the weather been more pro-

Each contestant plowed one-quarter of an acre. The banner plowman of the day was Cameron Walkington, of King, who carried off the sweep stakes trophy, a massive silver cup, donated by The Canadian Farm, which he will have to win again next year before it will become his property. Mr. Walkington had been beaten the day previously at Scarboro, but regained his laurels in the provincial event, his successful competitor of the previous day coming fourth. Mr. Walkington was first on land, crown and finish.

AN 80-YEAR PLOWMAN

The most interesting figure of the event was Wm. Miliiken, an 80 year old veteran who guided his plow with a skill that many younger men might envy and finished up his quarter acre as fresh as a bird. At the banquet in the evening Mr. Milliken said that he used the same plow that day that he had used in a plowing match 55 years ago. The first silver cup that he had won was competed for just 50 years from the day previous, and it was over 60 years since he had won his first prize. There was some doubt as to when the last provincial plowing match had been held, but Mr. Milliken supplied the missing information. It had been held 19 years before on his

As Mr. Milliken spoke he grew ren iniscent and recalled the winnings of earlier days. He even remembered the names of the winners in the first match in which he ever competed, Mr. Hood, Mr. Eckhart, Jas. Robert son and himself. All have passed away but himself. The speaker sug gested that the name "Plowing Match" be changed to "Plowing Katch" be changed to "Plowing Katch" be that made the event the success that it was. Besides riv-ing the use of the farm to also con-ting the use of the farm to also con-tants, Mr. Kilgour provided refresh-ments, good substantial refreshments, and working men require, at iniscent and recalled the winnings of

the success that it was. Besides give cheaper than putting m a new sill; ing the use of the farm to the contex- and a much solider and better build-tants, Mr. Kigour provided refresh-ing than any new woodwork under ments, good substantial refreahments those rotten joists could give. How-such as hard working men require, at ever; if it looks like a cold night any both noon and night. His hospitality time within a week, I must throw a was appreciated to the full. His name few forkfuls of straw on top of the was never mentioned at the banquet concrete, or the frost will damage it.

The Provincial Plowing Match The Ontario Provincial Plowing Match, once an annual event, has fellow."

One of the satisfactory features of the match was that of the 34 contestants, the majority were young men. This augurs well for the success of future events. The prizes were pre-sented by Mr. J. Lockie Wilson. The winners in each of the various classes were as follows :

were as follows: First class, open to all, in sod-1. Cam-eron Walkington, King, alive, cup (Dro-scated by George Benry, Alt.), S. Shur-Tindale, Richmond Hill, cup (presented by John Wankes & Oo.). Becond class, open to these who have never won first prizes in Ulls clearly the Hunt (Uub); 2, siewart Bond, Wo-burn, tea, service (presented by A. J. (Continued on page 22)

## **Concrete** and Charity

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It is said that charity covereth a multitude of sins. In that, it is like old Rory McLeod's two assistants in his waggon shop—paint and putty. Likewise, in the same respect, it re-sembleth concrete.

A few weeks ago I was visiting a friend in Scotch Village. Only lately he bought his farm; and one big barn was in bad shape. The sills, laid on was in bad shape. The sills, laid on the wet ground, were completely rot-ten, as also were the ends of the floor joists. We talked the matter over, and finally decided that the best thing and finally decided that the best thing would be to spike a three-inch plank on the inside of the barn to the studs and posts where the sound wood commenced, say a foot above the sills, and then, a portion at a time, dig out the rotten sill and wood, put in board forms, and run in a concrete wall all round the barn right up to the new three-inch plank. This would com-pletely embed the old sill that re-mained the lower ends of studding. mained, the lower ends of studding, and also a few inches of the ends of the joists.

PRACTICE IN ACCORD WITH PREACHING To-day I tried the same plan on old building on my own farm. The old building on my own farm. The west wall was so badly gone at the stil that 1 had to shore up and take the weight of the wall by props or posts under the plate at the first cel-ing. So supported, the lower portion of wall swayed like a pendulum. To night what is finished of it is as plate as one building. These is as

solid as a new building. There is a concrete foundation resting on good soil; a wall about 10 inches thick rising above the floor about a foot. The wall (good wood and irremovable rot-ten wood) is firmly bedded in this concrete; and I flatter myself I have a good job well begun. It is much cheaper than putting in a new sill;

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