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Island Farm One Of Just Two Chosen To Visit On Royal Tour



THE KITCHEN IS MRS. PROWSE'S BAILIWICK



TYPICAL GLIMPSE OF TYPICAL ISLANDER



FAMILY GROUP BEFORE AWARD-WINNING FARM HOME
Left to right: Mr. Prowse; daughter Gall, Mrs. Bennett Jenkins; Mr. Jenkins holding grandson Errol Jenkins; Mrs. Prowse and son Ernest.

Excitement Grips Family As 'Lovely Honor' Nears

When the Queen of Canada visits this portion of her realm Thursday she will find many excited people waiting here. Not the least of them will be Mrs. Wilford Prowse, Brackley Point Road, at whose farm home Her Majesty will stop.

It will be one of just two farms in Canada to be visited during the present tour by Her Majesty and Prince Philip.

A three-time winner in the Rural Beautification contest so widely featured in a recent issue of The Evening Patriot's Weekend Magazine, the 80-year old Prowse home is now serving its fourth generation of the family.

SPONSOR OF IDEA
For three consecutive years it was awarded the prize as the outstanding home in Queens County in the program designed to improve the appearance of Island farm homes. In the home to meet Her Majesty will be E. W. Johnson, Burlington, the man primarily responsible for the rural beautification program, and creator of his own farm of miniatures of famous British castles.

This year the Prowses have embarked on additional distinctive improvements and the home is once again entered in the contest.

The smiling attractive farm wife gives an impression of competence which is borne out by the spotless yet comfortable home. It is located seven miles from Charlottetown on a paved road leading to Brackley Beach on the famed North Shore.

Asked what she would say to the Queen, Mrs. Prowse looked startled and had no immediate reply. However, her husband had an answer as to what they would show the Royal couple. "Whatever they want to see; I guess

"won't have much to say about it."

A "LOVELY HONOR"
Mrs. Prowse is not as excited now as when she was first told by Brig. W. W. Reid that her home had been chosen as an example of Island farm living. Her neighbors were excited then, too, and most of them think it is "pretty nice" for her. She thinks it is a "lovely honor" both to her and "all Brackley Point Road."

She usually gets up about 6 a.m. each morning, but "the night before the Queen comes we might as well stay up all night because I don't think we will sleep too good anyway."

Mr. Prowse manages to conceal his excitement, but not his pleasure, at the coming visit. Browned by years of wind and sun he is typical in appearance of Island farmers.

NO TOP HAT
He says he will just wear ordinary clothes that day. "We don't go for top hat and tails on a tractor." His wife will wear an attractive new polished cotton dress.

A prosperous farmer of the province, Mr. Prowse has over 100 acres of which 100 are under cultivation and a couple of acres for a woodlot. His main farming interest is in dairy cattle and he has 73 head of Ayrshires and sells 800 pounds of milk a day to a city creamery.

The main crop grown on the farm is corn for cattle feed, but he also grows some oats, hay and turnips. He does not grow potatoes even for his own use; "we buy them in a store the same as you."

VARIED INTERESTS
A keen businessman as well as a successful farmer, Mr. Prowse has long been known in shipping circles, handling all types of Island produce and livestock for shipment to Newfoundland and Northern Gulf markets. He is also a partner in a firm handling 15-

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YOUNG ERNEST WOULD LIKE TO SHOW GUNS

Canada's 'Kentucky' Offers Racing At Finest for Queen

Harness horse racing may not be new to Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip by the time they reach these Island shores. It is expected, however, that she is expected to see this favorite Island sport at its finest, through inclusion of two heats on the program for the Royal visit.

Her Majesty will present a trophy to the winner in each of the two races.

There have been many great horses and drivers developed on Island tracks. One of the drivers, O'Brien of Alberton, graduated to the Grand Circuit tracks in the U.S. some years ago and has been astounding the experts and race goers with his success.

BELOVED FIGURE
An Islander who needs no introduction to harness horse racing followers in any part of this country of the United States is Lieut.-Col. D.A. MacKinnon, DSO, Croix de Guerre veteran of the First World War. Col. MacKinnon is a recognized authority on the racing game and his writings on the sport have been quoted widely.

Col. MacKinnon is still actively participating in racing and many have voiced the hope he will be among the starters when

the Royal visitors attend the card at the local track.

It was late in the 1890's when crowds from the three Maritime Provinces gathered at Charlottetown for the first harness horse race on what was to become an internationally known track.

STEADY IMPROVEMENT
Since that October afternoon improvements on the grounds and driving park have been maintained at a gradual pace. Night racing was introduced early in the post war years. New programs and entertainments were provided and periodically, over the years, buildings have been erected on the grounds.

During Old Home Week, in mid-August, it becomes the show window for Island cattle, horses, and all classes of live-stock. Here, too, are exhibited the best in Island cooking and handicraft.

President of the Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association is Cecil Stewart. H.J. Kennedy is manager and vice-president, while Comdr. G.H. Buntain is secretary-treasurer and Frank Acorn is race secretary.

Her Majesty and Prince Philip are scheduled to proceed to the track at 2.50 p.m. She is due to depart after seeing the two heats and her part in the proceedings at 3.35 p.m.



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