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## X Tom Lamb, Fabulous Man Of The North

Tom Lamb is confounding the northland again. The man whose career reads like something from Arabian Nights, is going in for livestock in an area long known as best fitted for the raising of timber wolves, bears and other cattle-raiding animals. But Lamb, ever two jumps ahead in making the best use of the great natural resources in the north, sees a great future in the development of the livestock industry some seventy miles east of The Pas.

One of the most unforgettable men in Canada, his life time has been spent at Moose Lake. His father was a Hudson Bay company factor, and Tom chose to hew out his own career in the country which abounded in early days with wild life, and minerals. He has his own community at Moose Lake, where he built a school for his children (nine of them), flew in the school teacher from Ontario, and even crated in a grand piano so that those members of the family who wanted music, could have it at home. Now some of his sons are flying the aircraft which their father owns. For Tom Lamb it was fur farming, fishing, supply trains, and transportation anywhere this side of the North Pole. He progressed easily from tramping 70 miles on snowshoes to The Pas, to sled teams in which a wheel set was a pair of timber wolves he had trained; to the Skippy L, a launch which travelled all

navigable stream in the north; and then to his own plane. With the latter he flew "mercy flights" in any kind of country or weather. When everybody else refused, or said it was too hazardous, Tom Lamb undertook it. Then came his own fleet of planes, now working out of The Pas.

Lamb has never been afraid to take chances, whether it is with his own life, or his fortune. He developed 54,000 acres of marshes for the raising of muskrats, and beaver. He pumped water out of the Saskatchewan river into bald areas to create marshes. He told the Indians that they would soon be trapping "among the poplars," which they said was impossible. But he convinced even the Redmen. Now that muskrat pelts have sunk to almost an alltime low, he's turning to cattle raising. Adding to his growing herd of 150 Herefords on a ranch within a stone's throw of Moose Lake, he purchased three good bulls at the Manitoba Winter Fair in Brandon.

Tom Lamb is of the north. He's as much a part of it as the streams he paddled, the forests he explored, and the rugged terrain he trod. No job has been too big for him to tackle, or too small to refuse. With the limited resources back of him, he has accomplished miracles. Who knows but that his livestock farm will become another success page in the story of this fabulous man of Moose Lake.

## Kiwanians To Spread Goodwill

The unfortified boundary between Canada and the United States is an object lesson