

**1948 MEAT PRODUCTION**

Total meat production in Canada in 1948 has shown an increase of 11% over the previous year and a decline of eight per cent from the record production of 1944. The total supply for 1948 is estimated at 2.3 billion pounds of which 1.5 billion pounds was handled through inspected plants. As compared with 1947, it is expected that inspected slaughtering of hogs will have increased 5 per cent in 1948, cattle 12 per cent, and calves 14 per cent, but sheep and lambs will have declined 16 per cent.

Total exports of meat remained much the same in each of the last two years. Increases in exports of

beef in 1948 offset declines in exports of pork. The amount of dressed beef exported to the United States is expected to be approximately the same as that exported to the United Kingdom in 1947. This resulted from a mid year change in the United Kingdom beef agreement, followed by the lifting of the Canadian embargo on beef shipments to the United States.

The remainder of the production a total of 1.9 billion pounds or 80 per cent of the total has been available for domestic consumption.

A Russian poet claims that because of wide-spread appreciation there, Shakespeare's "spiritual" home is Russia.



**SPORTS CAMERA**

By H. Cole

**An Open Letter to Georgetown Hockey Fans**

Dear fans, I guess you received quite a surprise the other night when those explosive-packed Acton Tanners humbled your boys with some of the despatch with which they used to operate before the war. It must bring back nervous memories which you doubtless hoped would never again occur, of those night-march episodes which saw your arch rival down your best mercenary troops with abandon. By the expression on your faces as you left the arena it was equal to the last days of Pompeii, however incongruous.

But the thing that must have hurt most was to see "Dooney" Evans, the net minder you once spurned, turning back your team's thrusts. You once thought "Dooney" a hero and then a bum. I presume he now is subjected to more moronic epithets.

You can hardly blame me for not sympathizing with your executive in their recent loss of three star players in Hal Gibson, Rhodes and Birtwhistle. They just remained in the minor leagues for seasoning and are playing bona-fide pro now, instead of mere \$15 a night semi-pro stuff. That is, assuming course, you acknowledge Senior A as pro. I'm afraid to say it but maybe with the high cost of living you should raise your prices to correspond with semi-pro pay checks.

Then again, you could revert to "home brew" talent. But that is a stupid suggestion isn't it. Jack Kempstead couldn't play the entire game himself. I imagine that Kempstead is so surprised to be on the roster himself he isn't good for anything else. Whatever inspired your officials to let him play. Understood he wasn't capable enough last semester. Surely the quality of hockey hasn't deteriorated.

Your team certainly looked impressive before the game on Thursday — brilliant sweaters, snappy skaters, portly bearing — inspired no doubt by a 16-2 drubbing you handed the newly organized Guelph Hornets the night previous. I heard one fan ejaculate as Acton knocked in the first two goals — "Guelph knocked in the first two, too. Wait till we get rolling". Dear fan, what happened? Too much hockey? After all the Tanners are only an Int. "B" club. That is a long transition isn't it beheading a Senior "B" club and then being downed by an Int. B sextette, who as yet haven't better than multi-hued jerseys in which to play.

In spite of all this we expect your Raiders to give an account to square this up. It is a fact, however, that teams who win a championship rarely repeat and if those Tanners maintain the stride they produced last week it's going to be tough hiding under the "Old Lady's" skirts this term. Poor old Hatpin Annie (O.H.A.).

Yours for keener competition,  
Hockey Advocate.

**Odds and Ends**

Opening ceremonies of the loop included an address by Acton's Joe Gibbons, who now holds the mayoralty reins in Georgetown... approximately 1000 spectators watched the first game but many made hasty exit when they saw a portion of the second. The hockey was brutal... "Dude" Lindsay was out on Tuesday to bolster the backliners... Rumor has it that "Frick" Woods is trying out with Georgetown. Can't say I blame him.

Pigeons are the only birds that drink water by suction like humans.

**NEWS and VIEWS**

Of Halton Farm Interest

**Halton County Council Leads the Way**

Halton County Council is to be congratulated on the forward move taken at their last session on November 16th. We refer to the by-law passed which provides a grant to wood-lot owners who desire to erect fences to completely enclose their wood lots, thus fostering forest growth by keeping their livestock out. Halton is the first county in Ontario to take this progressive step, which is long overdue in Ontario.

Already a number of Halton folk have made inquiries which would indicate this action is a popular one. Those interested should make application for full details either from Wm. Deans, County Clerk, Milton, or the Agricultural Office Milton. In brief, the by-law provides that a grant will be made equal to the prevailing cost price of an eight strand wire fence with a single bar, on one or more sides of his woodlot, in order to completely enclose the woodlot thus fostering forest growth by keeping out the livestock. As we understand it, it does not in any way interfere with a woodlot owner cutting or selling products from his woodlot. Such owners would also be eligible to claim tax exemption for such woodlots under the Assessment Act.

A woodlot to be eligible must contain at least two acres and must contain not less than 400 trees per acre of all sizes; or 300 trees measuring over 2" in diameter; or 200 trees measuring over 5" in diameter; or 100 trees measuring over 8" in diameter (all such measurements to be taken 4 1/2 ft. from the ground).

While this is only one step in a much needed conservation program nevertheless if all Halton woodlot owners avail themselves of the financial assistance provided, we are confident that in a period of ten years, our springs, wells and streams will show beneficial results.

**Judy Merry Tops Strong Shorthorn Section at Royal**

On Monday morning of last week the sheep and swine ring at the Royal Winter Fair was crowded with Club members from all sections of Ontario exhibiting their respective baby beeves. Some 90 odd Club Members were all competing for the much coveted King's Guineas. Fifty-one of these exhibited Shorthorn steers and in this section Judy Merry of Trafalgar Township had the winner. In fourth place was Duncan Campbell of Moffat, and Cliff Norrish, also of Moffat, in sixteenth. Incidentally these 3 Club Members placed first, second and third respectively in the baby beef section at the Achievement Day of the Halton Calf Club held last September. In the Hereford section with twenty-four animals in the ring, Evelyn McCann of Omagh was in thirteenth place while John McKinnon of Milton was sixteenth with his Angus steer in the Angus section. The grand championship which took with it the King's Guineas Award went to the Angus steer fed and exhibited by Kenneth McKinnon of Hillsburg who has now won the honour for two years in a row. The reserve grand was Judy Merry's winning Shorthorn.

The officiating Judge, Chas. Yule of Calgary, stated from the ring-side that the Shorthorn section was the most difficult class he ever worked on. When one realizes that this big Westerner has had the honor of officiating not only at many of the top shows on this continent but also at the Perth Show in Scotland that is tall praise indeed.

All of these market cattle were later sold by public auction. While we were not in attendance at this sale, we understand the King's Guineas winner sold at over \$3.00 per pound. The Merry steer brought 70c per pound and the other Halton steers between the 34 and 37c per lb. We would judge that the McKinnon steer weighs close to 1000 pounds, which means around \$3000 for the one animal — in short, those tenderloins would be sweet but rather dear eating.

**Valley Crest Clydesdales Make Great Showing at Royal**

Valley Crest Farms, Palermo, under the able management of Herbert Berry, really put Halton County on the map in the Clydesdale ring at the Royal Winter Fair. While they exhibited only four animals the Valley Crest stable won 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 1 third, 1 fourth and 1 fifth. Their yield mare won the Red ribbon in a class of over twenty, and their stallion foal won similar honors in another strong class. They also won first for the three best mares in the show, as well as second for progeny of dam, and 2nd for get of sire. They culminated these awards by having the reserve Sr and reserve grand champion, Clydesdale Mare and reserve Junior champion stallion.

**J. H. Willmetts Hampshire Flock**  
Winners at Royal

The Hampshire Show at the Royal brought together some of the top flocks from both sides of the line. J. H. Willmetts and Son of Milton had the reserve grand championship on their winning ewe lamb, in which class the Willmetts ewe lamb placed first and second. They also had first on their pen of Canadian bred lambs and second in the open class, as well as second prize in the ram lamb class, and second in the yearling ewe class. A fitting climax was the sale of thirteen ewes to one American buyer, and one to the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

**BURLINGTON**

Sym's Club announced that plans and committees are under way for the development of skating rink for the boys and girls in the Lions park this coming winter season.

Charles Parson, of Freeman, has been appointed constable for the town to replace Thomas Hall, who resigned several weeks ago. Nine applications were received for the job.

Due to the power cut-off, firemen had to depend on the town bell again on Tuesday to summon the men to duty at 12:50 for a fire at the National Fire Proofing Co., Aldershot. A truck owned by S. Chocak, of Hamilton, who was drawing material for the company suddenly burst into flames, and before the fire was extinguished the engine and cab were a complete wreck.

All municipalities throughout the province received an increase in their power quota on Tuesday and Burlington received the huge amount of 2 1/2 per cent, less than 500 kw. hours. We were not as fortunate as "hog town", Toronto, who were immediately able to announce that the night black-outs would end and Toronto enjoyed their full lighting on Tuesday night. The reason given for the quota increase was more rain in the Quebec area, which permitted the Quebec power companies to deliver more power to Ontario. — Gazette

**NEW PEAK IN STEEL PRODUCTION**

Another record for October output is claimed by the steel industry. Production that month, it states, reached an annual rate of 15,455,000 tons, the highest ever attained. The previous highest was 15,440,000 tons in June. Pig iron output in October, at an annual rate of 9,525,000 tons, compared with 9,407,000 tons in September and 8,352,000 tons a year ago.

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