

FARM NEWS

3285 Calves Vaccinated in Halton in 1950

Calfood vaccination as a control measure for Bang's disease is fast becoming a general practice on the part of all progressive cattle owners in Halton. According to figures recently released by the Ontario Veterinary College, 3285 calves were vaccinated in Halton in 1950. This is almost a fifty per cent increase over the number done in 1940. While calfood vaccination is not 100 per cent perfect, neither is vaccination practiced as a control measure against certain human diseases. However, it is sufficiently effective in controlling bacillus abortus that no longer is the deadly disease one of the major ills which have to be combated in this County. The campaign sponsored some two or three years ago jointly by the Halton Livestock Improvement Association and the Halton Federation of Agriculture, has borne good fruit. Undoubtedly a small percentage of Halton cattle owners immediately followed the procedure which was followed. Just a few days ago one Halton cattle owner who signed up for calfood vaccination reported to us that his veterinarian had failed to call and do the necessary work. It should be pointed out that it is up to the individual cattle owner to advise his own veterinarian when he has one or more heifer calves between the ages of six and nine months which require vaccination. Unless the veterinarian has to make a special call the charge is \$1.00 per head.

We also occasionally meet the odd cattle owner who states, "Oh, I've never had any trouble with Bang's so why should I bother?" There aren't many people in this day and age who take that attitude on fire insurance, and yet an outbreak of Bang's in a herd can be just as disastrous and costly as a barn or house fire.

Cows which have been vaccinated at the proper age as heifers and which have returned negative are the cattle, whether grades or pure breeds, which are in demand and which command a premium.

Kingsway Kiwanis Donates Nine Scholarships

Nine scholarships, each consisting of a week's Short Course at the O.A.C., will be donated this year to winners in boys' and girls' Club work in Halton. We understand that the club programme being undertaken in Halton this year includes the following: (1) Tractor Maintenance Club; (2) three Calf Clubs, one with Holsteins, a second with Jerseys and Guernseys, and a third with baby-beeves; (3) a Swine Club; and (4) two Grain Clubs. Should there be any rural young people between the ages of 12 and 20 years who have not already made their application, they should immediately contact the Agricultural Office in Milton. Organization meetings for the respective clubs will be held in late April or early May.

Establishment Of Basic Herd Aided

Some points to consider in the establishment of a basic herd are suggested as follows:

1. It is designed to remove from taxable income, that portion of the returns from the sale of breeding stock which can reasonably be determined as capital.
2. It is not designed to remove from taxable income, returns from the sale of breeding stock which has been built up by natural increase when accounting on a cash basis during a period when the farmer was taxable or when such stock would have made him taxable.
3. It can be applied to breeding herds or flocks of cattle, horses, sheep or swine. Unless the holdings of sheep, swine or horses are fairly large or particularly valuable, it may be worth maintaining the necessary records in larger farm operations. It does not apply to market livestock, but only to breeding herds.
4. Basic herd calculations can be applied to breeding herds of either grades or purebreds. Where both are kept, it may require two calculations.
5. In the case of cattle, T.B. and blood-test records are probably the most valuable in establishing what your basic herd should be. These can be secured from your district Federal Veterinary Inspector and the further back you go, the better (in most cases).
6. In the case of other kinds of stock, it would most likely be registered stock and these records would be valuable. Any comparable records are valuable.
7. Application must be made 30 days before a dispersal or reduction sale which might cut into the basic herd.
8. Where it is desired to establish a basic herd, it should be done as soon as possible for the following reasons: (a) The base period is Jan. 1st, 1947. The further you get away from that, the more difficult it may be. (b) It is much better to work it out when there is no pressure of an emergency such as a fire, an unusual opportunity for a sale, or the settlement of an estate. (c) Tax returns must be filed regularly to maintain a basic herd.
9. For farmers starting since Jan. 1st, 1947, the commencement of operations will be the base period.
10. A basic herd number refers to a number of mature livestock and has no relationship to values.
11. Where a taxpayer is accounting on an accrual or inventory basis, it may or may not be to his advantage to establish a basic herd, depending largely on the relationship between his inventory values and the actual value of his animals and the trends of the market. It is relatively easy to establish a basic herd where accurate inventories have been kept and accepted by the department.
12. The basic number can never be more than the actual number on hand. It may be considerably less but provision is made for increasing it.
13. The official directive and application form can be obtained from the District Income Tax Office. A specially trained person is in each district office.
14. The Farmer's Guide for 1950 Income Tax Return should be secured from the local Post Office and examined closely.

NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH NEWS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

Through the Mills
Georgetown's tax rate, announced in the Herald last week, is 43 mills, based on an assessment of \$3,380,000. (Last year's rate was 60 mills). Oakville's new rate has gone up to 63.5 mills. It was regretfully recorded in the Oakville-Trafalgar Journal. Milton's rate is 45 mills; Acton's 43.

Never Say Die
O.H.A. officials answered "No" very politely but very firmly to Georgetown's bid for more hockey competition last week. Financially embarrassed after a none-too-good season, the Georgetown team hoped to be allowed to enter Senior B to finish the season. "No," the officials said.

Water Weary Pavilion
No more flaunting the waves for the lakeshore pavilion at Bronte Beach which was damaged in storms last fall. After 40 years of rugged service the pavilion has been torn down. It is hoped to have a new pavilion built by May 24th—not quite so close to the water.

Hockey '52
Oakville is making plans for a Junior "B" O.H.A. hockey club for next winter. Grouped in the district, the team is getting ready for future tangles—with Brampton, Aurora and possibly Dundas and Burlington. Camm and Thompson, who played this year with Milton, are expected to be on the team with Oakville juvenile grads.

Chartered
There's a new Rotary Club in Burlington. Word was just recently received from Chicago that the club had been granted its charter by the board of directors of Rotary International. There are 21 charter members.

Nationalist News
The readers of the Milton Champion are joining in an old coin date collection through the columns of the paper. The oldest coins brought into the office so far are Roman pieces, and many British coins as old as the 18th century have been recorded. Several of Canada's early coins round out the list which is still growing. Last week a collector wrote that, having noticed that the King and Queen attended Maundy Thursday services the week before Easter, he thought he would mention coins of his. Evidently silver coins used to be given out on this day, although the practice was discontinued in 1754. The Kilbride man actually owns several of these coins, dated 1759.

NO ANSWER
The old-timer had tried to cater to men only in his hardware store—specializing in anchors, ropes, tools and house hardware—but the times were too much for him. I was in there one day buying paint, and the telephone was ringing persistently. He as persistently ignored it and I finally said, "I'll wait while you answer."
"Oh, I hear it," he said disgustedly. "Fool women—they asked me so often why I didn't have a telephone that I put one in just to keep 'em quiet. But I never answer it."
—The Reader's Digest.

Administration Sale

The Administrator of the Estate of JOHN STARK late of the Township of Esqueving in the County of Halton, farmer, will offer for sale by public auction at the East half of Lot 8, in the Fourth Concession, Township of Esqueving, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 14th 1951, the following REAL ESTATE, FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS

REAL ESTATE—Parcel 1—The East half of Lot No. 8, in the Fourth Concession of Township of Esqueving, containing 100 acres, more or less, of choice, warm, sandy clay loam soil, on which is said to be erected a seven roomed 1 1/2 story frame house, with summer kitchen, wood-shed and work-shop attached. The house has hot air furnace and soft water inside; on the land is a barn, approximately 31 feet by 50 feet, on stone foundation; also an L Barn, approximately 30 feet by 60 feet, ties up 14 cattle, and 8 horses, with large open shed and several box stalls. Roofs on buildings are in very good repair. On the farm are two wells and a never failing spring creek supplies water. 22 acres fall ploughed, 23 acres new seeding, 13 acres lucerne and 13 acres in fall wheat. There is a good maple and cedar bush, containing 10 acres. This farm land is in excellent heart; the buildings command a picturesque view and are situated close to and on a good, open, gravel Township road.

Parcel 2—The South half of the West half of Lot No. 8, in the Fifth Concession, of the Township of Esqueving, containing 50 acres, more or less, of good, light soil, on which is said to be erected a six roomed 1 1/2 story, brick veneer house, with hot air furnace and 1-car garage. This parcel of land has 23 acres cleared and a choice pine, beech and maple bush, containing 22 acres, more or less.

The above lands will be offered for sale in ONE parcel and will be sold subject to reserved bid and conditions of sale.

TERMS OF SALE—10 per cent, on day of purchase, and balance without interest within 30 days, thereafter.

Sale of Real Estate to commence at 2:00 p.m.

CHATTELS
HORSES and HARNESS—3 blocky Bay Horses, aged, good workers; 2 sets Heavy Breeding Harness; Collars, Bridles, Blankets, Bells, etc.

COWS and YOUNG CATTLE—1 Roan Durham Cow, due time of sale; 1 Red Durham Cow, calf at side; 1 Roan Durham Cow, bred to calve in April; 1 Bar Jersey Cow, in full flow, bred Jan. 3; 1 Jersey Cow, fresh time of sale; 4 Durham Heifers, 2 yrs. old—not bred; 1 Durham Heifer, 1 yr. old; 1 Jersey Heifer, 8 months old; 1 Veal Calf.

AUTOMOBILE—1 Pontiac, 4 door, 1928 model.

HAY and GRAIN—10 ton Mixed Hay; 300 bus. Baled Hay; 300 bus. Fall Wheat; 300 bus. Oats; 300 bus. Mixed Grain oats and barley; 1/4 bus. Timothy Seed.

SHEEP and HOGS—125 Heavy Hens, in heavy production; 10 Cross Bred Ewes; 1 Ram; 8 York Shoats.

FARM IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, ETC.—Front and Wood Grain Binder; 6 ft. Cockshutt Hay Loader; steel deck; Side Rake, New Idea; Grain Drill, Deering; Mower, Manure Spreader; Deering Stove; 5 ft. Oliver Single-furrow Riding Plow; Sloop Sleighs; Walking Plow; Hay Tedder; Light Wagon; 2 Farm Wagons; Brooder Stove; Dump Rake; Extension Ladder; DeLaval Cream Separator; Land Roller; Platform Scales; 2 sets Harrows; Cutter; Bugger; Flat Hay Cultivator; Bag Truck; Flat Hay Rake; Grindstone; Steel and Wood-barrel; Hand Power Clippers with sheep head; Oil Barrels; New Tongues; Quantity of Stove Wood and Dry Lumber; Large assortment of Carpenter's Tools, including hammers, hand saws, planes, bits, cross cut saw, adzes, etc.

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—Assortment of Dish-

Why Englishmen Prefer Australia

Writing from England recently, a farm worker told The Financial Post that he would like to emigrate to Canada but will probably go to Australia. The reason as he sees it and as a great many of his countrymen probably will see it, is simple. It is cheaper to travel all the way to Australia under the government assistance scheme than it is to take the train journey alone from Montreal to Winnipeg.

This man is a trained dairyman and tractor driver and comes from one of the best farming sections in Britain. He seems typical of a class that has proven to be a most desirable immigrant from any new country. Yet he holds no hope of coming to Canada.

At his present rate of wages, 25 to 28 a week, he figures it would take him nearly 15 years to save enough to pay the fare for himself, wife and child to a point in central Canada.

If the Canadian government in its present expanded plans for immigration, hopes to include British farm workers, declares The Post, the facts mentioned in this letter from England must be recognized and faced. The prospective emigrant, we must remember, has considerably more than just an ocean fare to meet, if he intends to settle in any of the central regions of the country.

There were more cattle, sheep and lambs but fewer horses on Canadian farms last December 31st than a year previously. The number of horses has declined steadily since 1942.

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Why Your Railway Ticket Is Punched

Whenever you ride a train, the conductor punches your ticket to cancel it. Now, no two of those ticket punches are the same. Each punch, like a human fingerprint, leaves a mark that has no duplicate. This variety in punch marks is part of the Canadian National's accounting system. The hole your conductor punched in your ticket today may make the outline of a lady's head, a high button shoe or a top hat in any event it will be unique. Identifying not only the conductor but also the section of the CNR's lines over which you were traveling when the ticket was punched.

The railway will never run short of these punch marks, for while there are 2,000 in use, the company has 1,500 more dies. Punch marks include the letters of the alphabet and animate and inanimate objects such as a star, a mushroom, a half moon, a hatchet, an anchor, a fish, a trowel, the four symbols of playing cards, a horse's head, and many other.

As we have said, they have a direct bearing on the accounting system. They are a factor in proving that a portion of a ticket is refundable. The railway doesn't expect a passenger to pay for more than he has received. If you have used only a portion of your ticket, the company is prepared to return your money on the remainder. However, to make refunds possible, the railway must maintain an accurate tally of the tickets and parts of tickets that have been honored on its trains. The punches used by its conductors provide this tally.

Let's suppose you bought a ticket from Montreal to Winnipeg, and that for some reason or other, you left the train at Capreol. Out of Montreal and Ottawa the conductor will leave their punch marks (a diamond and horseshoe) to indicate that you travelled the distance of their runs, that is, Montreal to Capreol.

On return to Montreal, you apply for a refund from Capreol to Winnipeg. Your application and ticket are forwarded to the auditor of passenger accounts office. There, by consulting the records, it is found that the diamond belongs to conductor Smith on the Montreal-Ottawa run and that the horseshoe punch mark belongs to conductor

Jones on the Ottawa-Capreol run. By checking the daily ticket report it is determined that these conductors were on duty when you made the trip. The punch marks on your ticket when checked against the records show that you travelled only from Montreal to Capreol. Hence, the Capreol-Winnipeg part of your ticket is refundable.

Since punches play an important role in making refunds, they are issued with care. When a conductor receives a new punch, its particulars are filed with his superintendent and with the auditor of passenger accounts. At the latter's office, an additional record for each punch is maintained. It is called the Record of Ticked Punches. This record contains all the transfers made of a punch until it goes out of service. Something of a master record also is kept there and is used as a ready reference. This record lists all the punches in use and names the conductors to whom they have been issued and the runs on which they are used. All the records bear the marks of the punches so that when a conductor turns in his ticket report, his punch mark is his signature.

—Canadian National Magazine

Shaving was originally a protective measure, since long beards were easy for opponents in combat to seize.

DAINGEROUS SIGN

Canadians are still among the most fortunate of peoples but one important group of them, the white collared or middle class, is not quite so fortunate as it was ten years ago. Some new official information on personal income and expenditures says The Financial Post is worth the most careful study. It indicates some significant deterioration in the economic standing of a group this country or any other can ill afford to see weakened.

Boiled down and digested, these statistics confirm what has long been suspected, namely that the standard of living of our middle or white collared class, which suffered a body blow during the war, has not yet recovered. And so long as bare necessities like food and shelter continue to be high, and taxes continue to be heavy, it will not recover.

THERE ARE CANADIANS

In a recent broadcast J. B. Priestley, well-known English writer, suggested that Canadians were too inclined to ape either the British or the Americans.

The Financial Post asked a group of citizens about this point. While most of those replying thought that there was more Canadianism here than Priestley seemed to find, at the same time they admitted that was not enough was being done to expand it and to publicize it. They suggested that strong efforts should be made to counteract U.S. influence, and to continue the development of a Canadian nation.

Ottawa's estimates indicate that the federal government will spend more than \$3,800,000,000 in 1951.

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HERE'S WHERE IT COUNTS

JANE POWELL illustrates what the well-dressed, teen-ager of the early 1900's wears (in her dreams) in M-G-M's captivating new Technicolor Musical, "Two Weeks with Love" playing at the Roxy next Monday and Tuesday. Ricardo Montalban, Louis Calhern and Ann Harding also star in the liting comedy of a girl whose troubles begin and end with her passionate desire to own a corset!

The shows, the concerts, the shops and the myriad sights always make a visit enjoyable. When you go by bus, even the trip is fun.

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