



**Maple Cattle Breeders Continue to Expand**

Ontario largest artificial unit operated by the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association had the largest increase in the number of breedings during the first six months of 1961 that the Unit has ever experienced in any six month period of its history. According to E. A. Silder, Treasurer of the Maple Unit, there was a total of 19,182 first breedings for the six month period ending on June 30th of this year. In the area surrounding headquarters at Maple there have been 843 sign up as new members. In addition they have had nearly 700 more sign up in the new Northern Ontario branches with 700 first breedings not included in the above figure.

It will be of interest to our readers to know that the Maple Unit is now shipping semen by air to Rainy River, Thunder Bay and Algoma districts in addition to New Laskard by train. There is a total of 36 bulls in the batteries operated at Maple.

Owing to demands from breeders in other sections of the Province for services to the sires owned by the Maple Unit, the Directors of the Maple Association have authorized the sale of semen from any of their sires at \$10.00 C.O.D. to non-members. If the breeder wishes to register the resulting calf he pays an additional \$15.00. Members of the Association however, continue to get the use of any of the Unit's sires whether Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Ayrshire, Short-horn or Hereford at the regulation \$5.00 service fee.

Plans are now under way to hold a disposal sale of offspring from the Maple Holstein bulls in October. Tentative plans call for an offering of some 70 head, the majority of which will be bred heifers, all of which will be either vaccinated or negative to the blood test. Needless to add this should be an interesting sale.

**Field Crop Meeting Largely Attended**

Despite the busy season and the low temperature over one hundred were in attendance at the field meeting recently sponsored by the Halton Crop Improvement at the R.A. Hurren farm, near Campbellville. Following a discussion led by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock on the 16 different varieties of oats and barley growing in the plots on the Hurren farm, Prof. H. W. Goble, provincial entomologist from the O.A.C. presented a very excellent address on the Hessian Fly and suggestions for its control in so far as the 1952 crop is concerned. In the opinion of Prof. Goble the heavy increase this year has largely been due to weather conditions. He also stated that because there was a heavy infestation of the fly this year it does not necessarily follow that damage is likely to be bad in 1952.

It was however recommended that wheat stubble if not seeded down to grasses and legumes should be plowed down as soon as the wheat crop is off and furthermore that the land should be worked down to prevent the flies emerging. It was also suggested that seeding of the fall wheat should be delayed as late as it is feasible to still get a good top for winter.

In this County we would suggest sowing this year's crop between September 15th and 25th. In the discussion which followed Prof. Goble's address the consensus of opinion would appear to be that while the Hessian Fly could be found to a greater or less extent in practically all fields in the County the damage was much greater

in fields where the fertility level was low. Where the 1951 crop of wheat followed wheat in 1950, the damage was particularly heavy. Wheat after wheat has never been considered good farm practice and with the Hessian Fly a problem, should be avoided at all costs.

Needless to add, fall wheat is one crop where an application of commercial fertilizer will pay off. In short, few of our better farmers today would consider sowing fall wheat without fertilizer. We would also suggest that until we are sure we are ahead of the Hessian Fly, one should avoid seeding down on fall wheat in the future.

The appreciation of the gathering was extended to Prof. Goble and R. A. Hurren & Sons, by V. E. McArthur, Past President of the

Halton Crop Improvement Association. The programme concluded with the presentation of a series of coloured slides depicting various points of interest in Halton and also at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

**Registered Seed for 50 Bus. Winter Wheat Club**

In recent years there has been a good deal of interest in the 50 Bus. Winter Wheat Clubs conducted in some 17 counties in the Province. One of the main objects of these 50 Bus. Winter Wheat Clubs is to encourage the production of better quality milling wheat. Now that there are registered stocks available to meet normal demand, the provincial committee has decided that all participants must use registered seed. The original importation of Cornell 595 into new lots containing in many instances quality mixed and smutty, whereas registered stocks are almost completely free of headshot smut and will very little if any loose smut.

The minimum acreage for the Halton competition is 5 acres, but if a larger acreage is sown and the 5 acres is not previously stalked the whole field will be judged. The varieties eligible are Dawson's Golden Chaff, Cornell 595, and Dawbul, and in all cases the seed must be registered.

A total of \$100 in prize money for the Halton competition will be provided by the Maple Leaf Milling Co.

We note from a lengthy list of growers just released by the Crops Seeds & Weeds Branch of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture, that there would appear to be ample quantities of registered seed available to participants in the Halton competition.

We note the names of John Bird, Georgetown, and W. E. Brecken, of Freeman, both with sizable quantities of Cornell 595 which have passed field inspection and eligible for registration.

Other Halton growers in the list with smaller quantities of the same quality and variety are R. C. Alexander, Georgetown; A. M. Sherwood, Freeman; and Woodlands Orchards, Brant. For those desiring to secure registered Dawson's Golden Chaff, W. E. Brecken of Freeman also has a field which passed inspection. The Seed Marketing Committee of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association has suggested the following minimum prices: No. 1 Seed, \$2.25 per bus. (bags extra); Registered No. 1 seed \$2.75 per bus. (bags included).

Those interested in entering the Halton Fifty Bus. Winter Wheat Club should contact the Agricultural Office in Milton.

**Cornell Tops Fred Nurse Test**

In a previous issue we reported the results of a winter wheat variety test conducted on the farm of Fred Nurse near Milton. It may be recalled that three varieties were used in the test namely Dawson's Golden Chaff, Cornell 595, and Dawbul. In all cases each plot was approximately one acre in extent. A similar test was conducted by the Halton Crop Improvement Ass'n. in co-operation with Fred Nurse, near Ashgrove. As in the case of the Nurse plots, the three plots were combined and the grain weighed up.

According to Mr. Nurse, the total yields were as follows: Plot 1, Cornell 595, 1997 lbs.; Plot 2, Dawbul, 1927 lbs.; Plot 3, Dawson's Golden Chaff, 1643 lbs. Inasmuch as each plot was slightly under an acre in extent the yield has been brought to an acreage basis with the following results: Cornell 595, 39.7 bus.; Dawbul, 38.3 bus.; Dawson's Golden Chaff, 32.7 bbs.

It was pointed out by Mr. Nurse that perhaps due to the contour of the land there was a little more winter killing on the Dawbul and Dawson's plots than there was on the Cornell 595. Had it not been for this, Mr. Nurse is of the opinion that there would have been little or no difference between the Cornell and Dawbul.

**TESTING FOR SOUND**

A lady in our town who may be best described as a "perpetual talker" was asked by one of her long-suffering neighbours if she ever thought about what she was going to say before saying it. "Why no," said the lady solemnly. "How on earth could I know what I think about a thing until I've heard what I have to say on the subject?" -The Reader's Digest

**HALTON HOLSTEINS TO MEET AND COMPETE WITH COUSINS AT C.N.E.**

Holsteins from this county will be among 330 head entered for the West-Central Ontario Championship Show to be held at the C.N.E. this year. Included by the West-Central district are the counties of Peel, Halton, Wentworth, Wellington, Grey, Waterloo, Brant, Haldimand, Lincoln and Welland.

George Devenum, Halton fieldman for the district has inspected most of the entries and reports that he is expecting a top quality show. One of the features will be the county head class, in which an entry has been made from all ten counties.

Harvey Swartz, a leading U.S. cattleman from Waukesha, Wis. will judge the show.

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