



FARM NEWS

Fall Wheat and Clovers Winter Well

Fall wheat and clovers, in general, have wintered well throughout Halton. There are of course always exceptions, and a few reports have been received of older stands of alfalfa which have heaved rather badly. As indicated however, the general picture is favorable.

In view of the rather gloomy prospects on the farm front, that is from the standpoint of present prices being received by the producer for practically all agricultural products, it is some encouragement to see that the wheat and clovers have come through the winter despite the abnormal amount of moisture.

Demand for Seed Grain Pops Up

The sunshine of the past few days has every farm operator "itching" to get out on the land. While the gardeners down at the front have been on the land for some little time, the mixed farmers, fine weather continuing, will not pull out their equipment until the early part of the week of April 21st.

During the past few days there has been a rather unexpected demand for seed grain. At the time of the Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show in mid-March one could hardly get a bid on well cleaned lots backed by government grade for purity and germination.

It still hurts when we think of some of those choice ten bushel lots of oats selling as low as \$1.15 a bushel. That price was little better than the price of Western feed grain. It more than ever makes us feel that a big percentage of Halton farmers are not seed grain conscious.

Don't forget that 32% of Halton farmers according to the Seed Drill Survey, sowed seed in 1951 which graded rejected. We wonder what the picture will be this year.

Yes, the members of the Halton County Council through the Committee on Agriculture and Reformation, have asked Wood Inspector Walter Eves to conduct another Seed Drill Survey this spring. We wonder how many Halton farmers will be hesitant about letting Mr. Eves take a sample out of their seed drill.

Halton farmers are leaders in so many fields of endeavor but when it comes to sowing a good quality seed grain, last year's seed drill survey and the prices offered for top quality seed grain at the 1952 Seed Fair would indicate that they are not about the Province of Ontario's worst when it comes to an appreciation of what constitutes good seed and what good seed is worth.

Why ask our Councils to spend thousands of dollars annually in spraying to control roadside weeds, when five of our Halton farmers sowed seed grain last year which graded Grade 2 or lower. And to think that Grade 2 permits sowing 500 weed seeds to the acre.

No, we are not kidding—here is the 24 percent from the Dominion Seed Laboratory on one sample of mixed grain, there were 24 Perennial Sow Thistle, 24 Cleome, 16 Wild Oats, and 176 other weed seeds. That, if sown at the rate of 100 per acre, which is normal seeding for mixed grain, means 44,000 weed seeds to the acre. Think of it— it is a disaster to sow the seeds. Let's hope that the 1952 seed drill survey will show a big improvement.

Mice Injure Fruit Trees

This past winter mice held a regular field day in many orchards. Many report their trees gnawed very badly. In some cases the gnawing extends below ground and in other cases almost up to branches.

A large percentage of the apple trees can be saved by bridge grafting. W. B. Fox, popular fruit and vegetable extension fieldman located at Oakville, has received many requests for assistance. While the art of bridge grafting is not a difficult one, certain basic principles must be observed. There is an excellent bulletin on "Orchard Grafting" which can be secured from either the Agricultural Office in Milton, or from W. B. Fox, Box 182, Oakville. This repair grafting job can best be done when the bark lifts freely from the wood. This usually does not take place until early May.

The scions should, however, be gathered while the buds are still dormant. Well matured sucker-resistant varieties such as the Greening, McIntosh, Snow, and Duchess, are approved material.

EVERTON

Easter Visitors To Village Listed

(Intended for Last Week)

Mr. Duncan Robertson, London, visited over the Easter week-end with his aunt and uncle, Mrs. Suter and Mr. Hugh Black.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McCutcheon visited last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Victor McCallum, Streetsville. Good Friday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilbank were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McDougall and Miss Marjorie McDougall, Guelph.

Miss Ada Malloy, Guelph, visited on Good Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McAllister.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Thomas Mitchell who was buried on Good Friday at Everton cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Justin, Patsy and Nancy, Rockwood, visited on Good Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Justin and Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Couling, Sixth Line, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Hamilton and Charlie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Justin and Bobby visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury and Catherine.

Masters Stewart and Paul Robertson, Guelph, are spending the Easter holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robertson.

Mr. Ted Fountain, Guelph, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fountain and family.

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UNITED NATIONS' HALTON SURVEY EXPLAINED TO COUNTY DELEGATES

(Intended for Last Week)

Halton county farm forums closed the season's activities with their annual meeting of officers and representatives from forums, which was held at the Court House, Milton, recently. Richard McLaughlin, president, in calling the meeting to order, voiced his appreciation of the honor and confidence the Forums had placed in him by nominating him to the position of president.

After routine business had been conducted, J. MacGillivray, vice-chairman, was called to address the meeting; he spoke of the survey being conducted throughout Halton County, in the interest of farm development by UNESCO. A sociologist, Mr. Simmins, is conducting this survey and explained he would be available throughout the summer months to any county farm organization, forums or otherwise, and he hoped all would co-operate in giving him an opportunity to sit in on meetings.

Mr. Simmins then addressed the meeting, telling of conditions prior to 1941, before farm forums were organized, in comparison with conditions of today when agriculture here is so organized as to become known the world over as the largest listening group and the most successful.

Nine-tenths of the population of India is illiterate, he said, and farm forum has been the object of considerable interest to coun-

try her turn. More mature students and a larger home is needed for the next school, she claimed in closing. R. S. Heatherington, in voicing his thanks to Mrs. Coulter, referred to the happy, healthy home environment that contributed in no small degree to the success of the school. Folk schools had a value no money could buy, he claimed. The following is list of officers for 1952: honorary president, Richard McLaughlin, Norval, R. R. 2; president, J. MacGillivray, Milton Co-op; vice-president, Stanley Robinson, R. R. 2, Rockwood; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Ellenton, Milton R. R. 6.

OBITUARY

Mrs. G. Gillard Dies In 81st Year

Mrs. Bessie Gillard, who had been living with her daughter in Acton for the past four years, died on April 11 at 80 years of age. Her only child was Mrs. Theron Jones (Dorothy).

The daughter of John and Beale Cox, Mrs. Gillard was born in Somerset, England, but lived in Hamilton most of her life. She was married in 1902.

Mrs. Gillard attended James St. Baptist Church in Hamilton. Rev. Norman Pipe of Simcoe conducted the funeral service in Hamilton on April 14. Pallbearers were Ted Tyler, W. McLeod, W. Riddock of Acton; Charles McKenzie, Galt; Eric Jones, Port Nelson and Harry Arthur, Stoney Creek. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery.

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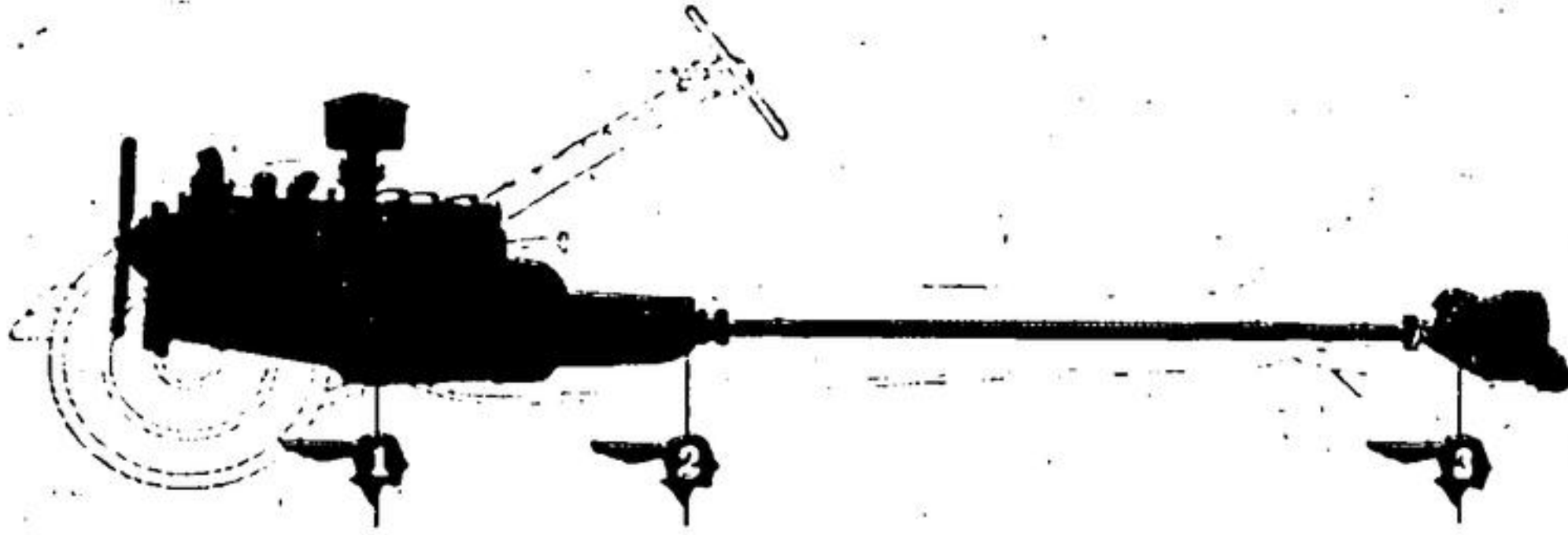
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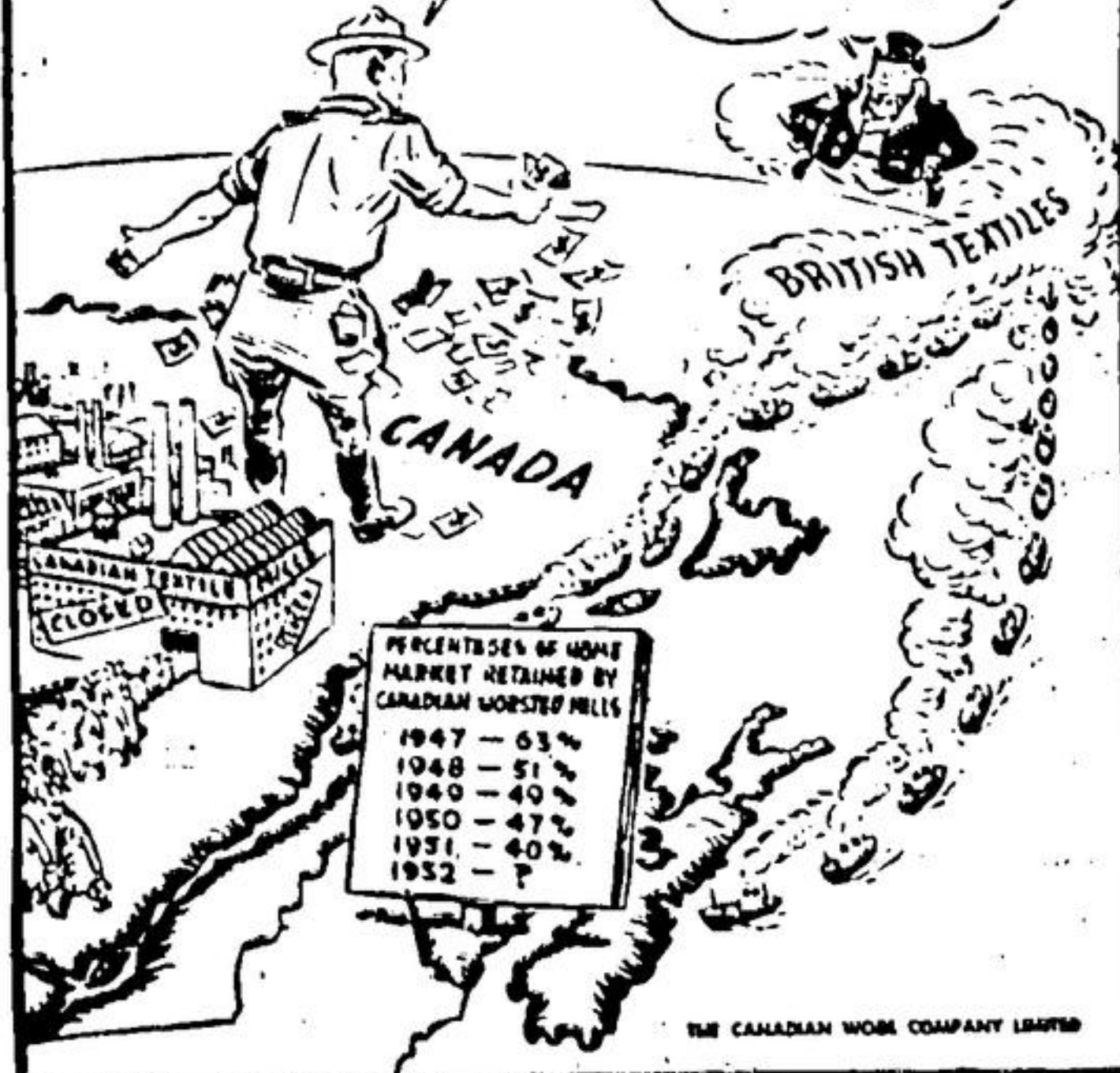
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