

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

The 1954 dairy show at the Canadian National Exhibition will go down in history as one of the top C.N.E. shows of all time. Halton was well and worthily represented in the Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey Shows, and consequently we shall confine our remarks to these three breeds.

Holstein Show

Here Halton was represented with entries from no less than 16 Halton herds in a show which attracted a total of 328 entries in the individual classes. A total of 40 "Black & Whites" treaded the tank from the following Halton herds: Esqueping Township—R. C. Alexander, F. O. Hunter, T. H. McGee, W. H. Robinson, John Scherz and Son, and Alvin Alvin Strrett & Son, Nelson Township—Ashville Farms Ltd., Brock Harris, E. R. Segsworth and Gordon Sinclair, Trafalgar Township—Harold Cooper, Arnold Fish, Edward Fish, F. G. Stark & Sons, Tovell Bros., and J. F. Trimble.

Perhaps the highlight from a Halton standpoint was the showing of Harold Cooper's five year old daughter of Higheroff, namely Kneland Farm Annabel (bred by Johnston Neelands, of Hornby). True, she has to be content with a blue ribbon in that great class of milking cows, being nosed out on a tight decision by that great old show cow Glenvue Nettie Jamina, from Rosale. However, Annabel went on to take the reserve senior and reserve grand, with Nettie on top in both cases. As a fitting climax to Annabel's first appearance in the show ring she won the Murphy trophy for the best uddered cow in the Holstein show. Needless to add, not only her owner, Harold Cooper, but all 16 of the Halton exhibitors were justly proud of these achievements.

In the Male classes, W. H. Robinson of "Long Bill" to his legion of friends, got the first red ribbon of Halton, on his junior yearling son of "Fond Hope" and was a strong contender for the junior male championship. The other red ribbon for Halton was won by Tom McGee's great senior heifer calf also sired by Fond Hope. And what a heifer she is—don't miss seeing her at Milton Fair on September 25th.

Perhaps the next highlight from a Halton standpoint was the showing of Tovell Bros. three year old milking daughter of A.B.C. Reflection Sovereign with Lloyd Pickard at the helm. Lloyd was primarily helping to show the great Rosale string but he took time off to show the Tovell three year old; Harold Cooper's Annabel; and Frank Stark's five year old daughter of "Antony", and while he had some great animals to show, what a job that man Pickard did on the halter.

However, to return to the Tovell heifer, it was "nip and tuck" on the top three heifers, and Durno Innis finally said third and far be from your reporter to question the decision of a judge like Durno Innis, but folks, the Tovell heifer looked "mighty" good. Speaking of the Stark cow in the mature dry class, she was stale but nevertheless ended up in fourth position. By the way this Anthony daughter is entered for the Maple sale, and if she doesn't go to South America she is going to be just right for the Rosale so watch her.

Lack of space will not permit us dealing with all of the Halton entries but we would be remiss if we didn't mention at least three or four others.

J. F. Trimble's "Midnight Jewel" wound up in third place in the aged cow class, right behind old "Fond Hope" himself, who went on to reserve grand for Jack Fraser, the Grand going to the first prize bull in the same class, a seven year old son of old "Sovereign", owned by Allan Smith of Glandford Stn.

Ashville Farm were in there fighting all the way the Pollettens boys getting third on their junior bull calf, fifth on their two year old grandson of "Fond Hope", fifth on Rosemary, their milking five year old (a former champion at Milton Fair), sixth on their milking four year old, fifth on their milking two year old, seventh on their dry two year old, fourth on their get of M. G. Sovereign Ormsby, and fifth on the prize progeny.

Then there is Bob Alexander, who had a fine show string getting four on old Salax in the aged bull class. No doubt all of our readers are aware that great white bull was one of the great stand-out bulls at Alexander's for Bob (the daddy) was reserve grand at the C.N.E. four year ago. Bob also had the eighth on one of Salax's daughters in the strong junior yearling class, ninth on another daughter of Salax in the milking two year olds as well as other entries and up in the senior calf class.

Look out by no means least, Pre-

sident Gordon Sinclair also had some creditable awards—perhaps his top being a fourth on his two year old sire, a son of Fond Hope bred by J. C. Bell of Nelson. Gordon was also in the money on his Higheroff daughter in the mature milking class as well as in some of the junior classes.

And now the County Herd Class, which as always was the climax of the show. No less than 10 counties were represented—that means 60 Black and Whites in the ring at the same time—and what a show. Here is the standing—1st Peel; 2nd, Halton; 3rd Brant; 4th Waterloo; 5th, Wentworth; 6th, Lincoln; 7th, Grey; 8th, Wellington; 9th, Welland; and 10th Haldimand.

Did you say "Why does Halton have to take second place to Peel every year?" If so, may we suggest that you take a look at the Rosale show with 218 head competing in age, Fraser, and Dunton strings and then perhaps you'll understand.

Jersey Show

This too, was a really outstanding individual classes, and folks, when it comes to quality you have to hand it to the Jerseys. Halton was well represented by strong line-ups from the Avonlea and Linddale herds of Featherstone Bros., and Maurice Beay, plus one or two each from the herds of Ken Ella, Gerald Graham, and G. S. Matthews & Son. And when it is realized they were in there battling against such herds as Valleyanna; Don Head; Pioneer; not to mention Alf Baggs; the Butcher's; and a host of others—well judge for yourself—here are a few of their more important wins.

M. C. Beay, 3rd in senior bull calf class; second on his junior yearling bull; second in the dry mature cow class; fifth in the mature class in milk; sixth on his milking three year old; fifth prize milking two year old; seventh prize senior yearling heifer; third prize junior yearling heifer; fourth, eleventh, and thirteenth prize senior calves (this was a class of 37); fourth prize graded herd; third prize Get of Sire group; third prize junior get; third prize progeny of dam. By the way, the cow which won Maurice's second prize cow went on to the senior and grand championship. This was the imported cow, Roslyn Samaxes S.A. for Don Head, Pioneer Farm got the reserve on Imported Parada.

Featherstone Bros. — 8th prize senior bull calf; 4th prize mature cow in milk; seventh prize three year old in milk; eighth prize dry 4 yr old; eighth on their junior yearling heifer; fifth prize senior heifer calf; fourth prize senior Get; fifth prize junior get, and second prize progeny of dam.

Gerald Graham—Fifth prize aged bull where the first went to the noted sire "Farmer Brown", which went on to take the senior and grand for males.

Ken Ella — Eighth prize senior yearling heifer.

County herd class — Here four counties were represented and the Halton boys again accomplished what the Holstein boys have been unable to do—they beat Peel but had to second to the strong York entry dominated by Valleyanna.

Don Heal and Alf Baggs, with Ontario county in fourth place.

Guernsey Show

L. V. Wilson of Minnesota placed the ribbons in the strong Guernsey show which attracted a total of 214 head. While Halton was not out in their usual numbers they nevertheless made a fine showing. They too had a difficult task in competing against entries from such herds as Fraserdale, Tanney Hill, Kingfield, Maplewood, Clovelly Farm, Thorlebank, Pinecroft, to mention but a few. Here are some of the more important wins made by the Halton boys.

Joyce Bros.—Fourth prize senior bull calf, third prize junior yearling bull, fourth prize calf; fourth prize junior heifer calf; third prize senior yearling heifer; third prize junior get; sixth prize junior herd; third prize aged cow in milk.

M. T. McNabb and Sons — Eleventh and twelfth senior bull calves; tenth prize junior heifer calf; fourth and fourteenth senior heifer calf; twelfth and thirteenth prize junior yearling heifer; tenth prize yearling heifer; fourth and sixth prize junior get; seventh prize junior herd; sixth and seventh prize two year old dry heifers; sixth prize dry four year old; seventh prize four year old in milk; fourth and fifth prize progeny of dam group; seventh prize senior get; ninth prize graded herd.

J. L. Chisholm—Eighth prize senior yearling heifer; eighth and ninth dry two year olds; third prize dry three year olds; sixth prize progeny of dam group; eighth prize senior get.

J. M. Brownridge—Fourth prize two year old bull; twelfth prize dry two year old.

Melvin McCullough—Tenth prize three year old in milk; seventh prize aged bull.

Inter-club herd—First, York-Simcoe; second, Niagara district; third, Halton-Peel; fourth, Big Four Club.

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