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Halton Seed Drill Survey Reveals Improvements

The seed survey made by County | ular annual meeting-in fact, the Wood Inepector Teromas Bradley winner will reveal how he seclast spring reveals continued improvement in the quality of seed being sown by Halton farmers.

Mr. Bradley collected a total of to hear Professor Tom Lane. 75 samules direct from the seed soils, tillage, powers and crop new bags included. Those who ex Forum in Wellington county spoke cereal grains and one-third was in one anotherthe form of small seeds. The analysis of the samples was made by the Plant, Products Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture Here is the picture revealed for 1955 and also comparative figures; for the years 1962 and 1947 No 1 No 2 No 3 Rejet.

& No. 1 Where Plant Cleaned It is interesting to note that of the cereal grain samples cleaned . . at house, only 59 per cent were No. 1, in contrast to 88 per cent. where the grain had been cleaned at central cleaning plant. In the case of small seeds, those which had been purchased from a Seed Dealer certainly were of higher quality than those grown on the home farm. 36 per cent. of those purchased from Seed Dealers made No. 1 grade and the other 14 per cent were No. 2 with none going No 3 or rejected. In the farm grown group only 33 per cent made No. 1; 22 per cent. were No.

per cent. graded rejected. increase in the percentage who are smut. The 1955 survey reveals that 76 per cent, had been treated, in contrast to 68 per cent in 1952.

ertheless gratifying to note the apparent," he added, "farm operati vey made in 1947

Local Farmers to Report

Improvement Association on Dec. There is a surplus of farm proember 28 in the Milton Town Hall ducts the world over Local farm operators who will

also present brief reports at the his experience with "Loose Hous, point out "That we are in a level, but ing and a Milking Parlor"; John W. Picket, Hornby, on The 1955 3 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 Soils and Land Use Tour", Pyfe Somerville, Acton, and Ken Ella of Hornby, on their respective, "Long Term Pasture Demonstrat

ion Plots," etc The ladies of the South Block Women's Institute have again ag reed to serve one of those appetizing lunches for which they have gained an enviable reputation. We also understand from president Ross Segsworth that there will be lucky door prizes-first, for those on deck at, 1030 when the meeting commences: 'second, for those on time who have never previously attended one of Halton's former Soil and Crop annuals; and finally, to the farm operator bringing the

largest car load of "first timers" Numerous inquiries are being received at the Milton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture as to Who won the gold watch donated by the Milton Milling Co. for the top yield in the Halton Grain Corn Competition" That too, will be revealed at this pop-



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ured his 114 bushel yield. . These and other features all point to a record crowd being out drills Two-thirds of these were yields and their relationship to

Oats and Barley Suggested Prices

of the Ontario Soil and Crop Im is there anything you can do to provement Association recently re-speed if up"

commended the following minimum prices for the 1956 seeding.

Oats, Commercial No. 1 grade, \$1.40 per bus; Registered No. grade, \$1.65 per bus. Barley, Commercial No. 1 grade \$1.90 per bus; Registered No. 1

grade, \$2.40 per bus.

The above prices are based on retail sales at farm or local ship swers, the forums came up with ping point, of treated seed, with some interesting ones ladenoch pect to have seed grain for sale for a large number of these advoc this coming spring, would be well ating retirement on the farm when advised to get their sample or they said, "the farmer would be samples off to the Plant Product | happier and healthier in familiar for Service, at 86 Collier St. To | surroundings where they could put tonto, in the pear future Too many ter around in the fresh air " Gads Hallon growers wait until around hill in Perth and Townline in Kent Manta I to look after this little agree, but add that it will be easier The Seed Marketing Committee haven't got my Grade back yet

Davidson Is Re-Elected President of Halton Federation

addresses it has been your scribe's more of it It is not in the power 2

M M (Bobby) Robinson of Bur-Ington has lost none of his abri-2: 13 per cent. were No. 3 and 33 ity to present his facts both clearly and convincingly. In his introduct-It is also gratifying to note an ory remarks, Mr. Robinson stated, I am just as convinced as I was treating their grain for control of 15 years ago and even more so, of the need for the Federation" "At the time of the greatest growth and prosperity in the history of While there is still plenty of Ontario, we find agricultural in room for improvement, it is nev. come shipping. The cause is very improvement over a similar sur ors are very prone to respond to price incentive."

Reference was made by the A more complete report on Hal speaker to the Food and Agricult ton's Seed Drill Survey of 1955 will ural Organization which three be made by County West Inspector years ago predicted a world shor Ton Bradley, at the annual meet, tage of food in a recent release, ing of the Halton Soil and Crop that same organization stated

morning session of this live organ the Tariff Board pertaining to secretary treasurer, A R Coulter, azation, will include Clobert Me potatoes. Mr Roberson quoted fr m; A lot of our readers weren't at Dowell Hornby, who will relate their report "Sooner or later, the this important meeting - perhaps has exeprience in seeding Alfalfa higher cost area must compete or there was good reason for their

town on Thursday of last week, free-wheeling period is over and heard one of the most informative we are not in a position to get any privilege to listen to in some time of the government to lift us up. and we hear a few good ones each jother than making it possible for help ourselves."

"Our salvation lies in collective bargaining and collective pricing. and production of quality produce." "In our marketing schemes," stated Mr. Robinson, "the responsibility on the shoulders of the board members is tremendous."

They must keep price realistic 2. not simply in terms of today" In short, it was an address which all farm people should hear it was most tunely, realistic, down to earth, and presented as only "Bobby" Robinson can do it The meeting was in charge of R

l. Davidson, president of the Halton Federation, and Roy Coulter. County Secretary, who ably introduced the speaker. The officeracl ected for 1956 are as follows

President, R. L. Daviddson; first vice president, R J laking, secand vice president. Mac Sprow! third vice president. Harry Lee, In referring to a recent report of fourth vice president, J. H. Taylor,

and Brome on Winter Wheat in the collapse" It is the duty of farm absence, but we can't help but fall; Harvey Nurse, Ashgrove, on organization, added the speaker, to wonder "If they aren't missing the

Getter Half of Ontario Forums Agreed Farmer Should Remain on Farm A farmer planning to retire is east of his son, and if they are not

farmer involved Asked for reasons for their an and the result "Oh, I to retire on the farm as the costs of living will be lower . Circenwood in Ontario think it

> almost impossible for a true farmer to leave the soil and suggest he may change his farming neethed, in order to handle the work more easthy This will out his income but as they put it, "fit him into the retired status."

Virtually the opposite opinion comes from Woodhill in Wentworth Those in attendance at the An-, ling out program and not likely who, in advocating retirement off roual Meeting of the Halton Feder. to see any appreciable increase in the farm, say, "If father retires on ation of Agriculture at Stewart | the price of farm products - the the farm, he sees the ways and id-

better to remain living on the his ways, they worry him He farm. This was the opinion of near, | would be better off a few miles ly half the 408 Ontario Forums away." Keldon in Dufferin feel which reported their discussions on much the same way They add that the December 5 topic, "A Retire of the retired farmer wants to do ment Plan for Farmers" Nearly a some work, he can always go back quarter of the groups disagreed and and forth to the farm and do such felt they would be far better off the work as his health permits. Then farm, while the remainder felt it Bonnie in Grey point out that redepended on the temperament threment off the farm would make health and circumstances of the more farms available for our young

> The forums were also seked how they felt farmers should prepare financially for retirement Dunrobin of Carleton spoke for nearly half the forums when they sug gested putting on life insurance at an early age and induding a pension policy in this plan A humber like Oakton in Lambton agreed that insurance was one way that there were others They say, make an effort to by aside some thing each year in insurance, an endowment bonds or some side in vestment" Reid's April in Dundas agree pretty well, blit feel that a Government Annuity plan especial ly for farmers would greatly help Then there were about a sixth of the forums agreed with Milberta in Temiskaming and Swinton Park in anciel preparation for retirement is to build up your farm as well as







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