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## Tremendous Crowd At Annual and management should each be vitally interested in the welfare of York Soil and Crop Assoc. Meet

nesday last, accompanied by M. C. Beaty, first Vice-President of the Halton Association, we headed the car for Newmarket.

people commence their meeting sharp at 10.30 a.m. The main difference between the Halton and York meetings lay in the attendance. Some 400 farm operators packed the town hall in Newmarket, and the great majority were there at 10.30 when the meeting commenced. All three varieties are reported to The program, in our opinion, while good was no better than our own. tors, they had a panel discussion, in which we were privileged to participate. Personally we like to listen to the short, snappy reports from practical farmers-however, it is perhaps a matter of opinion.

Barberry, Buckthorn Campaign The highlight of the moring session in our opinion, was the brief illustrated report by the York County "Agric. Rep."-"Moff" Cockburn, on their barberry and buckthorn camareas where oats are a failure due

and stem rust of oats. Bees were organized and crews ! with axes, and sprayers went through woodlots and fence rows.

most a total loss.

flicts in Agriculture fall into three

main categories: 1. Conflicts be-

tween Agriculture and the national

economy: 2. Conflicts between

agriculture and other individual groups in our economy; 3. Conflicts between various groups within agri-

The statement is often made that what is good for the rest of the

economy, or conversely, what is good for the nation as a whole, is bound to-be-good for farmers. While it cannot be denied that prosperity is mutually beneficial to agriculture and rest of the economy and conversely that depressions are mutually disastrous, it does not follow that the benefits of prosperity or the hardship of depression, will be shar-

ed equitably by all groups:

subject.

culture itself.

For many years we have heard to try out either of these varieties glowing reports of the York County this year, they had better move fast, can affect farmers' incomes in two Soil and Crop Improvement Asso- because supplies of both are limited, ways: 1. Changing the price which ciation annual meeting. This year, Perchance, there are areas in Halton we received an invitation to parti- too, where the oats went down to buy, 2. Changing the price which cipate in their program. It seemed badly with rust-if there were we like an excellent opportunity to go would be glad to hear from some of have to sell. and see for ourselves, so on Wed- the farm operators who are having " Labour unions argue that higher

Legume. Varieties Recommended At the afternoon session Prof. C. G. E. Downing, Head of the Dept. of As in Halton, the York County Field Husbandry, were the chief speakers. Both were excellent-unfortunately we can not reproduce their adresses. Dr. Tossell recommended that in 1956, farm operators purchase LaSalle Red Clover, Vernal Alfalfa, and Climax Timothy.

While the price may be slightly At the morning session, instead of higher for these new varieties than wage increase in industry, though short reports by local farm opera- for the old standbys, Dr. Tossell is they may increase the demand for of the opinion that they will be food to a certain extent, will not worth the difference. LaSalle red clover was stated to be more persistent over the second year. Vernal alfalfa is more winter hardy than Ontario Variegated or Grimm. Climax Timothy is very much leafier, and a little later.

seed mixture for early cut haygeneral hay average, and finally for sellers of farm produce, they must the field or fields which are to be paign. In York they have a few cut late. For the field to be cut dealers, who in turn sell to an even early, either for hay or grass silage. to rust-hence the reason for their he suggests seven lbs. Vernal Alfalcampaign against barberry and fa; three lbs. LaSalle red clover; that farm operators buy and sell in buckthorn, the host plants for crown live lbs. Climax Timothy; and three lbs. of Orchard Grass.

For the general hay crop, he suglbs. LaSalle red clover, five lbs. stump spraying. Many fields of oats Climax tiniothy, and seven lbs. of brief, they are an attempt to give had been almost a complete loss. Brome. For the late crop (early farmers more equal bargaining Certainly the York County farmers June) there is nothing better than power with their prospective cusare enthusiastic about the new ten the alfalfa and ten lbs. of brome. varieties, Garry and Rodney-these Dr. Tossell also suggests different two varieties withstood the rust ra- seed mixtures for pasture. A new vages while other varieties like pamphlet on the subject will be 1. Regional Conflicts; 2. Conflicts Larain, Beaver, and Ajax were al- available shortly. Copies will be sent | between the desire for more securito all members of the Halton Soil ty and the desire for more économic one day. In those areas, several York Crop Improvement Association, as freedom; 3. Conflict between ef-County farmers stated, "It is either soon as they are available. Others ficient, business-like farmers, and Garry or Rodney for me this year". may secure copies on request from farmers who consider farming main-So if Halton County farmers want the Agricultural Office, in Milton.

'Conflicts In Agriculture' Topic Of Panel Discussion at the O.A.C. This was the title of an excellent | This is a big subject and we shall flict between the soybean producers address by S. H. Lane, of the Dept. not attempt to develop it here. Suf- and the dairy producers, and so we of Agricultural Economics, at the fice to say, Canadian economics might go on to give other illustrashort course in Marketing and Co- historians who have studied the tions. operating held at the Ontario Agri- national and agricultural policies of However, we have already far excultural College last week. The Canada, have concluded that nation- ceeded our limitations for space. panel discussion which followed on al policies have been designed, pri- Suffice to say it was in our opinion "Whom shall farm organizations marily, to foster the development of a most illuminating address and serve?" hinged around the same the industrial and commerce sectors discussion—and one which we feel

> benefit of farmers. Agriculture and Labour Théoretically, agriculture, labour

found it a difficult one on which for the benefit of industry and com-

and management should each be one another. In practice, there does not appear to be very much evidence of concern for the "other fellow". The outcome of the bargaining between labour and mangement farmers pay for the things they have farmers receive for the things they

wages mean more spendable income. in their hands. As this income is spent, it will increase the demand for all goods and services on the market and thus prosperity will be maintained.

Be that as it may, the farmer is

interested in how much of this extra income is used to purchase farm products. Many would contend that labour is already reasonably well fed before the wage increase is granted and consequently is unlikely to spend much more of the increase in wages, on food. In other words

likely increase it sufficiently to affect the resulting increase in farm

Agriculture and Industry Most farmers are very familiar with this conflict. For many years, they have been aware that as buyers Dr. Tossell is also recommending they must buy from a relatively small number of large producers. As sell to a relatively small number of smaller number of processors. In short, farm leaders maintain

Conflicts Within Agriculture

These may be classified as follows:

ly as a way of life. Regional conflict is a very com-

mon type of conflict in Canadian agriculture. There is the conflict between the apple producers of Nova Scotia, Ontario, and British Columbia-there is the conflict between Western and Eastern livestock producers-there is the con-

of our economy. In short, what has all Halton farmers would have As chairman of this panel, we been done for agriculture was done found of interest.

to draw definite conclusions. Con- merce, and not specifically for the Ottawa created the first governmental department to deal with social welfare and security in 1944, called the Department of National Health and Welfare.



WHEAT TROPHY GOES WEST-Robert Cochrane, pioneer farmer at Grande Prairie, Alta., has been proclaimed the new world wheat king at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. In his absence, Hon. L. C. Halmrast, Alberta minister of agriculture, accepts the Canadian National Railways championship award on his behalf. He is seen, right, receiving a cheque for \$100 and an engraved silver tray from M. A. Metcalf, of Montreal, C. N. R. traffic vice-president. Pretty Olga Petry, "Miss Super Continental"

was on hand to dispatch the awards aboard the grack trans-continents.

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Contracts to supply beets to a monopolistic market in which the Canadian Sugar Factories Ltd. bargaining advantage is always were signed this year by 1,610 against them. Hence the reason for farmers. In 1952, beet raisers set gests, seven lbs. Vernal alfalfa, three the growth of farmer-controlled a record when they produced marketing boards and agencies. In 479,849 tons of beets from 36,741 acres and the crop yielded 142,-174,200 pounds of sugar. This year's crop is estimated at 420,000

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The picture showed the bearded coung man trudging up a barren mountain slope in the Kemano-Kildale Pass while doing weather duty for the Aluminum Company of Canada. Trailing was his pet cat.

An employee of the twice-weekly paper, The Citizen, Warner said his age is 19, not 23; his cat is called "Monty", not "Archie"; he was in the mountain pass seven months, not 12, and he and his observer. were never left alone for a month at a time, as the caption said. "Just the same, it's nice to be famous."

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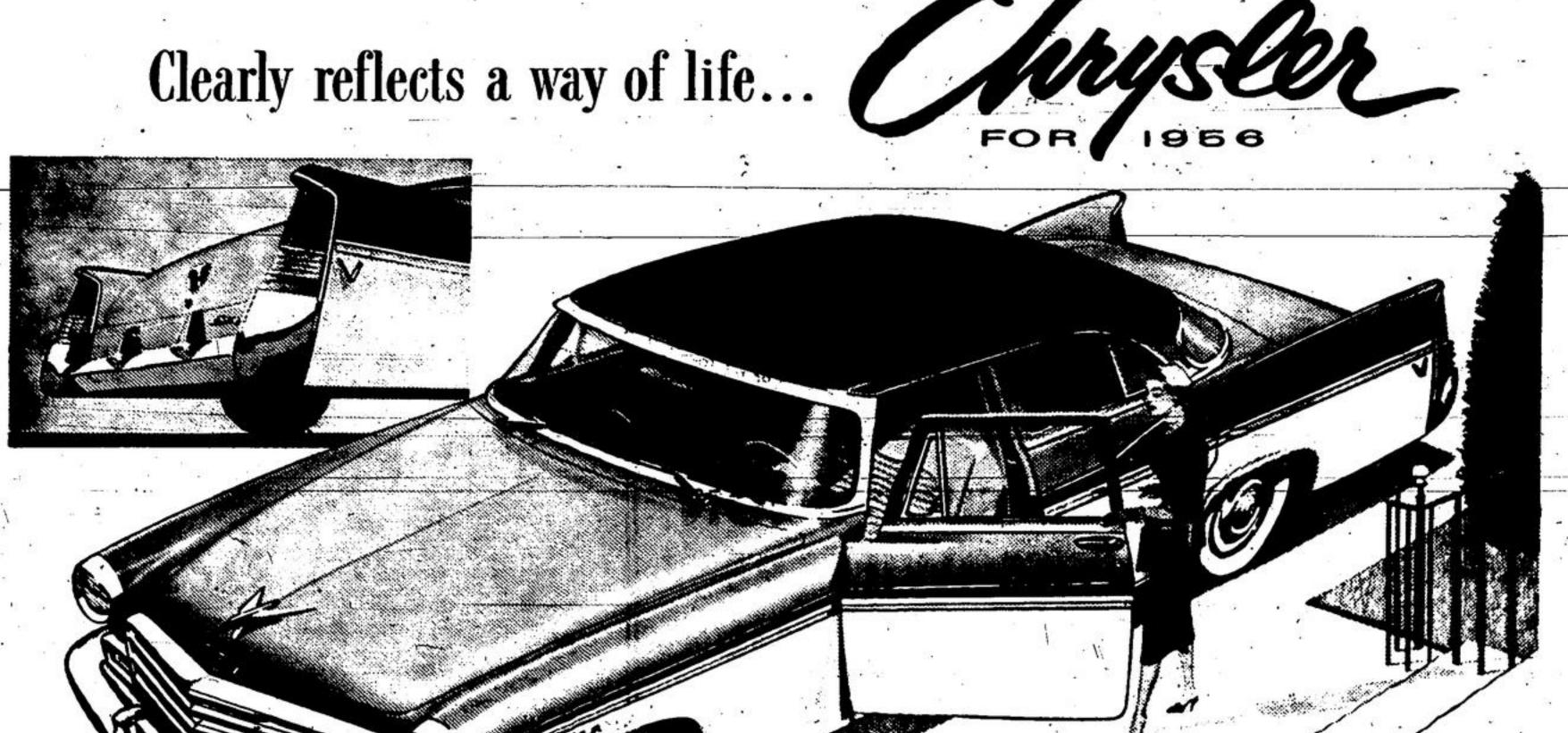
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