

Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

Re-Elect W.R. Hume as President Of Halton Co-Operative Supplies

The Stewart Hall was filled to capacity for the annual meeting of Halton Co-operative Supplies last week. The financial statement showed a business turnover of \$248,253. This is quite a contrast to the early years of the organization when a "corporal's guard" used to turn out, frequently to learn that the year's transactions had ended up in the red.

The directors of those earlier years and also of latter years are to be commended for the manner in which they "stuck to the ship and brought her into port." In short, it was an excellent meeting, well conducted and what warmed our hearts was the large attendance of interested men and women.

Managers Harold Smellie and Charles Harris, along with their staff members, came in for some well deserved tributes.

Leonard Harmon, assistant general manager of the United Farmers of Ontario, was the guest speaker. Today, stated Mr. Harmon, there are 156 Co-ops across Ontario. In 1955 United Co-Operatives of Ontario in Toronto had a business turnover which gave one-half million dollars of net earnings. In short, the co-operative movement across Ontario has come a long way in the past 20 years.

Reference was made by the speaker to a relatively new line, Co-op Petroleum. In 1955, stated Mr. Harmon, we distributed 10 million gallons of gasoline and fuel oils and we anticipate that by 1957 that this will be increased to 20 million gallons.

The board of directors of the Halton Co-Op Supplies for 1956 are as follows: president, W. R. Hume; vice-president, John McDonald; secretary, V. J. Lawrence; directors, Clarence Ford, Denny Charles, Albert C. Hunter, David Lawson, Fred Nurse and Spencer Wilson.

May Demand Export Market Herds Be Listed

Judging by the comments which have been dropped at various livestock annual meetings in recent months, the day may not be too far removed when only cattle from listed herds will be eligible for export to the United States. That would likely mean a test and slaughter program for Brucellosis with, I expect, compensation for reactors as in the case of tuberculosis.

Furthermore, the consensus appears to be that no area would be eligible for such a program until such time as there has been a compulsory calfhood vaccination program for several years. As we see the picture, Halton cattle owners would be well advised to see to it that all of their heifer calves, whether grades or pure breeds, are vaccinated at the proper age, 6 to 8 months inclusive.

In our opinion, the question of calfhood vaccination is sufficiently important that the cattle owner should see to it himself that his heifer calves are vaccinated at the proper age. The veterinarians and inspectors are all busy men, so don't blame them if your calves are not vaccinated when at the proper age—it is YOUR responsibility.

PASSED TEST
SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP)—Dr. G. B. Loomis was on hand to conduct a straight-faced medical examination for 16 candidates given a rigorous "initiation" into the Sherbrooke Snowshoe Club.

Erin Fence Viewers Pound Keepers and Valuers Appointed

At a recent meeting of Erin township council, members appointed the following men as fence viewers, pound keepers and livestock valuers for 1956: Fence viewers: Chester Burt, George C. Burt, Calvin Aitken, Jesse McEnery, Archie McEnery, Arthur Rowan and Edward Cox; pound keepers: Robert A. McEnery, Elliott McDowell, Ward Hamilton, Hector Pinkney, Morgan Graham, Roy Wheeler, Kenneth Reid, David Barbour, Wilfred Awrey, Norris Sinclair and Wilbert McPhee.

Livestock valuers: Clarence Bryan, Earl Jessop, Gordon Jackson, David Stewart. Delegates attending the good roads convention were ordered paid expenses as follows: Harold Griffin, two days, \$20. R. M. Barden, one day, \$10.

The account of the Grand Valley Conservation Authority regarding share of administration costs levied against the township for 1956, amounting to \$208.70, was ordered paid.

Council donated \$25 to the Wellington County Seed Fair. Bert Berry was appointed town-

Dr. Don Huntley, Charles McInnis Speakers at Halton's Seed Fair

The end of the "current week will see Halton's Seed Fair in Milton. Unfortunately circumstances have arisen which will make it impossible for the Hon. F. S. Thomas to be at Milton, as previously announced. We understand from E. Ross Segaworth, president of the Halton Association, that they have been fortunate in securing Dr. Don Huntley, head of the Field Husbandry Department at Guelph to pinch-hit for the Hon. Mr. Thomas.

Dr. Huntley is no stranger to Halton farm operators and always has a worthwhile message. The second speaker, Charles McInnis, is the veteran leader of the Ontario Hog Producers' Co-Operative. All officers and directors of the Halton Farm Producers' Association swear by Charlie McInnis, so the Milton Town Hall should see a capacity crowd on Saturday afternoon.

TOP HONORS
Ted Freeman, R.R. 2, Acton, who is a student at the O.A.C., was successful in winning first place in showing a gilt and then won the reserve championship in the swine division at the College Royal on March 7.

HARD TO FIND
LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—T. R. Lush, city licence commissioner, complained that every time the dog catcher wants to make a round-up the weather turns cold and the dogs stay indoors.

USEFUL LESSONS
CALGARY (CP)—Students at the provincial institute of technology prefer that persons who bring their radios to school bring ones that aren't working, so they can learn by fixing them.

MARKERS
A ship treasurer and collector for 1956 at a salary of \$1,000 as treasurer and \$500 as collector.

The road superintendent was instructed to advertise for tenders for 20,000 cubic yards of gravel to be supplied, crushed and delivered where required on the township roads in 1956. Gravel to be not more than three-quarter inch and 70 per cent stone. Accounts were presented and passed as follows: general accounts: \$74.26; relief accounts \$786.25; road accounts \$2,943.73.

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Canadian Farmers Wise To Reject Parity Support

Ontario and Canadian farmers are definitely in a squeeze. Operating in a high cost economy, the Canadian farm operator is up against a tough proposition. Surpluses created by lack of satisfactory distribution and marketing facilities is the bottleneck.

Press reports would indicate that, in general, the 1500 farmers who met in a two-day conference in Toronto last week really had their feet on the ground and that they took a sane, sound view of the situation. We were interested to note that they were not asking for parity support prices.

One has only to look at the situation in the United States to realize that a parity support program is not the answer. If it won't work in a country with an income 15 times greater than ours and with exports only about one-half as important relative to her income, as ours is to us—then such a parity price program has no place in our economy.

We were also interested to note that at last, organized labor is wakening up to the fact that if industry and labor are to continue to enjoy prosperity, that something must be done to strengthen the weak spoke in the wheel, agriculture. The writer is not an econom-

ist but frankly we fail to see just how labor's brief to the Premier of Ontario fits in with labor's apparent policy of continued strikes for higher wages. The latter smacks too much of the old fable "killing the goose that laid the golden egg."

However, be that as it may, we were interested to note in the press release of the farm meeting convened by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture that while the question of marketing and distribution is stressed, nevertheless it was pointed out that there are other factors which also require attention.

That brings us to the Dairy Herd Improvement program which is so popular with the 72 Halton members. The annual meeting of the Halton Association is scheduled for Milton, on Wednesday, March 28. J. B. Nelson, associate director of the Farm Economics Branch, is to be the special speaker. The latter part of the afternoon will be spent visiting one of the D.H.I.A. operators near Milton who in the past two years has cut his cost of producing milk by \$1.78 per cwt. and thereby increased the net returns from his herd by over \$2,200. This should be an interesting meeting.

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