

Brucellosis Free Area Predicted Here by '60

U.S. Parity Price is Topic

This is the intriguing topic which will be discussed by Dr. H. L. Patterson, head of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, at the Annual Meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. In a recent conversation with E. Ross Segsworth, president of the Halton association, we learned that the event is scheduled for the main building at the Milton Fair Grounds on Thursday, December 27.

As in former years, the program will get under way at 10:30 a.m., when local co-operators will present brief reports. Then follows the luncheon for which the ladies of the Scotch Block W.I. have gained an enviable reputation. The afternoon session starts off with a panel discussion entitled, "Economic Production." On this panel, the committee in charge has already secured acceptance from J. M. Fraser, noted Halton breeder of Huttonville. An effort is also being made to secure N. J. Thomas, outstanding Soils authority, to sit on the same panel. Incidentally, Mr. Thomas recently attended an International Grassland Conference in New Zealand. In addition, on the panel there will be at least two of Halton's top farm operators. What we actually started out to write was something on Parity Prices—but why should we, when Halton folk generally (and that includes the county press) are to have an opportunity of hearing Dr. Howard Patterson discuss the topic.

New Heating Unit
Yes folks, the members of the Halton Agricultural Society has installed a heating unit in the main hall at the Fair grounds, so there is accommodation for all and ample parking facilities—and no parking meters either!

Kingsway Kiwanians Entertain Halton Jrs.

For the ninth consecutive year, the Kingsway Kiwanians entertained a goodly group of Halton Juniors to a Monday luncheon at the "Old Mill", Toronto, on Monday of last week.

John Lloyd and the members of the Agricultural Committee of the Kingsway Kiwanis had gone all out to make it a memorable occasion. The guest speaker was James D. Moore, secretary-manager of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs, with headquarters at Ottawa.

Among the special guests were Frank Wolfe, Agricultural Agent for the C.P.R.; L. C. Roy, Agricultural Agent, C.M.R.; Earl Manning of the Meat Packers' Council, Toronto; R. G. Bennett, Associate Director of Extension, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto; all of whom are members of the 4-H Canadian Council. We were interested to learn from Mr. Moore that 73,000 club members were enrolled in 5,000 4-H clubs in Canada in 1956—also that there are over three million members enrolled in 4-H club work in 43 countries of the world.

The following 4-H club members from Halton were presented with awards: Allen Bowen, Don Moffat, Ross Austin, George Greenleaf, Philip Shepherd, David Hume, Ron Lee, Bill Marshall, Sandy Barnes, Mervyn Colling, Glenna Rose and Marilyn Wrigglesworth.

The young men were each awarded a Short Course scholarship at the Ontario Agricultural College, while the two young ladies were presented with awards of equal value.

Among the guests from Halton were also Roy Ford, Mac Sprowl and Lloyd Vivian; Mrs. Mabel

This past week, we were interested to learn from W. P. Watson, Livestock Commissioner for Ontario, that in the first ten months of 1956, a total of 43,190 head of cattle (mostly dairy cattle) had been sold for export. This looks like around 50,000 head for the year and we imagine that 15 million dollars would be a conservative estimate of their sales value. With health regulations tightening up constantly in the U.S., it would appear that the importance of retaining this market for our surplus cattle would be one of the chief reasons why the Ontario government, under the new Brucellosis Act, is undertaking to pay the bill for calfhood vaccination in this province.

Brucellosis Free Areas
A program is under way in U.S. to make all states in the union Certified Brucellosis Free by 1960. Already some four states have been so declared. Consequently, in order that Ontario may retain this market, it is essential that we place our "houses in order." Vaccination of ALL female calves is the first step, and there can be no excuse now for any Halton cattle owner not complying with the regulations. By 1960 we anticipate that the cattle owners of Halton, which county is now known as a Supervised Area under the Brucellosis Act of 1956, will have the opportunity of deciding whether or not they wish the county to become known as a Certified Brucellosis Free Area. That in our opinion would mean a test and slaughter program. A spot check test made by Health of Animals Inspectors revealed that on the average 3.6 per cent of our cattle are positive to the test, and another one per cent are suspicious. In another three years of calfhood vaccination, it should be possible to get the percentage of reactors down to perhaps one per cent. This would mean that a test and slaughter program would be practical.

Advise Listing
While we personally have been "luke-warm" in advising our pure bred breeders to enter their herds under the federal government's Brucellosis Listed Herd Policy, we can now see why it would be sound business for our pure bred breeders to give immediate consideration to this policy—that is, if they want to retain a market for their surplus cattle in the U.S.

Speeds Up Vaccination
The new Brucellosis Act as of October 1, 1956, has resulted in 8,000 more calves being vaccinated in October, in the present supervised areas, than in any previous year.

Borgstrom, home economist for Halton, Peel and York counties; A. T. Woodley, chairman of Halton's Advisory Council on 4-H Agricultural Clubs; A. G. Bennett, Associate Agricultural Representative for Halton and Peel counties; and J. E. Whitelock.

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Business was discussed with the regent, Mrs. Sonny Jocque, in the chair. Refreshments concluded the meeting.

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