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Items of Interest to the Local Farmer

## Jersey Breeders Hold Annual Meeting at Hornby

Eighty Jersey enthusiasts attended the annual meeting of the Halton Jersey Cattle Club at Hornby on Thursday of last week. At the business session in the morning there was considerable discussion relative to the various activities carried on during the past year. These included the Field Day and County Jersey Show held in conjunction with the Acton Agricultural Society last September.

Following the noonday luncheon the group was addressed by Dr. W. R. Graham of Burlington who was introduced by John Farley, President of the Club. Dr. Graham delighted his audience with his very thought-provoking address in which he dealt with the changing conditions in Agriculture and the likely changes which may come into effect during the next 5 or 10 years. James Bremner, Secretary of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club also addressed the meeting and congratulated the Halton Club on having the largest County Club in the Province in 1940 and also on their activities of the past year. In his review of records made of Jersey cows in Canada, Mr. Bremner pointed out that in 1940 the high four-year-old on three times a day milking was Echo Banks King Molly, a daughter of the Featherstone herd side while the high milk producer in the same class was Brampton Draconian Bonny with her record of 14,176 lbs. of milk and 750 lbs. of fat. This animal was bred by Mrs. D. K. Mason, of Georgetown. Both of these animals won gold and silver medal certificates. Mr. Bremner also pointed out that three Canadian championships for production are held by Halton County breeders. The champion senior two year old for twice a day milking is the production of butterfat is Royalist Seaside Tess with 10,018 lbs. of milk and 657 lbs. of fat, bred and owned by R. J. Graham & Son, of Georgetown. Cluny Castle Miss Standard with her record of 15,133 lbs. of milk and 895 lbs. of fat is the champion milk and fat producer in the mature 305 day division on twice a day milking. She is owned and bred by Ward Ruddell & Sons, of Georgetown. The high record made in Halton last year, stated Mr. Bremner, was by that famous cow Fairy Edith Zana with a record of 16,517 lbs. of milk and 895 lbs. of fat in 365 days, a medal of merit record. This is her sixth medal record and according to Mr. Bremner no other cow of the breed at the same age has made so many milk records. This animal is owned by the herd of Featherstone, Erno, Oakville, who were the recipients of a special certificate of honour during the afternoon programme.

Other features of the programme included some excellent coloured movies of Jersey cattle both at the County Show at Acton and elsewhere. Edwin Harrop, of Milton, extended the appreciation of the group to the Hornby ladies who catered for the noonday luncheon, while W. E. Breckon of Freeman, tendered the thanks of the audience to the guest speakers. The meeting was conducted under the direction of President R. J. Graham.

The election of the Board of Directors resulted as follows—  
Past President—R. J. Graham.  
Esquimaux—Ward Ruddell, Edwin Harrop, Andrew Murray.  
Trafalgar—Victor Hall, Maurice Kelly, Jack Featherstone.  
Nelson—Wm. Davies, Campbell Winn, Nassagaweya—Dalton Barber, Stanley Robinson.  
Erin—Chas. McKeown.  
Eramosa—Lorne Ella.

## Export Bacon Price Controls Hog Prices

It is anticipated that marketings of hogs in Canada will be substantially higher during the three months from October 1, 1940, to September 30, 1941, than during the previous twelve months.

While prices will average somewhat lower the total income to producers will be appreciably higher. The less favourable relationship between hog prices and food prices may result in some decline in marketings in the latter part of 1941 and into 1942, especially in Eastern Canada. In the United States, hog production is expected to decline in 1941 and prices there have already shown substantial improvement. It is possible that, if prices there continue to advance, some Canadian hogs may be exported to that market.

The controlling factor in Canadian hog prices during 1940 was the price paid for export bacon. Prices paid by the Bacon Board for the top grade of Willshire sides for export (All shippable) were as follows:—January 30, May 4, \$17.70; May 6, July 22, \$17; July 22, November 4, \$17.50; November 4, November 18, \$17; November 18, December 31, \$18.10. Major changes in hog prices were closely associated with changes in bacon prices.

## CANADA'S EXPORTS TO UNITED KINGDOM

Canada's participation in the feeding of Britain continues highly important to both countries, but differs materially from normal peace-time business in that the importations of non-essential and semi-luxury classes of commodities formerly sent to Britain are not now encouraged, states the recent issue of the Current Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada. The present understandings between the governments of Canada and Great Britain represent the compromise that has been reached in the best interests of both countries.

While no exports of fresh apples, dressed poultry, or tobacco are now being considered, a moderate amount of business in dried and canned apples, canned tomatoes, fruit pulp, fruit peels and fruit pumice has been approved. Britain has also agreed to take bacon, offals, bladders and casings approximating the whole surplus over Canadian market requirements, and practically all the Canadian cheese that can be sent. In addition Britain has requested 1,000,000 cases of evaporated milk, 48 one-pound tins to the case. No definite arrangements have been reached regarding eggs, and the outlook continues uncertain, although the 1940 exports from Canada were large and shipments continued into 1941. Britain has been assured of the exports of tow and other products from the Canadian crop of fibre flax, and also the Canadian surplus of fibre flaxseed. While Britain's purchases of Canadian wheat continue substantial, stocks in Canada are expected to be heavy until effective demands again develop in Continental Europe.

## Prof. A. F. Coventry Addresses Annual Meeting of Halton Crop Improvement Association

The annual meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association was held in Milton recently and while attendance was below normal those present were delighted with the discussion of the very comprehensive programme sponsored by the Association during the past year.

Prof. A. F. Coventry, University of Toronto, was guest speaker, taking as his subject "Conservation," which was illustrated with slides. It was pointed out by Prof. Coventry in his address that four-fifths of the streams in this County dry up during the summer season. It was pointed out by the speaker that in some sections of the United States erosion is responsible in resulting in the removal of between 50 and 100 tons of soil per acre. "While erosion is much less serious in Ontario," stated Prof. Coventry, "nevertheless our muddy streams following a heavy rainfall are a clear-cut evidence that large quantities of our most valuable soils are being carried down to the lake." Prof. Coventry was of the opinion that Halton should plan 200 acres to trees annually for a period of some years in order to rectify the situation which is likely to become serious unless some definite action is taken. The speaker also made reference to a survey made in King Township of York County where now only 10 per cent. is in bush. In the particular area included in the survey there were originally 200 miles of permanent streams, whereas today there is only between 25 and 30 miles.

President W. E. Breckon, of Freeman, was in charge of the meeting and the appreciation of the group was expressed to Prof. Coventry by Deputy-Reeve W. S. Hall, of Oakville.

The election of the directorate for 1941 was as follows—  
Esquimaux—W. Murray, Donald McNabb, Edwin Harrop, Thos. Brownridge.  
Trafalgar—J. H. Willmott, Victor Hall, V. J. Lawrence, Cecil Lawrence.  
Nelson—W. E. Breckon, W. J. Robertson, Robt. Heathcriston.  
Nassagaweya—George Gordon, Edgar Ellerton, Archie Service.  
Erin and Eramosa—J. E. Pearen.

## MILK PRODUCTION REQUIRED IN CANADA

Milk yearlings on Canadian farms as at June 1, 1940, totalled 885,500 which was 40,500 less than at the corresponding date in 1939. This will mean fewer heifers coming into milk production during 1941. However, states the Current Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada, there is a substantially increased demand for all classes of dairy products during 1941. It is likely that total milk production will be increased by more generous feeding of cows. On the other hand, the prospective shortage of labour may to some extent tend to offset attempts to increase milk production.

The total production of milk in Canada for all purposes in 1940 has been estimated at about 16,000 million pounds. This represents a slight reduction from the 1939 figure. The milk is used in the form of butter, cream, condensed milk, and fluid milk and a small percentage is fed to live stock on farms. The number of cows on Canadian farms at June 1, 1940, was estimated at 3,284,700 head.

## Mason Farm Sold Recently

### TRANSACTION REPORTED ONE OF LARGEST NEGOTIATED SINCE LAST WAR

One of the largest country estate sales to be negotiated since the last war was closed recently by J. A. Willoughby, realtor, the property in question being the farm of Col. D. H. O. Mason, O.C. 2nd Battalion Royal Regiment of Canada. It was sold to Donald R. McLaughlin, of Toronto, who is a nephew of George and Sam McLaughlin, Oshawa.

This property consists of some 200 acres and is located about a mile and a half outside the corporation of the town of Georgetown. It has a frontage on three roads. Col. Mason carried on the farm in four units, dairy farm, sheep farm, apple orchards and stone quarry, each unit being run upon a separate parcel. There are 7 1/2 acres of apple orchard with trees of the finest varieties and in full bearing. The stone from the quarry provides the finest building material and finds a ready market in Toronto. This property was purchased by Col. Mason in 1926. In 1921 the main residence of the original farm and two barns were completely destroyed by fire, leaving only the tenant house standing. On the site of the old home, Col. Mason erected the beautiful residence which is now on the property, surrounded by a beautiful garden and ornamental trees. The house contains 14 rooms and three bathrooms with six large fireplaces. The living room, 30 feet by 17 feet, is paneled in pine and the dining room, 20 feet by 17 feet, is also paneled. There are 100 acres of bush and ravine on the east side of the farm through which flows a branch of the Credit river. On the west side

of the farm is a smaller ravine that also has a stream flowing through it. The main bank barn on the farm is of steel, 108 feet by 36 feet, with accommodation for 20 head of cattle and cox stalls for eight horses. A fine silo, a well-equipped dairy and milk cooler, a modern sheep pen, 72 feet by 18 feet, a large implement shed, three henhouses and four brooder houses, a complete blacksmith shop and workshop and a six-room farmhouse for the manager are included in the equipment.

A tractor threshing machine, binder, a herd of pure bred Jersey cattle, and a number of Percheron horses went with the property, but one animal was not sold, namely "Bill Deal," Col. Mason's old army charger of the last war who continues in grateful retirement under the colonel's auspices.

The soil of the farm is of high quality, suitable for growing all kinds of grain, alfalfa and corn. The property has an interesting history. John Brad Bery, whose father and two uncles served through the Revolutionary War of 1776, once owned it. Bery, in 1814, drove a team for the British troops for 100 days. He was then aged 12. Mr. Bery came plentiful in the line of township in 1814, a prominent Toronto business man who, in 1919, sold it to L. F. Denison, a cousin of former Magistrate George Taylor Denison, of Toronto. The purchase price of the farm was not disclosed. It is understood the asking price was \$45,000.

## More Chicks Hatched More Eggs Wanted

Early indications are that the spring hatch of chickens in Canada in 1941 will again be large, with hatcheries reporting heavy advance orders for chicks, states the Current Review of Agricultural Conditions, which has just been issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This would be a natural result of the length of the poultry and egg markets throughout 1940 and the fact that the relationship between egg prices and feed prices has been generally more favourable to the poultry men than during 1939.

The egg market was strengthened during 1940 by the substantial shipments of fresh eggs to the United Kingdom. While no definite contract has been entered into between Canada and Britain over the export of eggs, shipments early in 1941 were heavier than at the corresponding period in 1940, indicating that there is still a strong demand for Canadian eggs in the United Kingdom market. In Canada, the domestic market for eggs will be further strengthened by the continued increase in industrial activity and employment. The fact that storage stocks have been reduced to a negligible figure as at January 1, 1941, is regarded as a healthy feature of the market, and it is the first time for many years that stocks have been disposed of at the turn of the year.

## BEEF CATTLE INCREASE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE

With a strong domestic market supporting higher prices of meats, it is likely that the present increase in the numbers of cattle and the output of beef in Canada will continue for several years, according to the Current Review of Agricultural Conditions. Beef cattle production began to increase in 1940, the number of calves being reported at June 1, 1940, at 546,500 head, or 16,700 higher than on the corresponding date in 1939. Marketings of cattle at yards and plants in 1940 totalled 1,149,000 head, compared with 1,082,000 head in the preceding year. Marketings of calves were 1,240,000 head, or 830,000 head in 1940. Shipments of both cattle and calves from Western Canada to Eastern Canadian feed lots were sharply higher in 1940 compared with the previous year. The prices paid for feeder cattle in Western Canada were relatively high, reflecting a stronger demand and also a tendency on the part of Western producers to hold back their stock. Prices of finished steers have been improving steadily over the past three years and the indications are that prices will continue strong during 1941.

## GOVT. TO PAY HALF FREIGHT RATES ON GRAINS SHIPPED EAST

The Dominion Department of Agriculture announced on January 25 that the Dominion Government will pay half the regular freight charges on Western grains in carload lots from Port Arthur or Port William to destination in any Province in Eastern Canada shipped before July 15, 1941, provided that the Government of the Province of destination undertakes to pay the balance of the freight charges and be responsible for the procuring, distribution and use of such grain exclusively as live stock feed at prices to farmers which do not include freight charges.

The maximum allotment for each Province is—

Prince Edward Island	80,000
Nova Scotia	700,000
New Brunswick	700,000
Quebec	2,300,000
Ontario	2,300,000
Total	6,000,000

## TRAINING ENGLAND'S DOGS OF WAR

An article explaining in words and pictures—how the British War office teaches airfares to rescue victims buried in bombed buildings, to carry messages under heavy machine-gun fire, and help sentries with their extra-keen eyes and ears, is one of many intriguing features in The American Weekly with the February 9 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times. Be sure to get The Detroit Sunday Times this week.

"Mother, did you notice that some of my toys looked shop-worn or second hand when I got them at Christmas?"  
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## GLENDONACH FARM PURCHASE

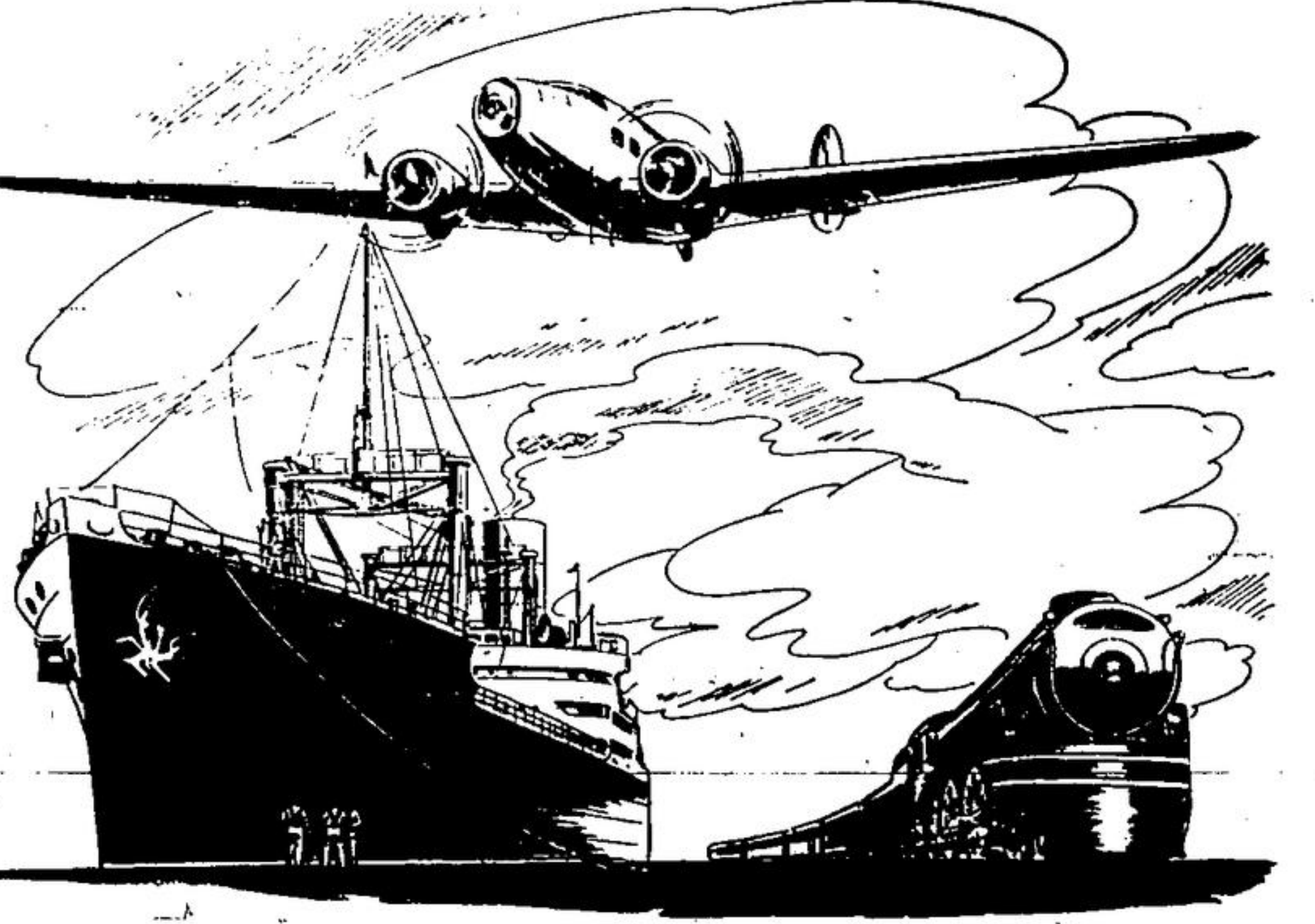
Rossleigh Daisy, who has just completed a 305 day test, producing 11,700 pounds of milk, testing 4%, has been bought by G. D. H. Wright and will be added to the Ayrshire herd at Glendonach Farm. This daughter of Thorofoft Star Merry-maker and Rossleigh Dolly was born on April 20, 1933, and the purchase was made from J. J. Vincent, Agincourt.

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