



C.P.R. SPEEDS TICKETING: G. A. MacNamara, vice-president of traffic for the Canadian Pacific Railway, inspects a new ticket issuing and accounting machine, the first of its kind on the North American continent, which went into service at the C.P.R.'s Windsor Station in Montreal recently. The machine prints its own tickets when the ticket seller inserts a matrice, such as Mr. MacNamara holds in his left hand, into the slots on the

lower right hand corner. In his right hand Mr. MacNamara holds a ticket that the machine has just issued. The bottom picture of one of the coach tickets the machine issues shows how much more compact it is than the type of coach ticket at the right. As well as speeding up ticket sales, the machine keeps full accounting records. Installation of the machine in other main Canadian Pacific centres across Canada depends upon the

success of the machine in its initial performance in Windsor Station, which was picked for the introduction because of the volume of business handled there. It is expected that the machine will be able to handle 90 per cent of the coach tickets issued there, and tickets will be issued to practically all C.P.R. points within 24 hours travelling time of Montreal.



RAY MILLAND is in the middle of a lot of trouble in Paramount's romantic comedy, "The Trouble With Women."

NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

HALTON WINTER WHEAT SPOTTY

Halton's winter wheat acreage this year is much above normal. In the main this is due to the very backward spring a year ago which resulted in a greatly reduced acreage of spring grain being sown and consequently a large acreage produced no crop in 1947. The condition of the fall wheat in Halton, states Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock, varies considerably from farm to farm and from field to field on the same farm. The bulk of the crop appears to have come through the winter in excellent condition but there are many late sown fields which appear rather thin and weak. In the main this is due to late preparation and sowing without adequate moisture. Such fields could be pepped up considerably by top-dressing with ammonium nitrate or nitraprills, a 35% nitrogen fertilizer. Such action is recommended by Prof. N. J. Thomas of the Sells Dept. at the Ontario Agricultural College. This granular fertilizer can be applied with a cyclone seeder and should go on at once. The rate of application is 50 to 100 lbs. per acre with the heavier application going on the weaker stands. Such applications should be made just as growth is commencing which means it should go on at once or, at least during the next week.

with oats from a pounds per acre standpoint, a 50 bushel crop of corn is equal to an 82 bushel crop of oats. However, there are a few points to be kept in mind if a satisfactory crop of husking corn is to be secured. First, our experience to date favours a loamy field in good state of fertility. The yields secured on the heavy clays in Halton have not been comparable to those on the loamier soils. Second, be prepared to sacrifice a little on yield in order to get maturity. This means nothing later than a 95 day corn which will include such varieties as Canada 275, Canada 279, Canada 355, Pinks, G35, DeKalb 56, etc. Such varieties should enable the grower to secure a fair crop of mature corn which will not mold and also permit him to get the crop picked in good time and the stalks plowed down the same year. Third, a good uniform stand with the stalks 12 inches apart in the row often means the difference between acres and fairs. Ten to twelve pounds of seed to the acre is sufficient. Furthermore, if soil and weather conditions are favourable plant between May 17 and May 24. If your corn is following a legume crop or barnyard manure has been applied supplement with 0-14-7 on the heavier loams or 2-12-10 on the sandy loams.

FEED GRAIN SITUATION CRITICAL

Ontario live stock men face a situation which necessitates the production of increased quantities of home grown grains in 1948, if present live stock holdings are to be maintained. According to our agricultural authorities 200 million bushels of feed grain is the minimum required in 1948 to maintain present live stock holdings and fulfill our contracts. This means an increase of one-third or 50 million bushels over our average production in Ontario, in the past ten years. While price ceiling on feed grain were in effect the livestock feeder was in a very fortunate position. The day of cheap grain from Western Canada appears to be over for the immediate future. The world shortage of food would appear to ensure high grain prices for some little time. Furthermore, as pointed out on numerous occasions by W. E. Brecken of Freeman, "when ceiling prices on feed grains were established, oats were 53c per bushel; barley 64c; and wheat 78c. This past few months with wheat selling at around the \$1.50 mark or practically twice what it was when price ceiling on feed grains were imposed it should not have been a surprise that the price of oats and barley moved up when ceilings were removed to a point where they bear something near their proper price relationship to the present price of wheat. Inasmuch as wheat is expected to move up to the \$2.00 mark in mid-summer, it does not seem logical to expect lower prices for feed grain in 1948 at least. This is another very good reason why Ontario livestock feeders would be well advised to produce on their own farms as large a percentage of their requirements as possible. In addition to utilizing all approved methods of securing increased yields per acre, it would seem that more Halton farmers might well give immediate consideration to a limited acreage of husking corn. This is one crop that does reasonably well on spring plowed land although admittedly we prefer a field which has been fall ploughed. Corn contains approximately 10 per cent more total digestible nutrients than oats.

Furthermore if we compare corn

GUERNSEY BREEDERS TO STAGE SHOW

The newly organized Halton and Peel Guernsey Club is already making plans to stage a County Show next Fall. This will be held in conjunction with the County of Halton Agricultural Society Fair, at Milton, on September 25th, states Lloyd Chisholm, President of the local Club. That the Guernsey is rapidly increasing in popularity is evident by the fact that already this new breed club has a paid-up membership in Halton alone of 35.

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SHORT STORY

The Barrier Collapses

By JOHN ADLINGTON

THE Rev. Mr. Jones claimed that the stronger the relationship between two men, the wider the rift if anything happened to break the bond. He said it was human nature, and he liked to tell about Frank Holly and George Clyde to prove his point.

The two men had been neighbors and the closest of friends all their lives. It was the same with their wives and when Jim Holly and Betty Clyde came on the scene, the boys' friendships grew up as much as those in each other's houses as in their own. It didn't seem possible that anything could come between the two men. Yet they did fall out, and the cause was so trivial folks mightn't believe it.

The Clyde farm and the Holly place adjoined each other, sort of back to back, and the line fence between them was an old rail affair that a new-born lamb could have climbed over easy almost any place. So one prime, just before seeding time, the two men got together and decided to replace it with a brand new wire fence. When they had finished both men stood around telling each other what a neat job they'd done.

"She's as straight as a gunbarrel," says George Clyde, squinting down the row of posts.

"Sure it," agreed Frank Holly, taking a look. "But your place has grown a little. We're over about a foot too far on my side."

He said it joking like, and if George had let it pass there would have been no harm done. But one word led to another, and first thing they knew both men were yelling and shouting at the top of their voices. When each of them finally grabbed up his tools and headed for the barn, the most beautiful friendship in Reeler county was busted wide open. And no one could do anything about it.

Their wives tried hard enough. But it was no use. The truth was each knew they were acting like dots, but each was too stubborn to make the first move. After the quarrel they both got so cranky there was no living with them. Andy took it out on the two young ones.

BUT human nature is human nature, and before the year was over Jim and Betty were meeting in town on Saturday nights, and sort of hanging around together after lunch. Everybody could see the way it was with them, except their others. The Rev. Mr. Jones tried to get in a word with Frank and George on the matter, but it didn't do a bit of good, and there's no telling what way things would have gone if it hadn't been for Frank's old boy nature.

George Clyde was at the barn next morning some shoats when his wife and Betty came rushing in. "Mrs. Holly just phoned," said his wife,



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out of breath. "She says she was town the time when she saw their old boy mate on her back, all tangled up in the line fence. Frank and Jim are in town, and she's afraid the poor thing will cut her out to pieces time they get back. She thought maybe you'd do something about it."

Holly, on look after his own neck, says George. "Why, Dad!" says Betty horrified, and the next minute she tears out of the barn as fast as she can. She stops long enough at the drive shed to grab a hammer and a pair of wire cutters, then disappears down the lane. It doesn't take long for George and his wife to follow her. By the time they reached the back pasture, Betty had released the poor beast that had caused all the commotion. Mrs. Holly was there, too, fussing over both of them. And that's the way was when Jim and his Dad rattle up in the truck.

It was George who rose to the occasion.

"Frank," he says, a bit on the shaky side, "this damned fence broke up, but we'll have less fence than that dumb heat would if we let it keep these youngsters apart."

For once, Frank seemed at a loss for words but he contrived a grin. Retreated by W. E. Features

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