

FARM NEWS

### Many Record Animals Halton Holstein Herds

The February issue of the Holstein Friesian Journal contains much of interest to Halton Holstein enthusiasts. We note under the "Long-time Producers" that a total of 823 Canadian Holsteins have now qualified for Certificates of Long Time Production. In sixth position among the "Silver Seal" Producers, that is, those which in their lifetime have produced over 150,000 lbs. milk and 5,100 lbs. fat, is Katherine Mercedes Dutchland owned by Harold Bingham & Son of Georgetown. This great cow in eleven lactations on two times milking, has produced 171,917 lbs. milk and 6,394 lbs. fat. Another Silver Seal Halton record holder is Meadowbrae Sylvia Polly also in the same herd with 154,241 lbs. milk and 5,265 lbs. fat. Among the blue seal producers (125,000 lbs. milk and 4,350 lbs. fat) is Blossom Tensen Hengerveld, owned by Victor J. Lawrence, Oakville, with 153,537 lbs. milk and 4,879 lbs. fat. Other Halton "Blue Seal" producers are owned by Methuen Deering of Palermo; Emerson Ford, Hornby; and Morley Watson, of Freeman. In the "Red Seal" list 100,000 lbs. milk and 3,400 lbs. fat we note Ashville Farms of Milton with two; Johnson Neelands, Hornby, with three cows; and W. W. Thompson, Hornby. Emerson Ford, Hornby, and Harold Bingham & Son, Georgetown, with one each.

The annual show and auction sale of beef bulls scheduled for the Royal Winter Fair Buildings, Toronto, on March 20 and 21st will be the mecca for beef cattle enthusiasts. Needless to add present prices of beef cattle will ensure a packed ringside for both events. As in former years the Ontario Live Stock Branch will pay a premium equal to one-third of the selling price of each bull but not exceeding \$150 per bull to all parties who reside and operate farms in Ontario on all approved bulls. A total of 286 beef bulls are entered. Numbered among these are entries from the following Halton Short-horn herds: T. C. Amos, Moffat; S. G. Bennett, Georgetown; Gordon Brecken, Bronte; Arthur Norrish, Campbellville; and Stanley Norrish, Wolfert. In the Hereford section we note an entry from the herd of Wm. Hasler, Trafalgar Township.

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### CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

by V. C. PORTEOUS \* Director ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This is the seventh and final of a series of weekly stories which V. C. Porteous, a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, is writing about the visit of Canada's champion plowmen to the British Isles, Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Belfast, Northern Ireland — If everything went smoothly here with never a hitch of any kind then I suppose this wouldn't be Ireland. Being of Irish descent I can't say this without having to duck — or at least I hope so.

We came over to Belfast from Scotland by boat but because of some misunderstanding about our itinerary the welcoming committee met a different boat at a different pier. As a result we had to make our way to the hotel unescorted. However, once we were installed in the hotel a few telephone calls got things untangled, although the welcoming committee — complete with band — had been waiting over an hour. For the rest of our stay in the "Emerald Isle" we managed to keep to schedule without any major upsets.



Hugh Leslie

About the first thing we learned upon arrival was that the maple tree planted in front of the city hall by Alex McKinney, Brampton's last years team manager, had died. Accordingly, and with due ceremony, we planted a new one, but this time it was an eight foot tree instead of a sapling. The tree was made available by the Ontario Horticulture Association through the Imperial War Graves Commission. Later we figured amongst ourselves that as the new tree was planted in the right place of the moon it would survive. If it doesn't, then all the Irish legends about the growing powers of the moon must be revised.



Herbert Jarvis

The next day, which was Saturday, we attended a local plowing match at Killead. It was held on the farm owned by Bobbie Irwin, who many of you will remember, was one of the overseas contestants at our 1948 International match at Lindsay. It was good to see Bobbie again and he asked to be remembered to all his friends in Canada.

Sunday we drove to Portrush for dinner. We returned to Belfast by what is called the East Shore Road. We passed through the Glen district which even at this time of the year is beautiful. In summer it must be beautiful beyond description.

Monday we toured the busy city of Belfast, which in many respects is much like a Canadian city. At night we were guests at a dance which the boys, and I'll admit myself as well enjoyed very much. But we didn't stay too late because the boys had to practice the next day for the big Northern Ireland match. It was perfect plowing weather for the match and about 15,000 spectators and contestants were on hand. Taking all in all it was a good match and the North Ireland Plowing Association, sponsors of the match, deserve a lot of credit.

Herb Jarvis had trouble with his team of horses, although they went nicely the day of the practice. But once they got in the crowd they wouldn't respond and as a result Herb lost ground he wasn't able to pick up again.

Hugh Leslie, the tractor champion, made a good start which he managed to maintain with the result that he won the Festival of Britain cup. This was for the highest standing among the overseas competitors of which there were about 19 including some from Switzerland, Holland, England and Scotland. In case you wonder why the last two countries are classed as overseas I might remind you that there is still the Irish Sea.

Hugh's win means that each of the boys has won a trophy. Herb won in the overseas class at Cornwall which I mentioned in an earlier letter.

The following day we resumed our sightseeing and visited one of the largest cordage plants in the world. It was a revelation to see what goes into the manufacture of binder twine and rope.

Later we attended a conference to discuss the possibilities of setting up standard rules governing plow-

ing at international matches. There were representatives from most of the plowmen groups in the United Kingdom, but I am sorry to report that we did not arrive at any unanimous decisions. However, the meeting was a beginning and my feeling is that Canada should take the lead in this matter as there seems to be too much rivalry between the groups over here. I'll deal more fully with this subject in the future at meetings of our own organization.

This week-end I left the boys for the first time since we started out together more than six weeks ago. I went up to Enniskillen in County Fermanagh to the home of my ancestors. I was successful in locating the very ground that my great-grandfather farmed. When I examined the land I wasn't in the least surprised that my grandfather's family left it for Canada. I suppose many Canadians feel the same way when they catch the first glimpse of their ancestral homes in these Isles. The broad acres of Canada have a way of spoiling us, I'm afraid.

We're now leaving for Scotland where we will take the plane from Prestwick to fly to Canada. The chances are that by the time you read this we will be home. We've covered a lot of territory, met a lot of people and enjoyed every minute of it but just now home seems to be about the most important place there is in this world. A good-bye to the boys and says "I'll say goodbye and I hope we'll all meet at the 1951 International Plowing Match at Woodstock.

#### FARMED FOR YEARS IN HORNBY AREA

John Jackson, who farmed for years in the Hornby and Milton districts, passed away at Peel Memorial Hospital after an illness of two weeks. He had been caretaker of Milton high school until a few years ago. His wife, the former Lucy Hoey, predeceased him two years ago.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. A. McDermid, Brampton. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

Among the Canadian Champion Producers was the Grayson Farm, Oakville, with no less than two great records. "Little Beauty" or to give her the full name, Grayson Beauty, produced 125,000 lbs. milk and 3,400 lbs. fat in three lactations. "Big Girl" or to give her the full name, Grayson Big Girl, produced 124,972 lbs. milk and 3,120 lbs. fat.

It is also of interest to note among the leading ROP sires, Lonelm Texal Payne, whose 69 daughters have made 192 records averaging 14,590 lbs. milk and 551 lbs. fat. This great Holstein bull is the sire or grand sire to most of the bulls in the Holstein stud at the Maple unit. Three of his sons, namely Lonelm Texal Ideal, Lonelm Texal Antony, and Lonelm Texal Highcroft, in the Maple Unit sire list "Honour List" producers in 1950.

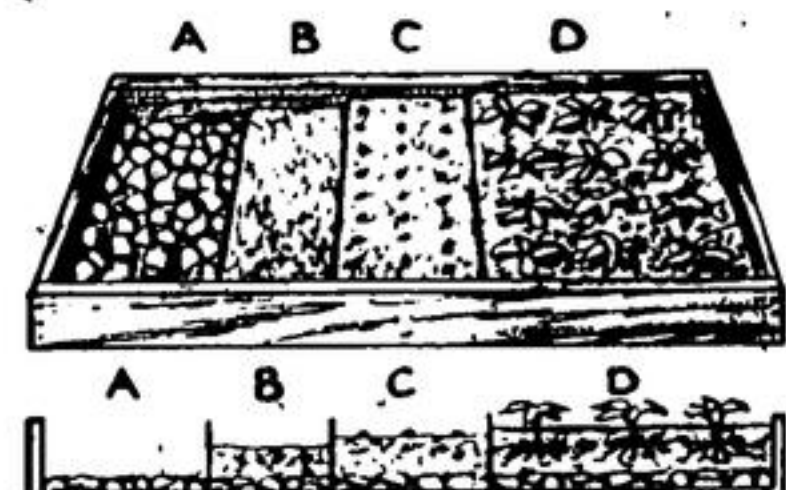
Listed among the winners in the "All Canadian" Judging Contest we



## AROUND THE HOME

### SEED FLAT

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- ② SOIL OF COARSE SAND, LOAM AND WELL-ROTTED HUMUS. FILL BOX AND FIRM LIGHTLY.
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- ④ LITTLE SEEDLINGS THINNED OUT TO PERMIT BETTER GROWTH. WATER IN THE MORNING; SHADE DURING HEAT OF THE DAY. TRANSPLANT AFTER TWO SETS OF LEAVES HAVE FORMED.



### VALANCE BOXES

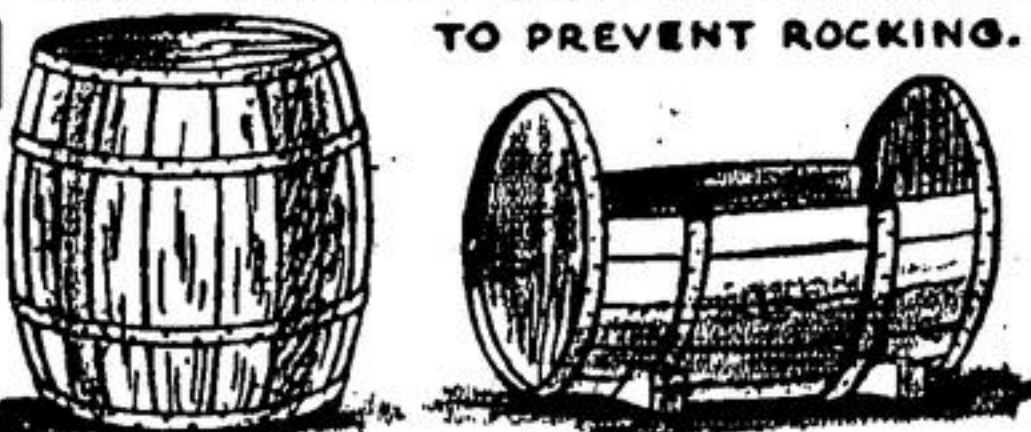
FOR NARROW WINDOWS — BOX MAY BE OF FIR PLYWOOD, WITH COAT OF VARNISH. FOR PICTURE OR BAY WINDOW — 2 BOXES MAY BE MADE, WITH AN EXTENSION CENTRE. MAY BE ENAMELLED, PAINTED, VARNISHED OR COVERED WITH SAME MATERIAL AS DRAPES. FOR SMALL WINDOWS, BOX ABOUT 4" OR 5" DEEP.

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Tom Gard's Note Book

It is with sincere pleasure that I return for a second series of these informal chats. It is still my purpose to share with you practical ideas that can be used to improve your garden and your home — all tried in my workshop or gleaned from my journals finally shamed into doing it. I'm still not certain that his mother hadn't put him up to it, but he came home from the school shop with a miniature box, complete to scale and trim! They weren't too difficult once started and did add a great deal to the appearance of the room. I chose dressed inch lumber as the rooms and windows are quite large and could stand the "heaviness" of this material. If your eye must watch the purse strings, use packing box material or cheap lumber and cover it with tag ends of the drapes.

Spring Is Almost Here

One other task that has been completed just in time to get under the wire is an ash sifter from the bottom section of a butter box. I had seen one over a year ago and always intended making one but didn't get around to it. Oh well, this is the season when it is of most use now that the coal furnace always seems to be getting away from me or is on its way out.

It is also time for seed flats and seed planting. I hope you are not one of those who always gets their seeds planted too early — unless, of course, you have a cold frame for the first transplanting. Follow the instructions given with the diagram for filling the flat and planting the seeds. Place the flats where they will get plenty of sunlight for sturdy plants. You will find the wood-box idea a practical one for the cottage. The parcel is still not completed. I'll soon be forced into it as the cottage season will be here before we know it.

