

Halton Cattlemen Prominent In Exhibition Competition

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The 1954 dairy show at the Canadian National Exhibition will go down in history as one of the top CNE shows of all times. Halton was well and worthily represented in the Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey shows, and consequently we shall confine our remarks to these three breeds.

Holstein Show
Here Halton was represented with entries from no less than 18 Halton herds in a show which attracted a total of 328 entries in the individual classes. A total of 40 "Black and Whites" treaded the tan-bark from the following Halton herds:

Equising — R. C. Alexander; F. O. Hunter, T. H. McGee, W. H. Robinson, John Schertel & Son, Alvin Starrett and Son.

Nelson — Ashville Farms Ltd., Brock Harris, E. R. Segsworth and Gordon Sinclair.

Trafalgar — Harold Cooper, Arnold Fish, Edward Fish, F. G. Stark Sons, Tovell Bros., and J. F. Trimble.

Perhaps the highlight from a Halton standpoint was the showing of Harold Cooper's five year old daughter of Highcroft, Kneland Farm Annabel (bred by Johnston Neelands, of Hornby.) True she had to be content with a blue ribbon in that great class of milking cows, nosed out on a tight decision by that great old show cow Glenvue Nettle Jemima, from Roseafe. However, Annabel went on to take the reserve senior and reserve grand, with Nettle on top in both cases. As a fitting climax to Annabel's first appearance in the show ring she won the Murphy trophy for the best oddered cow in the Holstein show.

In the Male classes, W. H. Robinson got the first red ribbon for Halton, on his junior yearling son of "Fond Hope" and was a strong contender for the junior male championship. The other red ribbon for Halton was won by Tom McGee's great senior calf also sired by Fond Hope.

Perhaps the next highlight from a Halton standpoint was the showing of Tovell Bros. three year old milking daughter of ABC Reflection Sovereign, with Lloyd Pickard at the halter. Lloyd was primarily helping to show the great Roseafe string but he took time off to show the Tovell three year old, Harold Cooper's Annabel and Frank Stark's five year old daughter of "Anthony." It was nip and tuck on the top three heifers, and Durno Innis finally said third, and far be it from your reporter to question the decision of a judge.

Like Durno Innis, but folks, the Towell heifer looked 'mighty' good. Speaking of the Stark cow in the mature dry class, she was stale but nevertheless ended up in fourth position. By the way this Antony daughter is entered for the Maple sale, and if she doesn't go to South America she is going to be just right for the Royal, so watch her.

Lack of space will not permit us dealing with all of the Halton entries, but we would be remiss if we didn't mention at least three or four others.

Joe Trimble's "Midnight Joe" wound up in third place in the aged bull class, right behind old "Fond Hope" himself, who went on to reserve grand for Jack Fraser — the Grand going to the first prize bull in the same class, a seven year old son of "Sovereign," owned by Allan Smith of Glanford Stn.

Ashville Farms were in there fighting all the way — the Pelletier boys getting third on their junior bull calf, fifth on their two year old grandson of "Fond Hope"; fifth on Rosemary, their milking five year old (a former champion at Milton Fair; sixth on their milking four year old; fifth on their milking two year old; seventh on their dry two year old; fourth on their get of MG Sovereign Ormsby; and fifth on their progeny.

Then there is Bob Alexander, who had out a nice string, getting fourth on old "Salax" in the aged bull class. No doubt all of our readers will recall that great white bull which has done such an outstanding job at Alexholme for Bob. (Incidentally he was reserve grand at the CNE four years ago.) Bob also had the eighth on one of Salax's daughters in the strong junior yearling class, ninth on another daughter of Salax in the milking two year olds, as well as other entries well up in the senior calf class.

President Gordon Sinclair also had some creditable awards — perhaps his top being a fourth on his two year old sire, a son of Fond Hope bred by J. C. Bell of Nelson. Gordon was also in the money on his Higheroff's daughter in the mature milking class as well as on some of the junior classes.

And now for the county herd class which as always was the climax of the show. No less than ten counties were represented — that means 60 Black and Whites in the ring at the same time — and what a show.

Here is the standing — 1st Peel, 2nd Halton, 3rd Brant, 4th Waterloo, 5th Wentworth, 6th Lincoln, 7th Grey, 8th Wellington, 9th Welland and 10th Haldimand.

Did you say "Why does Halton have to take second place to Peel every year?" If so, may we suggest that you take a look at the Roseafe, Fraser and Dunton strings and then perhaps you'll understand.

Jersey Show
This, too, was a really outstanding show with 218 head competing in the individual classes, and folks, when it comes to quality you have to hand it to the Jerseys. Halton was well represented by strong line ups from the Avonlea and Lindale herds of Featherston Brothers, and Maurice, Beaty, plus one of two each from the herds of Ken Ella, Gerald Graham and G. S. Matthews and Son. And when it is realized they were in battling against such herds as Valleyanna, Don Head, Pioneer, not to mention Alf Bagge, the Butcher's and a host of others — well judge for yourself — here are a few of their more important wins.

M. C. Beaty — 3rd in senior bull class, second on his junior yearling bull, second in the dry mature cow class, fifth in the mature class in milk, sixth on his milking three year old, fifth prize milking two year old, seventh prize senior yearling heifer; fourth, eleventh, and thirteenth prize senior calves (this was a class of 37); fourth prize graded herd; third prize Get of Sire group, third prize junior get, third prize progeny of dam. By the way the cow which beat Maurice's second prize dry cow went on to the senior and grand championship. This was the imported cow, Roslyn Samaxes S.A. for Don Head, Pioneer Farm got the reserve on Imported Parada.

Featherstone Bros. — 8th prize senior bull calf; 4th prize mature cow in milk; seventh prize three year old in milk; eighth prize, dry 4 year old; eighth on their junior yearling heifer; fifth prize senior heifer calf; fourth prize senior Get; fifth prize junior Get; and second prize progeny of dam.

Gerald Graham — fifth prize aged bull, where the first went to the noted sire "Farmer Brown" which went on to take the senior and the grand for males.

Ken Ella — Eighth prize senior yearling heifer.

County Herd Class — Here four counties were represented and the Halton boys again accomplished what the Holstein boys have been unable to do — they beat Peel but had to second to the strong York entry dominated by Valleyanna; Don Head, and Alf Bagge, with Ontario County in fourth place.

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Guernsey Show
L. V. Wilson, of Minnesota, placed the ribbons in the strong Guernsey show which attracted a total of 214 head. While Halton was not out in their usual numbers they nevertheless made a fine showing. They too had a difficult task in competing against entries from such herds as Fraserdale; Tannery Hill; Kingfield; Maplewood; Clowelly Farm; Thorlebank; Pinecroft; to mention but a few. Here are some of the more important wins made by the Halton boys.

Joyce Bros. — fourth prize senior bull calf; third prize junior yearling Bull; fourth prize aged bull; fourth prize junior heifer calf; third prize senior yearling heifer; third prize junior get; 6th prize junior herd; third prize aged cow in milk.

M. T. McNabb & Sons — eleventh and twelfth senior bull calves; tenth prize junior heifer calf; fourth and fourteenth senior heifer calf; twelfth and thirteenth prize junior yearling heifers; tenth prize senior yearling heifer; fourth and sixth prize junior get; seventh prize junior herd; sixth and seventh prize two year old dry heifers; sixth prize dry four year old seventh prize 4 year old in milk; fourth and fifth prize progeny of dam groups; seventh prize senior get; ninth prize graded herd.

J. L. Chisholm — Eighth prize senior yearling heifer; eighth and ninth dry two years old; third prize dry three year old; sixth prize progeny of dam group; eighth prize senior get.

J. M. Brownridge — Fourth prize 2 year old bull; twelfth prize dry two year old.

Melvin McCullough — Tenth prize 3 year old in milk, seventh prize aged bull.

Inter Club Herd — First, York-Simcoe, Second, Niagara District; third, Halton-Peel, fourth, Big Four Club.

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