

# Oui!—There are French Limousins near Eden Mills

By Dave Pink  
The need for better beef production in Canada prodded Nordic Farms, a breeding company, to import Limousin cattle from France and locate a major part of their herd at R. R. 1, Campbellville, just outside Eden Mills. The herd is under the supervision of Dennis Cluley. Mr. Cluley is a native Albertan who came east when Nordic Farms offered him a managerial position at one of their major

locations. Since arriving here he has worked in close contact with the Ontario Agricultural College, the University of Guelph. Managing 186 acres of predominately cedar bush and spring fed ponds, which he claims is ideal for raising beef cattle, Mr. Cluley said the French cattle have adapted well to a Canadian environment. He indicated the cattle are receiving no special treatment because if they can't make under normal Canadian

conditions they have no place in Canada. Pure breed Historically, Limousins have a

reputation of managing well under the worst conditions. The French claim they are a pure breed native to the rocky, hill

country of the Limoges region of France. They have the ability, to rustle for themselves with no help from man and still produce a

quality carcass. The cattle made their first appearance in Canada in 1968 during a period of experiment of the Canadian beef industry. Charolais, another French breed, was brought to Canada in 1965 with good results so it was decided by Nordic Farms, and other breeding companies, to import and observe other European breeds, including the very successful Limousins. There are no domestic cross breeds in Canada so the Limousin herd here was started completely from scratch. Now there are 350 pure bred females in Canada - ten percent of that total in this area. 1972 winners

breeds are already firmly established Canadian beef producers. Expand Mr. Cluley expects to have the present location of Nordic Farms expand to 180 breeding females, which would be a little less than a cow per acre, to see how it will affect their production. Presently, the cows are eating straight pasture grass but Mr.

Cluley hopes to seed the farm with sorghum sudan grass hybrid, a corn substitute. At this time Nordic Farms, Campbellville, has 27 imported females, four 1971 bred heifers, two heifers, nine heifer calves, eight bull calves and two bulls. The cattle range in color from a golden wheat color in the females to a deep red-gold in the males, darkening with age. They are light horned.



LIMOUSIN CATTLE, a golden brown in colour, are a rare breed in Canada. These three are found at Nordic Farms just outside Eden Mills. They were imported from France by Nordic Farms and are expected to have a good effect on the Canadian Beef Industry. (D. Pink photo)

## Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr

In the spring I usually receive a large number of calls from parents wanting advice on purchasing a horse for their child. This year is no exception. The purchasers range from people who know nothing about horses at all but have an interested 12 year-old daughter; to those who have ridden for years and need a quiet family horse (Incidentally, if any breeder can mass-produce a "safe, reliable, well-trained saddle horse for \$250," he'll do a roaring trade). The opinions expressed in this and other columns are strictly my own but are based on many years of varied experience.

Don't rush If you know nothing about horses but have a small acreage and a hankering, please don't go out and purchase a wee pony or a pretty palomino from a sale. Buying a horse is trickier than buying a used car because, although you have just as many things that can be wrong with a horse, you also have temperament and early experience to consider.

My best advice to you is to find out more of what you are doing before you buy. Send your child to a pony club or a riding school. Sometimes the interest is a passing fad and this is a good way of finding out.

When you, as a parent, feel reasonably capable of caring for this delicate and difficult animal and the child is able to handle a

horse, a purchase can be considered. Do take your time and look for a quiet older horse that has been well-schooled and well-used—in this case a high mileage is advantageous.

You'll pay more for a reliable safe horse but, after all, it's your child's life that is at stake.

A dear little baby foal is definitely not easier to handle than a full grown horse. A colt can be very dangerous if not trained thoroughly and expertly.

Boarding If you plan on boarding a horse you may be able to consider purchasing one sooner. The same reliable horse bit goes, but you will have the advantage of a knowledgeable (hopefully) stable manager to care for the horse and dole out advice. Don't scrimp either. The cheap boarding stable will only cause you more problems than it's worth. A good one, preferably with a school attached, will provide you with most safety, care, and value for your money.

In either case, do have a vet and blacksmith check out the horse you plan to buy—it'll save a great deal of heartbreak.

And don't surprise your child. Let him or her be in on the final selection.

Choosing your own horse is as individual an experience as acquiring a puppy—or a car.

Please send letters to Jennifer Barr, R. R. 2, Acton.



AVID ANTIQUE collector, Wes Brown of Acton displays one of the unique ship's lanterns he has found in his collection of lamps. Mr. Brown says the old kerosene lamps are in high demand. He repaints them red to recapture some of their earlier glow. —H. Coles Photo

## Judge Shorthorns

By Paul Stewart  
The third meeting of the Halton 4-H Livestock judging club was held at Scotsdale Farms. The meeting opened with the pledge followed by the minutes and the roll call.

A type demonstration was given by Emerson Clark, farm manager of Scotsdale Farms. Two classes of Shorthorn beef cows were judged. The official placings were given by Henry Stanley and Bert Stewart. The meeting was adjourned. Paul Stewart thanked Emerson Clark for having these two fine classes for members to judge and for having the club at Scotsdale Farms.

## Strawberry time

By Robert Stokes  
Harvesting of strawberries will be starting in volume in the Toronto-Hamilton area by the end of the week. Although some of the early crop was lost due to frosts earlier this spring, prospects for harvest are still fairly good.

Pick-your-own operators in the Toronto-Hamilton area are expecting greater than usual number of people because of the general rising cost of food.

## Farmers concerned

Halton Federation of Agriculture will discuss the new proposals for land control on the Niagara Escarpment.

Henry Stanley, Agricultural Representative for Halton County, told the Administration Committee of Halton County Council that many farmers were concerned that there was no compensation to farmers who have their land frozen.

He said it appeared the farmer was being robbed of the speculative value his land held. He noted farmers felt they would lose money on the proposition so that others could benefit, and objected

to subsidizing the rest of the country.

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Adult:	Watercolour or Oil Painting	
	First prize	\$100.00
	Second prize	60.00
	Third prize	40.00
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	First prize	\$100.00
	Second prize	60.00
	Third prize	40.00
High School Division:	Watercolour, Oil or Photography	
	First prize	\$50.00
	Second prize	35.00
	Third prize	20.00
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	First prize:	\$50.00
	Second prize:	35.00
	Third prize:	20.00

The Display and Judging will take place on Sept 15 & 16.  
For rules and contest entry form write, no later than June 30th.  
"Heritage Halton Art Contest",  
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Milton, Ontario.

## Treasurers approve township tax relief

Nassagaweya taxpayers may receive some relief when the township council sets the 1973 mill rate at a meeting June 19. Wednesday a board of arbitrators which includes Halton county treasurers awarded the township \$48,230 to cover an overlevy in education taxes.

It marked the second consecutive year the township has successfully appealed the levy. The complaint centred around what council felt was an overlevy and an unfair portion of the tax burden being thrust on the township. The injustice stems from the equalized assessment factor. Last year and this year the board of arbitrators favored the township request for relief. The award this year is within a few hundred dollars of last year's award.

Sixmill Nassagaweya clerk Earl Cuddle noted the money amounted to about six mills off the tax rate. He noted he was now hopeful and optimistic that the award could result in a decrease in taxes from last year.

Mr. Cuddle said the equalization factor would not change until 1975 and Nassagaweya should be entitled to the rebate on the overlevy again next year.

He noted, however, the effects of regional government may make the calculations very cumbersome depending on how the township is finally split.

Each municipality in Halton will contribute towards the \$48,230 awarded to the township. Municipal councils have 30 days from the hearing to appeal the decision of the arbitrators.

## Buys high price cow

The Garway Holstein dispersal sale, held recently at Brubacher Sales Arena, Guelph, saw 36 registered animals average \$760. The highest price of the day was \$1,500 paid by Garnet N. Laidlaw, Norval, for the three year-old Garway Herdmaster Josie. She was sired by Glenafton Herdmaster, who is classified Excellent for type and is a Superior type sire, and she is a daughter of Cedar Sands Tex Rose.

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