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## Elect Mac Sprowl Juniors' President

On Monday evening, March 3rd, at the Agriculture Office, Milton, Mac Sprowl was elected county president of the Halton Juniors Farmers.

Mac Sprowl was born and has lived on the family farm home east of Acton all his life. He attended Bannockburn Public School 1934 to 1941 and Acton Continuation School 1941 to 1945.

In 1947 he became a member of the Acton Junior Farmers and has been active in this organization since that time, being secretary in 1949 and president for the past year and a half, also serving as vice-president of Halton Juniors.

During the past seven years, he has been active in judging competitions sponsored by the Halton Junior Farmers, having won the Thomas Blakelock Trophy for the best judge of swine in Halton County in 1949.

On Achievement Day in June, 1951, Mac Sprowl became the first winner of the Hamilton Spectator special award for the outstanding Junior Farmer in Halton County, thus entitling him to a 150 mile bus trip through the eastern States, namely New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland. In November of 1951, he was a member of the Halton County judging team that competed at the Royal Winter Fair, Halton placing third in thirty counties that competed. At Geneva Park in 1950, he was the Halton boy delegate at the Junior Farmers' provincial camp.

Recently he was appointed as a Junior Farmer director from Esqueving township to the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

For the past four years, he has served one year as an associate director and three years as a director of the Acton Fall Fair Board. In becoming county president, Mac Sprowl will now represent all five clubs in Halton County, in all totalling 225 to 250 Junior Farmers.

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## IN A COUNTRY LANE

By Lillian Collier Gray

For several mornings now, I've wakened and heard crows proclaiming to the world at large that they have decided it's spring. It is a very welcome sound, for, looking back, it does seem quite a long time since they took their departure. There has been the odd crow around, though, for several weeks, and maybe all winter. But they do not have a great deal to say until that spring-like feeling is in the air.

We were sitting in the kitchen on Sunday afternoon, everyone reading quietly, with soft music coming in on the radio when suddenly there was a burst of melodious bird song that seemed to be coming from right outside the window.

We all pricked up our ears, wondering if a flock of songsters had just arrived from the south. Then we discovered the singing was part of the radio music. And it was still early in March, and not quite spring yet.

It was interesting to get a phone call after my last column appeared, from a neighbor who told me the identity of the M— family which the Hon. Amelia Murray had visited when in Milton 98 years ago. It was even more interesting to learn that the owner of the farm mentioned had lived a very short distance from where we are living right now. So the three and one half miles the party walked was in our direction.

Another good neighbour has just loaned me a book by the well-known historian, W. H. Smith and this book also contains reference to Milton and district, and a map shows Halton county as it looked then. There are several more place names now.

There are amusing stories concerning those early pioneer days. Concerning Wentworth county, I noticed this item: "An old log building served the purposes of a jail, but it was so very insecure that prisoners are said to have frequently gone home at night, and returned to the jail in the morning; and one person from Ancaster, a prisoner for debt, very coolly sent word to the Sheriff that as winter was coming on, and the weather getting cold, if he did not make better fires and keep the place warmer, he should leave".

Of this district, Mr. Smith says, "About four miles and a half southwest from Hornby is a small village called Milton. This is situated on a road running straight back from Palermo, and contains a grist and saw mill, situated on the Sixteen-mile Creek, and a steam grist mill is now building, intended to contain four run of stones. About a mile and a half from Milton is a small settlement, containing a saw mill, known as 'Peru'".

Speaking of our own township,

the writer says, "The township of Trafalgar commenced settling about the year 1807, when wild land was selling at seven shillings and sixpence per acre. In 1807, it contained 548 inhabitants, one grist and four saw mills, and produced from the crop of 1849, 146,000 bushels of wheat, 56,000 bushels of oats, 26,000 bushels of peas, 30,000 bushels of potatoes, 11,000 bushels of turnips, 31,000 pounds of wool, and 17,000 pounds of butter. The land through the township is generally rolling, and the timber is a mixture of various kinds of hardwood and pine".

And that reminds me that Mr. Victor Hall told me an interesting bit of local history, which I must relate next week.

## Moffat Man Best Showman At Royal

Best all-round showman at the College Royal, held at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph last week was John Garnet Norrish of R. R. 1, Moffat. A third year student at the O.A.C., Mr. Norrish won the silver tray donated by Canada Packers to the best all-round showman in the 15 divisions of the student show.

He copped the greatest number of points, and competed in the most divisions in the 28th annual College Royal.

He took the reserve championship in apiculture with 11 points, was awarded 42 points in agronomy, 10 in agricultural engineering and one point in animal husbandry, making a total of 64. The award's conditions call for the contestant to place in animal husbandry and at least one other division, and to win points in at least two other sections.

Other county competitors who placed were D. C. Alexander of Georgetown, 16 points in the O.V.C. division; Walter Rose of Freeman with 52-42 points in art and Judy Merry of Oakville who received the award to the Mac diploma class. J. Goodall of Rockwood placed second in the poultry division.

Grand champion livestock showman was Robert James Stewart of R. R. 4, Bolton, for the second year in succession. Reserve showmanship honours went to Glen. M. Johnston of Moorefield.

The College Royal queen, Joan Lennox of Clarkson, officiated at several functions during the day of the show.

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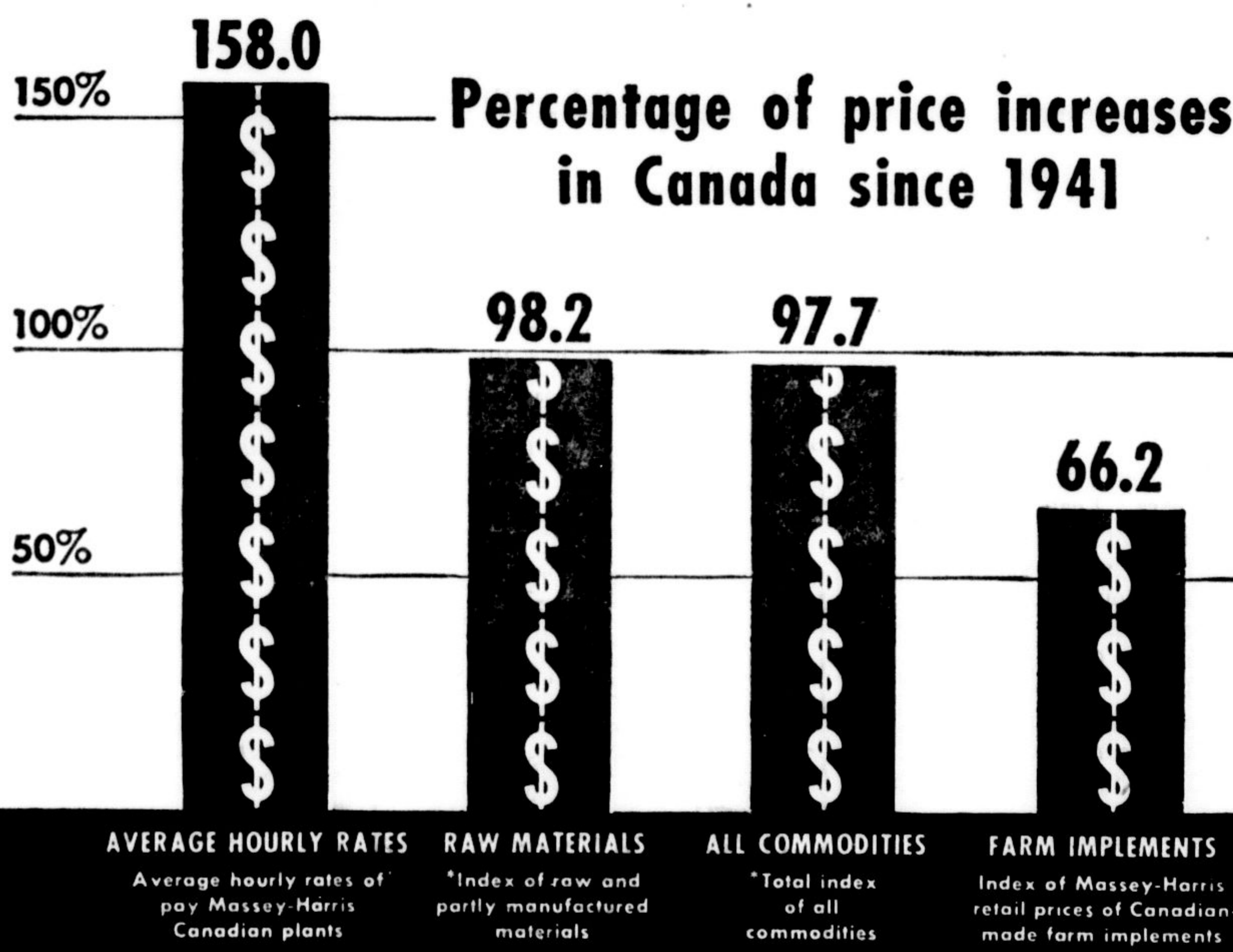


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