



**Lime in Relation to Crop Production**

Halton Farmers are showing increased interest in the use of Agricultural Limestone. In 1949, 49 permits were issued by the Agricultural Office in Milton, in comparison to 20 permits for the previous year. Apparently the same trend is true in many other sections of the Province. In Haldimand, for example, they issued permits in 1949 covering almost 3900 tons which is greatly in excess of any previous year. The use of limestone as a soil amendment is by no means a new idea. Reference to the use of lime was made in literature written before the birth of Christ. In Great Britain the application of Agricultural Limestone to the fields is an old established practice. The same is true in many parts of United States. Louis Bromfield in "Malarbar Farm" describes how he used lime as the first step in his soil building programme. The Halton Crop Improvement Association laid down their first series of demonstrations and experiments with limestone in 1939. Twenty demonstrations were laid down on as many different farms in 1948. Some very interesting data is now coming to light. Victor J. Lawrence of the Merton district in Trafalgar Township, on whose farm one of the original demonstrations was laid down some eleven years ago reports outstanding results. Legumes such as alfalfa, the clovers, peas, etc. are all heavy feeders on calcium. In addition to a greatly increased yield of alfalfa from the limed area Mr. Lawrence states he got nearly double the yield of peas off the limed area that he did off the unlimed area adjoining. L. DeVries of Georgetown area, whose farm is in the limestone area is strangely enough, perhaps the biggest booster for the use of Agricultural limestone in Halton. A test was laid down in the fall of 1948 on the farm of W. E. Breckon near Appleby, Nelson Township. In this test Beachville lime and Dundas lime were tested side by side both at the one and two ton rates of application. The field was sown to spring grain and seeded down in the spring of 1949. Recently Mr. Breckon reported that this past fall there was a tremendous difference in the catch of clovers on the 4 acre limed area and the balance of the field. He was not able however, to detect any difference in the stands in so far as the source of limestone was concerned, nor between the areas receiving the different rates of application.

Our readers should realize that lime is chiefly a soil amendment. In other words, it is not intended nor does it take the place of barnyard manure or commercial fertilizer. Lime does, however, have a great deal to do with the availability and utilization of the plant food in the soil.

Reference was made earlier in this article to the issuing of permits by the agricultural office at Milton. The permit enables the purchaser of agricultural limestone to secure a subsidy of 3 cents per ton mile on the transportation of the limestone. A lime spreader service is now available. In other words, the firm in question will transport the lime to the farm and spread it directly from the truck onto the fields. The cost of the limestone loaded on the truck is \$1.35 per ton at Dundas. Transportation costs 6 or 7 cents per mile per ton. The spreading of the lime on the fields is done at a cost of 50 cents per ton. Recently a farmer in the Milton district whose farm is 25 miles from Dundas had 68 tons spread on his farm at a net cost of \$2.60 per ton after deducting the transportation subsidy.

Those considering the use of the agricultural limestone should first secure a soil test to make sure their land requires such application. Full information concerning soil tests, permits for purchase of lime etc. can be secured at the Agricultural Office in Milton.

**John Stewart to Address Annual Seed Fair and Bacon Show**

Few of our readers have not heard of Alex Stewart and Son, outstanding farmers near Ailsa Craig in Middlesex County. Alex Stewart, senior member of the partnership, won the title of "Oat King" on two different occasions at the International Live Stock & Grain Show at Chicago. In addition the Stewarts are recognized as among the top farmers of Western Ontario. John Stewart has been secured as guest speaker for the annual Halton Seed & Bacon Show to be held in Milton, on March 17 and 18.

**Harvey Nurse Wins High Award in Tractor Rodeo Contest**

Last fall at the annual Halton Plowing Match, Harvey Nurse of Norval Juniors won the Halton Junior Farmers Rodeo Contest. Last week the provincial finals in which thirty-two county winners competed, was held in the Coliseum in Toronto. In this strong competition Harvey placed fourth. The tractor rodeo, first of its kind to be held in Ontario, was sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Junior Farmer Association of Ontario. This project was introduced to promote economical operation and maintenance of farm machinery and better safety methods among Ontario Junior Farmers.

**OAKVILLE**

Salary increases and a regular salary schedule for teachers of Bronte public school were favored almost unanimously by a group of nearly sixty ratepayers meeting in the school Friday evening to discuss the problem presented by frequent resignations from the teaching staff.

On Tuesday evening, February 14th, at 9 o'clock two children will cut a ribbon to open the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital. These children, one from town and the other from the township, will be children of veterans, in whose memory the people of the two districts have erected its modern complete hospital.

Last Saturday night, some 300 spectators watched the first hockey game played in Oakville this winter. Publicity for the Junior O.H.A. contest had been kept to a minimum by whimsical weather conditions, so it was a fair turnout. Those 300 fans enjoyed their initial taste of hockey tilting, too. But few, if any realized that it had cost \$226.60 to provide the necessary ice in Victoria arena!—Trafalgar Journal.

**CARLOADINGS**

Carloadings of Canadian railways amounted to 65,729 cars the week ended January 14, 1950, says The Financial Post. This is up from the previous week's 54,498 cars but down 9,716 cars or 12.9% from the same week of 1949.

**BURLINGTON**

Those who attended the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Estaminet on Thursday evening last heard a very fine address by Allan S. Nicholson, who spoke of present conditions in the British Isles, what it meant to us and the great future that lies ahead for this community.

The contract for the proposed addition to the Burlington-Nelson High School has been awarded to the W. H. Yeates Construction Co. Hamilton for \$396,000, which is the estimated cost of construction, architect and equipment. The contract awarding is subject to the approval of the Department of Education and the Municipal Board. The ratepayers voted a sum of \$400,000 for the school addition two years ago.

On Monday evening last thieves paid a visit to the New Pier at the Canal, operated by John Wilkinson, and secured about \$300 worth of cigarettes, candies, etc., besides \$20.00 in change. The thieves attempted to jimmy the front door, and were unsuccessful. However, they broke the glass in the door at the rear of the building, and unlocked it.—Gazette.

**GEORGETOWN**

Mrs. J. Arnett Early was chosen president of the Arts and Crafts of Georgetown when the annual meeting of that group was held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. V. Williams. Mrs. W. Beatty, of Acton made a presentation on behalf of the members to the retiring president, Mrs. A. M. Nelson.

Last Friday afternoon the pupils of Grade Eight with their teacher, Principal H. C. Wrigglesworth, toured the plant of Smith and Stone Ltd.

A Georgetown native, Dr. Harold Holmes died in Owen Sound Hospital on January 13th. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes he attended public and high school here, later studying dentistry at the University of Toronto.

Assisting her father, M. H. Moyer in his motor-licence bureau situated in part of the Freeman Kersey Office on Mill Street, is Miss Olive Moyer, who was formerly with Barber's Gift Shop.—Herald.

**MORE NEW FIRMS COME TO ONTARIO**

Two more firms, one from England, and the other from United States, have established plants in Ontario. The British firm—British Syphon Co. Ltd. has established a Canadian manufacturing and engineering service plant in Toronto. The parent company has a 70 year record as specialists in equipment in the bottling industry.

The Tube Turns Incorporation, affiliated with the Girdler Corporation of the United States, has leased 26,000 square feet of factory space in Chatham, to establish the Tube Turns of Canada Ltd., to manufacture seamless pipe bends and fittings of a type used in oil and gas transmission lines.

Both new plants are the result of negotiations with the Trade and Industry Branch of the Ontario Department of Planning and Development.

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Next time you feel the urge to go places, see your local bus agent. He can tell you all about fares, stop-over arrangements, time tables and other details that will help you to enjoy your trip. He is a member of your community and will be glad to serve you.

**FARES ARE LOW**

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**NEW USE FOR CIDER**

Apparently a new use has been found for apple cider, according to information released at the annual meeting of the Potato Association of America recently held in Kansas City. A paper entitled "Flavor in Potatoes as Influenced by Organic Insecticides" brought forth the interesting information that apple cider was used between each sample tasted for possible taint caused by the chemicals used in the control of soil-borne insects attacking the potato crop. Just how much cider was consumed during the course of a day's tasting was not disclosed to the thirsty listeners. But it was revealed that the cider definitely speeded up the tasting process and that the practice has much to recommend it.

**1950 PROSPECTS GOOD**

Next year could prove another big one for Canada says The Financial Post, but there are some warning signals to watch. There will be no more special cash disbursements on account of wheat and income tax as there were in this year, export sales are slipping, and there is increasing spottiness in unemployment, warns The Post. On the other hand, conditions are still prosperous in the United States and provided this continues it would have an enormous and favourable influence on conditions here.

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**Kingsway Kiwanis Donate Scholarships to Halton Club Members**

For the past two years the Kingsway Kiwanis Club of West Toronto has awarded a scholarship (value \$12.50) to the high club member in each of the club projects organized in Halton. These scholarships apply on short course held at the O.A.C. each winter. Seven Halton young people received such awards in '49 and attended the courses at Guelph earlier this month. Nine such scholarships will be awarded by Kingsway Kiwanis in 1950. We understand they will be awarded on Calif, Swine, Grain, Tractor Maintenance, Garden Club Projects to be organized in Halton in the near future. The Halton Milk Producers for several years have awarded two such scholarships annually, and it is anticipated that similar action will be taken again this year.