

## Quarantine Farm At Ashburn is Only One in Canada

One of the most unique farms in Ontario and possibly in the whole of Canada is located little more than eight miles north of Whitby, near Ashburn, and as such is little known by residents of the surrounding territory. This farm, which is owned and operated by John Miller, is not unique because of its appearance or anything of that sort but simply because of the purpose it serves.

Mr. Miller's "north farm" as he termed it, is the only quarantine farm for livestock imported from the British Isles that there is in Canada. Mr. Miller hastened to explain that his farm is not a quarantine station in the accepted sense of the word but a farm to which imported livestock are brought for a sixty day test period following their departure from a government quarantine station at Levis, Quebec. Mr. Miller said that most of the cattle and sheep which pass through his farm are destined for points in the United States, particularly that part west of Chicago and St. Louis. Since the farm was turned into a quarantine farm for the Canadian Government, Mr. Miller estimates

that about 500 head of some of the finest cattle and sheep have passed through the farm. One of the most famous bulls on the North American continent, "Pittodire Upright," which was purchased for \$60,000, was at one time a "guest" at the farm prior to delivery to his new owner in Kansas City. Although seemingly like a normal Canadian farm in appearance, Mr. Miller stated that it was probably the most rigidly inspected farm anywhere in the country. Dominion Government inspectors are liable to call at the farm at any time and consequently the stables and buildings are always kept in top condition. When a complement of cattle arrives at the farm a staff of three

men are kept constantly busy providing for the new arrivals. The cattle are subject to many different tests for various diseases while they are at the farm and must be in first class condition before leaving. The many precautions taken are to ensure that the cattle and sheep will not carry any diseases throughout the territory to which they are assigned or introduce any new diseases that might be prevalent in the British Isles but which are unknown here. Previously there were similar farms located in Nova Scotia and also in Quebec but these have long since been disbanded and now there is only the Miller farm to serve this purpose.

Mr. Miller stated that the largest shipment of livestock ever to invade his farm at one time was a contingent of some 75 head. However he added that this was an unusually large number for any one time but that a shipment now on the way to Canada from Scotland might possibly equal or better this record.

Included in the shipment which is expected to reach the Miller farm in about a month's time will be twenty Shetland ponies direct from the Shetland Islands. The ponies are Mr. Miller's own property and he is particularly proud of the fact because this will mark the initial shipment of thoroughbred Shetland ponies direct from the Islands to reach Canada in the last 19 years. Mr. Miller said that the last previous shipment of the ponies was made in 1928.

Many of these ponies will find their way into the United States markets but Mr. Miller felt sure that several of them would remain in Canada. He said that he has already received orders for the majority of them and that he doesn't expect to encounter difficulties in finding purchasers for the remaining few.

This quarantine work is actually "extra curricular" so far as Mr. Miller is concerned. In addition to the quarantine farm he has a very large farm on which he raises many head of cattle and grows fine crops. However, he feels that the work he

## Need License For Shooting at Groundhogs

The Dept. of Lands and Forests Lindsay office has announced that it was necessary for groundhog hunters and anyone carrying a gun between now and the end of August to secure a license from the department.

Excluded under the ruling are farmers and members of their families shooting on their own premises.

Under the new arrangement it is necessary for the person who wants to use a gun after the end of August for anything except deer to buy another license. If he wishes to secure the right to shoot deer in season he must in turn buy still another license. In other words if the owner of a gun wishes to be able to use it at all seasons of the year, he must be prepared to lay out three one dollar bills for three different licenses.

Asked why the need for deriving revenue from these sources, a spokesman for the department said it was to help defray the cost of carrying on the work of the department. This work includes restocking of lakes and forests with wild life.

is doing with the imported cattle is a worthy undertaking and one that proves just a little more interesting than ordinary every day farm work.

### AUSTRALIAN BEEF

Five million beef cattle—about half the beef in Australia—are running on Queensland pastures, says the Australian News. A large part of Queensland's 670,500 square miles can be regarded as cattle country suitable in varying degrees for either breeding or fattening.

### CREAMERY CO. FINED

On April 22, 1947, the management of the Valley Creamery, Ltd., Kingston, Nova Scotia, was fined in Police Court at Middleton, N.S., \$25 with costs, plus \$5 analyst's fee, for an infraction of The Dairy Industry Act. In this instance, the Company had in possession for sale creamery butter containing over 16 per cent of water and less than 80 per cent of milk fat. The charge was laid by an officer of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

### PEPPERLAW MAN DIES AFTER COLLISION ON TOWN LINE

Frank Welsh, Pepperlaw, died in Toronto General hospital on Tuesday as a result of a traffic accident on Sunday night on the townline between Ontario County and York County. Constable William Hill, Sutton, said that the accident occurred just south of the Sutton-Virginia road, at about 9.30 p.m. "A car driven by Oscar Parker, 252 Golf St., Oshawa, was proceeding south on the road when the driver saw a jeep coming toward him on the wrong side of the road," Cons. Hill said. "Parker pulled over to the side of the road and stopped his car. The jeep collided with the left front fender of the Parker car and continued on for a distance of 47 feet before it stopped. "I investigated the accident and found that Frank Welsh had been driving the 1941 jeep. I told him that I would take him to a doctor and after finishing the investigation I allowed Parker to continue on home and took Welsh to Dr. M. D. Tutchie. Dr. Tutchie examined Welsh and then sent him to Sutton hospital for observation. He was apparently transferred to Toronto General hospital later and he died on Tuesday night."

### BUCK DEER WATCHES INJURED MATE SLAIN

FORT ERIE, May 15—A beautiful buck deer stood beside a group of farmers in a suburban field today, and reluctantly watched Provincial Police Constable Elmer Hoath fire two shots into its mate, a pretty doe, quivering on the ground with a broken back. The buck, giving his mate one last gentle touch, turned and slowly disappeared in the nearby woods.

### MAN DROWNED AT CAESAREA

About eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning of this week, a Toronto man, Frederick Shaw—drove his auto over the end of the dock at Caesarea, and was drowned. The auto with the body in it, was with difficulty landed on the dock.

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