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Ernie Crossland heads York milk producers

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We always have the annual meeting for milk producers in York on the worst night of the winter and we were true to form again last week. There were hundreds of dairymen who wisely bowed to the freezing rain, and guest speaker Freeman couldn't get here from O.A.C. either.

Still, there were enough out to have a very useful discussion on progress in marketing, with OMMB director, Francis Redelmeier. There seems to be general agreement on the milk sales procedure but some confusion on Market Share Quotas, a need

for some better way to sell Group 1 Pool Quota, and strong opposition to the proposed single transportation rate.

New officers were elected. Ernie Crossland of Newmarket is the new chairman, taking over from Carl Boynton; and Barry Little of Markham takes on the secretary's job, from Oliver Bales. Jim Cowieson, Allen Wellman, Carl Boynton, Jake Baker and Dalton Faris were elected as directors for three year terms.

WINTER KILL

Freezing rain is no good for anything of course. It's nearly impossible in feedlots, with normal tractors and scrapers just not able to cope.

Wheat and alfalfa

plants wintering over are something else. Ice usually is a serious cause of winterkill but I think the good cushion of snow under the ice this time, would prevent most of the damage.

If the ice settles right down on top of the plants, we can expect losses because the gases from decomposing material are trapped around the plants. But the bigger risk is from deep snow on soil without much frost, flooding, and

sharp freezing after a big thaw.

BEEF PRODUCERS

The Ontario annual meeting for beef producers was last week too. The big issues were around marketing, beef imports, a new grading system, and a market information service. It's good our director from York, Grant Burroughes from Kleinburg, was recently appointed as a director on the Ontario Public Stockyards

Board and also elected to the executive of the beef organization for the Province.

Farm land price up over 40 times in hundred years

The farm land in the Whitchurch-Markham area has increased in value between forty and fifty times in the last one hundred years. Average price at that time was \$60 an acre for first-class land and \$40 for second class; with only \$20 for third. About two thirds of the farms were fenced in those days.

It is interesting to note some of the average crop yields in those days as compared to now. Fall wheat turned out 20 bushels to the acre; barley 15 bushels, oats 35 bushels, rye 15 bushels, potatoes 100

bushels and corn 25 bushels.

Actual farm population has not increased a great deal with most of the growth being urban, plus the thousands who have built private dwellings in rural areas. In fact, between 1871 and 1881 the number of farmers had actually dropped as people tended to settle in the small towns, villages and hamlets.

The first survey of land in the local area was made in 1780 by John Stegmann and various surveys continued up to 1869.



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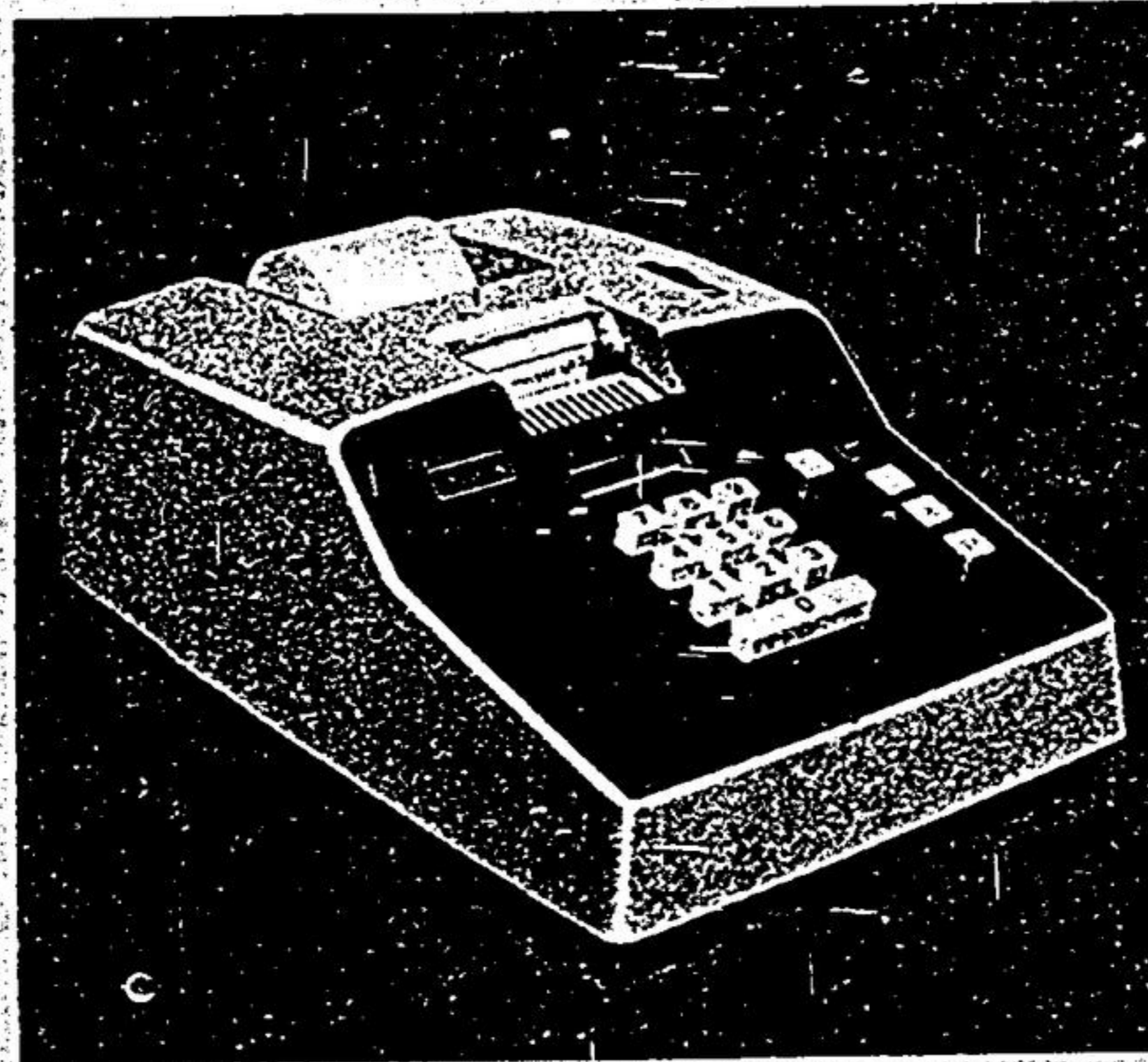
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