



**TALK OF TRACTORS AND TRAFFIC**

OPP Sergeant Floyd Haight halts in their tractor demon- stration. More than 400 farm- ers across the province took part in the demonstration near the village of Lobo, Ont., near London, Monday during a protest against high farm product prices. (CP Wirephoto)

**THIS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY**

**Huge Herd Prepared For Dispersal Sale**

By NEIL A. MATHESON  
A few days ago I stroled through the several hundreds of things else, the ring and the cor- tion will be selling by auction at Colville Road on Thursday of this week.  
There are a number of pure bred Short-horn cattle and a bunch of pure bred Angus cows, thing close to 200 animals. From I tried particularly the bone and scale of these animals. We often talk of the "Pony Type" beef animal, but I couldn't see any of that small animal type there.  
It's an unusual sight to see more than 200 cattle in one field, and that's what I saw last week in a field on the Colville Road. Indeed there are so many animals there that Mr. Willis, who was with me, couldn't be sure just how many there were. He'll be selling somewhere between 200 and 250 animals, he told me.  
What with cows calving frequently he never is sure just how many animals there are on the field on any given day.  
To those who are wondering where all those cattle came from, the story is they all belong to Mr. Willis. Indeed he has some 300 cattle counting the herd of registered Holsteins he is building up. The foundation Holstein stock came from the herd of G. M. Henderson, Howick, Quebec. Mr. Willis bought them at a dispersal sale held last year at Hay's Brothers sales arena, not far from Toronto.  
**REGISTERED BULL**  
All of the calves — there are so many of them — are sired by a registered Hereford bull that was bred on the Sanderson Brothers farm at North River. Mr. Willis is also offering about 35 to 40 choice yearling beefers that are ready for market right now. They've been eating barley since they went on the grass, he tells me.  
I asked Mr. Willis why he's selling these choice yearlings by auction — he could get the best prices for them right now. His answer is that he wants the people at the sale to see the kind of steers and heifers his beef crosses turn out.  
Some of the calves, and the yearlings, are from grade cows and are sired by the same bull. They are growthy looking animals.  
Horace Willis, I suggest, is the province's largest potato grower with one acre, though Lewis Brothers, York, are producing 400 acres, I am told.  
Horace has Netted Gems, Cobblers, Red Lasodas, Red Pontiacs, Kennebecs and Sebagoes.  
On the old Cass farm at North River he will have potato drills next year that will stretch one and one-quarter miles. I thought immediately of the days of plating potatoes by hand, and what a hopelessly discouraging job long rows present. But it's apple pie to modern machinery, where the job is done more efficiently when the heavy machinery doesn't have to make so many turns.  
**HAS LARGE ACREAGE**  
Horace Willis farms about 1,500 acres in all — some of it is in the O'Leary area, the rest in the North River, Colville Road and the Kingston area where he makes his home.  
He has something more than 500 acres of grain sown this year and his hay production will run to around 8,000 bales.  
Workmen were building the

be heated in a tractor. The one cooked. What next, he might say. People who know beef best insist that it should be aged before it is sold to the customer. A butcher in North Wales ages his beef product through three months.  
He has a natural cooler — a chamber 30 feet by 20 feet, that is hollowed out of solid rock. Temperature remains at a constant 35 degrees Fahrenheit on crystal clear water running down a wall, and into a fissure in the floor, maintains ideal humidity.  
The Welsh butcher hangs his beef in this cold chamber for about three months — and produces steaks beyond praise — observes the weekly report from the Meat Packers Council of Canada.  
That would be beef "aged in the rock," if I borrow the whiskey manufacturers' term, "aged in the wood," and adapt it for the purpose of my story.

**Ballet Company Gets Stranded**

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Soviet government is scrambling to the rescue of the Bolshoi Ballet, stranded in Vancouver by an airlines strike that has grounded the company's chartered U.S. jetliner.  
While Soviet officials hurried to arrange transportation back home, officials of the Georgian Towers Hotel announced Monday that the 118 members of the ballet company aren't going to find themselves on the street without hotel accommodation.  
The ballet company was scheduled to leave Vancouver Monday, its last engagement of a 16-week tour which ended Sunday. But the dancers' Trans-World Airlines jet has been left in a hangar by a "wildcat" strike against Trans-World and four other U.S. airlines.  
Air Canada couldn't come up with a spare aircraft because of heavy bookings by Americans trying to get around North America despite the strike.  
Forty musicians made it as far as New York, but the dancers and other officials were left in Vancouver.  
Their hotel here had already booked new guests into their rooms on the assumption they would be leaving on schedule.  
"We'll manage somehow," said a harrassed hotel official.  
The Soviet embassy in Ottawa was reported arranging for two airliners from the Russian Aeroflot service to fly to Montreal and possibly Vancouver.

**ISTHMUS TWISTS**

The Isthmus of Panama twists in such a manner that the eastern end of the Canal is at the Pacific and the western end touches the Atlantic.  
I talked a few days ago with a man who moved a house to the island from Newfoundland. I'll tell you about it in this week's "Across The Island".

**BACON FROM A TOASTER**

What next will the housewife be offered for her kitchen? The latest idea I have come across is a bacon breakfast that will

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