



CROWN POINT COLLEEN, AT TWO YEARS RESERVED GRAND CHAMPION



CROWN POINT JILL, TWICE A GRAND CHAMPION AT EXHIBITIONS

CYRIL WINS MASTER'S SHIELD
SENATOR JONES FIRST

Consistently effective
breeding is rewarded
with Master's Shield

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The consistently effective selective breeding and development of his Crown Point Holstein herd brought earlier this year to Cyril Jones, Pownal a Master Breeder's Certificate from the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada.

The certificates are difficult to earn and he was the third Prince Edward Island man ever to earn the proud distinction. Only 103 breeders have qualified for the award in Canada in the 35 years since it was first given in 1929, the highest honor the national association can bestow on a breeder.

First Island man to qualify was late Senator J. Walter Jones, who was the first private breeder to qualify in Canada. He did in 1921. The other Islander, Colby Lewis, Freeborn, qualified in 1946.

Professor George Rathby, of the Ontario Agricultural College who presented the award to Mr. Jones, said that six others who qualified this year, said "these men are not only masters of breeding but also of feeding and general care over many years."

To qualify for a Master Breeder's Shield a cattleman must have bred six Excellent or Very Good bulls, eight Excellent or Very Good cows and 12 Good or Plus Cows, "Excellent" is the top rating for conformation and it is most difficult to achieve.

"Very Good" is the second highest rating and "Good Plus" is the third rating.

100,000 POUNDS
All cows used to qualify for the shield must have had at least one production record with a breed class average (measured against other cows across the nation) of 110 per cent in both milk and butter fat production, and the BCS shall exist at time of qualification as a master breeder.

In addition the cows must have, among other things, a lifetime production of at least 100,000 pounds milk with an average test of not lower than a 24 per cent butterfat.

Mr. Jones, the eldest of four brothers, lost his mother when he was 14 and spent two years later. The sons gradually exchanged their father's Short-horn herd for grade Holsteins and then traded their grade cattle for a dozen pure bred Black and White from the late Mrs. Milligan - Morrison combination - they held the first night racing in Canada at their home in North Bay, P.E.I. were later killed in an automobile accident outside the province. Edgar Milligan was a veteran from the Yukon gold rush.

Outstanding cow among the purchases was Abegweit Sylvia, bred by the late J. Walter Jones, which won the senior championship at Charlottetown, P.E.I. in 1933. Mr. Jones recalls, and she was the only animal he showed. No other females have been used in the breeding program since that time.

KEEPS STATISTICS
Cyril who was alone on the farm by 1940 - the other brothers were on their own - married Anne Sheddow, Milville and their three daughters, Janet, Heather and Paulette have taken the keenest possible interest in the cattle. Mrs. Jones is the statistician of his family and keeps all of the records. She has an answer in a moment just about any question on the herd's history.

Among them the three sisters have taken six grand champ-

ionships and six reserve grand championships at the provincial Rural Youth Fair here. They have done the showing in the open classes at the big fair too with the help of W. H. Brown, ROP inspector, who is a specialist in clipping and fitting cattle for the show ring.

"Browne" as he is affectionately known among Island dairymen, was one of the reasons the herd won the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor's awards for the Jones family in 1957.

On another occasion the herd took 10 red, or first place, ribbons in the Charlottetown show where Holstein competition is invariably tremendously difficult. But Mr. Jones' biggest thrill came, he recalls, in 1953 when Janet, who was shown her calf to a first place victory in 1951. The open class at Charlottetown. They took in only three animals that year and walked off with a red ribbon and junior championship. Next year the Jones herd was back in strength and they have been among the contenders for top honors ever since.

DAIRY QUEEN
Janet, who was the province's dairy princess in 1961 and was a finalist for the national Dairy Princess in 1962, is now a laboratory technician. Paulette has twice been a winner in the national A.I.C. Canadian Junior Judging competition.

The cattle were put on ROP in 1962 with the herd or farm name "Crown Point", named for a point of land that projects into Pownal Bay just beyond their farm.

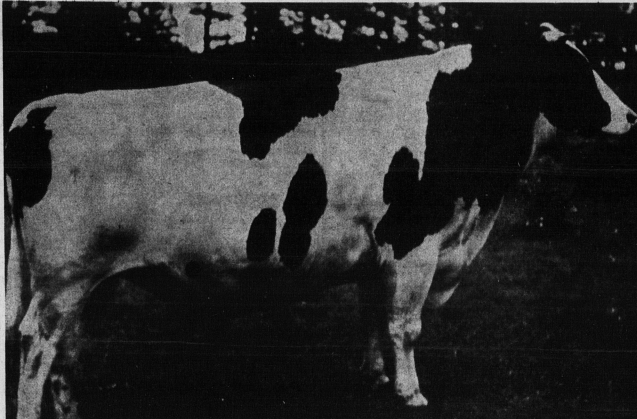
Mr. Jones always had the use of herd sires from the Abegweit herd at Banbury and one of his important foundation matrons was Mabel Maria Tritonia, by Man-of-War Tritonia from a daughter of Raymond Abegweit. Mabel was mated to Eaton Hall Posch Chieftain, B. Mabel produced Crown Point, a silver Seal producer from whom the entire herd is now descended. In 1957, she and her daughter Crown Point Posch Camay (VG) and the latter's daughter Crown Point Colleen (VG) were three of the Top Ten Plan B Producers, all having over 80 lbs. fat on 2X. The Chieftain cow was mated to Abegweit Prexy (2X) to produce Crown Point, a silver Seal for Abegweit (VG), grand and twice reserve grand champion.

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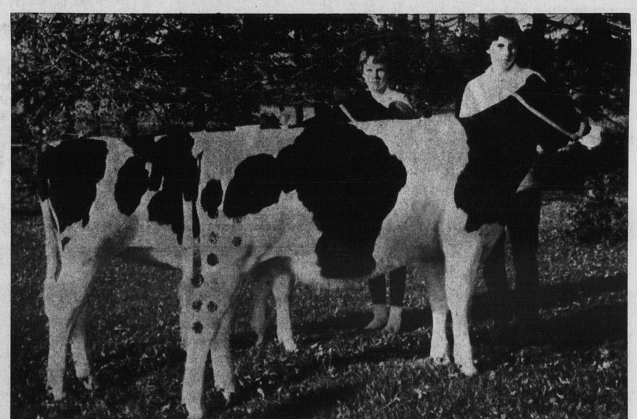
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The 825-lb. Crown Point Colleen (VG), 3-line Charlottetown winner and Hon. P.E.I. champion, was owned by A. D. Neill and Sons. The New Brunswick Uddi has been and cows for the Jones herd over the years has been Crown Point Fusch Chieftain, a Very Good cow with two stars, whose lifetime production is 165,260 milk, 6,163 fat in 11 lactations. EXCELLENT BULLS

The Jones herd which qualified for the coveted shield in the class for herds of 40 animals or less, has produced three Excellent bulls, three Very Good bulls, three Excellent and eight Very Good cows and 12 Good or Plus cows with the production required to count on the Master Breeder's shield; and four Very Good cows and 29 Good or Plus females with lower production on untested product in a capacity.



CROWN POINT SENATOR ABEGWAIT FOUNDATION SIRE OF ENTIRE HERD



HEATHER AND PAULETTE JONES HOLD RURAL YOUTH FAIR CHAMPIONS

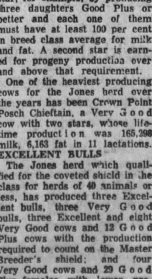
Hog producers are warned
in increase quantity, quality

Indications that Island hog producers may have to look to their laurels both in quantity and quality, are contained in a Meat Packers Council of Canada comment made available by Livestock Director L. W. Roper. "Canada's hog population on

March 1, 1963, totalled 4,756,000 head according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This is a showing decrease. At present about two per cent above the 4,678,000 head at the same time a year ago. There were nearly six per cent more pigs under six years of age, and seven per cent fewer pigs over six months old than a year ago.

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"The number of farrowings during the December - February period is estimated at 212,000, down one per cent from the same period a year earlier. The East was up four per cent while the West was down nine percent. However the total pig crop dur-



ing the six months December to May, is expected to be up seven per cent over the same time one year ago.

Spring farrowings during March - April - May are forecast to total 324,000, up 13 per cent from 1962 farrowings. Most of the gain will be made in the West which is expected to be 16 percent above a year ago. Eastern farrowings will be 12 per cent higher.

The mail-order business has a jolt. The meat industry. New Zealand is introducing a meat-by-mail promotion in Hong Kong in an effort to increase export sales of New Zealand meat. Orders for livestock various cuts and prices of lamb, mutton, beef, pork, veal and variety meats are sent to hundreds of prospective Hong Kong buyers who are asked to fill out and return the forms with advance payments. Priced at a slightly less than in leading Hong Kong stores.

MARITIME HOG POPULATION IS DOWN

Limestone ups
output of peas
in P. E. I. project

Ground limestone drilled in with peas resulted in a marked increase in yields during tests at the Canada department of agriculture's experimental farm, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

D.C. Munro, in charge of field husbandry at the farm, reports that during tests in 1960 yields were increased from an average of 2,700 to 4,000 pounds per acre when 200 pounds of ground limestone was drilled in with the seed.

The tests, Mr. Munro stated, included plots that had received a complete fertilizer applied at varying rates. Complete fertilizer broadcast over the plots failed to show yield increases at any rate of application. The Indiana Barrow sow, continues the bulletin.

The average backfat of barrows in the show was 1.8 inches in 1960. It was 1.3 inches in 1962. The percentage of fat trimmed in 1950 was over 21 per cent while it dropped to 13 per cent in 1963. In 1950 the proportion of lean cuts (ham, loin, picnic, Boston butt) per chilled carcass was just under 50 but it had crept up to almost 57 per cent in the show this year.

The average weight of barrows has dropped from 225 pounds in 1950 to 215 pounds this year. The total meat yield increased from 71.6 per cent in 1950 to 72.6 and carcass length increased from 29.4 inches to 30.5 inches.

Like many other countries, New Zealand has been giving international trade fairs as a means or stepping up export sales. The trade fairs will be continued along with the development of the new mail order service.

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