

Dundas Scene of Two-Day Competitions

Varied Program Will Be Offered During Big Event

The two-day tractor plowing competitions at Dundas on Thursday afternoon will feature the Prince Edward Island Plowing Match and Horse Show which opens tomorrow morning.

But this plowing competition is only one of a series of events lined up to provide the Province with the biggest plowing match held to date. Other tractor plowing events include the three-sod competitions and the matches for boys or girls under sixteen.

Plowing events are scheduled to kick off at ten o'clock. Horse judging on Wednesday will get underway at one o'clock.

Upwards of fifty Ayrshires are expected to be shown in the Red and White Show, sponsored by the Provincial Ayrshire Breeders Association, and Ayrshire breeders in Kings County.

This show will be held on Wednesday afternoon with nine classes of females to be shown as well as get-of-sire and progeny of dam classes. The Field Day will start at one o'clock.

The Farmington - Mount Hope Junior Farmer Club will show nine of their best calves at the match. These calves won top honors in the Ayrshire breed at the Central Calf Club competitions held in Charlottetown last week. The Club will also show yearlings and two year olds.

His Honor Lieutenant Governor J.A. Bernard will again officially

open the Match.

Carrriage and saddle horses will be shown on Wednesday. Last year was the first time a class for saddle horses was added to the show. Heavy and light draft horses and general purpose horses will be shown Wednesday.

Senior sports will be held on Wednesday and Junior sports on Thursday. An oval track an eighth of a mile in length has been built on the grounds and is reported to be in good shape for the events. A tug-of-war is scheduled for Wednesday. Another popular athletic event will be the throwing of the plow share.

Music this year will be supplied by the bag-pipes and violins. Pipe players will probably be Messrs. Bruce MacLaren, Allan Cameron and Donald MacLeod. A step dancing contest is also scheduled.

A public address system will be functioning so that spectators and competitors will be able to keep in touch with any outstanding developments during the matches.

DON QUIXOTE

Don Quixote, the masterpiece of Miguel de Cervantes-Saavedra, was published in 1605.

TORONTO, Sept. 24 — (CP)—George Fizzard had saved and saved. Thieves stole it all Friday night: 5,000 coppers.

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Ten years ago dobin stood at the top of the list while only three or four tractors could be found on the grounds. For the past two years the horse has come off his pinnacle and has had to share honors with the tractor.

But the horse has moved into another phase of the match, the show business. An innovation which commenced some years after the annual matches commenced the horse show has proved popular and this year's show will be as good as or better than the show in 1949.

Ayrshire Field Day

Another development of the match is the holding of the Ayrshire Breeders Field Day. The field day was a success last year and last night plans were almost finalized for the holding of a similar show this year.

Mr. W. W. Baird, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Nappan, N. S. will again judge all the plowing matches. Mr. Baird has become part of the match judging the events each year since the plowing competitions were inaugurated.

Each year new accommodations for spectator and participant are added. Last year the horse sheds were extended, show rings were improved and more refreshment booths were set up.

This year special provision has been for the children with the erection of a "horse swing". Several portable structures have been built to handle refreshments and foods and new lavatory facilities have been provided.

The directors and people of the surrounding districts have worked diligently during the past few years to make the Match and show the successful annual event it has become.

The directors are Messrs. Albert Acorn, Cardigan; John M. MacLeod, Strathcona; John L. Judson, Upton; Frank W. Clay, Bridge town; William Nicholson, Albion Cross; Elby Howlett, Annandale; John G. Campbell, Poplar Point; John A. MacDonald, Cardigan; Louis FitzPatrick, Woodrow Mills; Eugene Delory, De Gros Marsh; Robin Clay, Bridgetown; Gerard MacDonald, Little Pond; W. P. Creed, Highfield; and L. S. Hunter, Bridgetown.

FARM POND

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good fishing but also provides an environment for wild duck, many of which have been taken from blinds located along the shore. Occasionally wild geese will make use of such facilities. Muskrats, cottontail rabbits and other four-footed game will inhabit the shoreline and adjacent area if adequate attention has been given to providing the necessary food and cover plantings.

Fire among the farm buildings is always a threat and feared from one source or another by the farmer. Fire fighting equipment is very often available or can be provided but an adequate source of water supply is too often lacking. If an adequate site is available within reasonable distance from the farm buildings the construction of a good farm pond may be the means of saving the buildings from a fire started by lightning, defective electrical wiring, children playing with matches or some other source.

In the fruit raising areas, farm ponds have been used to provide a source of water for orchard spraying purposes. Conveniently located and equipped with the necessary

Crowds Gather to Skirl of the Pipes at Dundas



THURSDAY'S PROGRAM

PLOWING DIVISION 1

- Class
- 6 Single Furrow
- 7 Gang Plow, under 16
- 8 Tractor, 2 sod.

HORSE CLASSES DIVISION 2

- Class
- 10. Draft Mare or Gelding born in 1948
- 11. Draft Mare or Gelding born in 1947
- 12. Draft Mare or Gelding born in 1946
- 13. Draft Mare with foal at foot
- 14. Draft Foal 1950
- 15. Draft Stallion, any age, registered
- 16. Draft Mare or Gelding 1,400 pounds or over born before Jan. 1st, 1947
- 17. Draft Mare or Gelding under 1,400 pounds born before Jan. 1st, 1947
- 18. General Purpose Mare or Gelding born before Jan. 1st, 1947
- 19. General Purpose Mare or Gelding born after Jan. 1st, 1947
- 20. Plow team over 2,600 pounds
- 21. Plow team 2,200-2,600 pounds
- 22. Plow team under 2,200 pounds
- 23. Draft team hitched to truck wagon.

JUNIOR EVENTS — 16 YEARS AND UNDER

- Class
- 1. Boys—100 yard dash
- 2. Boys—220 yard dash
- 3. Boys—Standing Broad Jump
- 4. Boys—Running Broad Jump
- 5. Boys—High Jump
- 6. Boys—Sack race
- 7. Girls—75 yard dash
- 8. Girls—Two-legged race

STEP DANCING COMPETITION

- Class
- 1. Men's Step Dance
- 2. Girls' Step Dance
- 3. Boys' Step Dance (16 years and under)

apparatuses, such ponds can be cheap and efficient means of furnishing spray water.

Another use to which the farm pond may be put is that of furnishing irrigation water to the farm garden. The average farm pond is too small to be of any consequence in irrigating large tracts, but water supplied from a pond can be used to good advantage in getting the most out of the small farm garden.

Farm ponds are not difficult to build and maintain provided a few fundamental rules are observed and followed. By and large, the tendency in building farm ponds is to locate them below watersheds which will require large and expensive spillways without which they would soon be washed out by excessive storm water. Ordinarily the earth dam behind which the pond is formed should not have more than thirty acres of grass or timber covered land in the watershed, from which it receives runoff water.

The pond should be located in an area having impervious soils. Too often ponds have been built by farmers only to find they would not hold water. Areas having soils of heavy clay, clay loam, or clay mixtures provide the best pond sites and materials for constructing the dam. If there are sand and gravel, or limestone rock layers in the vicinity of a proposed pond, there is more than an even chance that the pond will be a failure due to the loss of water through the pervious soil conditions.

All farm ponds should have adequate spillways to take care of overflow when the pond is full. The more desirable spillways are those composed of a combination of six to ten inch pipe and a grassed waterway whereby runoff will first pass through the pipe laid under the dam and then over the grassed waterway when the capacity of the pipe is exceeded. One has only to note the many washed out ponds throughout the countryside not having adequate spillway facilities to realize the importance of the spillway feature.

The earth dam should have flat slopes of two feet of horizontal distance for each foot of rise on the downstream side. On the water side of the dam the slopes should be three feet of horizontal distance for each foot of rise. The flatter slope is necessary on the water side because of the tendency of the earth dam material to slough down under water if steeper slopes are used. The top width of the dam should not be less than eight feet. The farm pond should never be less than seven feet deep over at least one-third of the ponded area. The site upon which the dam is placed should be cleared of all soil, brush, rubbish, etc., before construction of the earth dam is started in order to provide a good tight control between the earth dam and original ground.

When the pond has been completed, livestock should be fenced out since the earth dam and shore line developments would obviously be damaged from cattle trampling. A stock tank below the dam will furnish them with clear water.

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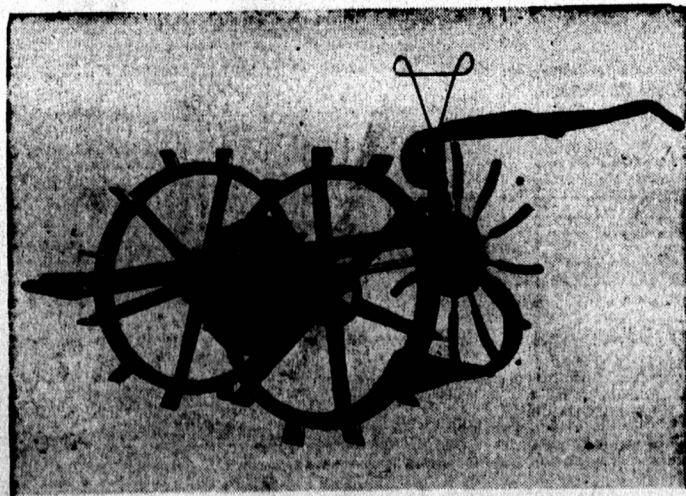
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Plaudits To Our Plowmen:

Plowing is the basic or primary tillage operation in soil management and its importance to an agricultural province cannot be overestimated. It is therefore of prime interest that everything possible be done to improve this method of tilling the soil.

Such exhibitions as the Provincial Plowing Match and Agriculture Fair at Dundas and the Queen's County Plowing Match at Pownal deserve the utmost encouragement of all citizens of this Island, whether they be rural or urban residents. Agriculture is our basic industry and as such merits the full support of our entire population.

The friendly competition stimulated by these contests can result in better methods of handling the soil. This in turn will mean higher production on our farms. It is praiseworthy to see an increasing number of young men taking part in these matches, particularly in the tractor classes.

The Horse Show, Sports, and other events are equally important features of these gatherings.

A useful by-product of such agricultural gatherings is the opportunity given farm people to meet in a congenial atmosphere to discuss their problems, exchange ideas and compare notes.

The Associations responsible for arranging and conducting these rural competitions are to be congratulated on the splendid work they are doing.

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J. WALTER JONES, Premier.