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on the continent; the latter has been very successful at Quebec fairs. The Brampton herd was well represented, though, of course, many of their best animals are timed for Toronto Exhibition. The strength of the Ruiters herd was a surprise to all, and the money was fairly well divided all the way through. Both championships, however, remained with the Brampton herd.

In males, Ruiters' most notable win was in the senior class with Canadian Fairy Boy. In Brampton Ruiters, however, Bulls had a two-year-old with depth, strength and character, and he was rather a easy champion. Another very nice animal was the first senior bull calf. Some of the cow classes presented many difficulties to the judge, owing to the diversity of type between the two herds. Of the championship, however, there could be no doubt, it going to Brampton Maidland B, a dry cow that gave all indications of being a great Jersey and a great dairy cow. The awards in full follow:

Jersey Awards, Male.

Bull, mature: 1, Canadian Fairy Boy, Ruiters; 2, Brampton Burma King, Bull; 3, Bull; 4, Brampton Radiator, Bull; 5, Triad's Sultan, Ruiters; 6, Jas. Winter, Ormstown; 7, Bull; 8, Bull; 9, Bull; 10, Bull.

Senior bull calf: 1, Brampton Bright

Sam, Bull; 2 and 4, Ruiters; 3, Bull; 5, Junior bull calf: 1 and 3, Bull; 2, Ruiters.

Bull, champion: Brampton Radiator.

Female Awards.

Mature cow, in milk: 1, 2 and 4, Brampton Lady Alden Ind. Marcia and Kathleen of Roslin Park, Bull; 3, Pollette of Finchurst, Bull; 4, Bull.

Cow, 2 yrs. In milk: 1, 2 and 4, Hilda of Roslin Park, Brampton Canary and Missie, Bull; 3, Hilda of Finchurst, Ruiters.

Heifer, 2 yrs. In milk: 1 and 2, Honeybee of Finchurst and Fanny Ind. of Finchurst, Ruiters; 3 and 4, Bull.

Heifer, dry, 2 yrs. old: 1, Lady Ind. of Finchurst, Ruiters; 2, Brampton Margaret K. Ind. Bull; 3, this class many would have reversed the decision. The second cow was a very broadly loined heifer with a very sharply udder, but was criticized as being a little too mature to allow of further development.

Yearling heifer: 1 and 4, Bull; 2 and 3, Ruiters.

Heifer, senior calf: 1 and 3, Bull; 2 and 4, Bull.

Heifer, junior calf: 1, Ruiters; 2 and 3, Bull; 4, Winter.

Female champion: Brampton Maidland B.

Group Awards.

Graded herds: 1 and 4, Bull; 2 and 3, Ruiters.

Young herd: 1, Ruiters; 2 and 3, Bull; 4, Bull; 5, Bull; 6, Bull; 7, Bull; 8, Bull; 9, Bull; 10, Bull.

Produce of cow: 1 and 2, Ruiters.

Four cows, in milk: Bull; Ruiters.

Ontario Plans Improved Highways

Takes Newspaper Representatives on Trip of Inspection—More Centralization Contemplated—Many Types of Roads Inspected

THE provincial government has an ambitious policy regarding future road construction in Ontario. The Minister of Highways, Hon. Findley McDermid, and the Deputy Minister, W. A. McLean, outlined this policy to representatives of the press last week during a tour of inspection by automobile over several hundred miles of county roads. At present the policy in one of maintenance rather than of construction. The aim is to build what has been already constructed. In the meantime the highways department is organizing their resources and developing plans whereby they will be able to begin an extensive system of improvement all over the country as soon as the war is over. The policy is one of cooperation and its success depends upon this. It is modelled after a system that is said to have proved successful in France.

The plans of the government, as outlined to the newspaper men, are as follows: The government wishes to cooperate with the county council and make county roads out of the principal thoroughfares in the county. This means that the county council will take over and improve certain main roads in the county designated by the county and subject to the approval of the government. These roads are classified as primary or secondary, according to the amount of traffic passing over them. The aid given is as follows: 60 per cent. towards construction and 20 per cent. towards maintenance of primary county roads, and 40 per cent. towards construction and 20 per cent. towards maintenance of secondary county roads. During the last 10 years about \$10,000,000 has been spent on these county roads by the government and the county council. The policy is one of centralization, a radical change over by the county of the township roads, and these, in turn, aided by the government, and possibly taken over. Thus the central authority would be the government. The county authority would be the county council, and the district authority would be the township council. This policy is the one adopted in France, and which, it is said, has worked out satisfactorily.

While this is true, it is likely to be some time before our Ontario farmers will be willing to give over fully the control of even main roads if it means that they will largely lose control of the tax rate as well.

Roads Inspected.

At 3:30 a.m. June 6, the party of some 12 newspaper men, representing the farm papers of the province, including an editor of Farm and Dairy, as well as representatives of some of the city dailies, assembled at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, and proceeded on a tour, headed by the Deputy Minister, W. A. McLean, and later joined by the Minister, Hon. Findley McDermid. The idea was to travel over some of the improved or county roads and to compare these with certain township roads. The route was planned accordingly. The party first travelled north to Barrie, in Simcoe county. Both these counties have improved roads. There detour was made southwest to Alliston, where the warden, Mr. Horrell, and some of his colleagues were met. The policy of the Simcoe and their past experiences along road-making lines was explained. From Alliston the party travelled southwest to Simcoe, in Dufferin county, and then to the inspection of this was the road inspected. The township council has not yet taken advantage of the proffered government aid. Immediately Orangeville was passed the roads improved and continued good all through Westmorland and Waterloo counties.

At Guelph the warden Mr. Dickson, and other officials were met in the evening. The next morning the party proceeded via Pusillish, Galt, Kitchener and Waterloo into Oxford and county. At Woodstock a pause was made for lunch, and later the warden of Oxford county met the visitors. From Woodstock the route continued through Brantford and stopped at Hamilton. In the evening, after dinner, the party returned over the Toronto-Hamilton highway to Toronto. On this tour good and bad roads were seen. The weather was rainy, and these conditions were taken into consideration when considering the efficiency of the improved roads was fully demonstrated. Outside of Dufferin county, the town roads, with-

out exception, were the worst we came in contact with. The heavy rain did not have any effect on the improved county roads, but it converted the mud township roads into veritable bogs.

Objects of the inspection. Briefly, the object of the inspection was to (1) compare county and township roads; (2) to study the different types of road, also the bridges and culverts; (3) to find the condition of repair and maintenance cost; (4) to meet the county road officials and confer with them on various subjects; (5) to note the type of country and its agricultural possibilities.

The county roads, without exception, were good. Those that had been taken over some time ago were better than those of those taken over recently. Many counties took over some stretches of road last year. These have not been improved much due to unsatisfactory labor conditions. The township roads and the small town roads were in a poor state of repair. In ordinary dry weather the township roads would be quite passable, but heavy rains before and during the trip left them in poor shape. Continued heavy rainfall is the acid test of a good road. The township roads are, however, being improved. The township councilors and the county council and spreading a good deal of gravel in their repair work, and also building more concrete culverts. Statute labor is not satisfactory. It will likely be discarded in the near future.

Types of Road.

The type of road varied according to locality. Out of Toronto, going north, a tar-macadam road has been constructed at a cost of \$6,700 a mile. The cost of upkeep is about \$100 per mile per year. This is a very good road. The tar is used to fill the voids instead of fine gravel. For farm traffic it cannot be blown out by heavy traffic. Some broken stone road was encountered on the trip, mostly on township roads. It is a step in advance over the mud road. For farm traffic it is good. It is, however, pretty hard on automobiles, many of which are now owned by farmers. Gravel roads seem to be the most popular, when underlain with a good bed. One very good gravel road, from Tavistock to Woodstock, was in a fine state of repair after ten years' service. The cost of upkeep was very low. Gravel roads cost from \$2,500 to \$5,500 a mile. They are serviceable, easy to keep up, and the material, in many sections, is easily obtainable.

The concrete road was investigated. Unquestionably it was the best road passed over by the party. The Toronto-Hamilton Highway is a good example of this type. First cost for concrete is very high, and it is doubtful if many miles of it will be constructed in the immediate future. Traffic and frost will crack it, and after a few years of service the upkeep will be high.

One very desirable thing I noticed was the large number of permanent bridges in the various counties. Erected in counties that have taken advantage of the government aid. Steel-frame bridges with reinforced concrete floors were very prevalent in Simcoe, Westmorland and Oxford and other counties. This permanency cannot be too strongly commended. Concrete is displacing steel wherever it can possibly be used. The narrower creeks are being spanned by all-concrete bridges.

Maintenance and Repair.

The county councils are spending most of their money on maintenance rather than construction. All of the improvements made have been for considering the scarcity of labor. The split-log drag is used to good advantage in many sections. One problem (Continued on page 20.)

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