

## Haldimand Plays Host To The Plowing Match

The host county for the 1971 International Plowing Match is Haldimand, named in honor of Sir Frederick Haldimand, the Governor of Canada during the years 1778 to 1786. It was during this period that the boundary lines of Ontario were established and the United Empire Loyalists emigrated to Canada. Many of those families settled in Haldimand County.

The boundaries of Haldimand County, which lies along the north shore of Lake Erie, were designated in 1850 with Cayuga as the County Town. Haldimand is criss-crossed by Highways 3, 6, 54 and 56 and has excellent County roads due to the fact there are numerous stone quarries in the County.

The Grand River winds its way through the County.

Caledonia, Cayuga and Dunnville are located in its banks. The two villages of Hagersville and Jarvis are on Highway 6.

During the 1971 Plowing Match, the Haldimand County Park, three miles from the site of the Match, will remain open for campers. For motor enthusiasts there are two raceways in the County. Part of the Six Nations

Indian Reservation is in Haldimand County. A drive through this area can be a fascinating experience.

Haldimand County has been a predominantly mixed-farming area until recently.

Due to the acquisition of land by three large corporations - Ontario Hydro, for a generating plant at Nanticoke, a mile from the Match site; Steel Company of Canada Ltd., for a proposed steel mill and

Texaco Canada Ltd., for a refinery on the site of the 1971 Plowing Match - many farms have ceased operations.

Since early in this century Haldimand has been noted for its gypsum. There are two large plants in the west end of the county. Several small industries are located in the east end of the county.

Haldimand is also proud of its two accredited hospitals - the Haldimand War Memorial Hospital in

Dunnville and the Haldimand Hospital in Hagersville.

Recently an addition has been added to Grandin Lodge, the Haldimand County Home for the Aged where 210 beds are available for the county's senior citizens.

Since 1873 an annual county fair has been held in Caledonia. In 1970 it became a Class A fair and the agricultural showplace of Haldimand County.

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### Facts About The 1971 International Match

Facts about the 1971 International Plowing Match:

It is sponsored by the Ontario Plowmen's Association and will be held this year in co-operation with the Haldimand County Local Committee on the Russell Hare Farm at Nanticoke from Tuesday Oct. 12 to Saturday Oct. 16.

It is considered to be the largest agricultural outdoor event of its kind in Canada, if not in the world.

It brings together hundreds of top plowmen from 64 association branches in Ontario, to compete for trophies, trips and cash, having a value of over \$15,000.

The name International indicates that some classes are open to competitors from the rest of Canada and from other world countries. Besides, the Association takes its turn with other provinces in being host to the Canadian Plowing Council, sponsors of the annual Canadian Championship Contest.

The popularity of the International which has drawn as high as 170,000, is largely due to the fact it moves about the province and is held only on invitation from the Council and Agricultural Organizations in the host county.

The International is also popular with companies,

firms and organizations desirous of displaying their goods and services before a vast audience of rural people. Practically every type of modern equipment used by farmers is exhibited. The entire space in Tented City is always booked well in advance of the event.

In addition to farm equipment exhibits and plowing contests, demonstrations of interest to growers of corn, livestock feeding or a cash crop are planned for each day of the Match. Tuesday has been set aside as Local Day.

Special events throughout the week will include plowing for Warden, Mayors, Queens of the Furrow and Press Home Shoe Pitching by teams from plowing branches in Ontario will also be featured.

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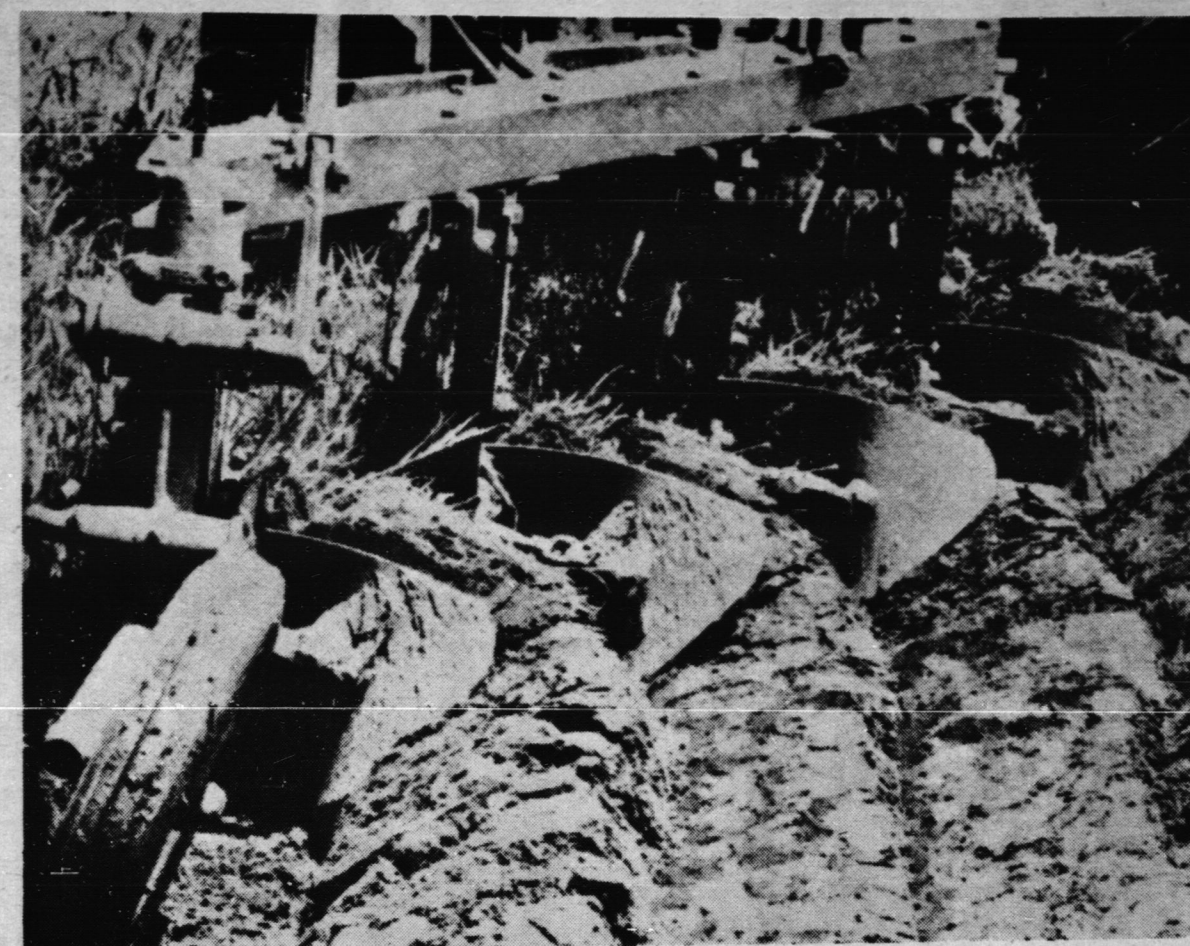
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