



HE TOPS "THE EX"—It's no news to Peel residents when cattle from J. M. Fraser's Spring Farms north of Streetsville are judged tops in live stock shows, including those at the C.N.E., but it's something else again when Jack is elected president of Canada's big National Exhibition. Formerly

a warden of Peel County and a reeve of Chinguacousy Township, Mr. Fraser was elected to the top "Ex" post January 23. He looks every inch the top level executive in this informal picture taken at his home Friday.

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Successful Streetsville Farmer Elected President Of C.N.E.

A well known Streetsville man—highly successful in the farming and cattle breeding business and very active over the years in local municipal affairs—was elected president of the Canadian National Exhibition last week.

Johnson McGill "Jack" Fraser became the first "working farmer" to head the C.N.E. It is an honor which fittingly highlights a very busy career which included lengthy terms as Reeve of Chinguacousy Township and Warden of Peel County as well as being president of the Ontario Cattle Breeders and the Peel Seed Growers Co-Operative.

Born and raised in Streetsville, Mr. Fraser lived with his family on their farm until he married and then bought the property directly across the road from it. Over the past 34 years he and his wife have raised a family of four children there and Mr. Fraser has developed his 400-acre property into one of the finest Holstein-Friesian cattle farms in the country.

Together with his eldest son, Jim, an O.A.C. graduate, Mr. Fraser has four married men to help him work their Streetsville farm. During the spring and summer, the new C.N.E. president dons the overalls and takes an active part in the farm work himself.

"I still put in a good day's work on the farm during that time of year," he said proudly.

Mr. Fraser had been a director of the C.N.E. for 15 years prior to his appointment last week as president of the Exhibition.

In addition to his ability as a farmer, cattle breeder and municipal leader, Mr. Fraser is also world renowned as a cattle judge. He has appeared as a judge at the principal cattle shows in North America and has also served in that capacity in Argentina and Australia. He has an invitation to go back to Australia to judge their cattle show again this summer and, although he has not committed himself as yet, he definitely favors the idea.

Mr. Fraser received his education at the old Churchville school and later at Brampton High School. His youngest son is presently attending Streetsville High School. His two daughters, Betty June Stewart, of Bolton, and Mary Lou Leach of Streetsville, both attended the McDonald Institute for Girls.

The Frasers definitely have their roots planted deeply in the local area as evidenced by the fact that there are "five generations of this family living within half a mile of our home here."

In the past few years, Mr. Fraser has picked up a new interest—curling—and he derives considerable pleasure from this sideline.