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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Fast Time Reaction Varies In Counties

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REACTION OF the province's farm people to daylight saving time has been a bit surprising. The Queens County federation of agriculture opposed fast time rather halfheartedly, I thought, when many of the members refrained from voting as the resolution opposing fast time was carried.

The Kings County federation people debated the matter thoroughly and then voted support of fast time. But the Prince County federation met at Summerside the following night and opposed the fast time idea with a solid vote of every member in the building.

The farm reaction to the contentious time question seems to vary widely in various parts of the province.

Bug Pickers Made In Dundas

THOMAS LEDWELL of St. Peters told me this week that those potato bug pickers I talked about recently were built by a Hunter man from Dundas.

I find that they were patented by Allen Hunter, an uncle of Leslie Hunter of Bridgetown, in October 1894.

Allen Hunter who had the Maritime trade at the time, died at the early age of 35 years but his trade died suddenly near the turn of the century when the introduction of paris green killed the sale of the pickers. The machines were left at railroad stations all over the Maritime provinces, Mr. Hunter said yesterday.

That statement ties in with what Mr. Ledwell told me earlier this week. He recalls that there were a half dozen or more left in the station of St. Peters and they were stored in its attic for many years before they were disposed of.

ALLEN HUNTER died on a trip to Nova Scotia with a shipment of his machines after being in business only five or six years, Leslie Hunter said.

The iron work on the pickers was done at Georgetown and Charlottetown. The woodwork was done at Ross Mills, Dundas.

There was another potato bug picking machine about that time that was hauled by a horse. But Mr. Hunter could not recall yesterday who had built it. If any of our readers know anything about this one, I would be glad to hear about it.

Ayrshire Men Meet Here

ROYAL WINTER Fair winnings came back into focus briefly Wednesday when the P. E. I. Ayrshire breeders held their annual meeting here. They had words of praise for Major and Arthur MacRae for their grand championship win with Woodlands Royal

Burton 2<sup>nd</sup>. And their praise includes the other provincial showmen who make a good showing at the big fair.

I liked particularly the reference to Dan Jewell's grand championship win with the 2-year-old bull he bred and raised himself. J. Heber MacPhail of New Haven heads the Ayrshiremen's sire improvement committee and he told the meeting this group had sent a letter of congratulations to Mr. Jewell for his fine win.

Mr. MacPhail said he thought breed organizations should cooperate more and take more note of what the other chaps are doing. Seems to me he made a very good start on a program of that kind.

### Boswall Influence In Sheep Ring

DOPE ON the Royals seems "Old Hat" now but yesterday I had a look at the complete prize list in North Country Cheviots. P.J.Rock and Son, Drumheller, Alberta had the champion ram but the reserve champion was a Woodstock ram bred by Almon Boswall, Dunstaffnage and shown by the Dobell Estate, Magog, Quebec.

The Rock herd is internationally famous. They probably have more trophies, championship ribbons and other showing honors than any other outfit in North America.

Readers will recall that Allison Stewart, Marshfield showed the champion ewe in this breed and the Stewarts, both Allison and Winston, had a number of other strong placings including as many as five in one class and third in both flock competitions.

BUT WE were interested in tracing the Boswall influence even though he had none of his own sheep there. Stanley Bagg of Oshawa, Ontario had a first and second in rams, a second in ewe lambs and he won both flock competitions. A lot of the Bagg foundation stock came from the Boswall sheep here. He bought three ewes and several rams at the Royal three years ago and he also made another purchase last January.

It is interesting to note too that the champion ewe was bred by Henry Wedge of Summerside, P.E.I.'s labor and welfare minister. She was the first prize yearling ewe and she went to the championship circle for Mr. Stewart.

Joseph Allain and Brothers, Ste. Marie de Kent, N.B. were others who got into the money that purchased some of their foundation stock from Mr. Boswall.

### Holstein Breeder Clubs Formed

HOLSTEIN BREEDERS are the province's largest breed organization but they are still heading for expansion. Last night they met in Freetown under the direction of E.P.Jarvis, Maritime Holstein fieldman. They were organizing for a breeder club. The far western ones did the same thing at O'Leary on Wednesday night.

Mr. Jarvis dropped into the office yesterday for the chat about the Black and White development. He expects that the province's Holstein men will be divided into four clubs. The one based at O'Leary will include the breeders from the western tip to a line that cuts roughly through the Grand River Area. The rest of Prince County and a portion of western Queens will make up another club. The Kings County Holstein men will comprise the fourth club.

HOLSTEIN PUBLIC relations say the clubs are for the encouragement, development and improvement of the breed, bringing breeders into close and friendly relations with each other so they may co-operate in their efforts to further the interest of the Holstein breed.

That's the way their releases put it and Mr. Jarvis says it sums up pretty well the objective of the club development.

The Holsteins are the biggest breed organization and they are growing rapidly. They had 951 registrations in the province last year and they had 959 registrations in the first ten months of this year. Their numbers have doubled in the last ten years.