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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Agric. Minister Is Real Farmer

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This is a column about events in the province. Today it is confined to agriculture but future columns may deal with any provincial subject that is of interest to Guardian readers. In its first appearance, this farm page column takes a look at Andrew B. MacRae, the new minister of agriculture, who has called for more home feed production and larger livestock herds.

Mr. MacRae can speak with authority on the fruits of sound breeding. They have been shown in the Raedale herd which he operates in co-operation with his father, Fred MacRae of East Royalty. He comes from a family that has been proving both of them for more than half a century.

Lead Canada In Production

The minister's Raedale herd topped Canada three years ago in production for Ayrshire herds comprising 20 to 25 animals. They have been in the top bracket each year since that time. Earlier this year the Minister accepted a 1960 Superior Breeders award for "distinguished achievement in breeding cattle" from the Ayrshire Breeders Association of Canada.

Also received this year was a certificate for Fairvue Bandsman, a former herd sire, for producing 10 daughters all of whom classified Good Plus or better. One of the daughters was excellent, the top rating available, five were Very Good, the next highest rating, and the rest were Good Plus. Bandsman also qualified for a certificate in ROP when his first 10 daughters qualified with an average production as 2-year-olds of 9.333 lbs. milk, and an average test of 4.39 percent.

The present herd sire, Raedale Landlord, was reserve champion at Charlottetown this year. His dam has a record of 14.156 pounds milk, 740 pounds fat for an average test of better than five percent. The sire has some good breeding on both sides of his pedigree. His maternal grandmother Kendoral Bright Boy was used extensively in the Hamilton, Ont. District with good results. He was bred by William Anderson, St. Peters. A great grandsire, Springborn Royal King was bred by Gilbert MacMillan, a long-time president of the Dairy Farmers of Canada and an Ayrshire judge at Charlottetown this year. Landlord is going to the Royal Winter Fair next month.

## Outstanding Military Record

Mr. MacRae had an outstanding military record as he saw service in the Second Great War, volunteered for service in the Pacific War and ended his military career by serving two years in Korea. He enlisted as a private in 1940 and wound up as a major in charge of headquarters company, second battalion Royal Canadian Regiment. He was discharged in 1952 and placed on the supplementary reserve of officers.

## Agricultural Hall of Fame

An "Agricultural Hall of Fame" will be established when agriculturists from across the nation meet in Toronto next month at the Royal Winter Fair. Ontario's W.P. Watson fathered the idea from his post as provincial livestock commissioner. The winter Fair people are sponsoring the project and are asking the support of agriculturists from every part of Canada.

The 'Hall of Fame' idea is to honor those "who have made some outstanding contribution to agriculture in past years". A portrait gallery is also suggested and "the promotion of interest in and the study of agriculture generally". That idea is delightfully vague but that's exactly what the letter of information said

Two of the men working on the promotion are well known on PEI George M. Clemons, Brantford, Ont., is known to the Holstein breeders as their national secretary. George Raithby of the Ontario Agricultural College has judged several breeds of cattle at our Old Home Week show and has appeared at many field days. Known familiarly as "Professor Raithby" he is just about the most respected authority on dairy cattle in the country.

We can think of several Islanders who have made contributions to agriculture important enough to warrant strong consideration for inclusion in any such method of national recognition. The idea has been discussed by farm organizations, we are told, and there is some suggestion of an Ottawa building to house the "Hall". One proposal is that it be housed in the Royal Fair buildings. This is completely unreal as they attract interest for the most part only during the Canadian National Exhibition and the Winter Fair itself. So far as we know, the buildings are closed for most of the year. We hope that our province will have some representatives when the proposal is discussed next month

## Type, Production In Her Pedigree

The MacRaes seem to dominate today's page but it is hard to speak of Ayrshires in this province without finding them in a prominent role. A MacRae & Sons are taking an unusually good 2-year-old heifer to the sale of stars at the Royal this year. "What has she got to recommend her?" We asked Arthur MacRae yesterday. And this is what we found.

Fairvue Louise comes of distinguished ancestry. Her mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother are "Excellent", the highest type classification in the bovine world. Her granddam and her greatgranddam have production records of more than 100,000 pounds. Her sire is Fairview Advancer, son of the former grand champion here, Fairview Fashion Duchess, who has three "Excellent" daughters the third of whom was classified only Thursday of this week.

Surely this is a most unusual youngster from production and type. It will be interesting to see where she will rank in the price line when the Ayrshire Stars are sold next month.

#### Island Livestock For The Royal

Ayrshire, Jersey, Red Poll and Hereford cattle are going to the Royal Winter Fair from this province. Ayrshire herds going are reviewed elsewhere in the farm section. Others will be reviewed later.

Jersey breeders sending cattle include E. Myers, Hazelbrook; E.B.Mutch, North River; Fred Coles, Milton; George MacMillan, Cornwall and Albert J. Boswell, Marshfield. Lank Brothers, North River are sending Red Poll cattle and Fulton Sanderson, North River is going with some of his top Herefords. Allison and Wilfred Stewart of Dunstaffnage are sending sheep. Sterling Willis, Cornwall; Myron Holes, Kingston and Leith Newson and Son, North River are entering swine and Boyd Dixon, Clyde River is showing some of his Angus cattle.