

Soil Conservation And Related Problems

Excerpts from a Report by the Prince Edward Island Branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

Growers should be encouraged to improve their cultural methods in order to produce more fruit of higher quality. Blueberries grow abundantly and without attention, on marginal land in many parts of the Province. Under improved methods of management, their culture could be greatly extended and made more profitable. It may be stated, however, that the system of burning the organic matter in the soil, other methods may have to be devised to maintain production.

SPECIAL CROPS

As has been stated, the ordinary crops such as roots, potatoes, grain, hay, pasture, and vegetables are well suited to the good soils of the Province; but such is not true on marginal and sub-marginal lands. These lands should be used for special crops of which trees would appear to have the most universal suitability and value. Spruce, fir, and pine make rapid growth on much of this marginal and sub-marginal land and, in time, be a source of considerable revenue. Some interest is being shown in growing small conifers for the Christmas trade. This undertaking shows some promise and should be investigated.

It has been demonstrated that fruit trees, apples and cherries, in particular, do well on the lighter soils where lack of surface moisture inhibits the growth of many other crops. This type of soil appears to be favorable for the development of high color in apples. If markets could be developed, there is no doubt that fruit-growing on some of these lands would have great possibilities.

Berry Crops

Two crops deserving special mention are cranberries and blueberries. Cranberries grow naturally along almost the entire coastline, and, frequently, have taken over fields that had been "cropped out" and abandoned. Recent experiments have shown that much improvement is possible in existing fields and that new areas may be brought in at relatively low cost. The limiting factor would seem to be the lack of suitable markets.

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ENGAGEMENT. - Mr. Bernard Gallant announces the engagement of his daughter, Mary Rita, to Mr. Raymond McCarville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell McCarville, Kinokora, P. E. I. Marriage to take place in Charlottetown, July 27th.

BIRTHDAYS HONORED. - Mrs. John B. Andrew entertained in honor of the birthday of Mr. Andrew and his daughter, Mrs. Vera MacDonald, R.N., Montague, at a turkey dinner with birthday cake on Sunday. An Easter lily centered the dinner table. Mr. Andrew's family were all present: Col. and Mrs. F. I. Andrew, Major and Mrs. W. J. Andrew and Mrs. MacDonald. The guests of honor were recipients of gifts and cards, and many good wishes were extended to them.

Personals

Miss Edna Power left yesterday for Saint John, N. B., after spending Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Power, City.

The many friends of Mr. John C. Peters regret to hear of his sudden heart attack on Saturday evening, necessitating his entry into the hospital. His condition is somewhat improved today.

Mr. J. A. Gallant of Charlottetown was a visitor over the weekend at Wellington. On his return he was accompanied by his sister Mrs. Edmond L. Arsenault and son Roger, who visited Mr. and Mrs. Gallant for a few days.

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ISLAND DIRECTORS - At the annual meeting of the Maritime Stock Breeder's Association held in Amherst last weekend, Island directors named were Messrs. R. A. Proffitt, Preetown; Major MacRae, Charlottetown; Royalty and Almon Boswell, Marshfield.

CLYDE RIVER W. M. S.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Clyde River Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Murray on April 12. Mrs. James Beer presided.

The meeting opened with the call to Worship taken from Colossians, 3rd Chapter. Prayer was given by the President followed by the singing of the 99th Psalm and the second scripture reading which was taken from Matthew 28th.

Theme for the meeting was "All Power is given unto me in Heaven and in Earth." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Nicholson. Roll call was answered by seventeen members with the word "Love." Five visitors were also present. Roll call for next meeting is to be answered with the word "Glory." Collection received \$4.35.

Mrs. Everett Murray read a chapter from the study book and several members gave suitable Easter readings.

Plans were made for the making of a quilt. Several cards of thanks were acknowledged. Mrs. Mervin McPhee thanked the members for baby gift received.

Mrs. Nicholson invited members to the Maize for the May meeting when the lunch committee assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Lorne Docherty, Mrs. Lorne McNevin, Mrs. Earle Carrier and Mrs. Melvin McPhee. All joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer, and the meeting closed with the hymn, "We praise thee O God."

Inverness And Vicinity

Mr. Billie MacDonald was a business visitor to Summerside on April 23.

Mr. Hugh Ramsay was a business visitor to Ellerslie on Friday April 23.

Mr. Alan MacDonald was a business visitor to Summerside on April 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Phillips accompanied by Mrs. Annie Banks, Freeland, were visiting Mr. George Broome who is a patient in the hospital at Charlottetown on April 20.

Mr. Robert Coughlin, Summerside was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacDonald on April 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Culleton, West Devon, accompanied by Miss Mary Milligan, Inverness, were business visitors to Summerside on April 24.

Miss Bernice Bulger, student at Summerside, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bulger, Foxley River. P

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Expect Gov't To Sell Butter Stocks Under Cost

OTTAWA, (CP)—The government is expected to announce soon that it will sell current stocks of price-support butter to the trade at 56 cents a pound, two cents below the purchase price.

This would be the first time since 1951 that the government has decided to sell butter to the trade at a small loss. The action would enable the government to replace 1953 production now in storage with surplus butter produced this year.

The government at present buys surplus butter in the summer months at a support price of 58 cents a pound. The butter is stored and offered to the trade during the low-producing winter months at 61 cents a pound wholesale.

The reduction in the resale price would enable the trade to purchase and handle the butter at the support price of 58 cents.

SELL SURPLUS

Federal officials said placing the 1953 stored stocks on the market would enable farmers to sell any surplus production during the coming months to the government.

During the winter butter production is low and there is a ready market for stored butter. However, heavier production in the summer more than meets consumer demand. If the plan to dispose of 1953 butter is proceeded with there will be a quantity of new butter which will be surplus. This will be purchased by the government and sold next winter during the low-producing period.

The government is expected to enter the new butter production year in May with the biggest unsold butter stockpile in price support history.

The surplus on hand May 1 may range between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 pounds. The previous high was 20,000,000 pounds in 1949 and last year's figure was 19,000,000 pounds.

Officials here estimate butter stocks held by the trade and the government will reach 46,900,000 pounds by May 1, and production this year will total 323,000,000 pounds. This would make some 370,000,000 pounds available for

Duke of Somerset Dies in England

LONDON (AP) - The Duke of Somerset, 71, head of one of England's oldest families, died yesterday.

The duke, a professional soldier, served in the Boer war and commanded a battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in the First World War.

He was a leading member of the "Magic Circle," a group of British conjurers.

His title, created in 1547, goes to the duke's only surviving son, Lord Seymour, 43.

SAY RED GUNBOATS SUNK

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—The defence ministry said Monday a Chinese Nationalist warship sank two Communist gunboats off mainland China's Chekiang province, northwest of here. The announcement said other Red vessels fled.

consumption, but the market will take only 278,800,000 pounds, increasing the unsold surplus on May 1, 1955, to a new high of 91,400,000 pounds.

The officials emphasize their forecast is based on the expectation that 1954 production will be high.

Attended Rural Youth Meeting

Island agricultural representatives attending the Rural Youth Committee in connection with the Maritime Winter Fair in Amherst returned to the Province over the weekend after a very successful discussion regarding 4-H Club work.

Attending the session from the Island were Messrs. L. W. Roper, S. C. Wright and Mrs. Maylea Manning. Mr. Maurice Deacon

was named to the programme committee which will arrange for the entertainment at the Fair on opening night.

In addition to the Junior judging of dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep and swine, a hog carcass judging contest will be added this year and instead of three individual first, second and third prizes there will be a first and second prize only, to be awarded to the first two highest placed teams. The public speaking contest will be conducted along the same lines as in previous years. It has been the rule to have two entrants from this Province in the Public Speaking contest.

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