

OUTDOORS

Easterners Close To Nature's Best

By JACK McANDREW
OTTAWA (Special)— This column is coming to you from the Capital City as I wend my way across this country of ours talking about Confederation Centre and that good old Island which begins to seem even better a place the farther away I get.

To tell the truth I haven't been very close to hunting and fishing matters in the past week, unless you consider the concrete canyons of Montreal and Toronto to a sort of jungle area in their own right.

Tell you one thing though, a week spent in the downtown area of both those great cities makes you appreciate even more the fresh clean air of a place like the Island where people still have time to live a little and enjoy it more. You get to feeling as well that we down easterners have ourselves a little more firmly planted in the soil and the traditions of our country.

I can tell you this much, people are intensely curious about the Maritimes and they are somewhat surprised to hear about some of the changes that are taking place. But you also get the impression that Canadians are too much concerned with their own region and they don't have time to reflect very much about the country as a whole?

Well, all this hasn't got very much to do with hunting and fishing on Prince Edward Island except maybe to make you realize what we have right at hand that people up here have to spend days travelling before they can begin to appreciate it.

And when you breathe the polluted air of the big cities for a while you begin to appreciate how important it is to preserve what we have got not only for ourselves but for others who can only escape to fresh air and green fields and a different way of life that they have lost forever.

What really hits home is the realization that it's still possible for us to get the best of both ways if we only plan and go about it the right way.

AVOID THE ILLS
If we can learn from others we just maybe can avoid some of the ills that a highly industrialized life has inflicted on people in the cities, and yet take advantage of the better standard of living they enjoy.

That's the great challenge for the Maritimes in general and Prince Edward Island in particular, as I see it.
Of course the 'best place to start is with the youngsters, and that's why I hope as many young people as possible will take advantage of the essay and poster contest the Fish and Game Association is sponsoring to mark National Wildlife Week April 10 to 16.

The contest is being held in all Island schools for students of all ages. There are two sections, one for essays and one for posters based on the theme of this year's Wildlife Week. Letters have been sent to principals of all Island schools, and it is to be hoped that they'll do everything they can to encourage students to participate.

DISTRICT BASIS
All the student has to do is write an essay or draw a poster and have the school mail it to Charles Bartlett, director of Fish and Wildlife Service in Charlottetown. The entries will be judged on a district basis by the five Fish and Game Branch executives, and each district winner in each category will be eligible for judging for the award to be given by the Provincial executive.

The district prizes are for \$10 in each category and the provincial prize is worth \$25 in each category.
But the most important thing this contest can do is help to make youngsters aware of the necessity of preserving a heritage that once lost can never be regained.

That heritage, that knowledge

that there are places where nature's plan hasn't been altered, where nature's creatures can live and flourish for the benefit of all is a precious thing, and it's too easily lost sight of until something happens that makes you realize that it can't be brought back, once lost.

You get to take for granted the fact that you can swim most anywhere on Prince Edward Island, or the fact that you can walk a beach for a mile and not see another human being.

But when you're in Toronto for two days or a week and all you see is people, people, people, all bent on their own affairs, and all pushed by something they don't quite understand, then you realize that it's pretty nice to be able to drive 10 miles and see nature's handiwork the way it was intended to be.

It's a good feeling to know there's a place where people are what they are and not what they seem to be.

HERITAGE LOST
That's why it's important that we learn from the concrete and

polluted air and take the steps that must be taken to preserve a heritage that's been lost in so many places.

That's why it's important we get the legislation we need to take effective measures to maintain our wildlife and the habitat they need to live for the enjoyment of all.

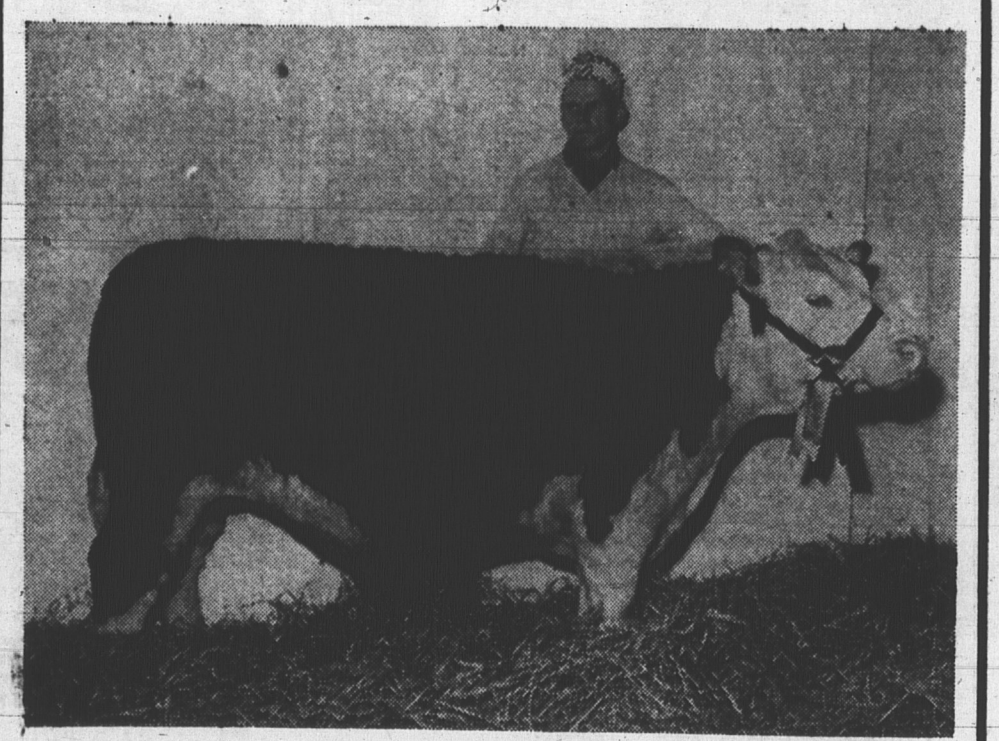
That's why it's important that young people realize what's at stake.

That's why it's important that we older citizens who should know better, do what we can to ensure that our youngsters can have something of what our generation has had to enjoy instead of fireside stories on the way it used to be....
I'll be back next week....

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Canadians have also been criticized for stashing their money in bank accounts and not taking risks while much of the country's natural resources have been taken over by foreign interests.

Asking Canadians to take risks is all very well, but a recent letter issued by Babson's Canadian Reports, an investment counsel service, suggests the main reason Canadians don't invest more money is that they can't afford it.

The letter says a family of four needs after-tax income of \$7,000 a year to have \$370 a year for investment in growth situations.

This would buy about five shares of Royal Bank, 10 shares of Massey-Ferguson and less than four shares of International Nickel.

FEW HIGH EARNERS
Unfortunately, according to Babson's, three-quarters of Canadian families don't earn \$7,000 a year.

The company's economists estimate that a household with earnings of \$7,000 a year after taxes, spends 91 per cent on living expenses, leaving nine for accumulation.

It breaks the \$7,000 figure down in this way:
Food takes \$1,740; clothes \$780; housing \$1,820; transportation, bus fares, travel fund and car expenses including depreciation, and insurance \$820; miscellaneous \$1,210.

Of the balance, insurance gobble up \$190, leaving \$370 for savings and investment and \$70 for speculation.

If current inflationary trends continue, the economists say, the situation will deteriorate because while incomes are rising, deductions from them are increasing at a faster pace.

AVERAGE \$6,000 YEARLY
Babson's says the average urban family has annual income of about \$6,000 a year with the rural figure about half of this amount.

For the \$6,000 family of four, there's only \$220 for investment and savings and nothing for speculation after living expenses have been paid.

If the family head signs up for Canada Savings Bonds, he has no worries—and no chance of capital appreciation.

It is true that by purchasing life insurance, the individual puts his money to work, but capital appreciation and return is small.

For the more fortunate family of four with income after taxes of \$40,000 a year, \$4,800 goes on food, \$6,420 on clothing, \$8,270 for housing, \$3,900 for transportation and \$9,270 for miscellaneous expenses.

The wealthier family pays out \$2,140 in insurance premiums.

CRIME SEEMS HIGH
There were 14 serious crimes for every 1,000 Americans in 1964.

PEANUTS NOT HAY
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