

A Feature for Every Friday— Among The Farmers Federation Of Agriculture News

Saskatchewan Royal Commission

The Saskatchewan Royal Commission on Agriculture and rural life has now completed its taking of evidence on farm and town problems from individuals, at community hearings, Provincial hearings and in field research.

The final report based on one million and a quarter recorded words of evidence will be completed by July 1, next year.

The briefs submitted contain a variety of proposals, ranging from limiting the size of farms to greater encouragement of co-operative farming and co-operative use of farm machinery. Some briefs want power lines, telephones and all-weather roads extended to serve farm homes where they are now located. Others want the settlement pattern changed so that farm homes will be on small-holdings along a limited number of all-weather highways carrying power and telephone lines and serving centralized public and high schools.

The argument is that it will be cheaper to move isolated farm homes to good roads and electricity than it will be to take roads, power and school facilities to scattered farm homes.

The admitted obstacle to such a re-settlement plan is that it involves travelling back and forth from the highway home to the farm.

The final report is expected to chart the course of rural life in Saskatchewan for the next 25 years.

Maine Potatoes

Maine's bumper crop of potatoes has not so far this season been moving as rapidly as was the case last year.

Up to November 6, total movement this year was 2209 cars as compared with 4014 last year, the price per barrel at Presque Isle has been from \$1 to \$1.10 per barrel as compared with \$5 to \$5.50 a year ago.

With a larger crop to move this year the present smaller movement suggests that Maine potatoes will likely exercise a dampening effect upon Eastern Markets for sometime to come.

The Ag. Rep. and the Farmer

November 2 marked the first night of the current Farm Forum season and produced a marked increase in the number of reports which now stand at 23, as compared with last year's 15, and the previous year's eight.

The discussion question on November 2, centered around the use which the farmer makes of the Agricultural fieldman, out of the discussion developed two facts, first that most farmers had quite limited contact with fieldmen and second that most farmers realized the desirability of making greater use of the various services offered.

Last Monday night the farmers grappled with the question of the farm wife's positions in relation to the farm business. Likely some quite pronounced views will be advanced on this question.

November 18 - 21

November 18-21 marks the silver jubilee of the Royal Winter Fair, the pinnacle of every Agricultural exhibitor's ambition.

The Royal is perhaps the last word as a farm show and presents agriculture and its products at the very peak of fashion.

The distances between here and Toronto of necessity prevents a large attendance from this Province, but more and more, groups of farmers are realizing that a reasonably economical trip can be made by auto and an unforgettable experience enjoyed.

Annual Farm Conference

Towards the latter part of November representatives of Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture and of the Canadian Federation meet in Ottawa for a conference whose main purpose is to assess farm prospects for the coming year and to prepare as a guide for the farmer an "Out-

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LISTEN TO first in series of "Know Your Red Cross" program. C.F.O.Y. Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1:15 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA. Covehead—Union Road Services for November 15th. West Covehead 11 A. M. Covehead Road 3 P. M. Stanhope 7:30 P. M. Rev. Norman Green, Minister.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Belfast. Sunday, November 15th. Services 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. J. E. Heathwood, M. A., Minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. — Schedule for Sunday, November 15th. Wood Islands 11 A. M. Caledonia 7:30 P. M. Minister: Rev. E. S. Hales.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Stanley Murchison and Mrs. Reginald McEwen, York Point, have returned home from a visit to Moncton and Amherst. While in Amherst they were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Charman.

SHOW BRITISH AUTOS

LONDON, (CP)—The exhibition of British-made cars at the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show in Toronto next spring is expected to become an annual event, said Sir William Welsh, chairman of a committee set up by British Automobile Manufacturers and Traders. At least 14 British firms will be represented at the show from March 12 to 20.

YORK PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Sunday, November 15th, 1953. 11:00 A. M. Central (as arranged) 2:30 P. M. Pleasant Grove. 7:30 P. M. York. Rev. T. A. Wilson, B. Sc., guest preacher.

WINSLOE PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Services November 15th, are as follows: Princetown Road 11 A. M. Highfield 3 P. M. Winsloe North 7:30 P. M. Sunday School as announced. Heber H. Hardy, Presby. Supply.

NORTH RIVER UNITED BAPTIST PASTORATE. — Sunday, November 15th. North River 11:00 A. M. Clyde River 3:00 P. M. Kingston 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. Barber, Pastor.

ALEXANDRA BAPTIST CHURCH. — Rev. H. R. Bell will conduct service in the Alexandra Baptist Church on Sunday, November 15th at 3 P. M. All are welcome.

SPRING PARK PLEBISCITE FOR INCORPORATION under "Village Service Act" Monday, November 16th. Poll open 12:00 noon to 9:00 P. M. Residents incorporate to obtain community improvements. Vote—For—incorporation.

MURRAY HARBOUR PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Services for Sunday, November 15th. 11 A. M. Murray Harbour; 2 P. M. Little Sand; 3:30 P. M. Belle River; 7 P. M. Murray River. Sermon "He lingered and he lost." Rev. D. Wallace MacPherson, Minister.

CORNWALL UNITED CHURCH. Services November 15th, will be conducted by the Minister, Rev. A. S. Weil, as follows: Cornwall at 11:00 A. M. Kingston at 3:00 P. M. and New Dominion at 7:30 P. M. Cornwall Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. Central Parish. Services next Lord's Day as follows: Churchill 11 A. M. Canon Cove 3 P. M. Sunday School 2 P. M. The annual Harvest — Thank-offering Service will be held in the Clyde River Church at 7:30 P. M. Special music will be rendered by an all Male Choir. Rev. Donald Nicholson, Minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. Brookfield Charge. The hours of service for Sunday, November 15th are as follows: Hunter River 11 a.m.; Hartsville 3 p.m.; S.S. at 3 p.m.; Brookfield 7.30 p.m.; S.S. at 10.30 a.m. There will be a congregational meeting of the Glasgow Road congregation Monday, November 16th at 8 p.m. in the church. Rev. Lawrence Blaikie, Minister.

CRAPAUD — SPRINGFIELD, LONG CREEK PARISHES. — Services for Sunday, November 15th: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity. St. John's Church, Crapaud, 11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer, Presbyter. The Rev. T. R. Harris, M. A., R. D. St. Thomas' Church, Long Creek, 3:00 P. M. Evening Prayer. St. Elizabeth's Church, Springfield, 7:30 P. M. Evening Prayer. Rev. George R. F. Ebsary, Rector.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur
Chapter V
ANYONE CAN WORK AROUND A MINE

Not till Christmas did I leave the camp. Then I hired a saddle pony for the journey to and from Hyder.

The little town was all decked out in its glad rage, and wherever one went the spirit of Yuletide was very much in evidence. The town was full of miners out to celebrate in real frontier fashion. Some of them were already deep in their cups when I arrived. Some were dead broke and, according to customs prevailing, the fellow with the full pocket was supposed to treat those less fortunate. That's where I came into the picture. Before I got out of it, I'd spent quite a roll on the thirsty boys, but never regretted it because those fellows would give you the shirt of their backs if they found you in the same predicament.

In the afternoon, I ran into the mine manager. He appeared to be in a rather ugly mood and we merely exchanged greetings and went on our way. I learned later his ugly mood was caused by seeing so many of his workers flirting with John Barleycorn when they were supposed to be at work.

That afternoon I was introduced to the town's marshal and editor of the local weekly. Our meeting took place in the "Bucket of Blood," a sort of speak-easy run by a couple of fellows from Seattle, Wash. Neither impressed me as having any special qualifications for the jobs they held which would seem to bear out Betty MacDonald's claim that "everybody can do anything." I also met several sordoughs in the Bucket of Blood who told me some amazing tales and, whether true or fancied, they were worth telling and well worth hearing.

The one I remember best was about a chap named Casey Jones. It appears that Casey was out hunting bears when he fell into a bear trap which he'd set himself and forgot to mark the spot. He spent twelve days and twelve nights in the trap before a rescue party liberated him and he had gnawed the bark of every small tree and root within reach. They didn't say how he managed to survive all that time without water. Anyway, they carried him to their camp and that same night he went raving mad and after killing one of the boys who'd

helped deliver him from the trap, disappeared into the woods and was never seen again.

That night, I stayed in the town's hotel for the second time and for the second time parted with another ten spot for room and breakfast. Then I rode back to camp, a sadder and wiser man.

The second time I left camp was to attend a jamboree held in a new hall built just after my arrival in Hyder. The celebration was the annual sordough get-together. I wouldn't have known anything about the event if it had not been for a tip from one of the older miners who vowed it was tops in entertainment. "It will cost you a bit of dough," he smiled, "but I reckon it will be worth every dollar you throw away."

I promised the old-timer I'd meet him at the celebration and I did, and I had one of those unforgettable nights with those unforgettable characters of the Northland. When I reached the hall it was already quite late—about 10:30 p.m. The building was packed with humanity—all the great and small of Hyder and Camps 1 and 2. A five piece orchestra was playing an old-fashioned waltz and the centre of the floor was filled with dancing couples.

Everybody appeared to be having a whale of a time and no wonder, for they had their choice of dancing, drinking and gambling. The gaiety lasted all night and well into the forenoon of the next day.

One year and a half of this frontier life and I went outside never to return. It was a wonderful experience and I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

(To be Continued)

UNION ROAD W. M. S.

The regular meeting of the W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Sterling Yeo, Nov. 2.

Theme for the month was "The Church, the Body of Christ." Opening hymn was "Faith of Our Fathers" followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. Scripture lesson was read by Miss Marjorie Lamont. Hymn "Jesus United by Thy Grace" was sung followed by Sentence Prayers.

Roll call was answered by 10 members and 2 visitors present.

Mrs. Harold Yeo presented the Christian Stewardship reading; for Temperance Mrs. Brent MacMillan gave a reading entitled "Youth and Liquor".

For the program Mrs. MacArthur gave a reading entitled "Albert Switzer"; Mrs. Allie Holmes had a questionnaire from the Bible Program committee for next meeting. Mrs. K. Bryenton and Mrs. E. Livingstone.

Collection for the evening amounting to \$3.06; flower and fruit fund \$1.20.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Mallett. Closing hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" followed by Benediction.

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