

PANEL ON BEEF

Maritime Beef Producers Have Big Regional Market

"Farmers of the Atlantic Provinces do not produce enough beef to meet the demand of the consumer in their own area," stated M.W. Chepesuk, chief of the Maritime Livestock Marketing Service, member of the panel...

It would be possible for Maritime beef producers to market an additional 115 million pounds in the Atlantic region. Instead of the 10 million annually about 126,000 head, Mr. Chepesuk said.

Mr. Parks stated that his research on this problem seemed to indicate that an economically efficient farm unit should place on the market each year at least thirty head of beef cattle. This would require at least 130 acres of improved land each year per farm unit, he maintained.

Mr. Dewar warned his audience against the danger inherent in high price support. Referring to the recent action of the federal government in subsidizing the price of eggs following the disastrous January collapse, which action had been initiated at the insistence of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Mr. Dewar asserted that 32 cents per dozen to the consumer was as high as it was safe to go.

Mr. Dewar informed the members of the P.E.I. Federation that the national organization was ever watchful for anything that might affect the welfare of the farmers of Canada. In addition to advocating support for depressed markets, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture had made representations to the Government of Canada in an effort to minimize the effect of the recent hike in freight rates, on certain areas in the country and had pressed the government to consider a revision of the tariff on American potatoes in order to give some measure of relief to the hard-pressed Maritime potato grower.

Mr. Chepesuk informed the Federation members that at the present rate of Maritime beef consumption (66 lbs per person per

pounds. Mr. Chepesuk felt that this area was more suited to the production of dairy cattle "as resources developed."

"The Canadian beef herd has not yet reached its peak," Mr. Chepesuk declared, noting that last year the American beef population declined 2 per cent. These factors were seen by the panel member as "good news" for the beef industry.

ISLANDER CRITICAL Allison Profit was very critical of the grading methods practised in the beef trade, asserting that the Canadian consumer no longer preferred "Red Brand" beef. "We can produce the beef if we can get the price. If our people want lean or medium lean meat, let us give it to them," the Island farmer declared.

In this connection Mr. Chepesuk stated that his department was considering a complete reorganization of beef grading procedures, whereby a new brand to be named "Standard" would be established to cover many of the animals now falling into the "Commercial grade."

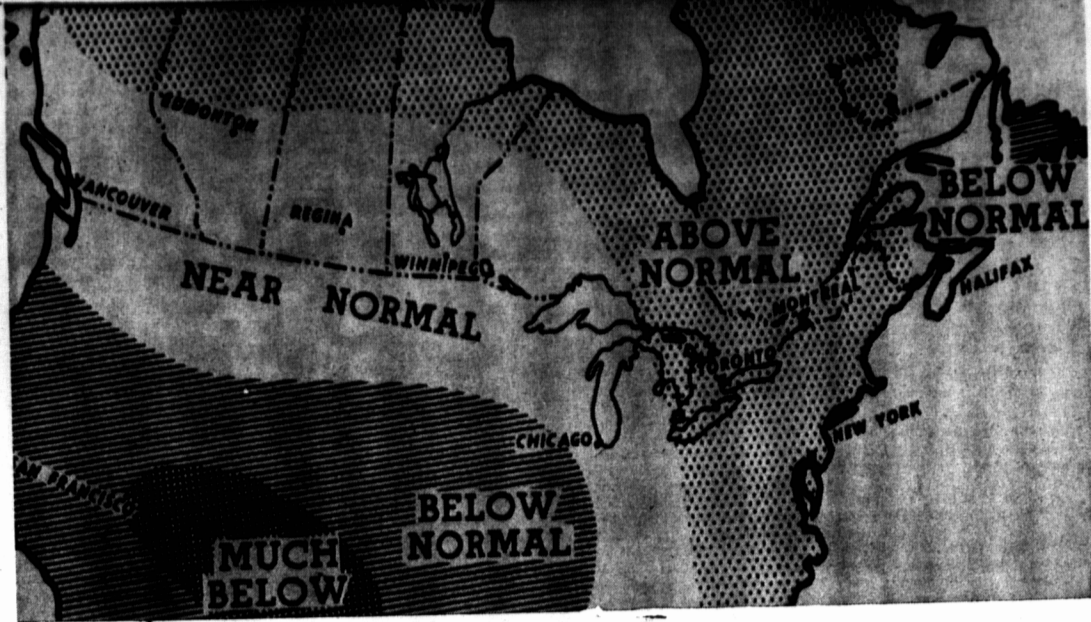
Island turnip growers received little encouragement from the panel which discussed the industry at last week's general meeting of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture. Members of the panel were Leo P. MacIsaac, Chairman; E.D. Reid, William MacLeod and William Hayden.

Due to the decline in the importance of the City of Boston as a distributing point for New England produce, the rapid increase in land area, and the traditional market for Island turnips was disappearing rapidly, Mr. Reid asserted. Ontario growers were able to place turnips on this market more cheaply than Island producers by taking advantage of the low freight rates offered by the returning American fruit-truckers, Mr. Reid stated.

Mr. MacLeod declared that P.E.I. turnips were still "top quality," but felt that the pack would be more acceptable on the market if warehouse grading was carried out on a larger scale.

Mr. Hayden, president of the voluntary turnip producers in the Province in answer to a question from the Chairman stated that in his opinion it would not pay Island farmers to grow turnips as feed only. Among other factors seen as affecting the P.E.I. turnip market were the increase in rail and water rates; higher average incomes accompanied by increased consumer resistance; and the practice of selling on consignment.

Public stock yards, community livestock auctions, and compulsory orderly marketing, were all rejected by the three-man panel as possible solutions to the Maritime beef problem. Mr. Parks considered that Maritime beef growers should attempt to raise the weights of cattle marketed, as beef, noting that stock offered here ran below the Canadian average by 68 to 74



TEMPERATURE FORECAST

WASHINGTON—Most of Eastern Canada can expect temperatures above normal seasonal readings in the next 30 days, as shown on this map prepared on the basis of the United States weather bureau long-range forecast. Eastern Newfoundland is expected to have below-normal temperatures while most of the Maritime Provinces can expect readings to be near normal. Most of northwestern Ontario and the southern half of the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia can expect near-normal temperatures.

Montague Legion Auxiliary Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, Montague branch, was held at the home of Mrs. Archie Hillech, Friday evening, March 15th, with the president, Mrs. George McKeeman, presiding.

The meeting opened in the usual manner by observing a one minute silence, followed by roll call which was answered by twenty-two members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The correspondence was read by the secretary, Mrs. Wellington Campbell. Mrs. Garnet McIntyre presented the financial report. Routine business was transacted and several committees were appointed. A brief resume of the activities of the auxiliary since it was instituted in March, 1947, was greatly enjoyed. There were six charter members present, four of whom are past presidents.

At the close of the meeting, a delightful program was arranged by Mrs. Neil Hooley and prizes for auction, scrabble, and croquet were won by Mrs. John Gaudet, Mrs. Bryon Stewart and Mrs. Margaret MacKinnon.

Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by a committee of the ladies.

CARDIGAN

Messrs George and Alban Sullivan arrived from Halifax on Saturday morning to attend the funeral of their grandfather, Mr. John T. Gill, Elliotvale.

Miss Sylvia MacLean spent the past week-end at her home.

Miss Jackie MacIntyre, Charlottetown, is a guest of the Egan family this weekend.

Mrs. Alex Livingstone and infant son have arrived home from the Montague Hospital. The weekly bingo was held on Monday night, despite the inclement weather, a large crowd was in attendance. The door prize of fifteen dollars was won by Miss Teresa Fitzpatrick, Woodville. The special game will be worth fifty dollars next Monday night.

Mr. Daniel Livingstone was a visitor to Charlottetown last week. He visited Mrs. Melvina Lewis and Miss Grace Lewis.

A large crowd attended the card party in the school on Wednesday night. The prize winners were Mrs. Gerald MacDonald and Gerald Sheppard.

Miss Ruth Yeo is visiting in Cardigan this week-end. She is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Benjamin Maceson.

Rev. Clare MacDonald visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. MacDonald on Wednesday.

P. M. Calls For Challenging Project For Canada In 1967

HAMILTON (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent proposed Monday night that Canada undertake and complete some challenging national projects for all the world to see during the celebration of her centenary in 1967.

He did not spell out what he had in mind but said he hoped on some future occasion to suggest "some way of setting up challenging and adventurous goals for Canada's centenary."

In a speech before the Hamilton Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr. St. Laurent recalled that the Gordon commission forecast a tripling of the Canadian economy in the next quarter-century. Canadians should look ahead.

"I think that all of us are inclined to be too tied to the present and to the past. So, I suggest, on the national scene, we in Canada should look to the end of our first century of Confederation as an appropriate time for the completion of some of the important national projects now underway or that should shortly be undertaken—so that we can reinforce our nationhood in unity, in cultural development, in economic progress and altogether in fuller realization of the gifts with which a kindly providence has so generously endowed us."

U. K. Labor Member Moving To Canada

WATFORD, England (Reuters) John E. Fisher, Labor member of the Watford rural district council, announced Tuesday he is emigrating to Canada.

"Petrol rationing was the last straw," Fisher said. Taxation and restrictions are stifling enterprise in Britain, he said, explaining publicly the reason why he is resigning from the council.

"I know that in Canada there is no national insurance scheme and that the cost of living, particularly of accommodation, is much higher than it is here. But I feel that opportunities to get on are correspondingly greater," he said. Fisher is married and has a young daughter.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

FREE MACHINERY motion pictures at Lower Montague hall tonight at 8 p.m. You are cordially invited to come and bring the family. Reid Farm Equipment, Montague.

PERSONALS

Friends of Miss Blanche Dewar, R.N., Montague, are sorry to hear she is ill in the Kings County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester MacLure, Montague, are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart, Halifax, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Proctor, Charlottetown, were Sunday guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Nelson, Montague.

Bennie Balderson, Montague, spent Sunday in Charlottetown, where he visited his father, Mr. Duncan Balderson, Ottawa, (formerly of Melville, P.E.I.) who is critically ill in the P.E.I. Hospital.

Miss Martha Poole, Montague, entertained at two tables of bridge on Friday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Arnold Wightman, first, Mrs. H. M. Smith, second, and Mrs. Ethan Stewart, consolation.

On Friday evening, Mrs. Roland Diamond entertained at two tables of bridge in aid of the Kings County Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. After a delicious lunch, the hostess presented prizes to Mrs. George Inman, Mrs. Art Sullivan and Mrs. James Cudmore.

Mrs. William R. Collins, Pleasant River, N.S., motored to Montague recently, to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Russell Hobbs, who passed away in Boston, Mass., on March 4th. The funeral service was held at Montague, with interment in Lower Montague cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stewart attended the banquet of the Dairywomen's Association which was held at the Charlottetown Hotel last Friday evening. Mr. Stewart was presented with first prize to the milk plant manager having the highest percentage Grade 'A' in the district; also a special prize donated by the De Laval Co. Ltd through their local agent, Mr. C. B. Coates. Mr. Stewart is the owner and manager of the Montague Dairy.

GREAT PROJECT

The Hirakut dam in Orissa state, India, is three miles long, and 18 miles including embankments at either end.

Situation Still Vague Re Potato Tariff Issue

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government is expected to seek to have the present six-week seasonal tariff on potato imports extended the full year.

Finance Minister Harris said in his budget speech last Thursday night that the United States is currently studying the potato situation in that country in preparation for discussions with Canada about the product.

But the government made known in January that it had sought and received approval from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to renegotiate its potato tariff with the U.S.

The tariff board conducted an investigation into the situation in November, 1955. It recommended no specific action and Mr. Harris said about a year later in the Commons that it would be impossible for the government to induce the U.S. to change the American tariff on Canadian potatoes.

OFFICIALS TO MEET But he added that "something" might be done for potato growers and "we are considering it." The consideration took another six months. Now they are being held up while the U.S. government studies the situation to decide where it will stand when its representatives meet with Canadian officials to discuss the situation.

Chief complaint of potato interests is that U.S. imports, especially in years when that country has a big crop, have a depressing effect on the Canadian market.

The present U.S.-Canada agreement plus a Canadian tariff on American potatoes entering this country between June 15 and July 31 of 37½ cents a hundred pounds. For the rest of the year they enter duty free.

The U.S. charges 37½ cents a hundredweight on an annual quota of 2,500,000 bushels of Canadian seed potatoes and 1,000,000 bushels of Canadian table potatoes, doubling it on over-quota shipments.

Canadian growers have sought for several years to have the seasonal Canadian tariff applied to U.S. imports throughout the year. However, Canada may run into difficulty in trying to get the U.S. to accept this suggestion. President Eisenhower a few months ago voted a U.S. tariff board recommendation for an increase in the American duty on imports to that country of ground fish fillets—an important Atlantic provinces export. It is possible the president's action might provide U.S. officials with a strong bargaining point.

High School Artist Depicts History in School Murals

GALT, Ont. (CP)—An 18-foot mural entitled The March of Time is the latest addition to a collection of murals at Galt Collegiate Institute.

The mural, painted by George MacDonald, a grade XIII student, was completed last year. It is based on the progress of mankind from pre-historic times and is in the form of drawings on nine continuous scratchboard panels, each measuring 20 inches by 24.

The artist had to choose a limited number of symbols to represent man's progress in time. These symbols depict achievements in the field of art, architecture, religion, science, industry, commerce, discovery, war, peace and government.

George did thorough research on his subject and his interest in history was an asset. He made a trip to Europe last summer and it helped him to revise some sections of the mural. The whole project took a year.

Beginning with the sun flooding its light on a scene of dinosaurs and tropical vegetation, the mural moves on to show man's first appearance as a cave dweller.

The monoliths and Stonehenge illustrate the early rise of civilization. Symbols of the Euphrates and Nile valleys are shown in minute detail.

The viewer is then taken through the civilizations of Greece and Rome, shown the rise of Christianity, glimpses of the Middle Ages and then landed right into the age of discovery in science and travel.

The high school artist represents modern times by the gun, the automobile and the French revolution, and the French revolution, Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe, and various symbols of the industrial revolution and of the First and Second World Wars. He shows the atom as a force which can be used for both destructive and constructive purposes.

The final scene depicts the United Nations as an instrument of arbitration and conciliation leading to a world of peace. Above a space ship leads the viewer into the unknown.

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