

Among The Farmers

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

BRITISH FARMING

Mr. Archie Johnstone, Burlington, who is presently in England studying British farming under a Nuffield Foundation scholarship, has written at some length to the Federation Office describing York-shire and the operations upon the 760 acre farm where he is presently the guest of the owner, Mr. Pat Nutt.

The growing of 80 acres of potatoes is the main enterprise. In addition, 80 acres of sugar beets are grown, not so much as a money-making proposition but as a means of getting the sugar beet pulp which is returned from the factory and used in the feeding of 120 steers which are kept on the farm. The steer feeding programme is a profitable one at the moment but the venture would still be carried on for profit or otherwise as a means of supplying humus for the soil.

Equipment on the farm consists of eleven tractors, ranging from the small Ferguson to the heavy crawler type of machine. Three grain combines are used and fifteen workers are employed the year round.

400 BUSHELS PER ACRE

On April 7th when the letter was written, grain seeding was underway in Yorkshire. In describing the potato operation, mention is made of the fact that yields are over 400 bushel per acre and that the seed is purchased from Northern Scotland which has the reputation for producing the best seed stock.

The method of planning is outlined as follows: At one time the seed was dropped by hand in which case man would plant about an acre in a day. Now more use is made of machinery but much of the actual planting is still manual. The planter is drawn by a tractor and as the drills are already made it is just a matter of driving as straight as possible. There is a huge hopper on the planter which is filled with round seed. Behind this hopper sit three men, which makes a crew of four in all. The men which are sitting on the machine pick up the potatoes as they drop from the hopper and place them manually on a revolving tray in front of those which carries the potato forward and eventually down to the ground where it is covered lightly. In this manner a crew can plant about eight acres in a day as opposed to only four formerly.

In other words double the acreage in the same given space of time. Conditions vary with circumstances of course, but I have sometimes wondered at the many operations considered necessary before the potato crop is actually planted. First the soil must be carefully prepared as we do. When this has been accomplished the fertilizer is put on broadcast, there being no fertilizer attachments available or at least equipped presently. Following this the field is carefully ridged, then the actual planting as described above begins. As I said the potato seed is lightly covered in this operation. Often the covering is too light, requiring the ground to be gone over again to cover them thoroughly. From here on the ordinary regular cultivation begins."

BEEF AUCTIONS

Quoted directly from Mr. Johnstone's letter is a description of cattle auctions: "All animals should be in their pens at the market before eleven a.m. Each farmer's animals are kept in a separate pen and are sold one after the other when the owner's number comes up. The owner's numbers are chosen very democratically, in as much as they are picked from a hat and placed on the animals in that order. They are then sold in the order drawn.

The auctioneer a large mouthed man with a huge voice and an excellent Service Record during the War, stands in a covered booth with his clerk on the far side of the auction ring. As each animal enters it is weighed and its weight registered by a huge hand above the entrance. Just to complicate matters for me the weights are in hundredweights and to the nearest quarter. As the Long Ton is used in Britain a hundredweight is not actually a hundredweight but one hundred and twelve pounds; therefore a quarter is twenty-eight pounds.

Next there is the matter of calculating in pounds, shillings and pence. Add to this the conversion of sterling to dollars and cents and you have the picture. The pound is actually to sell for \$2.80 but by the time the banks have completed all their subtle little intricacies, it costs something quite different. But what is really ironic is when you try to recon-vert it to the dollar and find it has shrunk beyond recognition. Now if an animal weighs eleven hundredweight plus an odd quarter or two and sells for \$2.10, per cent, it is very easily seen how simple it would be for Einstein to tell us how much it costs the butcher per pound."

IFAP MEETING

On April 12th and 13th North America representatives of the International Federation of Agriculture Producers met in Washington to consider the variety of problems facing agriculture. A recent report from the CFA Office mentioned that consideration was given to the potato situation as follows:

"Special mention was made by the Canadian delegates of the situation as between the U. S. and Canada in the potato mar-

ketting field. President Hannam, of the CFA pointed out that Canada's only tariff against entry of U. S. potatoes was for a six weeks' period, but that the U. S. had a continual tariff and besides had recently changed the regulations respecting size that had the effect of barring out a considerable volume of Canadian potatoes, while the worst feature was that the change in regulations had been put in effect after Canadian producers had graded and bagged their potatoes for export and would now have to go through the grading process again.

He told of how American potato exporters had trucked potatoes across into the Maritime provinces and then taken advantage of the special Maritime freight rates to ship the potatoes into the Montreal market for the Canadian price. American delegates felt that this was certainly a matter to be looked into and agreed to do so, on the basis that they might have something to say to their own government in the matter."

In dealing with GATT the American delegates went to some trouble in attempting to reassure Canada that import restrictions on farm products would be used only where necessary and with moderation after consultation with Canadian authorities.

American representatives at the meeting again showed interest in the Canadian grain marketing system and in the floor and support price system being used presently. The Federation's proposed formula for support prices also evoked keen interest. In assessing the world butter situation it was pointed out that there does not seem to be any place where a country with a surplus of butter could find an export home for it.

THE FARMER'S PROBLEM

Under the heading "It seems to Me", the editor of the Farmer's Magazine discusses in a very interesting fashion the problem facing the farmer as he contemplates his Spring seeding. Once the seed is in the ground the farmer's fortune is committed to the earth. There is still much work to be done but little of it will make any difference now to the final result. The crop can thrive, be harvested and sold at a good price or fed to farm animals. If the crop is rich and nourishing the animals will grow and reward the husbandman for his devoted care.

But every farmer knows that with in the next few months many things can happen. A devastating storm in one night can beat the young stalks down and break their backs. Weeks of dry weather can suck all the life-giving water from the earth and leave nothing but dusty husks. Some new and unthought-of disease can rot the food of the bulls. Perhaps the farmer's skill and kind Providence will allow the crops to grow to maturity and they will be successfully harvested. Perhaps the animals will survive the perils of being born and will escape the innumerable diseases which prey upon them and will give the farmer thrifty returns for their feed.

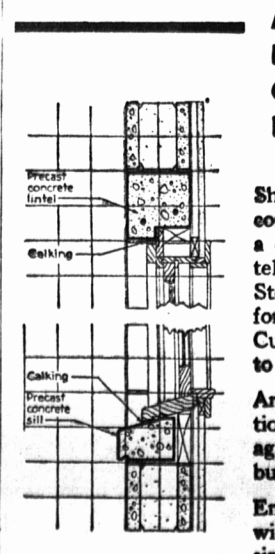
And yet he may find there is more good food grown in the country than the people can eat. Or that, because of a business slump, the people have not enough money to buy his food. Or, for any one of a dozen other reasons quite beyond his control, he cannot sell his food for a profit. All these hazards — bad weather, disease, the vagaries of the market — are the hard facts of the farmer's life and he faces them with courage that is sometimes hard to understand.

TRAVELLING HOSTESS

LIVERPOOL, England (CP) — Dark-haired Janet Jones, Welsh national hostess, returned here after a 16,000-mile tour to encourage North American tourists to visit Wales. During the tour which included Toronto and Vancouver and many American cities, she made 36 radio and television appearances.

LONG TENURE

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OUR CENTENNIAL

By James Peedergast

A half million voices echoed "Prince Edward Island" and another half million pondered "Where is that?" The vast majority are delightfully vague in regard to geographical locations.

The three thousand beautiful Centennial posters sent recently to all parts of Canada and the United States by Secretary Walthen Gaudet — also the great number of illustrated folders and booklets and nicely written literature, sent by George Fraser, Secretary of the P. E. I. Travel Bureau, will be a considerable means of making this province known to North America.

Islanders who have travelled to distant provinces and States, in motor cars especially, say that it is surprising the number of people who never even heard of Prince Edward Island.

Some years ago a gentleman from Kensington went by auto to Colorado and other Western States. He was questioned so many times in regard to the name of the car plates that he became a bit impatient. He said to one service station attendant, "Don't you learn geography in this country? Don't you know it's up in Utah?"

The answer was "Oh! I thought it was up that way some place."

The thousands of pamphlets, booklets and answers to enquiries sent out by the Travel Bureau and Centennial Committee, will very effectively publicize this garden province. Those offices are hubs of business at the present time — and the worst is yet to come.

The "Summons" in mock legal phraseology, by Mayor J. David Stewart was unique and challenging. The answer by no less a "personage" than Hon. L. B. Pearson put the O.K. on the somewhat daring procedure. It was an "eye opener" to tourist bureaus across the Dominion.

B. Graham Rogers, chairman of Provincial Transportation, also has a man-sized job and has many plans in embryo. The province will get more favorable publicity this year than ever before.

The big Canadian dailies have made favorable reference to our Centennial.

The great influx of tourists will find us ready. Col. Johnstone's beautification competition in the rural districts will pay off big. Citizens of Charlottetown are already cleaning up lawns, painting and renovating.

The big celebration is to mark the hundredth year of Charlotteville existence as a city, but really the fortunes of the city and Summerside and the many rural towns and villages, are inseparable. We are a comparatively small community. What benefits one benefits the other. Tourists will want to explore the whole island; take excursions and deep sea fishing expeditions.

Many will not ever see salt water or any of its denizens of the deep.

As the summer progresses the tempo will be getting livelier. It will be reminiscent of the slogans of the late P. T. Barnum — the greatest showman of his time. viz. "Never a dull moment," "Something doing every minute."

There will be many kinds of "floats," parades and pageants. Each month's program has already been made available by means of pamphlets and folders.

As many as nineteen events have been scheduled for the month of August. The large number of conventions being held here will be taking place at regular intervals.

In the month of August the Centennial fever will reach its zenith. The Caledonian games and the Exhibition and races will take place in the earlier part of the month.

Friends of Mr. Alex MacLeod, Mi. Pleasant, are sorry to learn that he is a patient in the Stewart Memorial Health Centre.

Mr. William Noye, Mt. Pleasant, spent the past week-end in Saint John, N. B. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Ellsworth Campbell and family, St. Eleanor.

Mrs. Albert MacArthur, teacher of Springhill School, attended the Teachers' Convention which was held in Charlottetown recently.

Miss Emily Moore, who is employed at the I. M. T. Bus Stop, Summerside, spent a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leaman Moore, Harmony, recently.

Miss Nellie MacLennan, Summerside, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward MacLennan, Victoria West.

Mrs. Ramsay MacLeod, Victoria West, left on Monday, April 18th for Boston, Mass., where she will be under medical care. All join in wishing Mrs. MacLeod a speedy recovery.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid of Victoria West, met at the home of Mrs. Angus Enman, Springhill, on Tuesday, April 12th, with eleven members present. The roll call was answered by a verse of scripture. The meeting was then open for business. It was decided to buy a new carpet for the church. It was also decided to clean the church on Monday, May 2nd and to lay the carpet the same day. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Burns MacArthur, Enmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacArthur, Enmore, returned home after spending a few days in Gagetown, N. B.

Mrs. Stenning MacNeve and son, Alden, Borden, spent a few days at the home of Mrs. MacNeve's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith, Victoria West.

The Springhill Women's Institute entertained the Enmore Women's Institute and Mt. Pleasant Institute members on Tuesday, April 15th, with twenty members present. Roll call was answered by a house cleaning hint. Next place of meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Claude MacArthur, Springhill, on Tuesday, May 3rd.

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A Danish firm is producing knitting wool specially treated to make it moth-proof.

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Will machines take away your job?

May Reader's Digest gives you a peek at "automation", the amazing new technique of handing over entire tasks to machines, and shows why it promises more jobs, better working conditions.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh's "Gift From the Sea"

In May Reader's Digest, Mrs. Lindbergh shares her hard-won answers to life's challenges. (19-page condensation from the widely acclaimed \$8.00 best seller.)

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Mr. David Dymont 92

—On Tuesday evening, March 29th, friends and neighbours gathered at the home of Mrs. Stanley Dymont, Springhill, to honor Mr. David Dymont on his 92nd birthday.

Although at this advanced age Mr. Dymont enjoys good health and is up and around every day. He hikes around here and there where he can converse with the older folks.

Mrs. Kenneth Enman read a complimentary address. Then Margaret and Earle Dymont then presented a wagon loaded with gifts and a prettily decorated birthday cake made by Mrs. Stanley Dymont.

Mr. Dymont then thanked all his friends and neighbours for their gifts. The guests then sang, Happy Birthday. A very pleasant evening was then enjoyed. Music was furnished by Erwin Dugan, Gerald Dymont and Claude MacArthur. Dainty refreshments was then served by the Institute members.

Elmsdale

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Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Wallace and their daughter, Mrs. Weldon Rennie were visitors to Summerside on Wednesday.

Mr. Myron McArthur was a visitor at the home of Mr. James O'Brien on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Costain were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brennan.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wood were recent guests with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Matthews.

Many in the community are indisposed suffering from the prevalent virus flu.

The many friends of Mrs. Everett Williams are pleased to see her around again after an attack of influenza.

His many friends regret the illness which necessitated hospitalization for Mr. Elmer Adams, in the Prince County Hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Hazel Cameron, post mistress at Elmsdale attended the funeral services in Burlington on Easter Monday of her brother-in-law, the late Mr. Edwin Murphy of Sea View.

Mr. Brendan Wallace suffered a severe injury to his foot recently when engaged in cutting wood. He received medical attention in Alberton, then was rushed to the Prince County Hospital for further treatment, but was able to leave there in two days. His many friends rejoice that his injuries were not more serious and wish him a speedy recovery.

His many friends regret to know that Master Ian Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Matthews is a patient in the Western Hospital and wish him a speedy return to good health.

Mrs. Gerald O'Brien has as recent guests during the Easter holidays, her uncle Mr. Roach O'Brien and her cousin, Mr. John Cummings of New York City.

The many friends of Mr. Geo. Gallant are pleased to know he has returned home after receiving treatment in the Western Hospital. Master Raymond McKinnon is a patient in the Western Hospital receiving treatment for an attack of virus flu. His many school friends wish him a speedy recovery. Raymond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKinnon.

Miss Lauren Clobossey was a visitor for the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. O'Brien.

Women were first admitted to the arts faculty of McGill University in 1884.

Burton

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Griffin, Burton, had as their guest Sunday, April 17th, their daughter, Mrs. Clem O'Connor, Cape Wolfe.

Louis and Dannie Dalton, Burton, attended the 4-H Calf Club meeting held in Cape Wolfe Hall Monday evening, April 11th.

Mrs. Edna Callicutt and son Reggie, Burton, were visitors to Summerside on Friday, April 15.

Many of the farmers are taking advantage of the good price offered for potatoes and are busily engaged in grading and hauling them. The hauling is proving quite a difficult task owing to the very bad condition of the roads.

Leo Provost, Burton, spent the past week-end visiting relatives in Richmond.

Friends of Mrs. Clifford Collicutt, Burton, are pleased to see her out again since her bout with the flu.

Mrs. Arthur Perry, also Miss Bernice Clements, Burton, were visitors to Burton on Sunday, April 17th.

The Grade I and II pupils of Burton School are taking advantage of the Polio Inoculation and attended the Clinic on Monday, April 18th.

Mr. Patrick O'Connor, Cape Wolfe, was a visitor at the home of his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dalton, Burton, on Sunday, April 17th.

The following teachers attended the Teachers Convention held last week in Charlottetown. Mrs. Edward A. Griffin and Miss Mary C. MacGregor, Burton; Miss Ann-

Mr. O'Hollaran, Cape Wolfe; Mrs. Raymond Stewart, Glengarry; Mrs. Myrtle Doyle, Campbellton.

Miss Audrey Doyle, who is residing at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler, Glengarry, spent Sunday, April 17, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Doyle, Campbellton.

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Trawler Restrictions Being Studied

OTTAWA, (CP)—Restrictions on trawlers operating off the Nova Scotia coast should be studied by the North West Atlantic Fisheries Council, a Liberal member of the Commons said Tuesday.

S. R. Balcom, Halifax, said in the budget debate that United States trawlers by international agreement may come within three miles of the coast. However, Canadian trawlers were required to stay outside the 12-mile limit.

The obvious solution was to change the law respecting Canadian trawlers. However, in the interests of conservation the 12-mile limit might be more desirable.

Mr. Balcom suggested the problem could be solved by the council which had obtained marked success in regulating the fisheries of the New England coast.

EAGER AMATEURS

TORONTO (CP) — The Junior League, which won a prize for its children's radio program "Sound Fun" from the American Exhibition of Education Programs, is a group of amateurs. League members, mostly mothers, write the scripts, act and distribute fan buttons — 18,000 last year.

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1/2 Pts.	75c	63c
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Gals.	7.05	5.67
Qts.	2.10	1.73
Speed Easy Flat		
Gals.	5.75	4.67
Qts.	1.59	1.33
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2 1/2"	1.85	1.67
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11b.	25c	17c