

Mr. Baker Reports On Visit To Pacific Coast

Following is the text of the address delivered by the Hon. C. C. Baker, Minister of Agriculture, at the annual meeting on Thursday of the Queen's County Federation of Agriculture:



Hon. C. C. Baker

"During the late summer, it was my privilege to attend a conference of Provincial Agricultural Ministers and their Deputies held in Victoria, British Columbia. All the Provinces except Newfoundland were represented, and at the meetings held, and in private talks, matters of interest to agriculture as pertaining to all Canada were discussed, and it was quite evident that such get-togethers tend toward a better understanding between the Provinces on matters pertaining to production, labor, marketing, etc.

"An invitation was extended to have the conference meet here in Charlottetown next summer, and we may look forward to having the ministers and deputies visit this Province at that time, which in all probability will be Old Home Week. While in Vancouver, we were guests of the Pacific National Exhibition; this is a major show, and the showing of livestock, farm products, flowers and other exhibits were of a very high calibre.

"They also have horse racing in connection with the fair. This is an added drawing card which tends to swell the attendance, especially of city people, who are not particularly interested in agricultural exhibits. The meets are running races, which, in my opinion are not nearly as exciting as harness races.

Western Grain Crops

"While travelling along through the Prairie Provinces, the latter part of August, on the way to the Coast, it was pleasing indeed to see the very fine crops and grain, some of which had been cut and were lying in swath ready to be gathered and threshed by the pickup combines. The weather continued wet, and a large percentage of the grain that had been cut at that time was still unharvested some weeks later.

"This condition would be enough to discourage almost anyone but the western farmer has become accustomed to freaks of nature and adverse weather conditions throughout the years, and he is optimistic enough to take things in stride and not let adverse conditions keep him down.

"While the rainfall in the Prairie Provinces was abnormal, the very opposite was true west of the Rockies, and in British Columbia there had been one of the longest drought periods on record, particularly on Vancouver Island. The pasture lands were dried up with no good grazing available, and the livestock was being fed in the barns, and that, notwithstanding the fact that hay was in short supply due to the dry season, good alfalfa hay was being brought in from outside points and sold to the farmers at a cost of \$45 per ton.

"This short feed supply meant that in many instances dairy herds were reduced to the minimum number that could be carried.

"So, summing up the situation as a whole, across the country, I am more firmly convinced that we in Prince Edward Island have a great deal to thank Providence for by allowing us to live in a Province where floods and drought do not prevail, and while we may sometimes look with envy at the far fields that look green, we have in this little Province, one that is not surpassed by any other in Canada.

Dairy Industry

"It is gratifying to learn that production of butter and cheese has increased during the past year. The quantity of butter manufactured is an all time high for any one year, and exceeds that of last year by some 10%. This is a fine showing for the Province, and it is generally known that all other Provinces in Canada except Quebec have shown a decrease in production. This situation would tend to show that in the two Provinces which do not allow the manufacture and

industry. It is about 1 1/2 times that of the output of electrical apparatus and supplies, and twice as large as that of the automobile industry. Among all the industries in Canada, both agricultural and industrial, dairying ranks among the first three in gross value of production.

Farm Labour Situation
"The farm labour situation in P. E. I. was a bit critical for a period last spring, but the arrival of some displaced persons and Dutch farm labourers eased the shortage to some extent and little definite hardship prevailed on account of scarcity of farm help. It is true that the lure of high wages and short hours being offered in industrial centers are drawing many of our young men and women away from the farms. This is a regrettable situation, but one that seems to be difficult to remedy at the present time, where there is such activity in defence and industrial projects.

"I believe that if more of our farmers had living quarters for married men and their families available on their farms, it would help solve the problem. In discussing the possibility of having more Dutch farm labourers come to this Province, I am informed by officials of the Netherlands Embassy in Ottawa that more married men would be available than single. To provide living quarters for farm help is an expensive proposition at present, due to high costs of building materials.

"The Dominion Provincial Farm Labour Agreement has worked out quite satisfactorily so far as seasonal labour is concerned—for the haying season some 73 men were brought in from other Provinces; most of them rendered satisfactory service and a number of them remained here for the remainder of the season.

"For the potato digging season some 635 helpers were brought to the Province, and the policy of paying return transportation for those who remained until digging operations had been completed, and could show that they had given satisfactory service to their employers, worked out well, because it was an inducement for them to finish the job."

Farm Prices

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At the present time the general price level on the Island is from \$1.89 to \$1.99 per bushel for all varieties of tablestock, with seed bringing from \$1.90 to \$2.60, with somewhat higher prices being paid for Foundation stock. This earlier trend is not to be wondered at, and it is no doubt only a temporary situation. Even at those prices the present market is in a good position and this has been the best Fall potato market that we have known for a long time.

The following are potato prices at various points on the Island as secured to-day:
Tignish—Tablestock, Sebagoes \$1.93 per bus at the car. Movement slow. Some Mountains were shipped at \$1.92 per bus at the car. Seed-Sebagoes \$2.07 per bus at the car. Slow movement. Also shipped some Mountains at \$1.82.
O'Leary—Tablestock \$1.80 per bus at farm. Seed \$1.90 per bus at the farm. Fairly good movement in both seed and tablestock.

Summerside—Tablestock \$1.89 to \$2.00 per bus at the farm. Movement slow. Seed \$2.00 at the farm. Slow movement. Expecting a boat tomorrow which will take about 80,000 bags.

Kensington—Tablestock \$1.88 per bus at the car. Fairly slow movement. Seed \$2.00 per bus at the car. Slow.

Vernon River—Tablestock \$1.92 per bus at the farm. Fair movement. Seed \$2.00 per bus at the farm. Fair movement.

Cardigan—\$1.95 per bus at the car for tablestock. \$2.00 per bus at the car for seed. Movement quiet in both seed and tablestock but picking up.

Morell—Tablestock. Nothing moving. Seed around \$2.00 per bus at the warehouse.

Murray Harbour—Tablestock \$2.00 per bus, loaded yesterday. Seed. None moving. Farmers holding back. Turnips 40c per bus.

Montague—Tablestock \$1.92 per bus at farm. \$2.00 bus. for Seed. Movement slow.

Colville and Wiltshire—Seed 2.10.

"Santa Claus Lane" To Be Held This Year

—At a meeting held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th by the Retail Merchants Committee of the Summerside Board of Trade, it was planned that Summerside will again, this year, have "Santa Claus Lane."

"The Lane" this year will have a formal opening which is planned for Tuesday, December 11th, with the Summerside Canadian Legion Band in attendance and at a pre arranged signal all lights will be turned on. Erection of the trees, which will be fastened to the parking meters, will begin in place and when all are in place and illuminated the entire Water Street will present a beautiful Christmas appearance.

Store closing hours for the Christmas and New Year season was another item on the agenda of the meeting and the committee recommended for consideration that stores will remain open on Wednesday, December 19th, and on Thursday and Friday evening, December 20th and 21st. They

will be open until nine o'clock. On Saturday evening the closing hour to be 9:30 and on Monday, Christmas Eve, all stores to close at 5:00 p.m.

Boxing Day to be a public holiday and the day after New Year's Day to be also observed as a holiday. Commencing on Saturday, December 29th the closing time to be 9:00 p.m. for the winter months.—S.

Kinsmen Club Hold Regular Meeting

—At the regular meeting of the Kinsmen Club held on Tuesday evening two new members, Cliff Ramsay and Dick Hurst were initiated. The ceremony which was under the chairmanship of Jim Harris, of the membership committee, was carried out by president Harry Dickie, vice president, Harold Arsenault, and past president, Greg Mulholland. Mr. Owen Cunningham was a guest.

Wally Coulson reported on the plans for the annual Christmas tree by which parcels are delivered to needy families on Christmas Eve. He said that the formal opening of the tree would be held on December 11th, at the

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—CAPE TRAVERSE Community Hall, Children's meeting Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Gospel meeting Lord's Day at 3 p.m. All heartily invited. G. A. Ramsay.

—BORDEN CHURCH SERVICE Sunday, December 2nd, at 3 P. M. in Legion Hall, Bible School at 2 P. M. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Wednesday evening. Every-

next regular meeting which would also be ladies night.

The sum of fifty dollars was voted to start this committee on its work. Elmer Offer reported that plans were under way for the Christmas toy matinee to collect toys for the children of the orphanages and Bud Doyle reported that necessary repairs had been made to the Kinsmen outdoor rink and a caretaker will be hired as soon as one becomes available.

He said that he hoped to have the rink open in the near future. The sum of \$200.00 was voted as the first expenditure on the rink. Greg Mulholland was chairman of the meeting and Al Bestall was finesmaster.—S.

one welcome. Rev. D. M. Fraser, Minister.

—O'LEARY PASTORAL CHARGE. The United Church of Canada. Rev. W. G. Dickson, B.A., Minister. The services on Sunday, December 2nd, are as follows:—Bloomfield at 11 A. M. Special Mission Band service. West Devon at 2 P. M. Brae at 3:30 P. M. O'Leary at 7:30 P. M. Sunday Schools, Bloomfield at 10 A. M. Brae at 2:30 P. M. and O'Leary at 10:30 A. M. Young People's Unions at the different places as announced. Everybody welcome.

—Y. P. U. MEET—O'Leary United Church Young People's Union met on Thursday night, Nov. 29th, in the church, with the president, Hester Boates presiding and conducting worship. Reports of the Western Presbytery Rally at West Devon were given. The meeting closed by the Misspah Benediction. A.Z.

—KENSINGTON—BURLINGTON AND NEW LONDON Anglican Churches, Sunday, December 2nd, 1951. First Sunday in Advent. Rev. R. W. B. Coupland, B. A., Rector. St. Mark's, Kensington, 10 A.M. Church School, 11 A.M. Holy Communion. St. Thomas', New

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is a trick of the Beavers when a tree they are cutting is about to fall. The young Beaver turned to run back toward the water. Paddy also started to run. Old Man Coyote sprang out. There was a sharp snapping sound, then a crash! The big tree had fallen just ahead of Old Man Coyote! In fact he ran right into it before he could stop himself. Some of the branches struck and stung him across the face. At almost the same instant there was a loud splash in the water of Paddy's pond. The two Beavers had dived in together, and two big flat tails had been brought down hard on the water, making a loud splash. It was the danger signal for other Beavers.

Reverently, Old Man Coyote crawled out from under the branches of the fallen tree. "I didn't want a Beaver dinner anyway," he muttered as he sneaked away. London, 2:30 P. M. Evensong (weather and roads permitting.) St. Stephen's, Burlington, 7:30 P.M. Evensong. (weather and roads permitting.)

Boys! Girls! Be Sure To Visit Your Old Pal SANTA In His Very Own TOYLANDS at HOLMAN'S



We all know that Santa is a very, very busy fellow right now, but he's in his own Toylands at Holman's in Charlottetown on Tuesdays and Fridays both morning and afternoons, and at Holman's in Summerside on Thursdays and Saturdays both mornings and afternoons. Be sure to come in and visit with him, bring Mummy, Daddy or some grownup person with you. To avoid the crowds come early or late—Santa's hours are from 10 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. Santa wants to see every single one of his little friends.

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SET ME DOWN! I FIGGERED ACTIN' LIKE I WAS NEAR KILLED WOULD CURE HER OF WANTIN' TO TAKE PART IN MEN'S SPORTS---BUT I DON'T WANT HER DISGRACIN' ME ALL TH' WAY HOME, SHOWIN' WHO DONE IT!

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