

# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

## FORESTRY DIVISION

Forestry was first introduced into Prince Edward Island in the year 1938 when, under the National Forestry Program, a number of young men under the supervision of a graduate forester, selectively cut from one half to one acre plots on previously chosen sites, mostly along main highways. These managed plots were supposed to demonstrate that by a selective cutting, wood owners could not only obtain their winter's supply of fuel, logs and pulpwood, but what is more important, still have wood left standing. It impressed people at the time but the majority soon forgot that cutting could be done under a system of management and fell back to the age-old practice of clear-cutting. War came and even the people responsible for the introduction of forestry were quickly absorbed into the great task of emerging the victor. Forestry was forgotten until 1951 when, under the Department of Industry and Natural Resources, a Forestry Division was formed. Two graduate foresters, Mr. Wendell Proffitt and Mr. J. Frank Gaudet were hired to head the division. In the summer of 1955 this division was transferred to the Department of Agriculture.



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The policy can be broken down into two main divisions namely: (1) Reforestation of waste lands, (2) Forest management. These shall be dealt with separately. **REFORESTATION OF WASTE LANDS**

In order to reforest any amount of waste land a continuous source of plank supply had to be ensured. With this in mind a forest tree nursery was established at Beach Grove in 1952. This nursery will come into production in the spring and there will be approximately two hundred thousand transplants either for sale or to be planted by the division this year. The plantings have formerly been on marginal and sub-marginal, government-owned lands. This year the policy will be changed to include privately-owned lands. More about this will be forthcoming at a later date. As people are becoming ever more Christmas-tree conscious, an adequate amount of balsam fir, the favorite yuletide tree, has been started in the nursery. However, our nursery will not be able to supply the demand for such a species for another year.

**FOREST MANAGEMENT**  
Forestry or forest management means the continuous efficient handling and profitable use of the forest. Clear-cutting, as practiced here, is not sound forest management, in many cases. In fact, clear-cutting is only considered good practice, if there exists, after the cut, adequate regeneration to ensure the continuance of the forest. In this mind, it has been this division's aim to educate the woodlot owner in the efficient handling of the woodlot. There are a few who do handle their woodlots properly, but the majority still practice clear-cutting. Demonstration woodlots have been set up on provincially-owned lands in different localities on P. E.I. with the idea of increasing the interest in them. It is hoped that the number of demonstration woodlots will be increased each year. People who wish to visit these woodlots may do so and see how a well-cared for woodlot looks like and how it should be managed.

In ending, I will do so by striking a rather pessimistic note; I do not think that we on P.E.I. value our woodlots to the full extent. We have no idea what they are worth, not only in dollars and cents but in the many and varied functions they perform in soil conservation, water conservation and as tourist attractions. Should we not take more interest in our woodlands? Should we not treat and care for them as any other agricultural crop? For as Mr. J. Muller, Vice-President and General Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, so aptly stated and I quote: "we are only the temporary trustees and custodians of our vast resources and endowments—that we



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are in duty bound to develop these resources and endowments and deal with them in our day for the greater good of generations of Canadians yet to come."  
(J.F. Gaudet) BScF.

**FAT STOCK SHOW**  
The Prince Edward Island Fat Stock Show and Sale will be held at the Provincial Exhibition Grounds on March 15th and 16th. Early sign indicate that this will be one of the most outstanding sales held to date.

At the time entries closed 125 cattle had been listed-included in this number are 7 calf cut entries. All cattle must be weighed the day previous to showing.  
Mr. Fred Major of the Massey-Harris Farm, Milliken, Ont., will be the judge. The auctioneer will be Mr. Claude Craswell of Winsloe.  
The evening following the showing of the cattle on March 15th, a banquet will be held in the Parkdale Hall. Tickets for this event may be purchased from Miss Toombs at the P.E.I. Department of Agriculture 180 Richmond St. Charlottetown.

**4-H NEWS**  
Mrs. Maylea Manning, Director of Women's and Girls' Work is representing the Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture at the 25th. Annual Meeting and Conference of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs being held in Saskatoon on March 5, 6, and 7, 1956.  
Representatives of the Canada Department of Agriculture as well as representatives of the ten provincial Departments of Agriculture will be in attendance.  
There will also be representatives from the 34 Business Members of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs and from the 12 Associate Members of the Council. Associate Members are various agricultural associations throughout Canada.  
Monday morning, March 5, R.G. Bennett, President of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs will open the Conference. Mayor John D. McAskill, Mayor of Saskatoon and Doctor V.E. Graham Dean of the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, will de-

## IN MEMORIAM

HARRY LAWSON REID

The death occurred in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Tuesday, January 10, 1956, of Harry Lawson Reid, Vernon River, P. E. I., only son of the late Benjamin J. Reid and Rachel Ann Jenkins, Peter's Road, P.E.I. Lawson's sudden death at the age of twenty-nine came as a shock to his relatives and many friends. A ready smile and very pleasing personality made Law-

son a dear friend to young and old alike, as well as a highly respected member of our community.

Surviving family members who reside in Vernon River are: Irene, (Mrs. Gordon Lea); Dora, (Mrs. Ralph Lea); and eleven nephews and nieces of whom Lawson was a beloved uncle.

A short service was conducted by Rev. John Sheen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lea, January 12, following which the remains were transferred to Peter's Road Presbyterian Church where a very large congregation assembled to pay their final respects.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. John Sheen, assisted by Rev. Carl Currie. During the service the choir sang the following hymns: Rock of Ages; Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown; A solo was touchingly rendered by Mr. Willard MacLean "Good Night and Good Morning."

Interment was in the family plot at Peter's Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Vic MacLean, Victor Wilson, Herbert Enman, Edgar Vanderstine, Edward Jenkins and Gerald Johnston.

Down a road that's calm and peaceful,  
Guided by God's knowing hand  
He has gone upon a journey  
To a distant, brighter land.  
And although our hearts are heavy  
With the sorrow we must bear  
But it helps to bring us comfort  
That he is in a happy there.  
Do not ask for any tears o'er flow  
For many a day our hearts o'er flow  
And life seems trite and stale.

**FRIENDSHIP TRAIL**  
When we lose a friend with whom we've walked  
Many years o'er friendships trail  
For many a day our hearts o'er flow  
And life seems trite and stale.

But then we think of pleasures shared,  
Of memories fond and dear,  
And we find a smile is struggling with,  
And drying up the tear.

Memories we tell like a Rosary,  
And treasure each loving deed,  
The kindly things that were done  
For us, the help when we were in need.

No, we never lose our beloved dead  
Not dead for they only sleep,  
And we know if God wills,  
In the land above,  
A living vigil they keep.

The curtain may fall,  
But not for long,  
Are our dear ones from us apart  
And while they are from day to day,  
We hold them first in our heart.  
Stella Adams, New London North.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of the late Lawson Reid, wish to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Stewart and Nurses of the P. E. I. Hospital.

A Special Thanks to Rev. John M. Sheen who so tenderly visited Lawson in his last hours in the Hospital. Also to Rev. Carl Currie, Murray Harbour, Mrs. May Clay, of Bison Restaurant, neighbours and friends who so kindly helped during our sudden and bereavement. Also thank you to the many friends and relatives who sent flowers, letters and cards.

**FLOODS HIT COLOMBIA BOGOTA, COLOMBIA (AP)**—Ten persons were reported dead and a number missing in a flood which swept away part of the village of Silvanita, 50 miles southeast of Bogota Wednesday. Heavy rains in the Andes mountains caused the overflow of the Suba river.

**RETURNING SALMON**  
Atlantic salmon make three or more migrations to fresh water for spawning, but Pacific salmon return only once.

## British Hangman Quits Before Hanging Abolished

LONDON (AP)—Albert Pierrepont, Britain's official hangman, is quitting the job—just as Britain seems about to give up hanging.

The 45-year-old executioner said Sunday, however, that the campaign to abolish the gallows for convicted murderers has nothing to do with his decision. He emphasized he is resigning so that he can devote all his time to running his pub.

The House of Commons already has given tentative approval to the abolition of capital punishment for murder although Prime Minister Eden has indicated the government will refuse to support a "no hanging" bill when it is voted upon shortly.

Pierrepont, a short, stocky man with a ready smile, is giving up only a part-time job. He got £15 for each hanging. But he found the macabre sideline a good business for it attracted the curious to his pub, called "Help the Poor Struggler."

Now he has taken over a 300-year-old inn, "The Rose and Crown," near Blackpool. There, usually smoking a cigar or cheroot,

he is a cheery landlord ready to crack a joke or entertain the customers by jolting in a song while drawing a pint.

Good naturedly, he smiled off attempts to get him to talk about his "other job." He once said it was "sacred to me, really."

He never took sides publicly on the capital punishment issue. A few years ago he told a royal commission investigating capital punishment:

"I have seen more executions than anybody living—and I think a woman is braver than a man."

He said he considered hanging "as humane and quick as any method could be and certainly cleaner than shooting."

The job of chief hangman has been in the Pierrepont family for the last 85 years. His uncle, Thomas William Pierrepont, executioner for 35 years, retired in 1945 and died in 1954 at the age of 83 after hanging more than 300 criminals. Albert's father, Henry, succeeded to the job for a short time.

**At Least Twelve Conventions Here Next Summer**

Four additional convention groups have been booked for meetings in Prince Edward Island this year. It was disclosed following a meeting of the P. E. I. Convention Bureau held yesterday at the Travel Bureau. This brings the total so far for 1956 to 12 conventions for the province.

The new ones are: the Ontario Goodwill Crop Association for Charlottetown and Summerside July 14 and 15; The Maritime Ladies Golf Association, Charlottetown; the Maritime Air Force group, Summerside, and the National Dairymen's Association.

Present at the convention committee meeting were representatives of the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau; the Prince Edward Island Innkeepers' Association; the Charlottetown City Council; the Charlottetown Board of Trade; the Summerside Town Council; the Summerside Board of Trade and the Canadian National Railways.

### Little Folks

BY PIERCE'S

HE LOOKS LIKE A STRANGER -- I THINK I'LL ASK 'EM!  
H'LO! WHERE ARE YOU FROM?  
I WAS BORN, BRED AN' BUTTERED RIGHT HERE!  
GOSH! THAT REMINDS ME... MOM WENT SHOPPIN' AT PIERCE'S GUESS I'LL TROT HOME AN' WHIP ME UP A KING SIZE SANDWICH. BYE!

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