

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Beleaves the sea

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I VISITED Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bell, Belle River recently for one of the most unusual events in my many years...

"Mack" Bell, as he is known to his neighbours, harnesses a horse and travelled to the shore where he helped haul 16 sailors and their gear from the ship to the shore...

Two of the Q boats had been standing by a crippled freighter on the Strait, but lost her in the storm and got separated from her...

Disaster Really Struck On Sunday
IT WAS a long and difficult night for Mr. Bell, but disaster really struck him Sunday afternoon when his large barn was burned—had just finished putting a hip roof on it and added a shed—along with 'ten of the best' Guernsey pigs and all of his feed...

The captain and crew brought a bucket brigade to keep water on the house—they were handicapped too because the ladders were down and the sparks came from the barn...

AND HERE late struck a second cruel blow at the people who had been through the fire and their hearts to the shipwrecked sailors a few hours earlier. The volunteers unfortunately piled the furniture, bedding, etc., in a spot where it was ignited, and most of it was ruined by the sparks from the barn...

Mr. Bell had been told that the fire was over and he was unaware of this happening until it was too late. And here's the most completely unbelievable part of all. Some people have covered up the disaster by saying that the fire was caused by the captain and crew...

The captain and crew brought buck mattresses from the ship and the Bells used them until they could afford to buy new ones. The loss of the barn, and the loss of the cow, was a terrible blow to the wage earners of a dairy farmer—a terrible blow, not to mention the loss of the house and the loss of the house...

Hair turned Gray In Two Weeks

"MY BROWN hair turned completely gray in two weeks," he couldn't sleep for weeks, recalled the keeple, friendly farmer who credits the late Dr. Lester Brabant of Murray River with giving him the "secret of youth" in the form of a hair cream...

The Bells felt that the barn fire had been started by a cigarette butt, or a match that had not been completely snuffed out before it was dropped by one of the sailors. But they never received any news from the government...

I'M NOT sure whether the commission's work has been properly done or not, but I am sure that the commission should never be closed out, not when there is an opportunity to minimize the suffering of the people...

Old Story of French Treasure
THERE'S another interesting tale connected with the Bell farm. Older folk in Belle River recall the rock near the shore. It was told by Mr. George O'Brien, the Belle River farmer who was Donald Bell's grandfather...

Speculation In West Prince Ridings

THE LIBERALS in 1st and 2nd Prince are holding conventions next week to nominate candidates for the next provincial election. Prosper Armstrong will probably be the French choice in the First District with Bob Campbell and possibly Alexander Campbell, Summerside offering for the other seat...

My old friend Watson MacNaught gave me a terse "No comment" when I asked him a few days ago if he would be offering this time, but I don't think he will be either of the two Western ridings anyway.

Education Views Policy On Freight Aid To Grain

Beef and cattlemen are thought to be the CFA but it under consideration in preparation for a national conference planned on the matter for late this fall.

The meeting is called for the express purpose of hearing the views of the industry and the public on the matter which was appointed on April 19. Action on the report will be taken at the national conference...

Reasons for this special study being made might be summarized as follows: (1) MacPherson Commission on transportation was critical of the policy and reflected on its value. (2) Some unfairness in the method of applying the assistance as between different parts of the country had developed. (3) A demand by Ontario growers of wheat and corn that the policy be extended to their crops.

Two and one-half days of intensive study and discussion were devoted to the topic and a report prepared for submission to the board. CFA policy with respect to freight assistance is not embodied in the following six points which lack of space are listed without comment:

1. That the policy of assisting the movement of feed grain to the major markets in the Columbia markets be continued. That the freight assistance policy be embodied in special legislation, replacing the present policy of implementation through Order-in-Council and annual inclusion of expenditures in the Appropriation Act.

2. That in principle rates of freight assistance paid should be no greater than the cost of the movement to recognized local destinations. That the total cost of the movement to recognized local destinations be no greater than \$3 per ton. The transportation cost referred to is the total cost of the movement to recognized local destinations.

3. That in general the application of freight assistance on agricultural products be continued on the present basis. Some adjustments in the present policy are necessary, however, required to provide a greater degree of equity to consumers of agricultural products. To this end the present policy should be modified so that in no case shall the balance of cost of transportation to the consumer, after payment of the assistance, be greater than \$3 per ton. The transportation cost referred to is the total cost of the movement to recognized local destinations.

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6. That payment of feed freight assistance should not be confined to movement of water and rail. While a number of semi-annual meetings have been held, the results have not been materialized, will mark the first occasion on which the two main agricultural organizations have met in this province.

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