



LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED

At a meeting of the Rural Development Council yesterday at St. Dunstan's University, Rev. Frank Lacey (RIGHT) presented Rudi Dalenbach with a life membership in the Rural Development Council of Prince Edward Island. Mr. Dalenbach initiated the Council and the Community Schools in this province.

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Canadian, Scottish Farmers Facing Similar Problems

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR

SCOTTISH FARMER
The writer recently had the opportunity of spending some time with Watson Peat, President of the Scottish Farmer's Union. Mr. Peat was a guest at an executive meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and was struck with the similarity of agricultural problems in Canada and in his homeland. Perhaps the one that seemed to be a common denominator is that of obtaining labour for the operation of farms.

in Scotland as in this province many of the farms have become one man operations and everyone knows the problems associated with this. Mr. Peat pointed out that a really good farm in his country, if sold, would provide the farmer with more investment return than he could get out of the farming operation. This was felt to be a very bad economic situation indeed, the opinion was expressed that it was entirely wrong that more money could be made by clipping coupons than in actually running a good farm operation. Even after a lifetime of association with it we are always amazed at the contrasts in farming and the great variety of attitudes to it. We are inclined to suspect that the average urban person in thinking of a farmer would probably associate with the term overalls and rubber boots, certainly these are the everyday garb of most farmers, it would probably be fair to further suggest that this apparel is not exactly associated with a superior social status or with great wealth.

response to our knock at the door he appeared in rubber boots, overalls and smock. There was nothing surprising in this except that the farmer in question is a millionaire some times over and his sole occupation is farming. The operation involves over 300 fine dairy cows including one that was bought at a dispersal sale for \$40,000.00. The land which this man owns and farms is reputedly worth two million dollars but he and his sons are more interested in farming than in two million dollars in cash. Perhaps the striking thing

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Friday, October 28

about this visit was the interest and enthusiasm of the farmer in question for what he was doing. He liked farming, this was what he wanted to do even though it involved farming land that was a veritable gold mine.

The moral of all this would appear to be that rubber boots and overalls are worn by people of a very wide variation in ability and wealth and that judgement based upon clothing can often be wide of the target.

In spite of a reasonably favourable season butter production in this province is down quite substantially from last year. For instance in the week ending October 15 production was 96,000 pounds as compared to 123,000 pounds a year ago. It needs, of course, to be pointed out that this situation is partly due to larger quantities of milk going into other products. Certainly there is an opportunity for Island farmers in the production of dairy products, he, of course, will base his decision on whether there is money to be made in the operation and whether labour problems, etc. can be solved.

UNEMPLOYMENT
While it is now official that unemployment insurance will become available to farm workers there are still a number of regulations to be worked out. For instance under what terms and conditions can a member of the farmer's family have insur-

ance? By some officials it was being suggested that insurance would be denied a son-in-law or daughter-in-law, this would, of course appear to be going pretty far down the family scale.

Another one was how long an employee might be allowed to work without stamps being purchased or how short a period could be excluded. There are still many questions to be answered in this connection.

From a farm standpoint the two most important recent pieces of legislation dealt with in Ottawa are those setting up of a livestock feed agency and the forming of the Dairy Industry Commission. The latter is, of course, a highly significant piece of legislation in that it can very well be, if successful, the forerunner of similar legislation for other branches of agriculture. The commission will consist of three persons and there is a great deal of interested speculation on the composition of what can be a very important body for the dairy industry.

NATIONAL ANNUAL
Already the dates have been announced for the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to be held in Winnipeg January 23 to 27. The Dairy Farmers of Canada will meet in the same location on January 17, 18 and 19.

When the Mount-Royal Dairies of Montreal failed to pay their producers for milk delivered during the month of July last - cheques issued on August 20 were returned by the bank marked insufficient funds - it started a series of events which has put a financial burden on all milk producers supplying the Montreal fluid market.

The amount of money owing shippers to the Mount-Royal Dairies from August 1 to August 26 totalled \$298,100. Emergency measures were taken by the

Montreal Market Whole Milk Producers - Suppliers Board following a meeting on August 23 of all producers supplying the Mount-Royal Dairies. The Board arranged the immediate temporary transfer of these producers to another dairy and the payment of their milk under the average price agreement article provided under the joint marketing regulations. The regulations state that each producer shall receive the same average price for his quota and excess milk, irrespective of the dairy establishments where his production has been received.

The Producers - Suppliers Board, in order to pay the shippers to the Mount-Royal Dairies, reduced the average market price to all shippers in the mar-

ket by 56 cents per 100 pounds, thereby making possible the payment of the August deliveries to the stranded shippers. Producers will be able to recover 20 cents of this 56 cents on their September shipments as a result of the guaranteed bond of the Mount-Royal Dairies being recently awarded to the Montreal Market Whole Milk Producers - Suppliers Board. Approximately \$205,000 from the

guaranteed bond will be used to pay those producers who delivered their milk to the Mount-Royal Dairies during July.

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