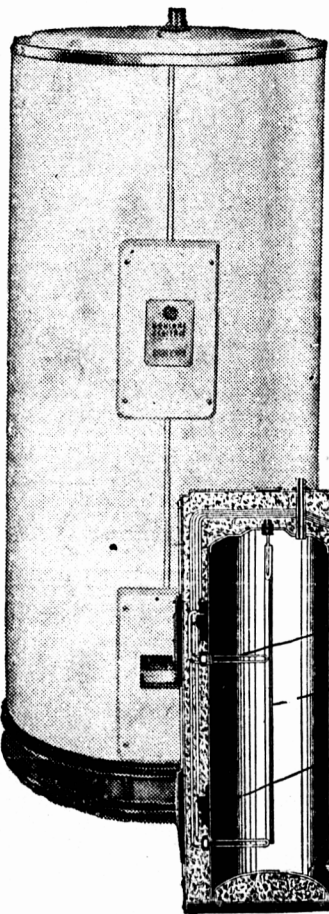


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**Seeding Well On**  
Although the weather has been backward and land very cold up until the last couple of days, there is a good deal of seeding completed in different parts of the Island.  
Farmers in two or three areas of Kings County report that they are through seeding grain and are all ready for planting potatoes and other roots. A spotty check right across the province yesterday indicated that the acreage of early potatoes and turnips is about average. The general potato planting program however, will be completed, if weather permits, much earlier this year.  
Apparently, there will be quite an increase in the acreage of mixed grains sown. This policy has been advocated by our Department of Agriculture and farm organizations for several years. Fertilizing grains and pastures seems to be a more general practice this year also.

**Dairymen Busy**  
A joint meeting of the directors of the Dairymen's Association and managers of the Island creameries last week, unanimously approved the policy of rejecting at creameries, anything below, first grade cream. Great strides were taken in improving quality last year as a result of this policy.  
Four main suggestions were offered to the few farmers who were having cream rejected. First, be sure that cows do not get near any cull potatoes or other rubbish which is dumped out of the cellars. This taints the cream. Second, make sure that stables are kept clean and milking utensils washed thoroughly after each milking. Third, rinse separator after using it with plenty of clean cold water and make sure fresh cream is thoroughly cooled before mixing it with the other. Fourth, cool cream in water or ice, it has much greater cooling qualities than cold air. Try if possible to avoid delay in taking cream from the cooler to cream truck or factory.  
Arrangements are being made for wide-spread advertising and publicity scheme for Island butter and cheese this spring. Plans are also in the making for arousing consumers to the nutritional value of whole milk and for increasing its consumption in the urban areas.  
Final arrangements were made at the meeting for Island Co-Op Services to act as the central selling agency for tending the bulk of from our Co-Operatives and farmer-owned creameries, to the Dairy Products Board this year.  
There have been no new packaging machines arrived as yet. Unforeseen delays have come up in making special parts for those machines on order. However, it is expected they will be available well before the peak of production is reached. Even in local markets one-pound prints of butter are increasing in demand.

**Marketing Schemes**  
The details of our potato marketing scheme have been completed and are under study by the Potato Committee, and the Provincial directors. A meeting of the Maritime Committee is being held today to review in detail the proposed scheme so that it will conform with conditions and problems in each province.  
After a great deal of work, study and research on the problem our local committee reports they will be ready to present this scheme for ratification in the very near future.

**Hogs Up**  
The hog market really bounced this week, with Montreal and Maritime prices up from 3 1-2c to 4c per pound over last week's quotations.  
Many people are asking why, the price fluctuations when there is a floor price for the British cut tract. Actually, those variations in price are based on sales and demand at the large stock yards in Montreal, Toronto and Chicago and are functioning above the contract price. However, we can say that the livestock marketing set-up, which is based on the shipping clubs and cooperatives in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and which handles over 90 per cent of the hogs marketed from those two provinces, is a big factor in protecting hog prices for Island farmers as well. Livestock marketing, with special reference to hogs and lambs may well be a special question for discussion at our county meetings in June.  
Mr. Gardiner recently expressed the opinion that Western farmers would not go back into hog production while prices of grains and beef remained at reasonable levels. The hog population in Saskatchewan is reduced from 1,700,000 in 1944 to about one quarter of this number today. With this assurance for markets and by growing more grains, hogs can still play a big part in our mixed farming program.

**Canadian Swine Conference**  
Prince Edward Island hog men are being honored on June 6th by the Canadian Swine Breeders Association holding their annual meeting in Charlottetown. This is a privilege and an opportunity that every farmer, who is raising registered swine or selling a fair volume of commercial hogs cannot afford to miss. Actually, the eyes of the swine industry in Canada and the United States are on Prince Edward Island. Our whole Federation and our Swine Organization in particular is looking for a large turnout of farmers to this conference a week from Tuesday. Even though the season may be busy, it will be time well spent.

Policies for the whole swine industry in Canada for the next few years may be determined at this Conference. Even a small change in grading policies, which we are led to believe will be discussed, might greatly upset our program and hog returns here.  
This will also be an opportunity to make contacts for the sale of breeding stock and to meet leading livestock farmers from the other provinces. Many of the delegates will also be visiting our farms during their stay here.

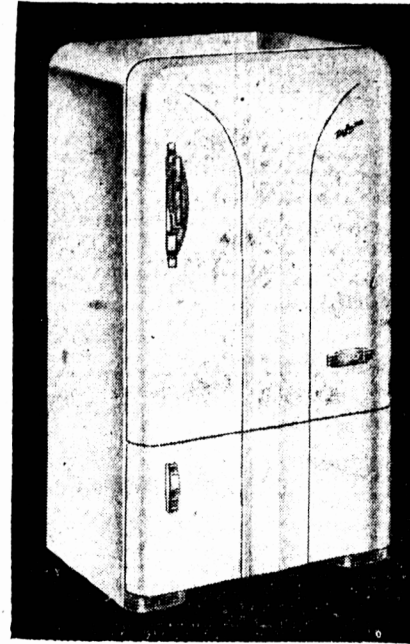
**June 10-11 Dates Of Women's Institute Convention**

The Provincial Executive of the Women's Institutes met recently to discuss plans for the annual convention and to transact routine business matters.  
Mrs. Herring gave a summary of the F. W. I. C. Executive meeting, which was held in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, from April 24 to 27. Business pertaining to Agriculture, Citizenship, Home Economics, and Cultural activities was dealt with. A new F. W. I. C. brochure was prepared to be used in Citizenship work, particularly for new Canadians. Plans for the A. C. W. W. Conference in Copenhagen were finalized, and policy agreed on. Tentative plans for the next biennial Convention were made, and a resolution committee was appointed for same.  
Several resolutions were presented and sent to the proper authorities; among these being requests for fortified flour and vitaminized apple juice.  
A request was received from the Provincial Educational Council, asking for six names of executive members from whom three could be chosen to represent Women's Institutes. Two members from each county were nominated.  
Deep regret was expressed for the loss suffered by our organization in the death of Mrs. William Mutch, of Rocky Point. Mrs. Mutch had served loyally through the years as Institute representative on the Sanatorium Commission. It was agreed that the convener of Social Welfare, Mrs. W. E. MacKinnon, replace Mrs. Mutch on the Commission.  
The Home Beautification Contest was discussed, especially with regard to community improvement. It was decided that five projects of judging be given one hundred points each—minimum number to cover public buildings, roadside improvement, mail-boxes and road signs.  
Consideration was given to applications for space in Handicraft building. A request from the Travel Bureau for space for display of National Parks publicity was allotted, but requests from individuals wishing advertising booths were refused by executive, because of limited space available for handicraft displays.  
The completed scrap-book for the Netherlands' Women's Institutes was submitted for final approval and a vote of thanks tendered Mrs. Gates for her work on same.  
Plans for Annual Convention were discussed. Several names of guest speakers were submitted. Tentative dates chosen were July 10 and 11, at which time it is hoped to have our National President, Mrs. E. E. Morton of Vegreville, Alberta, present with us.  
Details concerning Provincial Life Memberships were cleared up for the satisfaction of all who had requested information.  
Literature with regard to sanitary equipment for rural schools, was distributed, and a brief talk on same was given by a visiting gentleman.

**West Royalty W. I. Has 20th Anniversary**  
The May meeting of the West Royalty Women's Institute was held in the Blue Room of the Old Spain, at which time the 20th Anniversary was celebrated. Fifteen members, and nine guests—all charter members of West Royalty Institute—enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner prior to the business meeting.  
The meeting opened with Mrs. England presiding. Following the singing of the Ode and repetition of the Creed, reports of committees were heard. An excellent account of the T. B. League annual dinner-meeting was given by Mrs. Murray. Collectors for the Red Cross reported progress with collections, although not quite completed.  
Mrs. Lank reviewed the organizational meeting of District Convention Executive and asked for contributions to the programme.  
The guest speaker of the evening was unavoidably absent. It was decided to have Bue Cross discussed at next meeting, when someone from that organization would be present.  
The June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Irwin Miller. Lunch committee appointed being Mrs. Moore, Mrs. MacLeod,

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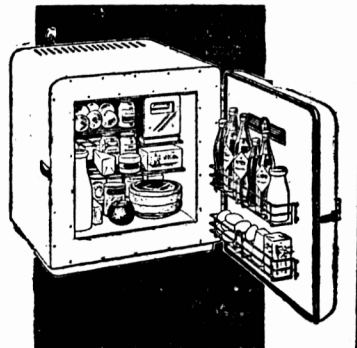
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A very pleasant feature of the meeting was the welcome extended to the charter members, who were guests for the anniversary celebration. Mrs. Lank, in a few well-chosen words conveyed

the welcome on behalf of the present members. Of the original eighteen members, only four are active members of West Royalty W. I. at the present time. Two have passed on and the others have moved to other Institute districts.  
Mrs. Cyrus Pickard in thanking the Institute for the delicious

meal, and the privilege of renewing friendships, recalled many pleasant associations of former years in West Royalty. A condensed report of Institute activities for the past twenty years, was given by Mrs. Gates, after which a social hour brought the meeting to a pleasant conclusion.

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