Among The Farmers

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

POTATO PROBLEMS

Prince Edward Island's important cash crop appears to be facing a difficult season - price-wise and market-wise. Conditions have apparently been favorable for production in many of the major potato growing areas. The result is a surplus and of course, low prices. Last spring's erratic market apparently produced a feeling of uneasiness, instability and general lack of confidence in the potato market. This feeling was strongly reflected in the prices obtained by the California growers in Eastern markets. Present quotations in this area are at a low level and what the future holds is uncertain. While potatoes are a staple article of diet and amount to almost a necessity, nevertheless, the demand for them is very inelastic. Low prices do not materially increase consumption, although extremely high prices will curtail it. The industry is noted for its speculative nature. The possibility of profits tempt the adverturous and the result is in many cases that a percentage of the production falls into the hands of operators who are strictly not farmers.

We believe that a large percentage of producers would be better satisfied with stable prices, even though these prices might not be high. Unfortunately the efforts of those who attempt to achieve stability run at cross-purposes with the views of those who like the speculation.

Those who consider the question are well aware of the difficulties in reconciling urban and rural viewpoints. This difficulty exists to perhaps a more marked degree in the potato industry in getting agreement between the farmer potato producer and the specialized operator.

We would hazard a guess that the future of the potato industry in this province during the next few years depends to a large extent upon the effective efforts of the producers themselves in making funds available for disease control, promotion and advertising and in general, solving the problem of marketing in an orderly, controlled way.

AND ANOTHER LOCUST

Fortune has again smiled on the Western grain grower. Smiled in the way of a bumper grain crop but producing a situation which is one of marked difficulty for the farmer and a real headache for those charged with marketing the crop. For ten years Canada has been in the wheat chips and for three years out of the last four has produced record or near record crops. All this combined with a United States policy which amounts almost to a give-away programme has dammed the grain up in Western Canada to the point where almost one billion bushels are seeking a market.

This year's wheat crop is of very high quality and a portion of it would be readily accepted in a variety of markets but elevators overflowing with wheat of lower quality hinder the movement to market of this year's higher grade. The Western farmer realizes that the lowering of prices will do very little to increase consumption. The world usually consumes a fixed amount of wheat regardless of the price. Price lowering may change the ownseship or title of the wheat but it does little to increase its use. The Western farmer has done a good job in perfecting his system of marketing but that system encounters rough going when the seas are churned by the high winds which blow from the treasury of the United States.

EGG PROBLEMS

On Wednesday, September 28th the operators of Egg and Poultry Stations met in Summerside and discussed a number of the pressing problems bothering the industry. This meeting was well attended and there was to a great extent evidence of a sincere desire to correct the things which plague the industry. The station operator is a key figure in the egg business. It is his responsibility to grade the product according to standards and in a manner which will meet with the approval of the trade and the consumer. The operator is or can be closely in touch with the farmer and is thus in a position to do much in the way of encouraging better production practices. We feel that the operators present at the meeting realize their responsibilities but there was possibly 25 or 30 not present. These are the ones who either are not concerned or are unwilling to face the fact that if the future of egg production is to be protected that a much better job must be done. Poultry at the present time is worth in the vicinity of two million dollars to this province. It might well be worth a great deal more but the system must be improved. The major problem at the moment is, of course, the one of quality and personally we are amazed that with a spread of roughly 25 cents per dozen in the prices of A and B eggs that the porducer is not doing everything to turn out a quality product.

In hogs the price between an A and a B is roughly 1 cent per pound, between special and first Grade cream 2 cents a pound on fat but in eggs the variation is almost 100 percent and yet even this does not seem to bring about the desired improvement.

Numerous suggestions for improvements were made viz.,

(1) An additional Federal inspector to assist in checking

(2) The appointment of a poultry field man by the Provincial Department to work with the producers.

(3) The publication of more information on egg production and egg problems.

(4) The selection by each station operator of one producer to act as a demonstrator for good management practices.

(5) The exchanging of graders among operators in order to promote uniformity of work.

(6) The display of posters by operators calling attention to the important points of good egg production.

(7) The provision of time at Federation meetings for discussion of the industry.

FARM FORUM NEWS

This week has seen in operation at Shediac, N. B. the first Maritime school for those interested and working in Farm Forum. The school is one of three being tried as an experiment in Canada this year. It organization and conduct is to a large extent the responsibility of the National Farm Forum office and its Secretary, Floyd Griesbach. The Citizenship Branch of the Federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration is also identified with the school and is assuming in certain instances a portion of the cost.

From this province representation was present from the Department of Agriculture; Women's Institute Branch; the Federation; Farm Forum; Cooperatives; Film Board and the Prince Edward Island Libraries.

The school was designed to impart information on the history, operation and achievements of Farm Forum but also dwelt to a large extent upon the techniques to be used in organizing Forums and in making them work successfully afterwards. In attendance was some thirty persons and these will now be the ones to initiate action and develop enthusiasm for the coming Farm Forum Season which gets underway October 31 when farm groups will discuss the topic "Teacher or Sitter!"

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TO REPRESENT 5 SIGNALS REGT. AT REVIEW

The above pictured detachment will be airborne to the Royal Canadian School of Signals near Kingston, Ont. on Friday by Signals Department transport to take part in the parade and review before their Colonel-in-Chief Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, who recently arrived in Quebec, from England. Lieut. Col. Johnston, E.D., O.C. left earlier in the week to attend a meeting of the Royal Canadian Signals Association of which he is Regional Vice President. He joins his command on arrival at Kingston. The detachment will travel under command of Major F. S. Jenkins, E.D., 2IC.

Front — Left to right; Sgt. L. A. Montigney, Sgt. F. A. Walsh, Capt. J. J. Coyle, Major F. A. Jenkins, E.D. (2IC), Lieut Col. K. M. Johnston, E.D. (Commanding Officer) Major H. R. Hennessey, Lieut. L. W. Ramsay, WO2 J. B. Gallant, C.D., Rear — Sigmn. Singleton, Cpl. G. M. Murray, Cpl. R. P. Walsh, Sigmn. K. C. Warren, Sigmn. F. V. DeCoste, Sigmn. M. D. Vail, Cpl. G. E. Waller, Cpl. J. R. Gautier, Sigmn. A. A. Lewellyn.

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NEW WINSTON FITZGERALD Record just arrived. Toombs Music Store.

NORTH RIVER Baptist services Oct. 9. Fairview 11 a.m.; North River 3:00 p.m. S. Ackland, speaker.

CLOSING NOTICE Byron J. Grant Charlottetown optometrist will be absent from his office from Oct 7 to 13th.

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WINSLOE PASTORAL Charge The United Church of Canada services Sunday are as follows, Winsloe North 9.45 a.m., Highfield 11 a.m., Winsloe South 7.30 p.m. Heber H. Hardy, minister.

CALEDONIAN CLUB buffet supper and ceilidh to honor Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, Charlottetown Hotel, October 11th, at 8.15 p.m. Public invited to attend. Admission $1.25. Tickets for sale at W. H. Beaton's Auction Room, Grafton St.

JERSEY AWARD— A ton of Gold certificate has been awarded to Jay's Basil Twinkle—177797—from the Jersey herd of Albert J. Boswall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. In 1461 days Twinkle produced 2,407 lbs. of fat. Her classification is very good. To qualify for this award a cow must produce at least 2,000 lbs. of fat in 4 consecutive years.

CROSS ROADS, Alexandra, Hazelbrook services for Sunday, Oct. 9 Cross Roads, 11 a.m.; Alexandra 3 p.m.; This service will be held in Cross Roads Church. Hazelbrook 7:30. All are welcome to these services. Rev. C. E. Armstrong, Minister.

BONSHAW SUNDAY School Service. October 9th. at 7:30 p.m.

COVEHEAD PASTORAL Charge United Church of Canada. Sunday, October 9, Rally Day services at all points: Covehead Rd., 9:30 a.m.; West Covehead, 11 a.m.; Stanhope, 7:30 p.m. Rev. N. R. Green.

YORK PASTORAL Charge—The United Church of Canada. Minister: Rev. J. M. Sproule. Sunday, October 9th, 1955. 9:30 a.m. York; 11:00 a.m. Central; 7:30 p.m. Brackley. (At the 11 o'clock service special music by three Mt. Allison Students: Miss Mary Devsmore, Brookfield, N.S., Mr. Dale Jackson, Magog, Quebec, Miss Betty Foster, Marshfield, P.E.I.).

HUNTER RIVER Pastoral charge, the United Church of Canada. Services on Sunday, Oct. 9 (Thanksgiving Sunday) as follows: Hampshire 9.45 a.m. (Thanksgiving and Communion) Sunday School 10.45; North Wiltshire 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.; Hunter River 7.30 p.m. Sunday School 10.30 a.m. Rev. C. R. Moase, B.A., B.D., minister.

NEW GLASGOW Christian Church Sunday, October 9, Thanksgiving services New Glasgow Sunday School 10 a.m. morning worship and communion 11 a.m. Mr. John MacNeill will be guest soloist. Cavendish United Baptist Church. Worship service 7:30 p.m. The Cavendish Male Quartette will sing. All are welcome to share in these services. Rev. Bryer R. Jones, B.A., B.D., minister.

BRADALBANE United church services. Sunday, Oct. 9th, Rose Valley 11 a.m.; North Granville 3 p.m.; Plesant Valley 7.30 p.m. Rev. H. S. Raynor, minister.

COUPLE HONORED— On Sept. 30th relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Whitlock of New Bedford, Mass. met in the Lodge Room in the Orange Hall to welcome them after an absence of 14 years from Hunter River.

Master Brian Whitlock and Paulet Orr presented the couple with a bouquet of cut flowers and a gift from the relatives. Movies, followed by refreshments, were enjoyed.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Canada, Central parish. Services next Lord's Day as follow: Clyde River, 11 .m. S.S. 10 a.m.; Churchill, 3 p.m., S.S. 2 p.m.; Canoe Cove, 7.30 p.m., S.S. 11 a.m.; Nine Mile Creek, S.S. 11 a.m. Note change of hour of worship at Clyde River and Canoe Cove. Rev. Donald Nicholson, minister.

UNLOADS FERTILIZER— The Motor Vessel "Milly" a ship of Liberian registration has completed the unloading of 3,700 tons of muriate of potash at the Railway wharf yesterday afternoon. The cargo which is consigned to the Island Fertilizer Company came from Germany.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY— The funeral of James Bernard Mc-Cabe was held Thursday morning from The Charlottetown Funeral Home to St. Eugene's Church Covehead where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by his pastor, Rev. O.P. Wood, who also officiated at the grave. Rev. P.F. MacDonald was present in the sanctuary. Pall bearers were: Joseph Robison, Bert Misner, Rupert Ross, Hubert Morrison, William Clow and Terrence Lamphier. Interment was in the Church Cemetery. The funeral was very largely attended.

RUMMAGE SALE at 215 Queen Street—next City Hall Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Auspices Oddfellows.

FRIDAY SPECIALS— Handbags and umbrellas 1-3 off. First quality hosiery $1.09. Sunter's Ladies Wear.

Card of Thanks

The Directors of Belfast Home Association wish to thank Mr. E. J. MacDougall Vernon for a donation of $111.31, total proceeds from a dance held in his new warehouse, also the many Women's Institutes of the district for their generous help.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Co-operative Union of Prince Edward Island Limited will be held beginning at 10 A.M. Friday, October 7th, at the Clover Club, Canadian Legion Building, Grafton Street, Charlottetown.

The general public is cordially invited to all sessions.

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LONG CREEK MISSION BAND

The first regular meeting of the "Busy Bees" Mission Band was held in the church Friday afternoon Sept. 23rd. Meeting opened by singing a hymn. Mrs. Grace MacArthur was organist. The President read the 23rd psalm followed by prayer by the leader.

Twenty-one members responded to roll call. Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed by the president. Mission Band Lesson on "India" was given by leader.

Next meeting to be held Oct. 21st. Roll call to be answered by naming a Missionary. Program Committee, Donna, Elaine, Beryl, Wayne, Claude, Blair. In absence of Secretary, Mrs. Donald MacEachern was appointed.

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FRIDAY SPECIALS

FIRST FLOOR—MEN'S DEPT.

Men's Broadcloth and Flannelette Pajamas. Values to $5.95. Friday Special $3.69
Men's Diamond Hose. Regularly priced at $1.50. Friday Special .... 89c Pr.
Boys' Station Wagon Coats in colors grey, blue and brown. Sizes 28 to 36. On Sale Friday at .. $8.95
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SECOND FLOOR—LADIES' DEPT.

One lot Ladies' Bras in first quality styling and material. Values to $2.25. Friday Special $1.00
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THIRD FLOOR—CHILDREN'S DEPT.

Girls' Blouses in plain and fancy white or colored. Sizes 3 to 6x. Friday Special 97c
Station Wagon Coats in colors navy, grey, taupe, and brown. Sizes 24 to 36. A Money Saver at $8.95
Short Sleeve Sweaters for the teen-ager in lovely pastels. Friday Special $1.79
Children's Nylon Dress and Slip Sets in colors pink, blue, and yellow. Sizes 3 to 6. Would make lovely Christmas gifts $2.95
Infants all Wool Sweater Sets. Regularly to $2.95. On Sale Friday at $1.79

THIRD FLOOR—HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

Fruit-of-the-loom Prints, especially priced for Friday—Only .... 69c yd.
Beehive Scotch Fingering All Wool Yarns. Regularly 55c. On Sale Friday at .... 45c Skein
Flannelette Blankets in the large 70 x 90 size. Color grey only. (Seconds). Reg. $6.50. Friday Special, pair $4.95
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