

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Georgetown Faded As Carferries Came

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MOST PEOPLE have forgotten, apparently, but the town of Borden that grew with the advent of the Borden-Tormentine ferry services grew as one man told me this week, "on the ashes of Georgetown."

These were the days of the Earl Grey, the Stanley, The Minto and the Northern Light, to name a few of the ships that pushed their way through ice fields in that era, and sometimes became hopelessly stuck when the conditions became too severe.

Capes' Ice Boats Not Forgotten

I'M NOT forgetting the ice boats at "the Capes" as the route from Cape Traverse to Cape Tormentine was known. But they carried mails, they also provided some passenger transportation. But it was necessarily limited, and the mail passengers had to take their turns on the ropes pulling the boats across the spots where there was solid ice.

Ships Sometimes Stuck Offshore

AT TIMES, back in those difficult days, the boats didn't make it all the way to the Georgetown wharf. Sometimes they were stuck a mile or more off shore. Then the folk around Georgetown hitched their horses to sleighs; hauled the cargo to shore, hauled new cargo from Georgetown to the steamers. They also hauled coal from Georgetown to the steamers' fires. They hauled fresh water for its passengers and also for the boilers and other needs.

Transportation Problems Solved

I COULDN'T find the file this week, when I wanted it, but I recall reading The Guardian that told the story of the inauguration of the Borden-Tormentine ferry service, and the issue exuberantly suggested that at last the Island's transportation problems had been solved.

Automobiles Loaded On Flat Cars

BUT HERE'S something else, which many people who lived through those years can affirm. The motorist drove his car up a ramp and on to a railway flat freight car. Then the flat car was shunted on to the car ferry, along with the other railway cars. It was indescribably slow service, compared with today when you drive on and drive off. But nobody seemed to mind at the time, not at the start anyway. Simply getting across with a car was a novelty that was most acceptable.

Dry Weather Plays Havoc With Grain, Root Crops

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR
Indications are that unless rain comes very soon that the Island's grain crop is going to be a very poor effort indeed. Already grain only a few inches in height is shooting out in head, with lack of moisture the quantity and quality of grain will both be affected and little bulk of straw will be realized.

The situation is also cause of concern for the potato crop, however, it is much more difficult to forecast the results as this crop has a longer growing season and can even after the first of September make a great deal of progress. Certainly there isn't the lush growth of vine usually associated with the Island's banner cash crop.

Fields are still being cultivated we expect for the planting of certain processing crops, the possibility of germination at this time would appear to be rather doubtful. Haying is now well underway with the crop ranging throughout the whole scale of very poor to excellent. At the moment the prospects for hay are actually better than for grain, at least we can see what we have on the one hand but the other crop is a real question mark.

Up to this point pastures, particularly where fertility has been applied, have been very good and are still holding up. Where too many cattle have been placed on pastures the race has been pretty close and the prospects are by the end of August for very close cropping indeed.

HAY COMPETITION

It is suggested that on Saturday morning July 17 at 8.45 a.m. farmers listen to CFCY for information supplied by David Smith on the new hay competition. There is real money involved for prize winning hay this year. On the same program Fred Cannon will be giving information on garden insect control.

BEF PRODUCE

Last Friday evening the directors of the Beef Producers' Association elected officers for the coming year. The new president is Max Thompson of Victoria and the vice-president is Knud Jorgenson of Fredericton. Those present received rather interesting pointers from the beef fieldman with respect to dehorning policy, treatment of warbles, and the advantages of giving steers some extra feed if pastures go. It was pointed out that cattle might not improve to the desired point and this would mean their being sold at sacrifice prices or carrying them over the winter an expensive business with scarcity of feed.

BUTTER PRODUCTION

In spite of dry weather this year's butter production continues to surpass last year's effort. As stated earlier in this letter pastures have been well maintained and we suspect that in a dry season there may be more substance in the pasture, in any event the animal isn't consuming great quantities of water as is the case in wet years.

HOG POLICY

That the efforts of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture on behalf of the swine industry are appreciated would appear to be borne out by a letter received from the secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Lacombe Breeders and we quote, "That the Association endorse the recommendations in revision of hog grading and ROP procedures that were approved at the CFA meeting held April 28-30, 1965, in Ottawa."

SCHOOL TAXATION

Recently this column referred to two school tax matters — the dual rate and poll tax. The minister of education has provided information on those two matters which we are pleased to pass on to our readers. Briefly the dual rate provides that for school taxation there may be a general rate applied to property and that to farm property including land and buildings but not the residence a rate of 50 per cent of the general rate is mandatory in districts where farmers make up less than 50 per cent of the number of rate payers. However, the dual rate may be applied in any district where the rate payers so decide.

NUFFIELD SCHOLARSHIP

Again announcement is made that the Nuffield Foundation will provide for 1966 two traveling scholarships to Canadian farmers. Persons either male or female in the age range of 30 to 35 years are invited to contact the Federation of Agriculture office for further information and application forms. The scholarships provides an extended period of travel and study in Great Britain starting in February and continuing until the fall. Already three young Island farmers have had the advantage of this experience.

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"Several members expressed their opinion that the recommendations emanating from your meeting represented the most progressive step that has ever been taken by the industry, and all were convinced that early implementation was a highly desirable."

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However, the dual rate may be applied in any district where the rate payers so decide. A recent amendment to the School Act now provides for a poll tax not less than \$5.00 and not exceeding \$50.00. What is important here is that there can be different rates in the same district for different classes of people.

This would appear to mean that the property owner could pay a poll tax of \$5.00 while a tenant or employed person not owning any property could be assessed at a higher rate.

STEER CLASSES An innovation at this year's exhibition will be the steer classes. These steers must be pure bred and have registration papers to indicate that they are at least twelve months old on July 20 and not over 17. Judging will award a possible 25 points to the live animal with the balance being decided on the basis of railgrade.

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NEW DEMOCRATS INSERT SEX IN CONSTITUTION

TORONTO (CP)—The New Democratic Party inserted sex into its constitution. It stayed there, too.

"All those in favor of sex raise your right hand," shouted chair man a David Lewis of Toronto.

There was a massive approval. The word was inserted in that part of the constitution which says party membership shall be open to anyone regardless of race, creed, language, among other things.

Now it is also regardless of sex. "This is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of," huffed one unidentified delegate into a microphone.

That didn't help the decorum one bit. Up to this point, no one seemed to mind the heart of the matter being carried out of proportion by an escalation of words.

But one delegate at the back of the room suddenly became annoyed. He jumped to a microphone and heatedly said this was no laughing matter.

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GEORGETOWN

Charles Martell, who spent the past two months visiting with his mother, Mrs. Michael Burke, and Mr. Burke, left early in the week on return to Toronto, Ont.

Dr. and Mrs. Maurice E. DeLory and family motored to Georgetown last week from Chester, N.S., and spent a week as the guests of Dr. DeLory's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. DeLory. Dr. DeLory is on the staff of the hospital at Bridgewater, N.S.

Coldwell MacMillan and two children, Karen and Brian of Halifax, N.S. are residing for the summer at Garrett's Tourist Court, Mr. MacMillan, who is a divinely student, is conducting services in Holy Trinity Anglican Church for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis David of Saint John, N.B., recently motored to Georgetown, where they were the guests of Mr. David's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence David.

Chester David of Camp Georgetown, N.B., was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence David.

Mr. and Mrs. William Publiver of Boston, Mass., are visiting at the home of Mr. Publiver's nephew, Mr. Harold Publiver and Mrs. Publiver and are also visiting Mr. Publiver's brother, James Publiver and Mrs. Publiver.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen DeLory and family of Halifax, N.S., are holidaying in Lunenburg and Georgetown, where they are the guests of Mrs. DeLory's father, Hugh MacPhee and Mr. DeLory's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. DeLory.

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Cattle Entries Needed For Fair

Breeders of registered cattle are slow this year to enter their animals in the Provincial Exhibition classes, and those who believe that the biggest prizes in history should have brought a record entry list are wondering why.

The nature of the Harry Hays formula which is being used at the exhibition limits the number of entries per breeder to one to each class, or section, with the exception of two sections in which two animals may be shown.

It means that a large breeder with a lot of good stuff can't swamp the smaller breeder with a few good cattle. The prizes that start at \$70 for first for dairy animals and go all the way down to \$10 for tenth place are unprecedented. Prizes in beef classes range from \$50 for first down to six dollars for tenth.