



THE CHARLOTTETOWN Rotary Club honored Monday a number of outstanding Island agriculturists at its weekly luncheon. **LEFT TO RIGHT** here are Stirling Willis, Kingston the first Maritime man to judge swine at the Royal Winter Fair—he did the job in 1965; Almon Boswell, Dunstaffnage veteran hog and sheep showman had championships at the Atlantic Winter Fair last year; Dr. Carl Willis, Sherwood represented Canada in the world plowing match last year and is the 1965 provincial champion; Alton Rodd, right won the provincial hay championship and had some top prizes in field crops at the AWF in 1965.



JOHN HASLAM, Springfield, at **LEFT**, had one of his Ayrshire cows nominated last fall for All Canadian honors. Next is **George Boswell**, Frenchville, a consistent winner in swine and sheep classes; **Sherling Wood**, Mt. Herbert, second from right, and his son, **Robert How**, took the premier breeder and premier exhibitor honors at Charlottetown, Halifax, Truro and Picton last year in Dual Purpose Shorthorn cattle. **Parker Newson**, Kingston, **RIGHT**, had his Holstein bull nominated for All Canadian honors and the animal received honorable mention from the judges.

THIS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

Potato Producers Ass'n Urges A Heavy Turnout

By **NEIL A. MATHESON**
Officers of the P.E.I. Potato Producers' Association have asked me to say something this week to help build up the attendance at this week's annual meeting of the association.

To be frank I don't know exactly what I can say, except to emphasize that the people who do know the potato industry here feel that the support of the entire industry is needed urgently to stamp out the threat of disease that grew in such discouragingly large proportions last year.

George Howatt, French River is the president of the Producers' Association and he tells me the P.E.I. Potato Growers' Association played a large part in getting the co-operation of Island growers in keeping threats of potato diseases down.

I don't have to tell potato people about the value of the crop to this province. I'm still awaiting an estimate on the value of last year's crop which I expect will set an all time record.

But the potato crop stands out each year as the big cash crop of Island agriculture. When potato prices are good, the spirits of Island people in general are reasonably good. When the prices are abnormally low, the buying power of the Island farmer is down.

So there you are, the people who are closest to the potato industry feel Thursday afternoon's meeting at Birch Court here should have a really large attendance. The time is two o'clock. I'm passing on their sentiments to readers, those people seem to know what they are talking about. They are most serious in their ambition to really do something to protect the good name of Island potatoes. I hope they'll get your co-operation.

BAD SPUDS FOUND
Speaking of protecting the reputation of Island spuds reminds me of a letter that came to this office recently. It's from Lorne W. MacFarlane of Appleby Line, Burlington, Ontario and it complains emphatically about some "rotten potatoes" he found in Island tablestock. The name of the grower was listed but that was for the information of the department of agriculture. I don't see that I should use it here.

The man writes as "a former Islander" and he is anxious to protect the name of Island spuds.

"Without doubt", he says, "the Island potatoes are the best produced in North America. They are by far the best we can purchase here in Ontario". He ends his letter with a plea to Islanders "to ensure the continuation of the export market with 'quality first' potatoes."

There are two ways of looking at the occasional complaint that comes regarding Island potatoes. It is regrettable, of course,



HAVE TOUGH WALK IN BLIZZARD
Motel owner John Longmore of Sutton, Ont., offers coffee to four Hillsburg, Ont., men who trudged 2 1/2 miles across blizzard-swept Lake Simcoe Sunday night after being marooned in their small fishing hut on the frozen lake. The men were to have been transported by snowmobile but the machine couldn't navigate in the storm. **LEFT TO RIGHT**: Lorne Peavoy, Robert Evans, Robert Price and John Brannings.

Widow Sees Convicted Boy Innocent

TORONTO (CP)—A Toronto widow's crusade to prove that a teen-age boy was wrongly convicted in the 1959 killing and rape of a 13-year-old girl will get a full public airing in March with the publication of her book about the case.

Isabel LeBourdais, Clinton, B.C., widow of author D. M. LeBourdais, has spent the last four years writing *The Trial of Steven Truscott*.

Mrs. LeBourdais says she believes her book will prove that Truscott is innocent in the death of the girl, Lynne Harper, found raped and strangled in June, 1959, at Clinton, Ont.

The youth, 14 at the time, was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. He is at present in Collins Bay penitentiary, Kingston, Ont., where Mrs. LeBourdais reports he is a model prisoner and in good spirits.

After the conviction, the author began investigating the case by reading the 2,900 pages of the trial transcript.

"I came to the conclusion that this was not a sick boy who needed treatment, but a normal boy who was innocent," she said.

She said the youth was convicted on flimsy evidence.

RORY GIVES RACING TIPS

LONDON (AP)—Rory is the most popular columnist in the parish magazine of St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic church in Brockley. He gives a weekly message — tips on horses.

Regularly Rory comes up with winners. But he remained a mysterious figure until now.

Rev. Brendan Fox, 62-year-old parish priest, finally disclosed he was Rory.

The white-haired pastor said the secret of his successful system was "an easy one — just a matter of knowing the right people."

"I know little about form and naturally would never have the time to spend working it all out."

SELLS HOT TIPS

In addition to printing selections in the magazine to help circulation, the Augustinian priest operates a de luxe tip service in aid of the parish building fund.

A five-shilling (75 cent) postal order will bring a hot tip.

Father Brendan said his interest in horses came when he was a boy in Ireland and his father took him to the Galway Plate.

"I put a shilling on Golden Fleet and it came up — at 20-to-1," he said. "Since becoming a priest I've had little opportunity for race-going."

Two years ago, Father Brendan began betting again himself in a modest way, by investing a shilling (15 cents) in a double. It came up.

So far he has run the shilling to 77 (\$21).

PLAN PARK BENCHES

MONTREAL (CP) — Mayor Philip Givens of Toronto says his city is considering the idea of sponsoring 500 park benches at the site of the 1967 world's fair in Montreal.

ANNUAL MEETING

Potato Producers Association, Thursday, Feb. 3rd at Birch Court

This meeting will be attended by **Hon. A. B. MacRae**, Minister of Agriculture and **D. L. Burge**, Chairman of the Marketing Board.

All potato producers are welcome to attend.

George Howatt
President
Ian MacArthur
Secretary

SPARE HEART OF PLASTIC ALMOST READY FOR USE

By **ALTON BLAKESLEE**
NEW YORK (AP)—A substitute heart, made of plastics, is almost ready for placement in a heart patient's chest.

It is designed to do the pumping work of an ailing human heart, for days or weeks, and then easily could be removed. It has passed careful tests in animals, a surgeon said Wednesday.

The spare, powered by a bedside air pump, should be available for first human use within a month, said Dr. Michael E. DeBakey of Baylor University Medical Centre, Houston. Its first trial in a suitable patient could come anytime "within a year."

The plastic heart is truly a spare, to be placed between a person's ribs. Plastic tubes take blood returning from the lungs and then pump it out through the body.

CAN CONTROL WORK
The spare heart thus can do any desired degree of the pumping work of the left ventricle, the chamber that sends blood flowing out of the heart. Pulses of air within linings in the tubes squeeze the blood along.

The air pump could later be made in miniature and powered by battery, so the patient could easily walk and work with his substitute heart, Dr. DeBakey said. A dog given an artificial heart was equipped with a small, portable air pump.

Dr. DeBakey showed the latest design of the substitute heart at a press conference sponsored by the New York Heart Association and the American Heart Association.

The Baylor pump could help heart patients who need temporary aid, until their own hearts recover, and might benefit some persons who face constant danger of a severe heart attack.

If produced in quantity, the artificial heart might cost about \$200 to \$300, Dr. DeBakey said.

Canadian Scientific Fields Seen Needing More Stress

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada must pay more attention to planning and leadership in scientific fields, Dr. J. W. T. Spinks, president of the University of Saskatchewan, said here.

He told the Canadian Institute of Surveying all nations are making rapid advances in various fields of science "so you have to move... and make changes just to maintain your relative position."

Government planning is taken for granted in Europe, but in Canada it is considered a "naughty word" with "left-wing connotations."

France, for example, made surveys of expected industrial expansion and changes about 10 years hence.

If the number expected to complete school at that time was insufficient, the government can increase scholarships and other aids to encourage more students to enter engineering.

DON'T PLAN HERE
"In Canada, we try to guess how many students will apply for admission each year and we try to accommodate them. We don't do any planning."

Since Canada now can absorb almost any number of engineers, this type of planning was not as vital here as it was in Europe. But the time was coming when Canadians must seriously consider extensive planning in this field.

HAS CHEAP URANIUM

Canada has plentiful supplies of cheap uranium for nuclear power and can take the lead, but "lots of countries can produce jet aircraft."

"Politicians must realize that our young people are capable of going places—but must be given leadership, not just backing. Canada needs a 'scientific statement' but scientists need experience in costly research programs competing with other nations to obtain a realistic view of the outside world."

It would involve heavy expense, but was vital to preserve Canada's individuality.

"If you let George do it long enough, you become another George."

Hunting And Trapping Lands Said Damaged By Oil Hunt

OTTAWA (CP)—Mining surveyors and oil exploration crews are damaging valuable hunting and trapping land and polluting streams in the Northwest Territories, members of the Territorial Council said here.

Elected councillors Lyle Trimble of Aklavik and Robert Porritt of Hay River said they wanted to know what the federal government will do to prevent such destruction.

Said Mr. Trimble: "Settlement lines put up by oil exploration firms traverse tundra areas and often cause deep gulleys in the tundra. I hear reports streams are being polluted."

Mr. Porritt said Indians in the Hay River, Fort Resolution and Providence areas were unhappy about the activity of mining surveyors in areas where they had hunted and trapped for years.

SWARMED OVER AREA
"Men have swarmed all over this country, cutting lines with bulldozers and by hand, in many cases right in the area where traps have been set. The Indians feel they are being pushed aside, their land taken from them, and even their chance to catch fur destroyed because all fur and game has been driven out by the activity."



LAST DAY IN LONDON FOR A TIME

Smiling Queen Elizabeth II arrives at Claridge's Hotel in London Monday for a luncheon engagement with W. Andrew Rose, the high commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago. She and her husband, Prince Philip will leave London today for a tour of the Caribbean area which runs into the first week of March. (AP Wirephoto by cable from London)

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Commissioner B. G. Stevens reminded the nine-member council that matters relating to land in the territories and to Indian affairs were both the responsibility of the federal government. Council could only make recommendations.

The commissioner said he had already asked the minister of northern affairs if something could be done to regulate the activities of such exploration crews, and would ask again about the matter.

The council also received a brief from the chief of the Indian band at Fort Good Hope asking for assistance in obtaining equipment to set up a sawmill.

Chief Gabriel Catchilly said there are good stands of timber close to Good Hope and a market for the products.

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