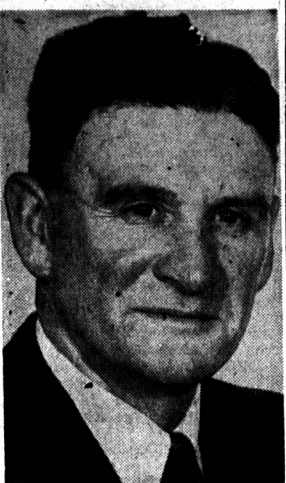


President Reviews Work Of Agriculture Federation

"I am convinced that farmers cannot exist in an organized society, such as we have, unless they are organized under wise leadership and are reasonable and just in their demands," said Mr. Ronald MacDonald, president of the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture at the annual meeting of the directors of the Federation held in Charlottetown yesterday.

"The first major project on our program in 1954," Mr. MacDonald said, "was the potato plebiscite which was held in May. Your president conducted meetings at Charlottetown, Summerside, O'Leary, Morell, Montague, Souris, and knowing that I was representing you as chairman at these meetings, I can truthfully say without fear of contradiction that everybody, regardless of who they were or where they came from, was given a fair hearing and fair play handling by the chairman and also by any of the other officials of the Federation who may have been there. This was the policy laid down by your directors and I followed it. As you know, the result of that plebiscite is common knowledge and therefore requires no further remarks.

"Just previous to the plebiscite campaign, our secretary Mr. J. Lincoln Dewar was requested by the head of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to go to Germany as an immigration expert to look over prospective immigrants to this country who expected to work in the field of agriculture on arrival. Now we fully realize the great honour that was offered to Mr. Dewar in giving him this post when you consider that there was only three from all Canada. Much to my regret I had to veto Mr. Dewar's acceptance of this offer as I know we would have been short handed and terribly handicapped without his services. As it happened Divine Providence knew what was going to happen and Mr. Dewar's father-in-law, the late J. Walter Jones, died. Had Mr. Dewar gone to Europe he would have been absent at that time and we would have had to bring him back. Now that I have mentioned the late Senator Jones, let me say he did not always agree with the Federation of Agriculture but on the whole he was really a good friend of the farmers, when you take a look at his Governmental policy. Jones never forgot he was a farmer.



Mr. Ronald MacDonald

typing and extra office work which we had to ask our stenographer to do and some times it was done when all good people should be in bed. I may say at this point that our office staff is courteous and efficient and I do not want you to forget Mrs. Boomhower who is the secretary of Farm Forum."

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Mr. MacDonald said the Federation endeavored to place a representative in as many polls as possible in the time at their disposal. The appointees were chosen, not because they were especially in favour of the Selling Agency, or against it, "but we made absolutely sure that these men were recommended by their neighbours and friends to act entirely without prejudice."

"The result of that plebiscite you already know," he added, "Just a few more votes and we would have had Central Selling, but I for one am quite willing to abide by and uphold the decision of my fellow farmers. Running a farm at the present time is no job for people who are either physically or mentally handicapped. Our national income is officially estimated to be down 28%, that is to say that for every \$100 a farmer made in 1953 he now nets only \$72.

"The best information that I can procure concerning our own Province as an individual unit, is about 23% below 1953. Experts have told us that and personally I need no further proof than to put my hand in my pocket. I think I have made more money, I know I have tried hard, but overhead seems to be mounting all the time and unfortunately agricultural experts have not as yet devised a way of stopping this rise in overhead costs of farming, but some time in the near future, somebody must devise a lot of thought and devise some kind of scheme that will leave the farmer and his family with more money in his pocket to purchase what used to be luxuries, but are now considered necessities.

"Every farmer and every farmer's wife is looking forward to the day when they can enjoy the comforts of a reasonably modern home, that includes electric light, running water, with bathrooms in the home. Our present Government has gone a long way in making that dream come true and I believe if our present Premier is given the chance he will carry that program of rural electrification which was asked for and written into the brief on more occasions than one which your directors annually present to the local house. I am convinced

NUFFIELD SCHOLARSHIP

"There is another gentleman that I want to mention today briefly, and this is the second time I have had to mention a Federation man who have won distinguished honours. In 1953 one of my first duties was to introduce Mr. William Cairns to the local legislature as the winner of the Nuffield Scholarship. This year Mr. Archie Johnstone has won the scholarship and I hope that it will be the privilege of whoever is the President to perform a similar introduction for Mr. Johnstone and I want everybody to note the fact that we are winning in every second year. I sincerely hope that a number of young men from this Province will enter the same competition and maybe we can dig up a winner for 1956. Let's hope so anyway. I congratulate Mr. Johnstone and wish him a wonderful trip.

"The next major move that occupied our attention was the semi-annual meeting at Amherst. I was very busy at the time and short of help and I could only attend the directors meeting. The rest of the festivities and the social part of the meeting, I had to leave to others from this Province, but we were ably represented in the persons of a number of directors including, Messrs. Yeo, Proffitt, O'Connor, D. A. MacDonald, Leo McIsaac and others. Mr. Dewar was there the whole week. I may also add that Mr. C. C. Baker our Provincial Minister of Agriculture also attended these meetings and his picture graces the walls of the office as well as the other models.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

"Now, then I come to the potato plebiscite of November 10th. The Federation officials of all counties deemed it advisable that we let the farmers make their own choice. We thought we had canvassed them and talked to them and talked to them enough in the fall plebiscite, so our part in the fall plebiscite was to appoint agents in the different polls all over the province. I drove close to 700 miles and our stenographer Miss Roch had one trip west with her car on the same kind of business, which amounted to about one thousand miles of territory which your officials had to cover during that plebiscite and it all had to be off one week. It also required a lot of

How To Make Children Behave

Spare the rod and spoil the child is an expression that has caused many an argument. Dr. Benjamin Spock, the famous expert on child care, believes that love is what creates discipline in children. He maintains that giving youngsters lots of affection is the best way of instilling good manners. In The Standard this week, Dr. Spock discusses his views in the first of four instalments. Every parent should read them in The Standard—on sale now, complete with Magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents!

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that the Premier is very sincere in his intentions and his program for rural people of this province.

A DIFFERENT DEAL

"I believe the time is not far distance when the farmer, I mean the man in the middle, neither very poor nor yet very rich, who is struggling along, apparently all by himself is going to get a different deal. I have reason to believe after conferences with officials of the Department of Agriculture and the Premier himself, that there is going to be a different program, a different expenditure of funds from the Department of Agriculture, that will give that man or woman in the middle strata a better and a different deal than he ever got before. Details of the whole scheme have not been finally worked out and of course some of the things that some of us dream may not be practical and on closer examination will have to be dropped.

"I have in mind one gigantic scheme and if it can be financed and got in operation it will revolutionize Agriculture, but I am not going to try to tell you in the limited time at my disposal what it is, but I do know that the Government of this province is fully aware of the necessity of some such scheme.

"Last year there was an attempt made to bring the Dominion Government Agricultural officials, the Provincial Agricultural officials and the Federation directors closer together, so that each one of them would be more familiar with the policy of the other with an attempt to coordinate all three for the betterment of the common farmer. I may say we met in our board room under the joint chairmanship of your president and Mr. Stewart Wright, who is now the Deputy Minister of Agriculture. It was our first meeting, it will not be our last, and although we may not have accomplished much at the preliminary meeting we did break ground and we got acquainted with one another. We expect that future meetings will bear excellent fruit

MEETING WITH DEALERS

"We also met with the Dealers' organization under the joint chairmanship of Mr. Leslie Simmons and myself. We endeavoured to get everybody to speak their minds and put all the facts on the table. Everybody parted on good terms and the president of the Dealers Association, Mr. Lou Burge, has personally requested the pleasure of another meeting to be held in the future, that of course will be at the pleasure of the new Board of directors and the new president.

"We had seven directors meetings during the year. We held meetings in every county. We endeavoured to the best of our humble ability to familiarize ourselves with the problems in all three counties. The only regret I have is that I have not been able to give more of my time, but in order for a president and a secretary to do a really good job then the man who holds this office should be paid and if every farmer on Prince Edward Island would contribute \$3 to the Federation for a membership card so that we would have a revenue large enough to pay a President and a Managing Director say \$1,000 per year, or at least give him hired man's wages, they would get the greatest surprise and the most value for their \$3 that they ever got in their lives. I am convinced that farmers can't exist in an organized society such as we have now unless they are organized under wise leadership and are reasonable and just in their demands."

In referring to the importation of New Zealand cheese, Mr. MacDonald said it was something he could not understand, in view of the fact that this country at present has a surplus of seven million pounds. "I think our dairy products

Death Of Thomas Mayne Stewart

The people of Norboro and surrounding districts were shocked and distressed on Wednesday morning, Dec. 22, when they learned that Mr. Mayne Stewart had lost his life in a fire which destroyed his barn.

Mr. Stewart was the eldest son of the late J. W. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart. He had lived all of his fifty-one years in Norboro, where he will be sorely missed; for his qualities of friendliness and neighborliness were unsurpassed. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to any undertaking in progress; and to anyone in trouble he was a pillar of strength.

His wife, the former Ruby Bowness, predeceased him almost thirteen years ago. Three daughters and one son are left to miss a kind father's guidance: Shirley, Mrs. Morley Graham, Kensington; Eleanor, Mrs. Paul MacKay, Summerside; Roma, at home; Garth of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment at Sydney, N. S., who was home on Christmas leave at the time. His mother, Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Norboro, a sister Gladys, Mrs. Charles Taylor of Malpeque and three brothers, Elmer of Norboro, Keith of Kensington and Roy in Western Canada are also left to mourn his untimely passing. A sister, Helen, Mrs. Hugh Glover, passed away over thirteen years ago.

Kensington United Church, where the funeral was held on Thursday, Dec. 23, was filled to capacity. Rev. L. M. Murray brought a message of comfort based on II Corinthians, Chapter 1, verses 3 and 4. The music was in charge of Mrs. Russell MacKay. Hymns chosen were, The Lord

are superior to theirs," he added.

Mr. MacDonald told the meeting of a move "among certain circles" to have the restriction on the importation of oleo-margarine into the Province removed. He felt that such removal would be rather fair not just. Although for a time the price of butter would be lowered to the consumer, in less than two years they would be paying as high as \$1.50 a pound he predicted, pointing out that dairying would become a non-profitable industry to the farmers of the Island and there would be a scarcity sufficient to warrant such a high price.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Mayne Stewart of Norboro, wish to express their thanks to the neighbors and friends for assistance rendered them during their recent bereavement; also to all those who sent flowers, cards and messages of sympathy.

NORTH BEDEQUE MISSION BAND

—The Grant Mission Band of North Bedeque met at the home

Funeral Arrangements

of Mrs. Earle MacMurdo for their regular meeting. Meeting followed with prayer by the leader followed by the Mission Band hymn, "Jesus Bids Us Shine" was sung. Adele MacCaull read the scripture and the story was read by Doreen Baker. Prayer was by Marion Staver. "Away in a Manger" was sung.

Pictures on India were shown and an interesting study on India was given by the leader, Mrs. Wilbur Staver. The President, Doreen Baker, presided over the business period. It was decided that we meet every two weeks and a new slate of officers was elected as follows: President, Adele MacCaull; Treas-

SCOTTISH LAKE

Loch Leven, historic lake in Scotland, has a circumference of 11 miles.

urer, Marion Staver. All the members spent a profitable and pleasant half-hour making booklets for the port worker at Halifax. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Wright. Thanks were tendered to Mrs. MacMurdo and the meeting closed with the Mission Band Purpose.

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