

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Election Battle Seen Amazing

THIS SHAPES UP like an amazing election. The top PCs assure me they're not the four island sons. The top Liberals tell me "it never looked so good". Even the New Democrats are talking victory - yes that's right - in this Province where third parties have never had so much support in the past. Nobody ever saved his deposit in the past, and that means politics at least 50 percent of the winning total.

Majorities Are Discussed

LIBERAL LEADER Alex Matheson who is back on the job and feels "just as good as ever" doesn't agree with the idea that there are tremendous majorities to be overcome. The majority of 4,110 for Angus MacLellan and 4,068 for Heath MacQuarrie in 1958 for example are not the figures the Liberals have to worry about now, he maintains. They were registered when the country was turning in an unprecedented landslide decision for the PCs in March 1958. An extra 383 votes would have rejected the Liberal government in 1958, although the PCs won by a margin of 22 seats to eight, he told me.

Big Change Is Suggested

IF YOU SAY I haven't told you anything, you're right. There's nothing I can tell you about trends here because none is evident as yet. Normally trends do not become obvious in this province until the last week or 10 days of the campaign. But the unprecedented surge to the PCs here never did become evident four years ago, until election day March 31. It could be that the political feelings of Islanders may be just as hard to predict this time.

Dan Barrett Still Likes P.E.I.

A letter from Dan Barrett in London, Ontario extolling the good qualities of former premier and senator, the late J. Walter Jones, recalls an interesting evening I spent with him back in the middle fifties at the home of Viny Jones Siegrist just outside of London, Ontario.

Pack Pedlar Days Recalled

REMEMBER the days of the pack pedlars? I talked this week to Elias Kays, one of the two surviving members here of those colorful, travelling businessmen of yesteryear.

Hospitality Was Everywhere

I ASKED Mr. Kays if he ever had trouble getting accommodations for the night. He smiled as he assured me he had no trouble, except for the first few trips he made to one area. The people there had been scared by visits from several pedlars who had visited there shortly before, and they were naturally careful. But that soon disappeared, and the pedlars were always welcomed.

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Pasture Improvement Entries Are Said Highest

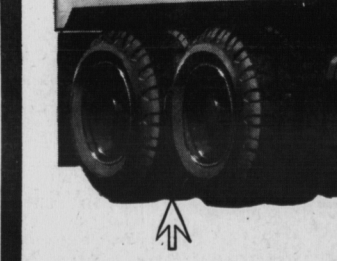
Both experience and hope make June a month with better prospects. From the farmer's standpoint May has been rather disappointing. True it was fine, but for no cold and also too dry. Even well managed grassland has not shown much growth, but there has been improvement during the past week.

POTATO PLANTERS

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hard ground potato growers would no doubt be aroused by the statement of the prime minister that their problems would receive consideration.

This week in the office of the Federation of Agriculture the Hon. Andrew MacLellan convened a meeting of representatives from the different areas which had already met the executive council, and, in addition, representatives from the Potato Producers Association.

FARM FORUM This week has seen the national conference of Farm Radio Forum at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. Last year 20 years adherence to a fairly constant pattern introduced a new feature which extended Farm Forum's application more widely.

For a great many years very little in the way of active efforts were made in the handling of pastures. Standard practice was to harvest two or three crops of hay and then have a year or two of pasture before breaking the field. In far too many cases fields handled in this manner provided more exercise than feed.

In recent years the belief has developed that well handled pastures can produce large quantities of feed and increased profits greatly.

The recommendations originally made by the different groups varied considerably. In some cases the emphasis was placed almost entirely on the poor crop while in others the claim was made on the basis of low prices. The problem is, of course, to determine some common ground for a claim and one which the government of this province can expect and urge participation in by the Federal Government.

Table with 4 columns: Province, No. of Boards, Value of Sales, % of Total Marketings. Rows include British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Canada.

The very large number of Boards in Quebec reflects the unique pattern of development in that province where there are a number of Boards for any particular product covering particular market areas.

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Canadian Sailor Fined In U.S.

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