

Home From Overseas



Arguing their battles over again? Not likely! These Officers, back from overseas and enjoying the comfort of the mess at Chebucto Barracks, Halifax, are: Left to right—L. J. A. Hishop, South Ohio, Yorkmouth Co.; Lt. L. B. MacIsaac, Inverness, and Lt. C. N. Richards, Souris, P. E. I. — (Canadian Army Photo).

NEWSY NOTES

By AGRI-COLA

(Continued From Page 13) to show considerable ingenuity in bantering their schoolmates by means of riddles. One would ask another: "What is the difference between a piano, the sea, and your face?" If the other couldn't answer the riddle, he (or she) was told: "The piano makes music, the sea makes waves and your face makes me sick!" Or again: "What is the difference between my little sister, a notion, and a monkey?" Which was explained as "sister is my dear, a notion is an idea, and the monkey is you, dear!" The imitation and ingenuity of the children made me wonder why the North Country never produced any literary celebrities. When they grew up they turned to invention and machinery instead.

A Doctor's Tip (from The Lancet, London). "I have at last discovered the drill for dealing with one's snoring fellow man. It worked with a brigadier with whom I shared a hayloft during an army exercise. "Be very quiet and persuasive. You are making a noise, darling," and the offender grunts. "Oh, sorry, darling!" rolls over and pipes down without awaking. It works every time.

More About Whales I am greatly indebted to Mrs. George H. Harris, of Summerside, for some copies of the Australian nature-magazine, "Wild Life," in September, 1944. 200 Blackfish came ashore on Prime's Beach, South Australia, "creating a smelly problem" for the authorities in that area. The November issue of the magazine featured a view of the stranded Cetaceans, story with notes on the cause of death.

A professor of physiology had asked his colleagues "Why do stranded whales die?" and each replied with his own theory. A fish dies quickly when taken out of water because its gills are not adapted to abstract the necessary oxygen out of the air. But the whale is not a fish; it must breathe air and would drown under water. Lack of air then is not the cause. One professor thought that the weight of the body organs, deprived of the support from the water, caused death by internal crushing, which, upon consideration, seemed the likeliest theory. Another thought that the gravity to the creature drained by the blood of the lower parts of the body and caused death from cerebral or visceral anemia. A third believed that whales on land were subjected to extremes of heat by day and cold at night and died from double

pneumonia. A fourth said, "They don't die because they are stranded; they are stranded because they are already dying," and the questioner thinks this is the solution. I am inclined to disagree. No doubt a single whale (or fish either) heavily infested with parasites or bacteria, might come ashore in a dying state, but "mass strandings" as Pilot Whales (Blackfish) looks uncommonly like a stupid case of "follow my leader" as seen in sheep. (Sheep will jump the fence if the ram leads, wherefore, in Scotland, farmers tie the ram's ears back, since they observed that he points them forward before leaping!) A healthy whale, the professor thinks, should be able to wallow and back off; forgetting that his limbs are so set as to propel it forward only. However, nobody seems to have observed the internal organs of stranded whales to find out their condition.

The picture of the Blackfish shows some other features. Two of the carcasses show the teats, for whales suckle their young; only since sucking under water is difficult, powerful muscles squirt the milk into the youngster's mouth. The white area on the underside of the Australian Blackfish is not nearly as large as that shown on the Summerside specimen. One of the bodies has two small patches of white, one under each pectoral fin; others appear to have no white at all. The pectoral fins (which answer to the arms in man) are shorter and broader than those of the Summerside specimen, as shown in the picture. The November issue of the magazine featured a view of the stranded Cetaceans, story with notes on the cause of death.

Rust Has Paid Big Dividends

Every year the Canadian taxpayer draws a 100 per cent dividend on his investment in wheat rust research. Dr. J. H. Craigie, Dominion Botanist, states that the average annual increase of \$27,242,000, which Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan farmers have obtained from 1939 to 1943 by growing rust resistant wheats is more than 13 times Canada's total expenditure on developing and introducing this improved grain. In making this statement in the latest issue of "Scientific Agriculture," Dr. Craigie cites it as evidence of the benefit accruing to the Canadian public through agri-

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The Federation also took action regarding matters pertaining to health, the taxation of Cooperatives, the distribution of war materials, and on a number of occasions, conferred with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board regarding ceilings and floor prices in farm products, and assisted organizations within the Province on matters of this kind.

During the fall of 1944, Colin Groff, Secretary of the Canadian Federation, visited the Province, and a number of matters within the jurisdiction of the Canadian-Provincial bodies were discussed.

TO HOLD MEETING HERE

At the Annual Meeting in January, held at Regina, a strong and cordial invitation was extended to the Canadian Federation to hold its Annual Meeting on Prince Edward Island in 1948. We are pleased to say that the Annual Meeting decided at least to have a large field meeting in the Maritimes. We are still pressing our invitation and hope that the next National meeting will be held in this Province. At that event, it will be the responsibility of the Prince Edward Island group to give the visitors a real welcome.

The Executive discussions during the year covered a wide range and variety of topics. There is one matter, however, that deserves special attention and is the service that the Federation may be able to render in the matter of Education and Organization throughout this Province. We feel that the Federation should have at least a part-time representative of the Study Clubs and branch Federations throughout the Province, and further that it should also undertake a broadcasting system on farm topics. There is still a large field in which to operate, and there is a great need and value of the Federation of Agriculture, both Canadian-wide and Provincial. It has realized the tremendous advantages that have accrued to their own industry from Federation activities, and they are an entirely different sentiment and interest in these organizations. During the years that are to come, particularly during the post-war years, Agriculture in this country will need the strongest possible support. Surely, the extent of the Federation, which has an annual turn over of many millions of dollars, can afford to place a small amount to the service of their own organization, so that it may function to the fullest possible extent in supporting and expanding agricultural interests.

Notices of membership fees have gone forward to various organizations on the basis of the fees agreed to in our 1942 Annual Meeting. These fees are very moderate and the generosity of our membership associations is appealed to in order that an amount above our minimum schedule may be paid our Federation. Some member bodies have followed this rule and some individuals have generously contributed to our funds. The time is ripe for generous support of the Federation, both National and Provincial. These bodies are the main strength and support of Agriculture.

cultural research. He estimates if the present rust resistant varieties of wheat had been grown in Manitoba in the 16 years 1916-1932, 1930, 1935 and 1937, the yield per acre would have exceeded that obtained from the rust susceptible varieties that were grown in those years by 5.17 bushels. In other words, the average annual loss in wheat production for these 16 years was about 14,228,000 bushels, and in farm income, \$18,806,000. Similarly, if the present rust resistant varieties had been grown in the 16 years 1916-28, 1930, 1935 and 1936, the average yield per acre would have been increased by 3 bushels, with a consequent

Poultry Jottings

By F. G. WARD

The Annual Egg Grading Course is entering the last week of its three week session. It is interesting to note that this course has been conducted for eight consecutive years. The course started as a general poultry class under the Dominion Provincial Youth Training Plan. Today it is completely Egg Grading and Registered Egg Grading Station work that is taken up.

In passing it should be noted that the whole expense of student transportation, board and lodging is taken care of by the Dominion and Provincial Governments on applicants' behalf. Expenses of students from Charlottetown are not met. This course is a worth while project of the twenty four students taking the course twenty two have positions to go to in the poultry industry. In choosing the applicant consideration is given first to those who have been previously trained in poultry work, but positions—since only 24 can be enrolled many are disappointed in application. Some station operators were largely in forwarding the names of their applicants and of course were too late for acceptance.

The instructors are: Inspector Arsenal and Robins together with Mr. McEachern as assistant. Two give the practical training while the other two give the theoretical. The lecturers are not of a dry academic nature but rather of the round table discussion type. Two well lighted, well ventilated rooms have been provided at the Prince of Wales College. A Youth Training Centre carpenter class built the thirty foot candleing bench—twelve students candle and grade whilst the other twelve take lectures and then change about—there is no waste of time. Examinations are held weekly—a seventy per cent pass is necessary. At the start students are generally timid and green all thumbs—but when the student finds no real criticism, it is not long before confidence is restored. Today all students are candleing at the rate of 10 doz. in 10 minutes.

BIAS-CUT TUNIC GIVES ILLUSION

NEW YORK—The rippling lines they tend to emphasize in the waistline and give the illusion of more width and ease than actually is put into this fashion government regulations. Therein lies another reason for the immediate acceptance of this fashion. Slim straight skirts unrelieved by tunic or peplum require a very slender figure. In sheer fabrics for new summer, in precious thin wool crepe and in cotton, the tunic silhouette is already being used by a designer, Adele Simpson, creates a bolero suit with a tunic skirt; another uses the capsize theme on a tunic coat illustrating the persistent appeal of this flattering skirt line.

annual increase in wheat production of 23,878,000 bushels, and in farm income of \$30,641,000. The monetary loss in the rust area of Western Canada for these 16 years was, therefore, in the neighbourhood of \$7,447,000. In Canada, a large number of research projects in agriculture are now under way, but practically all of them are constantly hampered through lack of adequate financial support. "Agricultural research is dependent on government support and the support a government can give for it is, in turn, largely dependent on the insistence of the public for such research and on the willingness of the taxpayers to supply funds for it," writes Dr. Craigie.

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