

The Central Guardian

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POLICE COURT — In Police Court yesterday a man charged with vagrancy was further reprimanded. He appeared earlier in the week following his arrest in the basement of the Dominion Club on the corner of Kent and Great George streets.

ENJOYABLE CARD PARTY — A very enjoyable card party, auction and bridge, was held in the Odd Fellows hall last evening, sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Residents of Charlottetown in aid of the J. O. O. F. Spitzler fund. Refreshments were served during the evening. Prizes were won as follows: second, Mrs. W. M. Beers; first, G. R. Keele; second, Mrs. W. R. Carson; Auction, second, Mrs. Alex. Ford; first, Mrs. M. L. Gordon; men's first, W. Whitford; second, Finley M. MacKinnon. The special door prize, two bags of Maple Leaf Flour, donated by the Brothers, were drawn for and won by Mrs. Gillis and Mr. T. Macdonald.

Personals
Capt. and Mrs. D. J. Rielly of Belle River, P.E.I., who spent the week-end in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Farnell, returned home this afternoon. — Amherst News.

Red Cross in Fullswing at new Headquarters

Now that the Red Cross is settled in new quarters, the work of sorting, packing, etc., which has been considerably curtailed during the past few weeks, due to the urgent of moving, has been resumed and the assistance of a good many volunteers will be required. The Women's War Work Committee would be most grateful if those who could volunteer some time each morning or afternoon would have their names at the Red Cross office, 62 Prince Street, or telephone 432, just as soon as possible.

Local Branch of Institute for Blind elects slate

The annual meeting of the Charlottetown branch of the C. N. I. for the Blind took place in the "Charlottetown" on Tuesday, March 12. The various reports for the year showed a great interest had been taken in the activities of the society. In addressing the meeting the President, Mrs. McCulligan, thanked the various committees for their generous cooperation and assistance at all times, and her report showed the number of blind people on the island to be 125 and of this number 45 are receiving pensions. There are twenty-five of these people residing in Charlottetown, three of whom are not eligible for pensions as they are entirely by the ladies of the auxiliary, who visit them regularly and purchase for them such articles of clothing, food, confectionery, etc., which they think would bring a ray of sunshine into an otherwise darkened life. The auxiliary has a membership of thirty-one and would gladly welcome any ladies who feel that they have a couple of hours every two months to spend devising ways to alleviate the condition of these people. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Mould for his kindness in allowing the use of the hotel for our meetings. Mrs. W. J. P. MacMillan, Convener of the Nominating Committee, conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: — Hon. Pres., Mrs. B. W. LePage. Secy., Mrs. J. E. B. McGuilgan. Treas., Mrs. Wm. Brehaut. Secretary, Mrs. S. G. Peppin.

MARRIAGES

McMORRE — MacARTHUR — At Zion, Manse on February 15, 1941, by the Rev. G. Carlyle Webster of Charlottetown to Mr. C. Freeman McMORRE of the same place.

DEATHS

McDONALD — At St. Peter's Bay, March 5, 1941, Mary Evelyn MacDONALD, age 29 months, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacDONALD.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of my dear brother, Lawrence Perry, who passed away March 13th, 1939. When and often my thoughts do wander so far away from two years ago today. Ever Remembered by Your Brother Joseph. L-569-3-13-11.

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Farmers Discuss

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to investigate the price of chemical fertilizer with respect to increase over pre-war prices. (Moved by E. Ings, seconded by R. Connolly.)

The following were heard in short speeches during the evening: Messrs. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, R. A. Profit, Prof. J. T. Croteau, Capt. John Read, John H. Myers, a former president of the Institute, J. Walter Ings, R. E. Connolly, E. Ings, Wylie Gibson, W. D. Ross, L. W. Roper, Hon. Horace Wright.

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"We have in all about thirty Institutes scattered throughout the Province with a membership of over 1,000. This is the only real province-wide farmers' organization. Our Central Farmers' Institute should represent the voice of agriculture in this Province, and should be used as the medium for furthering the interests of agriculture: it has a closer business with the Government. Instead of using our Central Farmers' Institute to make contact with the Government, most of our agriculturists send fit to organize a Co-operative Council and now we hear of another organization called the Federation of Agriculture. To do this was our object in this splitting up of our efforts with this movement."

"Some years ago we planned to have directors of different co-operative organization: acting on the Board of Agriculture, the Government, so as to combine our efforts in appealing for government aid. It was learned we had a Council of Agriculture of which no one was a member, and it was decided to know a house divided against itself cannot stand. Therefore we should preach and practice unity."

Report on Institutes
1. Clyde River reports 29 members specializing in beef cattle breeds. Membership fees amounting to \$25. Total business expenditure \$99.91. K. D. Young, secretary. 2. Abraham's Village. No report this year. Membership last year 25. Feb. 20, 1941. Business, \$131.33. J. N. A. Gallant, secretary.

3. Cable Head. Last year's membership 17. Business done \$371.33. Lewis W. Lewis, secretary. 4. Coleman. Last year did business \$81.42. Membership 54. R. C. McNaught, secretary.

5. Cape Egmont. Last year did business amounting to \$90.50. 21 members. Sylvain Gallant, secretary. 6. Dromore and Waterville. Last year 15 members. Business amounted to \$86.24. Seymour Hughes, secretary.

7. Dunk River. Handled 2,400 lbs. of wool. 3,200 lbs. lambs. Uses a pure bred brood. 43 members. Did business amounting to \$341. E. Drummond, secretary. 8. East Point. Membership 20. Business done last year was \$1,980.28. J. A. Fraser, secretary.

9. Four Branch does the largest business of any Institute. Handled seed, flour, biscuits, shingles, motor oil, spray and twine. Business done amounts to \$6,127.09. 25 members. H. Myers, secretary. 10. Hope River. Last year reported 40 members. Eric Bell, secretary.

11. King George. Handled seed and limestone. Business done, \$402.90. Members 27. I. W. McLean, secretary.

12. Lot 1 and 2. Carries on business in co-operating in sale of lambs. Membership 100. Au tin Hendrahan, secretary.

13. Lot 46. Membership 39. Business done last year, \$1,145.17. R. S. MacGregor, secretary.

14. Maple Leaf. Membership 37. Business seed and lime, \$497.50. Also handled 4,000 lbs. of chickens, valued at \$220. Thomas McLean, secretary.

15. Meadow Bank. 22 members. No business a report. C. McFadyen, secretary.

16. Mt. Buchanan. 17 members. Specializes in live stock. George Docherty, secretary.

17. Mt. Carmel. Membership 31. Business done, \$123.19. J. W. Arsenault, secretary.

18. Ryan. Last year reported 13 members.

19. North Bedouque. Reports 50 members. Handled 20,000 lbs. of wool. Business including seed, spraying material, flour mill feed, motor oil and fertilizer. Pay a rebate at the end of the year. R. B. MacCaill, secretary.

Soil Analysis

President Gibson stressed the great value of soil analysis and invited discussion on this subject by Mr. Ings said there was no question as to its value, but soil analysis alone was not sufficient. It was a job for an expert, who must follow up each field from year to year. It was a mistake to regard soil analysis as "a cure for all our ills."

Mr. Keith Morrow, who has been associated with the work at the Experimental Farm, said the system of soil survey and analysis in Ontario. He suggested the advisability of this Province having its own analysis, instead of having to send samples to Ottawa. He explained the method of obtaining samples.

Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, said there was difficulty in getting prompt reply from Ottawa in the matter of soil analysis. He believed the service of a soil expert to supervise the taking of samples was even more important than the analysis. This matter has been taken up in Ottawa, but it has been that other provinces provide their own officials for this service.

Mr. Shaw commended the work done in plant pathology by Mr. Hurs and actions at the Experimental Farm. He regretted that this work has been seriously curtailed as a result of the war. There was nothing, after all, that would be unlikely to solve our soil problems that return to the use of barnyard manure.

Mr. Murdoch McLeod, Long River, suggested the possibility of working in with Nova Scotia and getting our soil samples tested there. He was "dead against" the appointment of any more officials.

Mr. J. Walter Jones, M.L.A., cited successful old-time methods of the present generation. Perhaps we could get the use of government dredges in the winter time, when they are not busy, to pump mud from oyster beds. This mud would be processed into fertilizer, which apparently we are too lazy to get in any other way. He cited the advice given by the late Premier Lea with regard to the importance of mixed farming.

Mr. Jones added, must stay at home and work long hours if they mean to keep livestock and if they cannot keep livestock they need more to succeed as farmers in this Province.

Wood-Lot Cultivation
An interesting address was given by Mr. H. D. Long, provincial forester, on the proper method of growing woodlots in Prince Edward Island. He warned particularly against the extravagance of clearing-cutting. The farmer, he suggested, could achieve good results by co-operative marketing of wood products. It could also help in circularizing individual farmers could long educational and marketing lines.

Answering a number of questions, Mr. Long explained what was being done in providing demonstration woodlots, consisting of one-acre plots in various sections of the Province. They averaged about 10 cords per acre, about five cords of which were fit for pitprops. Our present woodlands are being thinned out, would double their output in ten years, he said.

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