

FARMERS

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Gentlemen:—Perhaps a few words of explanation why we are meeting in annual session today instead of Farmers Week may be first in order. A directors meeting held in first week of January decided to hold our meeting on the same date as the Women's Institute Convention partly because many farmers, would be accompanying their wives, daughters and lady friends to Charlottetown and also due to the opinion expressed by many that too little time was available for this, the parent organization of the lot. The action taken is purely experimental, and its continuance depends on the pleasure of this meeting.

A review of conditions prevailing during the past year throughout the province may not be altogether to our liking, however, there are many silver linings to the dark cloud of low prices. First, Providence favored us with good growing weather, and while moisture does not seem to have been uniform, good average crops were harvested. In some sections bumper crops were the order. Fine weather prevailed at the time, all crops were being gathered the result, good quality all around.

MARKETING THE CROP 1930

I suppose if the world was canvassed at the present time for the most objectionable word, a large majority would say "depression". We heard a lot about it, read still more, but did not really feel it till last autumn, when the season's crops had to be sold. Potatoes, the commodity upon which so many of our people (perhaps too many) largely depend, slumped badly. The crop not only in our province but throughout the continent, was underestimated; the buying capacity of the purchasers was not understood; the result was that only those who sold their crops early, received anything like fair remuneration for the outlay involved.

The same might also be said of turnips, a crop that produced good returns the previous year. Our growers, anticipating a good market planted quite heavily, produced the crop but got no returns, as many had no livestock to consume them. That leads us to the question where are we getting to, in producing large root crops, in many cases solely through the use of commercial fertilizers. On the tomb of Sir Christopher Wren, in St. Pauls Cathedral, London, are the words "If you seek a monument look around you". Travelling through the country at the present time, even this most favored year for grass production, the poor stand of grass where excellent root crops grew two years ago, are monuments to the short sighted policy of growing more of these crops, than can be followed by an application of barnyard manure. This condition, if followed up will become even more marked as time goes by, and leads to the query "Is it the part of wisdom, for the sake of acquiring some money at present, to bequeath depleted farms to posterity?"

LIVE STOCK

It is very gratifying to observe the increased interest, that seems to be taken at present, in the breeding of horses. Our province long famed for the number and quality of its equine friends, seems to at last realize that there is nothing suits our needs, like the home-grown products; at present Island-bred and best price go hand in hand. All kinds of cattle and their products at present are under the cloud. Those who have dairy breeds and are trying to improve the quality in season and out of season, are sure even at present prices to be able to meet their obligations with constant if not very remunerative returns, all the year around. To those who aspire to become owners of pure-bred stock, the present is an opportune time. Breeders of beef cattle, living near to market, though receiving low prices, are saved the high transportation charges, met by those living at distant points.

HOGS

The price of live and dressed hogs held out longer than other stock and while very low at present the raising of a few hogs fits in so well on every farm where milk is produced, that few can afford to be without them. In this as well as all other classes of live-stock, the people who stick at it come out, alright; the in and out losses.

SHEEP

Sheep have proved quite a source of revenue in past years; they can be raised in some localities quite

successfully, and by some individuals who never seemed to succeed along other livestock lines. Early lambs, though more liable to loss, seem to suit present market conditions. Wool prices are extremely low; a good way of using it at the present time might be found in the manufacture of blankets of best quality to displace the inferior kinds, so largely advertised and purchased at the present time. Before concluding our thoughts about sheep and their products, it is only right to express our appreciation to all who have helped sheep-breeders to overcome difficulties and losses. The pamphlets sent out and demonstrations about the control of internal parasites, as well as dipping information etc. have been very helpful. There is another enemy of the sheep industry that I wish to bring to the attention of this meeting namely—the great increase in mottled dogs for the past few years. Many sheep are lost throughout the province each year; a large number are never reported, as the owners would prefer to suffer loss, than to offend their neighbor who owns dogs.

On the Statute Books of the Province placed there, I think largely at the request of this Central Farmers Institute, about twenty years ago, there are certain specified taxes on all dogs; the sudden increase of the past years leads to inquire "Is this tax collected?" The Province needs all the revenue it can get especially as in this case its non-collective means in some instances, needless loss.

WEEDS

Some one has said that he who can make two blades of grass grow, where only one grew before deserves more of mankind than the whole race of politicians. If such be true what may be said of us, the citizens of this fair Island, who are yearly letting millions of useful plants be crowded out by noxious weeds. Volumes have been written, pamphlets published, advice and instruction handed out freely, and still we do not seem to realize the seriousness of this weed "menace". Might I be permitted to suggest that this meeting take up and discuss this question. It would seem that the present was an opportune time. A Provincial Election is pending and if the wisdom of this meeting could be crystallized into some course to pursue, and an attempt to get all candidates interested and keep it clear of party politics. Other measures have failed. A "Weed Control Act" with teeth in it seems necessary.

EGGS AND POULTRY

Like all other lines, eggs and poultry are unattractive at the present time, and like in everything else, those who continue to improve the quantity and quality of their stock will reap their reward, when markets again become normal. A very regrettable feature in this respect is the fact that the quality of our Island eggs is not up to the high standard of former years. It is possible, that because this industry is so well organized and capably managed that the people fail to assume their individual responsibilities.

The event of perhaps greatest importance to this agricultural province is our yearly provincial Exhibition. The change to an earlier date evidently secures a better attendance, and perhaps gives our agricultural activities wider publicity as many tourists and visitors are thus privileged to attend. The other local fairs seem to fill a place in the estimation of a large number of people in the different parts of the province.

CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS

During the past year, much of the farmers' business has been handled on a co-operative basis, and whether it has been the marketing of field crops, live stock and poultry products, or the purchasing of seeds, feeds, fertilizers or any other line, it is I believe in the interest of every farmer to lend these agencies his loyal and active support. They cannot create markets, but they are the price thermometers that though at present register zero, have helped to prevent a total freezeout.

CONCLUSION

As President of the Central Farmers Institute, it is my duty and privilege to prepare an address, I realize I have only touched the fringe of the many matters, that pertain to our welfare. If (and I trust I have) expressed some thoughts worthy to be discussed and acted upon I trust you will take them up and bring them to a practical conclusion. Let me express my hearty thanks to the directors who have given me such kindly sympathy and support, and who will, I believe, continue the same to my successor.

The report was then discussed and passed, topic by topic. Mr. Peter Brodie, Mr. W. W. Crosby, Mr. J. B. Hayes, Mr. W. R. Shaw, Mr.

Ross and others took part in the discussion. A number of opinions were expressed as to the value of commercial fertilizer after the first crop had been harvested. Mr. W. R. Shaw stated that many poor farms had been built up by the use of commercial fertilizers during the past few years. The use of lime should follow the heavy use of fertilizer, however. Manure should be used with fertilizer as a supplement.

It was stated that weed control was becoming a very important subject in this Province as fields are becoming infested with Devil's Paint Brush. Education on the matter was necessary. Manure was said to be instrumental in disseminating weed seeds, and summer fallowing was believed by some present to be a valuable method of eradication. Others advocated a short crop rotation.

The Secretary reported that there were twenty five farmers' institutes in the Province at the present time. A number, it was brought out, after discussion, had not been making out proper reports. There was considerable discussion on the resolution re the side hitch. Hon. Horace Wright stated that it was impossible to keep winter roads in condition without a great expenditure of money. The Government awaited an expression of opinion from such organizations as the Farmers' Institute before taking any action.

WOMEN

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Legislation

The report on legislation was presented by Mrs. Harrison McFarlane, Provincial Convener. Many members, she stated, were confusing legislation with party politics. In order to create interest articles were written on law, and put at the disposal of the Institutes. Questionnaires were sent out to Institutes and about sixty replies were received. The answers to the question, "What subject are you most interested in?" varied. Some considered highway improvement and removing obstructions of view. The latter suggestion was an excellent one as obstructions constitute a real menace to the travelling public. Women could use their influence to make many places safe. Motor traffic laws, unemployment relief, superannuation allowances for teachers, school laws, child welfare, education, property laws, women's dower rights, lottery laws, temperance education in public schools, agriculture, women's right to vote at school meetings whether they have children attending school or not, the potato market, temperance, and prohibition, were among other subjects of interest.

Mr. Justice Arsenault gave a very interesting address explaining the British constitution. The prime minister, the leader of the political party in power in Parliament, does not have in himself supreme power, although he exercises supreme power. He holds his office by the will of the people. The British constitution combines a democracy with all that is desirable in an absolute monarchy. The prime minister is popular as far as he brings himself into accord with the desires and wishes of the people. The King while supreme in the state permits the government to carry on all affairs of state. The King is the centre of patriotism, the head of the Empire, and of the government.

Committees

The following resolutions committee was appointed: Prince County, Mrs. David Gardiner, Chelton; Mrs. W. Quinn, Borden; Queens County, Mrs. George McDonald, Cornwall; Mrs. Horace Vasey, York; Kings County, Mrs. Lewis McDonald, Montague; Mrs. Lewis Douglas, Georgetown.

The following nominating committee was appointed: Kings County, Miss Marjorie Campbell; Mrs. Malcolm McLeod; Prince County, Mrs. George Wells, Mrs. Jardine; Queens County, Miss May Lea, Mrs. Dean McEwen.

Evening Session

At 7.30 p. m. the delegates again met in session with the President, Mrs. Wm. Mutch in the chair, and opened by singing O Canada. T. W. L. Prowse, Mayor of Charlottetown extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the city of Charlottetown. He spoke of the part the women are now playing in public life. Mrs. Lea Allen, Cardigan, most graciously responded. She spoke of Women's rights, and of their endeavor to make their influence for good felt in the communities.

Mrs. LeBaron Tait, Supervisor, then gave a very interesting report of the year's work. Most enjoyable instrumental music was furnished

by Mr. McNutt and Mr. Hyndman. The report of Home Economics was given by Mrs. Walter Shaw, Provincial Convener. An address was delivered by Miss B. Philip, Head of Household Science of McDonald College, P. Q., who brought greetings from Quebec. She spoke on Home Economics, the Home Economics division of women's work dealt with the home. Economics comes from two Greek words meaning management. The Institutes are trying to improve the homes. The out put of the home is children and citizens. Women's part may be thus divided. First, the labor in the home. Second, the management of the home. Third, Home making. There is the spiritual side. Truth, honor, justice, fair play, loyalty needs to be planted in the home. Home is a place to rest and recuperate. The mother's health should be kept up in order to do the best for her children. To say Doctors to keep us well instead of paying them to make us well after we get sick. To train the young in values especially in the value of money.

A solo by Miss Margaret Sterns was rendered very acceptably. Mr. Pooley of the Geographical Society spoke on the Society. Its aim and ambition is to make Canada better known to the rest of the world. The Canadian Geographical Journal has Prof. Harvey of P. E. I. on the editorial board of the Society.

The speaker read extracts of what Premier E. B. Bennett and Hon. W. L. Mckenzie King had said in favor of the society.

The report on agriculture was given by Mrs. S. J. Rose, Provincial Convener. Mr. R. C. Parent, Supervisor of Illustration Stations, spoke on P. E. I. Illustration Stations.

Agriculture can be improved by demonstrations, Mr. Parent said. There are 225 stations in Canada. Thirteen are in P. E. I. They try to demonstrate the value of good animal raising and poultry raising. They demonstrate crop rotation and the proper use of farm yard manure and lime. Too much money is spent on fertilizer. Mr. Parent believed. Another object is to improve home gardens, to beautify the home and to put hot and cold water in the homes.

At these stations a field day is held each year when a survey is taken of the surroundings and addresses delivered.

The meeting closed by the National anthem.

Supervisor's Report

To the Honorable Walter M. Lea, Premier, and Minister of Agriculture, and delegates of the Women's Institute of Prince Edward Island.

I have the honor to submit the eighteenth annual report of the Women's Institutes of this Province from July 11th, 1930, to the present time.

Since July, 1930, 19 new Institutes have been organized, namely, Point Pleasant, Dunstaffnage, Millvale, Valleyfield, Brocton, Goose River, Grand View, Morell Rear, Nail Pond, Carleton Siding, Cherry Hill, Campbellton, St. Lawrence, Glenwood, Mill River, Loretta, Covehead, Belmont, and New Acadia. I feel sure that all the older members join me in welcoming these new clubs. These Institutes together with Institutes previously organized constitute 231 Institutes working for home and country; during the last three years six Institutes have disorganized. When trouble arises in your Institute before deciding to disorganize stop and read your Institute Creed, and then see if your troubles are not rather petty.

Meeting of the Provincial Executive

Four meetings of the Provincial Executive were held during the past year, at one of these meetings the following resolution was passed: "Whereas the drinking of intoxicating liquors is prevalent throughout our province, and whereas education, the best method of counteracting this evil is urgently needed and whereas very little education in this respect is being supplied especially to the youth of our land to whom we look for a solution to this problem, be it therefore resolved that the Women's Institutes in convention assembled on this date at Long Creek, place themselves on record as favoring the inclusion in the curriculum of the schools of this province a course of studies dealing with the liquor evil, and that the government of this province be presented with a copy of this resolution with the request that immediate action be taken in the matter."

It was also decided to present the following resolution passed at the Annual Convention last year, to the City Council and various organizations: "Whereas all modern cities have suitable waiting rooms for rural women and whereas Charlotte-

town though up to date in every other respect, is lacking in this essential, therefore resolved that we, the members of the Women's Institute in Convention, take this opportunity to call the attention of the proper authorities to this matter and respectfully urge that steps be taken to remedy the existing state of affairs."

Although this resolution has been sent no definite action has as yet been taken by the City Council.

A special meeting had to be called in January to appoint a representative on the Board of Education to act until the Annual Convention. Mrs. Wm. Mutch was appointed.

Twenty five dollars was sent from the sinking fund towards the gift for Lady Willingdon. It was also decided to pay for the tablet which has been placed in the sanatorium commemorating the work of the Women's Institutes who were the sponsors of the sanatorium movement. It was moved, seconded and passed at an April meeting, that the Handicraft Exchange be carried on in the office of the Tourist Association under the supervision of Mrs. MacFadyen where rugs made by Institute members only, would be handled. It was felt that the rugs should be where the tourists were going to see them.

District Conventions

During the months of June, July, August, September and October, 190 Institutes were visited through district conventions by Miss Hassard, Miss MacMillan and myself. Talks and demonstrations were given at these meetings, Miss MacMillan was in the work during the months of July and August. So far this year we have held eight district conventions and so been in touch with seventy Institutes. As a rule reports given by these Institutes are very encouraging, and there is no doubt that the Institutes are doing a great deal of good throughout the country. However, I would like to see the members taking more interest in the planning of their conventions.

Communities

Each year we find the Institutes spending more time and money on the improvement of their community; this year \$6,950.50 was spent. A large part of this was spent in buying and building halls and in a great many cases the remodeling of old halls, several Institutes helped in the erection of new rinks and these wonderful rinks will certainly help to keep our boys and girls in the country, as will the tennis courts which a few Institutes have reported building and the Institute Library's and the exchanging of books and magazines, other community improvements have been the building of sidewalks, planting trees along streets, and cleaning up of unsightly spots throughout districts.

Almost every Institute has its visiting sick committee and in this way the sick are always remembered with fruit, flowers books, etc. A great many Institutes have helped those in trouble by supplying food, clothing, bedding, coal, etc.

Hospital's, Orphanages, Etc.

In June our provincial sanatorium was formally opened and I have already mentioned the tablet, which you will find in the main entrance commemorating the work of the Women's Institutes. This building is certainly one to be proud of and the Institutes have received a great deal of credit for their assistance.

Donations of preserves and money have been made to the hospitals and the children at the orphanages have been remembered with clothing, bedding, preserves, toys, and money. As in years past, the Institutes have responded to the call from the Red Cross and assisted in the yearly canvass as well as assisting with the crippled children fund, this is work that is well worthy of the support of the Institutes.

In all, one thousand three hundred and eighty-five dollars and twenty-five cents has been spent by the Institutes in assisting the hospitals and orphanages.

Schools

The convener of education will give you a full report in connection with education and better schools however, I would like to mention that the good work in connection with the improvement of our schools still continues, and during the past year six thousand three hundred and sixty nine dollars and seventy cents has been spent toward this very worthy object.

Sanitary drinking cups, sand tables, libraries and hot lunches, are just a few of the improvements which I would like to mention.

Exhibitions and School Fairs

In the month of September Miss Hassard and I were busy with school fairs and exhibitions. We judged at eight school fairs, and

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at the Georgetown, Alberton, Souris, and Egmont Bay exhibitions. This year \$188.95 was spent by the Institutes in assisting school fairs.

Short Courses in Home Economics

The annual three weeks Short Course in Home Economics was held from February 16th to March 6th. This course was attended by sixteen girls from different parts of the Island. During the three weeks, classes were given in cookery, dress-making, home nursing and millinery, also lectures and demonstrations in laundry, food values, care of the house, and interior decorating.

One very pleasing and instructive feature was an excursion through Stewart's Bakery when the girls had the making of bread, doughnuts, pastry, etc., very clearly explained to them. On leaving each girl was presented with a box containing a half dozen doughnuts.

The course was brought to a close by the students serving afternoon tea to their friends and members of the Government. The work accomplished by the class in dress-making and millinery made an especially good showing this year and much credit is due Miss Thompson and Miss Flynn who had charge of these two classes. The girls received certificates for home nursing, these classes being conducted by Miss Wilson, Chief Red Cross Nurse.

At the same time night classes were conducted in cookery. Thirty-six girls and women of Charlottetown took advantage of these classes.

Booth At Exhibition

The Women's Institute booth for 1930 was situated on the western balcony of the Exhibition Building. The booth was arranged as a comfortably furnished room with home hooked mats on the floor, a large hand painting on the south wall and an attractive home-made sampler on the north wall. In the large west space a map of Prince Edward Island was displayed on which two hundred and eighteen Institutes were marked with small pegs. Attractive posters, referring to the Sanatorium Drive and the various community activities of the Women's Institute Branches were an instructive and interesting part of the exhibit. Institute literature and membership pins, the latter on sale, were at the disposal of Institute members as was also any other handwork on display.

Handicraft Exchange

During the months of July and August, the Women's Institute handicraft exchange was open in the Tourist Office under the very capable supervision of Mrs. J. M. MacFadyen, Secretary of the Tourist Association. During this time Mrs. MacFadyen sold rugs which realized the sum of seven hundred dollars.

The Island Handicraft is again being displayed at the Tourist Office this year. In order to uphold the high standard of the past of the Prince Edward Island Handicraft Exchange only rugs of the very best quality will be accepted and displayed. An Institute member is allowed to display only one rug at a time.

Institute News

Four publications of our paper have been issued since our last Annual Convention. Subscriptions have been coming in very well but there are still quite a few Institutes which have not subscribed.

Detailed accounts of the work being carried on in regard to agriculture, Canadian industry, home economics, immigration, national events, child welfare, legislation, education and better schools, will be received from the Provincial conveners of the standing committees.

In closing I wish to thank all the members for kindness and hospitality which you have extended to Miss Hassard and myself when we have been in your various districts. My one great hope is that you will continue with your good work for "home and country" not only continue as in the past, but that the good work already accomplished will serve as an incentive toward greater and nobler effort in the future.

Respectfully submitted

MARY TAIT.

Transmission Experiments at Fox Station

Report of Dr. Wickwar of Ottawa submitted at Wednesday's annual meeting of the Canadian National Foxbreeders Association: I beg to submit for the information of the members of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association a brief report regarding the progress of our studies with especial reference to the transmission experiments now under way.

As intimated to the Board of Directors on a previous occasion, our first attempts to transmit this disease to experimental foxes at this risk range were disappointing and far from being convincing, due to a coincidental infection with an organism formerly considered as the cause of distemper in dogs. This surprising and rather unfortunate complication necessitated prolonged bacteriological studies and blood tests as well as additional animal inoculations before finally illustrating this bacterium as the specific causative agent of the disease in question. Our primary inoculation of ferrets with material from three different ranches also gave negative results.

As these experiments were not concluded until the middle of December, it was thought that further attempts to infect test animals would have to be deferred until Spring, owing to lack of suitable winter accommodation remote from infected ranches, but through the courtesy of your Board of Directors, further work along this line was made possible by renovating the building at the extreme end of Queens Wharf, by the purchase of foxes, mink and ferrets from disease free areas and by the transfer from the fur grading department of Mr. Fred Burke whom I may say has been of great assistance in carrying out the many details consequent upon an investigation of this nature.

As a result of the initiative of your Board of Directors, I am pleased to report that substantial progress appears to have been made in our efforts to elucidate this problem, the results of our inoculations in this latter instance pointing to a disease due to a filterable virus and therefore akin to Canine distemper and Epizootic encephalitis of foxes.

Having learned that Major Dunkin whose researches in association with Dr. Laidlaw at the Research Laboratories at Mill Hill, England, have robbed the distemper of its terrors insofar as dogs and ferrets are concerned, was visiting Canada, arrangements for a conference with Major Dunkin on June 3rd, last, at Toronto, were made by your Board of Directors to discuss matters pertaining to the disease now being studied in this Province and elsewhere in Canada. At this conference, the fox breeders were represented by Mr. G. Shelton Sharp and Mr. Gavin Harding while the Health of Animals Branch were represented by Dr. Geo. Hilton, Veterinary Director General, Dr. E. A. Watson, Chief Pathologist and myself. A great deal of very useful information of distinct value as regards further investigation, was obtained from Major Dunkin as well as his personal assurance of earnest practical co-operation with the officials of the Health of Animals Branch in determining at their laboratories in England, the exact relationship of distemper as it occurs in the dog with the form now being studied in foxes. This in itself would be a very valuable contribution to our present limited knowledge concerning the disease now prevalent amongst foxes indicating as it would the danger or otherwise of dogs as possible carriers of so-called Fox Distemper. It is, therefore, intended to take advantage at the earliest possible moment of the generous offer of this renowned scientist. In this connection I may say that the addresses of Mr. Sharp and Mr. Harding greatly impressed Major Dunkin as he informed me that his conception of the magnitude and economic value to Canada of the fox industry had been greatly altered as a result of the discourses of these two gentlemen.

One June 2nd, Dr. Hilton, Vet. Gen. and Dr. Cameron, Chief Inspector were interviewed by Mr. Sharp, Mr. Harding and myself regarding quarantine as a possible means of stamping out the disease now prevalent amongst foxes when the question of quarantine was discussed.

As the difficulties of enforcing an adequate quarantine were considered as outweighing the benefits to be derived from attempted enforcement of such an order, it was decided to refrain from taking such an action at this time.

Before closing, I wish to express

Central Guardian

VISITING HOMETOWN—Messrs Bert and Bruce Jay recently motored from Boston to spend their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jay, Midgell.

CAPE BEAR—There will be service in the old Methodist Church, Cape Bear, Sunday, July 12, starting at 3 o'clock, subject, "What is Truth." Feb. 18-28. Questions welcomed.

BELFAST AND BELLE RIVER United Church services for Sunday, July 12th: Eldon at 11 a. m.; Sunday School at 10.15 a. m.; Belle River, 3 p. m., Sunday School at 2.15 p. m. Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Montague, will conduct both services. M. D. MacDonald, Pastor.

ROAD WORK AT SPRING BROOK—A wonderful sight is in store for the people of the Spring Brook district of New London. It is reported that some time before August 6th, they will have the "Big Road Machine" working in their district. During the past four years all they have had was the split log drag or a little scraper, as a rule drawn by the roadmaster's horse and driven by the road master's son. Surely wonders will never cease.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

KENSINGTON — SUMMERFIELD—Divine service in Kensington on July 12th at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. and in Summerfield at 3 p.m. Rev. J. M. McLeod, Charlottetown, will preach.

BASKBALL—Monday, July 6th Grand River baseball squad accompanied by some of the fans, motored to Tignish, where they encountered the baseball aggregation of that town. The game got away about 6.34 and for a time the visitors were doing good work, both actively and vocally. Some nice home runs were made by both sides, but Tignish team, who in the beginning seemed to be suffering from some kind of depression, came to life in the third inning and handed their opponents read competition in spite of their lead of six runs. (3-9). As the game drew to a close, Tignish took the lead and their enthusiasm waxed while the visitors started on the wane. Altogether, the game was good, well played, with plenty of interest and strong competition and the result was the survival of the fittest. Mr. Edward Brooks, a summer visitor to Tignish, acted as referee without partiality.—T.

PERSONALS

—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy and family are visiting Mr. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Murphy, Tignish.—T.

—Mr. Geo. Clow, of the Provincial Bank, Charlottetown, is visiting at Tignish, while Mr. G. Merson, the manager, is on his holidays.—T.

—Dr. Blanchard and Mrs. Blanchard, Charlottetown, spent the week end with friends in Tignish.—T.

—Mr. Clifford Hackett, Halifax, spent a few days at his home in Tignish, during the past week.

—Mr. E. J. McTague, Tignish, returned from Montreal on Friday last.—T.

—Mrs. Murnaghan, Charlottetown, with her children are spending the summer in Tignish, the guest of her brother, Mr. P. C. MacDonald.—T.

—Miss Stella Orr of Waltham, Mass., who has been spending her vacation at her home in Kensington has left on return.

—Mr. McLeod, editor of the Maritime Farmer attended the annual meeting of the C. N. S. F. Breeders Association held in Summerfield this week. His wife is attending the annual meeting of the Women's Institutes being held in Charlottetown this week.—S.

—Mrs. Russel Rogers of Coleman is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of Summerside. Mr. Rogers attended the annual meeting of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association.—S.

on behalf of the officials of the Department of Agriculture my sincere appreciation for the very material assistance given to us in our studies of this problem by your Board of Directors and to your Secretary, Mr. B. S. Deacon for the many courtesies extended in the way of transportation, help, etc., and to the various other members of the headquarters staff for helpful advice in dealing with the many problems presenting themselves for solution.