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SCOUT NEWS

Due to the illness of Scoutmaster Brigadier W. W. Reid, the weekly hike of the 9th Charlottetown Troop has been postponed.

PEI SEED

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and Canada to find suitable varieties for the various regions. Similar experiments being conducted at the Experimental Farm, are reported elsewhere in this issue.

Freer Transportation

Commenting on the increased movement of seed potatoes, Mr. F. D. Reid, manager of the P.E.I. Potato Growers' Association, pointed out that there were greater movements last fall because of freer movement by boat and rail.

Heavier Turnip Movement

Turnips have moved, and are still moving far in excess of last year. Mr. Reid stated that the opinion of the farmers would be well advised to withhold turnips for a better price, if they are maintaining their quality in storage.

Man And Girl Die In Boarding House Fire

ROUYEN, Que., Jan. 14 (CP)—A 40-year-old prospector who had been in a strike and a young girl were burned to death in a fire which broke out in a boarding house in Roueyn, Quebec, last night.

Chignecto Canal Project Endorsed

AMHERST, N.S., Jan. 14 (CP)—The Cumberland Municipal Council today endorsed the Chignecto canal project after Mayor N.S. Sandford of Amherst told members the project was "not another royal commission."

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

BIRTHS
VEO—At the P. E. I. Hospital Friday, Jan. 14th, 1949, Mr. and Mrs. James G. VEO, Cornwall, a son, John Prowse.
COADE—At Mt. Stewart, January 10th, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coade, a son, Harold Joseph. Weight 8 lbs.

DEATHS

MOORE—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Jan. 14, 1949, Roy Moore of Hampton in his 31st year. Remains resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. Funeral notice later.
MCALDER—At the Charlottetown Hospital on Friday, January 14, 1949, Mr. Peter McAlder of 22 Alley Street. His remains will be transferred this afternoon from the A. Hennessy Funeral Home to his late residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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RESTAURANT ASS'N MEETS—Mrs. Milton Bell of Charlottetown was re-elected president of the Prince Edward Island branch of the Canadian Restaurant Association at the annual business meeting held at the Old Spain on Tuesday.

Good Job Going

Begging At Ottawa

BY CLYDE BLACKBURN
OTTAWA, Jan. 14 (CP)—There's a good job going begging in Ottawa and unless it is filled soon proceedings in the Commons may slow to a crawl.

Dr. Arthur Beauchene, clerk of the House for the last 32 years, has no assistant. He is 72 years old and would be enjoying retirement, but has remained because he is needed. However, he plans to get out this summer.

Scarcely an hour passes during a session that Dr. Beauchene isn't called on to advise the Speaker on some knotty point of procedure or tell him how to settle some point of order.

Speakers come and go and it takes them a number of sessions to learn parliamentary procedure in all its delicate and complex ramifications. By the time they begin to know the rules there is usually a change and a new man takes over.

Dr. Beauchene is an expert. His book—Beauchene's Parliamentary Rules and Forms—is the house of Commons bible.

As mentioned in The Guardian last spring, the trend in turnips is definitely to the ruddy-skinned varieties such as Laurentine. Shippers now report it is becoming more and more difficult to sell the old bronze or yellow-skinned variety in the main markets of Boston and New York.

Vitamin E Leads To Girl's Recovery

(By The Canadian Press)
TIMMINS, Jan. 14—Christina was pretty bleak at the Roscoe home here. Gertrude Roscoe, 17, was a bed-ridden invalid with a rheumatic heart disease, described by doctors as "hopeless."

Report Cigar Prices Will Advance Soon

TORONTO, Jan. 14 (CP)—Cigar prices are going up soon it was learned today. One large manufacturer already has sent new price lists to retailers and others are expected to follow suit.

ISLANDS INCLUDED
Honolulu in the largest city in area in the world. Most of the area is water because of the inclusion of islands within the city boundaries.

Open-air Skating Ponds Provided

Through the efforts of the Charlottetown Playground Commission a few ponds are being provided about the city for use of kiddies for skating and hockey.

One spot already in shape is Government Pond, just back of the Armouries. A part of Connaught Square has been flooded and it is hoped in the next day or so to have a spot back of Nelson's Service Station on the railway trestle in shape for use by kiddies.

Islander Promoted In Naval Service

OTTAWA, Jan. 14—Promotion to the rank of Ordnance Lieutenant, R. C. N., of Commissioned Ordnance Officer Frank E. Barlow, 39, of Charlottetown and Halifax, was announced today at Naval Headquarters.

After serving for two years in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve at Charlottetown, Lieut. Barlow joined the R. C. N. in 1928 as an ordinary seaman. He trained and served in ships and establishments of the R. C. N. and the Royal Navy and rose up through the ranks to earn promotion to warrant, then commissioned officer. Among the ships in which he served during the Second World War were H. M. C. S. "Skeena," "Proquos" and "Uganda."

ADVANCE ON

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believed to be somewhat higher than in the Maritime provinces. Both carload and less-than-carload rates are to be jacked-up by the railways on authorization by the Board because the rates are "special" tolls below the ceilings allowed the carriers.

However, the Board has to conform the tariff schedules filed by the carriers.

CHINESE REDS

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armies in accordance with democratic principles.
"5. Confiscate bureaucratic capital.
"6. Reform the agrarian (land) system.
"7. Abrogate treaties of national betrayal." (Other portions of the text made clear that this referred to the United States, which was bitterly assailed.)

27 BURNED

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Expert Search Progressing At Experimental Farm For Blight Resistant Potatoes

With the object of saving Prince Edward Island potato growers up to \$600,000 cash in blight control costs annually by finding a suitable variety of blight resistant potatoes, Mr. Gordon C. Warren, assistant to the Superintendent in horticulture, is conducting extensive experiments at the Experimental Farm. With both an improved growing method with "named" varieties, similar to that which is being carried on throughout Canada and the U.S., Mr. Warren and his staff have their hands full, not only growing, tending, leading, harvesting, storing, and examining a considerable quantity of potatoes, but they must wash, test them for starch and finally cook them to find the true quality of the tuber.

Not only is there an intensive search going on for blight and scab resistant potatoes amongst the "named" varieties, but also amongst the seedlings which, until they earn their name, are graded only by numbers. Mr. S.G. Peppin of the Seed Certification Service, recounted the names of a number of new "named" varieties which have been introduced within recent years in the U.S. from Maine to Colorado. They include Kennebec, Teton (reputed to be resistant to bacterial ring-rot), Essex, Ontario, De Sota, LaSalle, Pink, Mohawk, Erie, Pawnee, Virgil, Mayfield, Chicago, Florida and Monominee. Possibly one of these varieties may provide the answer for the Island grower.

Promising Variety

Indeed, as in New Brunswick, one of the varieties has shown outstanding promise, although it will require a great deal of further testing before anything definite can be announced. Even then, points out Mr. Lorne Callbeck, plant pathologist, it is possible that, as in cereals, when a disease resistant tuber is developed, it is difficult to accommodate itself to this particular variety, and attack it successfully.

Long-Range Program

The long-range program of testing the "unnamed" seedlings is similar to that being carried out at other Experimental Stations in Canada and the U.S., seeking varieties which carry resistance to late blight and common scab. Those being developed with resistance to blight are not sprayed (except for insects) and are planted so that varieties very susceptible to blight are flanking each seedling. Last year, a bad year for blight, showed a considerable number that were almost completely resistant to late blight.

Readings Simplified

Starch readings were once a complicated affair with various methods but today thanks to the simple, home-sun Brixol Potato Hydrometer which was developed in the West, starch and dry matter readings of potatoes may be taken simply and directly.

ISLAND SWINE

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can now supply it.
The number of sows qualifying for advanced Registry during the months of September, October, and November of 1948 in the various Provinces were as follows: P. E. Island, 20; Nova Scotia, 1; New Brunswick, 1; Quebec, 3; Ontario, 12; Manitoba, 1; Saskatchewan, 2; Alberta, 1.

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Mr. Lorne Paynter (above) formerly of New London, P. E. I., was a successful candidate in the recent municipal election in Newmarket, Ontario, where he ran on a platform of constructive planning and co-operation in educational matters. Mr. Paynter has lived in Ontario for the past twelve years but he has many friends here who will be interested in learning of his success. This was his first entry into municipal politics, although he has been active for some years in the labour movement and is president of the local organization of International Woodworkers of America and a member of the Ontario Area Council, P. W. A.

FARM MARKET

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however, is the removal of potatoes from an area in which there is supposed to be at least a surplus.

From 40 to 50 carloads of potatoes are crossing at Tormentine daily. While the total cars ferried during a given period is not as large as the last two years during the same period, there is a considerable increase in the quantities moved by water as against the same period in the past two years.

It is significant to note that up until January 8, 1949, over two million bushels of certified seed have been shipped from the Province. This is over 235,000 bushels more than was shipped in the same season last year. The market for this seed cover a very wide territory in the United States and elsewhere.

As already stated the demand is expanding territorially, and according to our reports, becoming somewhat keener as the season advances. While we are keeping our fingers crossed regarding the future, this service is still of the belief that after the season is over we may look back upon support prices as being a very splendid thing as a measure of protection, yet something that we did not have to rely too much on because of market demands and other conditions which developed to our advantage.

Price Quotations

Now regarding prices we will quote reports from the following:
Elmira—Seed 75c per bushel for Katahdin and Cobblers at the car. Tablestock 60c at the car. Katahdin seed 80-85c per bushel for March delivery. Product moving rapidly. Sufficient cars available.

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Producers however, are warned not to rush too many turnips to market which can be easily absorbed by such a practice. The warm weather has possibly tended to induce growers to get their turnips out of storage and on to the market. A steady, reasonable movement will however do much to strengthen demand for turnips. The co-operation of dealers and growers is urged in this connection.

Egg Production

The other outstanding development during the week is the price of eggs and we can quite appreciate the fact that producers are somewhat alarmed in this connection. We would like to point out however one or two matters very clearly to our farm producers.

The first is this: That the drop in price that has taken place in morning happens every year about this time. This year, of course, the drop because of the removal of fresh eggs from the market, has taken place two weeks earlier than usual. We are minded regarding these yearly changes but nevertheless these are facts.

The other matter which I would like to bring to the attention of our producers is this: That the new price for eggs today are only about 1c lower than the prices paid during last year or some previous years. In the latter part of January, 1947, dealers were paying 36c for grade "A" large, and in 1948, 37c. As we are selling new fresh eggs in the British Contract our surplus this year may go into storage or to drying plants.

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As the British price on eggs is approximately 1 3/4c below last year's contract levels the fact that we are receiving only 1c less than the 1948 price provides a thankful reflection on the internal arrangements in Canada which have reduced handling and other costs. Most dealers have today an accumulation of eggs and report sales slow in the Maritimes.

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