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**PREMIER JONES**

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trying to secure. The Premier did not think such an outstanding boar should be allowed to leave the island and that if the owner felt constrained to sell this animal, the Association should see to it that he remained in the Province.

**Federal Responsibility**

Premier Jones said he believed the Dominion Government should pay the freight on all feed grain consigned to the Maritimes from the West. In the meantime, however, he thought most farmers could increase their own grain production by paying special attention to the preparing of one or more fields for grain growing. With the proper attention, and preparation, the Premier said, a yield of 60 bushels of grain to the acre should not be impossible.

Answering a question from Mr. Robert Connolly, Dunstaffnage, the Premier said veterinary services to the farmers of the Province were still inadequate and would continue so until the "new crop" of young veterinarians graduated. He had been fortunate, he said, in securing the services of Dr. Nordlund last year and it was the intention of the Government to secure the services of several more qualified veterinarians as soon as they could be secured. The Province could maintain 15 qualified veterinarians, he said.

**Leads All Canada**

Today, the Province leads all Canada, Mr. Clay said, in its percentage of Grade A Hogs. That percentage is now 80 per cent and could easily be made 85 per cent. There are now 150 active breeders of pure bred hogs in the Province. Today, there are 50 sows of advanced registry compared to only eight in 1946. It required 15 years to get three hogs with a slaughter test of over 90 whereas in the last three months, Mr. Clay said, 15 sows have qualified with sows of that time no other sow in Canada qualified. One Island breeder has a boar which in three months sired five litters each of

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS**

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SMITH — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on February 21st, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Smith, Milville, a daughter.

CONNOR — At the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, N. B., to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Connor (nee Della Doyle, Tignish), a son James, Patrick.

CARTER — At the P. E. Island Hospital, February 23rd, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Leith Carter, (nee Evelyn Carr) Winslow, a daughter.

**DEATHS**

MACKINNON — At his residence 66 Dorchester St., on February 25, 1948, John T. MacKinnon. Funeral notice later.

KENNEDY — At the P.E.I. Hospital on February 23, Calvin J. Kennedy of Munn's Road. Remains were forwarded yesterday afternoon to his late residence where private services will be held Thursday afternoon, followed by service in Kingsboro Baptist Church at 2.30. Interment in Church Cemetery.

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**SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT**

The Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion held another successful auction forty-five card tournament at the Legion Home last night, with over ten tables participating in the play. The following are the prize winners of last night's tournament:—Ladies, 1st prize, Mrs. Joseph O'Hanley, 2nd prize, Mrs. Fred Worth. Men's 1st prize, Mr. L. Brown; 2nd prize, Mr. Samuel Leves. Consolation prize, Miss Lois Brown. Freezout prizes, Mrs. Nelson Whitlock and Mr. H. A. Ebers.

**ART SOCIETY MEETING.**

Handicrafts were discussed last night at a regular monthly meeting of the Prince Edward Island Art Society held at the Harris Memorial Gallery. The president, Mrs. R.E. Sutherland, presided. Mrs. L. Brown, chairman of the program, Miss Joan Gill, librarian at the Charlottetown Library reviewed a number of books she had available dealing with handicrafts. Mrs. James McConnell gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the handicraft of weaving, demonstrating on a small loom. She also had on display many beautiful pieces of various patterns. The meeting also saw a display from the Canadian Handicraft Guild, Toronto, including sweaters, articles carved from wood and more. An exhibition on the "Elements of Design", from the National Gallery at Ottawa, was also of much interest to the meeting.

which scored over 90. Mr. Clay said no other boar in Canada ever approached that record in a life time.

**Many Orders**

Further proof of the quality of Island hogs, Mr. Clay said, is evidenced by the orders which are pouring into the Province for Island Hogs—orders which cannot be filled. One hundred and forty-six hogs in the Province in one day for Western Canada; 56 and 30 in one day to Quebec and 30 to Ontario.

Nevertheless, Mr. Clay admonished, improvements can easily be made in their hog raising methods by many farmers. Every breeder should know the pedigree of his stock so that the buyer will not have cause to doubt whether or not the breeder knows his business. All hogs should be kept scrupulously clean of external parasites in order that the reputation so carefully built up by many Island hog breeders should not be endangered by the practices of a relatively small number who are careless in their hog raising practices.

Mr. Clay said the quality of Island pure bred stock must not stand still. Rather, it must be increased. He would approve of the contemplated regulations which would make it necessary for every boar kept for breeding purposes and which is born after December 1st, 1947, to be from a qualified sow if he is to be bonused by the Government.

**Steady Development**

Mr. W.R. Shaw said the development of Island hog production had been steady. It could not, however, stop if the Province was to go ahead in the industry, breeders must look forward to not only supplying Ontario and Western Canada with pure bred stock but other parts of the Empire as well. One way to keep all pure bred stock in the Province for the time being was, Mr. Shaw said, for the commercial hog raisers to buy their brood sows from "key breeders." If every hog raiser determined to raise only the highest quality of hog, the demand would give the key raisers enough business to keep them busy without exporting to other parts of Canada.

Mr. M. Chepuswick of Moncton, Dominion Government live stock fieldman, said he had enjoyed being present and could heartily congratulate the Island hog breeders on their enviable record. If they were to maintain that high standard, however, they would have to be unremitting in their efforts for the tendency of all genetics was to revert to average standards unless wise selections for breeding purposes were made.

**Other Speakers**

Other speakers who addressed the meeting briefly were Mr. Frank Pratt, St. Peter's, Mr. Frank Clark, Charlottetown, and Mr. R.C. Parent, superintendent of the local Dominion Experimental Farm.

Mr. Parent said Quebec and New Brunswick had imported pure bred hogs from the Province for experimental purposes in breeding. He thought a resolution should be introduced at the meeting urging the same practice be followed at the local experimental farm. Mr. Parent also said that sawdust makes a good litter for hogs when

**Seed Potatoes For Palestine**

Some 30 cars of Island seed potatoes have been shipped to Halifax where they are being loaded this week on the "Seaside" for shipment to Palestine.

This makes a total of some 37,000 bushels of seed which has gone to Palestine this season to Jewish buyers, the first time that Island seed potatoes have penetrated that far-away market. A previous shipment consisted of 12,000 bushels. Both shipments were made by the P.E.I. Potato Growers' Association. Negotiations had been under way for an additional thirteen cars of potatoes this year to the Mediterranean area, but the idea had to be dropped this season because it has grown too late to complete the arrangements and make the shipment in time for their early planting season.

The present shipment to the Mediterranean consisted of Kathadins for the most part, although there were also some small Green Mountains.

The shipments to Palestine and the possibilities seen of a further expansion of markets for Island seed in other parts of the Mediterranean emphasize the statement made here recently by Mr. S.G. Peppin, District Inspector in charge of seed potato certification, when he said:

"P.E. Island potatoes find their way to at least half of the States of the United States as well as to many other countries such as Cuba, Bermuda, Jamaica, and other West Indies Islands, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, South Africa, Portugal, and Palestine."

The provinces of Canada and Newfoundland are other markets. Mr. Peppin who pointed out that sample lots had been shipped to other places such as Cyprus, Egypt, Chile, Peru and Java.

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eral member for the Fourth District of Prince Edward Island.

The newly appointed Sergeant at Arms is Lieutenant Commander C.P. MacKenzie, Charlottetown, a veteran of World War II who was invalided home after loss of a leg, and later served as commanding officer of H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte.

Following His Honour's retirement from the House the customary pro forma bill was introduced and Premier Jones announced the resignation to the Cabinet of the Hon. J. Wilfred Arsenault, Third District of Prince, as a member without portfolio.

Mr. Walter E. Darby was appointed Law Clerk.

Joseph Livingston, Murray Harbour and John F. Duffy, Charlottetown, were appointed messengers and Jas. Duncan, Russell Flood, Charlottetown, Allan Hitchcock, Bradsbane, Duncan MacKinnon, Bonshaw, and Jos. Arsenault, Wellington, doorkeepers during the session.

The following select standing committees were appointed:

Agriculture: Messrs. Baker, Hon. J.A. Campbell, Kichikam, Phillip Matheson, Ramsay, Phillips, Hon. W.F.A. Stewart.

Public Accounts: Messrs. Keir Clark, D.L. Mathieson, Cox, Bell, McLean, McFarlane.

Standing Rules and Orders: Hon. G.H. Barbour, Messrs. MacLean, Hon. W.J.P. MacMillan, Delaney, Richard.

Private Bills: Hon. F.A. Large, Messrs. Saville, A.W. Matheson, Linklater, D.L. Mathieson.

Printing and Binding Journals: Messrs. A.W. Matheson, Jos. G. Campbell, MacKinnon, McLean, McFarlane.

Legislative Library: Hon. Wilfred Arsenault, Messrs. Cullen, Burge, Phillip Matheson, Hon. Horace Wright.

Engraving Bills: Messrs. Saville, Baker, D.L. Mathieson, Ramsay, Russel Clark.

Revising Journals: Messrs. Cox, Phillips, D.L. Mathieson.

Contingent Accounts: Messrs. Russel Clark, Richard, Bell.

Fox Industry and Fisheries: Hon. Wm. Hughes, Messrs. Richard MacKinnon, Hon. Wilfred Arsenault, Delaney, Burge.

Public Health: Hon. W.F.A. Stewart, Hon. W.J.P. MacMillan, Hon. Wm. Hughes, Hon. G.H. Barbour, Hon. J.A. Campbell, Messrs. J.G. Campbell, Keir Clark.

**Not Enthusiastic At Film Prospects**

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 — (Special)—Those familiar with the movie industry in Canada's capital and others in Ottawa who in previous years have lost money in Canadian film enterprises today looked with a jaundiced eye on Trade and Commerce Minister C.D. Howe's appeal in the Commons on Monday for the development of a Canadian Hollywood. Mr. Howe dilated on the beauty of the scenery, the health of plot, material and the culture of Quebec as a suitable subject for movie scripts and also the unique advantages of British Columbia as a local for movie-making. Later, C.C.F. leader M.J. Coldwell suggested a film saga on the early settlement of the prairies.

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**PHILIPPINE RICE**

About 10 per cent of the total area of the Philippines is under cultivation for rice.

straw was scarce and that the sawdust, if mixed with liquid manure, had no ill effects when spread upon the soil.

**RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were approved: (a) all hogs born after Dec. 1st, 1947, should be from advanced registry stock if to be used for breeding purposes; (b) owing to the increased number of sows entered for advanced registry, the test groups should be increased from 14 to 40; (c) experimental breeding of hogs at the Experimental Farm should be undertaken by the Provincial Government; (d) because many farmers are losing money by taking underweight and overweight hogs to the packing plant, every hog to the packing plant himself with a proper scale; (e) since the present system of hog marketing is inefficient and costly to the farmer, the Provincial Government be asked to support a more efficient marketing system.

Mr. Almon Boswell was re-elected president; Mr. Alex Hamilton, New Perth, vice-president; and Mr. H.W. Clay, secretary.

This morning the Farmers' Institutes meet at 9.30. The Dairywomen's Association will begin their sessions at 2.30 in the afternoon with an evening meeting at 7.30.

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16. The holdings outside of Charlottetown and Summerside of all our citizens will be assessed. An Assessment Board will be appointed and legislation will be presented to abolish the Land Tax and Road Tax, as well as to establish the new plan of assessment.

17. The work of the Relief Committee will be extended to include a larger field. Hereafter the work will come under the Social Security Committee and be more extensively organized.

18. It is proposed to progress with town planning. A Municipal Act is being prepared. A Sanitary engineer will be employed and milk and water inspection will be undertaken in an efficient manner.

**P.E.I. Production**

Mr. Inman said Prince Edward Island produced 175,000 lbs. of wool in 1947 of which nearly 22,000 lbs. was marketed through the Co-operative Wool Growers' Association.

Canada's total production last year, Mr. Inman said, was about 14 million pounds out of a total of 112 million pounds used. That Island sheep breeders have nothing to worry about respecting the finding of a market for their product.

Mr. Inman deplored the decrease in the number of sheep now being kept in the Province. The decrease in sheep production, he said, is not confined to this Province but is general throughout Canada.

Two resolutions were adopted for presentation to the P.E. Island Federation of Agriculture. The first was that some more suitable method be found for administering drugs to sheep for internal parasites. The second recommended that the local packing house be asked to encourage rail grading.

Mr. John McGrath of Canada Packers said his firm was only too willing to encourage rail grading by every means in its power. The system was preferred by his firm and it was, moreover, a more profitable one to the producer.

Mr. MacKenzie was re-elected president of the Association with Mr. C.M. Arsenault as vice-president and W.R. Shaw as secretary.

**THRONE SPEECH**

Following is the text of His Honour's Speech from the Throne. Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island:

1. In the name of His Majesty the King, I thank you for attending here today to assume your Legislative duties.

2. Since the last session, the Province mourns the passing of a former member of its Legislature, Mr. Montague Annear.

3. The marriage of the heir-apparent to the Throne called for nation-wide rejoicing. In her vow of service to the Empire, she said: "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great Imperial Family to which we all belong, but I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me as I now invite you to do. I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it." My government reaffirms its loyalty to the King as Head of the great Imperial Family.

4. We are pleased that farm production was excellent in the past year and the prices for farm products quite satisfactory. The fisheries, however, declined in both production and price. The scarcity and high price of labour has necessitated the purchase of more equipment, which has enabled farmers to increase their production. Throughout Canada nearly twice as many are engaged in manufacturing as in farming, but in our Province more than six per cent are still engaged in farming, which remains the chief investment of our citizens.

5. The Dominion Provincial Agreement, which came into force on April 1, 1947, forecast a payment of two million two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars. I am pleased to inform you that the estimate will be considerably exceeded due to the mounting Gross National Production.

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**PHILIPPINE RICE**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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This morning the Farmers' Institutes meet at 9.30. The Dairywomen's Association will begin their sessions at 2.30 in the afternoon with an evening meeting at 7.30.

**Parliamentary Tea Yesterday**

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The guests were received by the president, Mrs. D. J. Riley, Mrs. J. Walter Jones and Mrs. J. Lester Douglas. They were ushered in by Mrs. Benj. Rogers, Jr., Mrs. S. T. Paoli, Mrs. A. Cutcliffe, Mrs. Lemuel Prowse. Acting as hostesses at large were Mrs. G. H. Barbour and Mrs. E. McCarey. Tea was poured by Mrs. Horace Wright, Mrs. H. H. Cox, Mrs. J. J. Trainor and Mrs. Edgar Heartz.

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