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Maritime Winter Fair Opened By Lt. Governor Bernard

The following address was given yesterday by His Honour Lieutenant Governor Bernard in opening the Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst:

"In addressing you in connection with the opening of your Maritime Winter Fair in place of Hon. J. Walter Jones, Premier of Prince Edward Island, I feel somewhat in the position of a baseball player being asked to pinch hit for Babe Ruth when he was in his glory 20 years ago. I am here tonight to do some of the talking which Hon. Mr. Jones was to do. He found it impossible to attend, but he has requested me to tender his regrets and to bring you his greetings and best wishes for the success of the Maritime Winter Fair.

His absence tonight with the message he would bring to you leaves a void, and causes a loss to all who are exhibitors here. As some of you are well aware Mr. Jones is one of the real progressive and successful farmers and breeders of high grade pedigree Holstein cattle in the Dominion. Among his herd he has a world's champion in "My Lady Abegweit" possessor of a world's record for volume and butter fat made in 1945, and which in the same year dropped a bull calf which sold at less than two months old for the phenomenal figure of \$10,000.00. His herd which are all registered Holsteins are particularly well kept while individual records show the exact results of the production of each, and I am fully aware that he would have an interesting message to deliver on agricultural matters.

His daughter Miss Vimy Jones, a horsewoman or equestrian, is known all over Canada and the United States for her ability as a rider of saddle horses and jumpers and an exhibitor at your Fair. In P. E. Island she is known as Marshall Vimy Jones, and when she appears at public functions and spirited horses from Bunbury Farm she is recognized as a queen of riders, and receives an unusual ovation. "Bunbury Farm is showing prize cattle, horses, mink and farm seeds and therefore adding to the success of your enterprise.

Fine Exhibits

"It is a pleasure to me to attend this Fair as well as to have the honour of being requested to take some part in it. I appreciate the opportunity presented to me to view the fine exhibits you have assembled and which are to be judged in friendly competition. I congratulate the President and officers of the Maritime Winter Fair on the splendid work you are doing since you resumed activities when the war ended. This Fair is a great attraction, and where there is such opportunity of seeing what your neighbors are doing and producing there is every good reason to attend.

"Farmers and breeders are fortunate in having so high a grade of live stock as we have seen here. I compliment those farmers who are showing this stock because I fully realize what patience, time and labour is required to make a successful showing in this vital part of farming. Agriculture is the blood stream and the very existence of our country and without it we could not function or carry on.

"Farming is becoming more mechanized and to be a successful farmer today it is necessary to have an agricultural education and to apply it to the task. Intelligence in breeding, feeding and in dairy marketing are important things on the farm and proper education and experience in these spells the difference between success and failure.

"In Prince Edward Island potatoes and turnips are our big vegetable crops, while we raise hogs, beef and dairy cattle and lambs in large quantities and we produce poultry, eggs, butter and cheese in export volume. As you also produce all these except cheese we find that agriculturally we have much in common. We of course have to depend on Nova Scotia coal and iron but in turn we find markets in your province for a lot of what we produce on our farms and we of P. E. Island appreciate the exchange of interest and of good will which exists for the benefit and advancement of all of us.

Rural Beautification

The Rural Beautification Plan is receiving much attention in our Province the past two years and as a result of the plan a great many rural properties have been painted and made more attractive, while country schools and halls are being improved. Because of this the visitor gets a more favorable impression than a few years ago. Both the Provinces are mightily interested in Tourist business. We both have attractions which are drawing cards

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for this trade and we find that our visitors show a special interest in any property which is neat, tidy and attractive.

"I compliment the large number of exhibitors who are taking part in making this Fair a success. Your efforts in this respect are what makes the Fair. In co-operating with the Officials you are not only showing your appreciation of their efforts and their achievements but you are also gaining for yourselves an education which will be very beneficial to each of you in carrying on your chosen work or profession in your own environment.

"This is your Fair. It is what you make it. It can only be successful by your giving of your best efforts to make it so. If you are not awarded the top prize you have the opportunity of making comparisons with the top prize winner and of benefitting thereby to such an extent that when the next Fair is held you may be able to show a higher grade of exhibit which will be adjudged as being in the top category.

"And now, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, you feel sick and for the honour extended me, I now declare this Maritime Winter Fair officially opened. I bespeak for it the great success which it so richly deserves, and I express the hope that next year it may be bigger and greater, with more exhibits and a correspondingly larger attendance."

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Egg & Poultry Report

Egg production has held fairly steady during the past week but present receipts are not sufficient to meet demand for the product from Maritime and Newfoundland points. This condition has resulted in an advance of five cents per dozen in producers for ungraded eggs. The egg market in P. E. I. is apparently in an unsettled condition as evidenced by sharp advances and declines in paying prices to producers during the past month. When a market is in an unsettled condition producers can expect sharp advances and declines in paying prices. An unsettled market must be watched in order to take advantage of increased prices and protection from a sharply declining market. It is reported that eggs are coming into the Maritimes from Ontario and Quebec, therefore, one can look forward to some decline in paying prices here. Dealers are quoting for ungraded eggs delivered at Charlottetown AL 48-48 1/2, CM 45-45 1/2, AP 35-35 1/2, B 30-30 1/2, 19 1/2-20 Dealers are paying for the graded product in free cases job shipping point AL 53, AM 50, AP regular 38 1/2, export 40, B 34, C 22, A-1 producers are receiving for cartoned pack AL 54-5, AM 52-3, AP 42-5. Poultry receipts are increasing. There has been a decided increase in quality and dealers are packing a much higher percentage of Milkfed A and B chickens. Shipments of live poultry continue to be made to U. S. A. Shipments consist of fowl and chicken. Dealers are paying for live poultry Chicken 5 1/2 lbs and over light spur development 21-22c, Fowl 5 lbs and over 16-17c. Dealers are paying for dressed poultry basis rail grading delivered Charlottetown, Chicken 5 lbs and over MFA B1, MFB 28, B 26, C 14, Under 5 lbs MFA 26, MFB 24, B 20, C 12, Fowl 5 lbs and over A 22, B 30, C 10, Under 5 lbs. A 18, B 16, C 10.

CANADIAN COW TOPS

WOODSTOCK, Ont. — (CP) — Alice Calamity Bonheur, a Holstein cow formerly owned by J.D. Innes of Woodstock, and bred by Arnold Hogg of Thamesford, Ont., has been crowned grand champion at the national Holstein show at Bogota, capital of the South American republic of Colombia.

Rural Adventure

By Cameron Dockery

Then, suddenly, as though a curtain had been lifted, the pirogue rounded another tongue of land and her objective lay before her.

From the water's edge, turf sloped gradually, and topping the rise was large mansion of the Greek Revival period. At first, she thought it some freak of architecture, perhaps an Athenian temple in the wilderness, but a closer view showed it to be a large, square house, with two-story colonnades surrounding it. Rellied surged over her at this example of civilisation. She was too breathless to call out, but she spied an opening into the enclosed area, and with a violent shove of her pole sent the pirogue heading for it.

The sudden thrust of the pole made a sucking gurgle. The young man sat up, he stared incredulously at the picture of a beautiful girl in a sequined evening gown, poling a pirogue toward his swimming enclosure.

He shouted warningly. Lotus started to speak but the words were knocked out of her. Suddenly, with startling violence, the pirogue struck something beneath the water. It seemed to wobble, to dip. She fell, head first, hitting her shoulder against the edge of the pirogue with stunning force.

Down... down... down... At last she turned and slowly began to rise to the surface. "Are you all right, Rosa?" Breath was returning to her with agonizing slowness. Someone was pressing rhythmically on her ribs, in and out, in and out. Feeling returned to her body—beneath her limp hands, were the smooth, white-painted boards of the diving float.

She gasped, rolled over on her back, felt the pain of her bruised shoulder and opened her eyes. "Stacy Corbin!" "Almost literally in the flesh!" "Oh, Stacy, I'm so glad to see you."

She was glad she realized. Even though Stacy might be involved in all this himself, he looked wholesome, and civilized, and cheerful, and glad to see her. He grinned. "I'm not used to having my head turn up in my own private swimming pool—it's quite a treat—you look just like one, you know."

"Guess I blacked out. I know how to swim, but it was all so unexpected that I didn't have a chance to get my breath." She rubbed her shoulder tenderly and winced.

Stacy was beside her in an instant. "Say, you're going to have a nice purple mark there in a few hours. Hurt any place else?" "No. It's just a bruise, I guess."

"Belle Fleur." Lotus repeated slowly when Stacy Corbin announced the name of the house. "That has a pleasant sound—was it your idea?" He laughed. "Goodness, no! Do look as though I'd pick a fancy French title like that? It was named in 1838 when it was built."

"It doesn't look that old, Stacy." "Oh, Dad had it completely restored from cellar to attic. He had a pair of architects some down from New York to do the job." A queer, sardonic grin lit his face. "It got us in bad with the local element—they thought we should have employed someone from New Orleans who knew the family history."

She turned to him in surprise. "You mean you bought it directly from the family?" "Yes. They didn't want to let it go either."

"What do you mean?" "Well, it was a perfectly legal business deal but they didn't seem to take it that way. See, they had just formed a company to manufacture bagasse."

"Bagasse. What's that?" "It's the residue of sugar cane, the fibrous part; they use it to make wallboard."

"It ought to be popular stuff, now, with a housing boom on."



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"Whispered words came back to Lotus, as though the curvaceous Chloe Duval were standing beside her: "Clever like a fox. There's see the old - world desire for power. Get brings only trouble and disaster, set benefits no one, not even those who reap financial reward. You rest see."

"But that doesn't explain how you got Belle Fleur." "Oh, they gave it to Dad in exchange for his shares of stock. He'd been looking for an old historical plantation place, but none of these sunk-in-tradition families would sell. He had to put the pressure on them."

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