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## ACROSS THE ISLAND

### Baby Calf Is Dropped In Snow At 12 Below

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THIS ITEM probably should have been placed in my farm column but it's so unusual I thought I would talk about it here. Last week I wrote about those who winter cattle outside, regardless of the severity of the weather.

Frank Mutch, Earnscliffe whose farm produces such good beef steers, told me he winters his old cows outside all winter, but not the calves. They are out and in at will, but the cows are outside through the winter.

But Charlie Scranton has a different story. I talked to the Southport and Hazelbrook man – his farm is at Hazelbrook – at the Easter Beef Show and Sale, and learned some interesting things.

### Calf Dropped In Snow

HE HAS his young cattle outside in the bush right through the winter. Indeed he told me of a calf being dropped in the snow when the temperature was 12 below zero one morning last winter.

Charlie got the baby calf inside of a shelter for the first day, then let him run with his mother and the rest of the herd.

Imagine, as I observed to Charlie, a baby calf coming from the body heat of the inside of his mother into snow when the mercury is at 12 below zero. Can you imagine a greater temperature shock? But Mr. Scranton tells me it doesn't hurt the calves.

And that's the first time I ever heard of baby calves running with their mothers in winter weather as cold as that.

As I noted in last week's farm column, the Scranton cattle show no signs of neglect or abuse.

One of his male calves, Scranton Park Commander, grew so well and developed so true to Hereford type that he and his mother won second place at the Royal Winter Fair last November in the class for cow with calf-at-foot.

### Weight Is Really Good

ENQUIRING FURTHER about this calf I found that Commander weighed 1,210 pounds at one year and 19 days of age. Indeed Commander gained 80 pounds in 19 days at one point in his daily rate of gain test Charlie tells me.

The 1,210 pounds at the year and 19 days was in spite of a set back the calf received when he went off his feed during his trip from Toronto's Royal last fall.

It's a distinct advantage to have your cow calf early when the mother-calf pair is competing for honors at the summer and fall fairs. Well Commander was calved early last year; he was born on February 23.

But the same cow dropped a calf at the Scranton Park farm this year on January 11. How's that for getting your calves early, when you want them that way?

## Snow Storm On June Fifth

I'M NOT going to get back into that "winter storms" routine again but a chap I met at Mt. Stewart in mid-week, told me of a time he was driving an Essex car and was caught by a snow storm on June 5<sup>th</sup> that sent him through the fields. I believe he told me he had to go through a man's orchard at one spot. It was back about 1935.

Mrs. Matheson and I were attending the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Roland and Marion Jay. The people who organized the evening presented the celebrants with a lovely TV set and the card on it said it was in appreciation of Roland's services as organist and choir director in St. John's Church over a 40-year period. What a contribution Roland has made to that congregation with the gift of his talents as a musician.

## Aunt Jenny Was Beaming

IT WAS a pleasure for the Mathesons to be part of this most happy gathering. One of the happiest looking people I saw was Roland's mother, Mrs. Lem Jay, or "Aunt Jenny" as so many call her.

I quoted Frank Jones, Southport in a recent column on his buying a V-8 four-door Deluxe Ford sedan for \$1,000 back in 1932 – that was with license and everything ready to go.

Mr. Jones did not correct me; he lived in Southport at the time. But I noticed the envelope of his letter on the weekend and I find he resides now at 73 Mt. Edward Road, Parkdale.

## Wonder Cures Claimed

A GUARDIAN of June 1910 advertised Father Morrisey's liniment relieves pain, aches and pain yields quickly to Father Morrisey's liniment.

Nulife Red Blood tablets cured an awful lot of things: anemia, blood disorders, bad color, bodily weakness, despondency, debility, exhaustion, palpitations.

Another advertisement was offering farms in Western Canada, "A small down payment, pay as you go, if you don't get a crop, you don't pay." The land was in "Sunny Alberta" and the promotion was being done by the Canadian Pacific Railway colonization department.