

The Guardian, Charlottetown, Thurs., April 21, 1966

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Milligan, Dewar Top P.E.I. Herds

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

CONGRATULATIONS are offered to Charles Milligan, Milo and J. Lincoln Dewar, New Perth for achieving production with their herds that topped the Island for 1965.

The feats were among the more interesting phases of the report presented here this week to the P.E.I. Holstein Breeders' annual meeting by E.P. (Ernie) Jarvis, the energetic Maritime Holstein fieldman.

Mr. Milligan's herd topped the category of 20 records or less – he had eight cows completing ROP tests – and Mr. Dewar's topped the section for herds with 20 records or more – he had 21 records in his herd.

Lewisdale Jill had the highest production of any single individual cow during the year, with a combined breed class average in milk and fat of 178 ½. This is normally referred to as BCA – it compares the production of a cow, or a herd, with the average of the breed across Canada. The Lewisdale herd is owned by Lewis Brothers – Claude and Ira – of York.

I'll have some interesting details about the herds of Mr. Milligan and Mr. Dewar in my farm column next Tuesday.

Old Documents Are Interesting

SOME INTERESTING old documents have been handed to me by Dennis Cosgrove, accountant for The Guardian-Patriot. Some of them are interesting more for their age – one is dated April 10, 1850.

It conveys a tract of land in town lot No. 40 from John Coll McDonald to John Orlebar.

Apparently the sum of 120 pounds was involved in the transaction. John Orlebar was "a Commander in the British Navy" who was living in Charlottetown at the time. The spelling at the time, however, was Charlotte Town, instead of the one word we use now.

A real "oldy" was the document dated August 31, 1786 deeding town lots 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 from Samuel Braddock to John Clark.

The amount of 35 pounds was involved in this transaction. I'm going to waste a piece of this column space to show you just how cumbersome was the language used in those far off days – it has improved some in the intervening years, at least I hope so. Here it is:

"To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greetings. Know ye that I Samuel Braddock of Nans Village in the Island of Saint John, farmer, for and in consideration of the sum of thirty-five pounds Halifax currency, to me in hand before the ensealing hereof, well and truly paid by John Clark of Charlotton (this is the actual spelling used), in the said Island Saint John the receipt whereof I do hereby

acknowledge and myself therewith fully satisfied and contented, and thereof and every part and parcel thereof, Do Exonerate, Acquit and discharge him the said John Clark, his heirs, executors, and administrators forever by these presents, Have Given, Granted Bargained, Sold, Alienated, Conveyed and Confirmed, and by these presents Do freely, fully and absolutely Give, Grant Bargain, Sell, Alien, Convey and Confirm unto him the said John Clark his heirs and assigns ALL THOSE five several town lots,” etc., etc. and etc. The last four words are my own. I’ve used them to terminate the lengthy, repetitive language of the old document which ran on and on for many hundreds of additional words.

Alberta Lot Sold To Guardian

ONE OF the documents I was given is interesting in that it deeded a certain lot of land in Alberta to The Charlottetown Guardian – it was lot 21, block 4, plan 5991AA.

The document dated October 26, 1911 said the land was on the Poe townsite. The price was \$100 and the entire purchase price was to be taken up in advertising in The Charlottetown Guardian of that day.

The selling was being done at that time by the Walch Land Company with headquarters in the Union Bank Building, Winnipeg though Poe townsite was in Alberta.

Poe was boosted in the literature as “the center of an agricultural empire”. The Poe district, it said, produces record yields of the famous Alberta wheat, Red Winter Wheat.

Another document transferred title of land in town lot 40 to Judge Young. The deed was made out by John William Morrison and his wife, the sum of \$1,100 was involved and the date was February 1, 1892.

The magistrate was Henry Smith, J.P. for Queens County. The registrar of deeds signing the document was W.C. White.

Lot On Corner Was Sold

A DEED dated 1842 involved Hannah Clark, widow of John Clark and John Coll McDonald, great grandson of Hannah Clark. The site was the corner of Prince and Grafton Streets, which is right below the office in which I am writing this column. The money involved, apparently, was one pound 10 shillings.

The document was witnessed by Ewen Cameron and Mary E. Cameron, apparently his wife.

A document dated October 23, 1869 was a deed from the Charlottetown Temperance Hall Company to Judge Young and John William Morrison, 510 pounds was the amount involved. William Heard was president of the company. The names of the other trustees are not legible on the old document.

Three Weeks Wet Weather Coming

BEN SCHMALTZ, the capable herdsman for the Holstein herd of Lewis Brothers, York predicts that after Friday – that’s tomorrow – there will be three weeks of rainy weather. Many Island agriculturists will be hoping Ben is right.

In case the likable Mr. Schmaltz is wondering how I got word of his prediction, it came through a good neighbor of his from the York area.