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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Island's Historians Are Award Winners

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HISTORIANS FROM this province have made a most unusually sharp impression this year on the people who are associated with the American Association for State and Local History.

I find now that while I was in Halifax covering the Atlantic Winter Fair, Rev. Dr. Francis Bolger of St. Dunstan's University had won recognition from those people, and the item was given publicity in this paper.

Since then I have learned that two other Charlottetown men have won recognition from the same historical organization. They are Lorne C. Callbeck, research officer at the Experimental Farm here, and Dr. Gordon Lea, one of the city's best known physicians.

Lorne was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for his book "The Cradle of Confederation", which records many interesting episodes of this province's colorful past.

DR. LEA was awarded the Certificate of Commendation for his book "The Practice of Medicine in Prince Edward Island" which features careful research that recalls some of the colorful early medical experiences of this province.

Incidentally Mr. Callbeck who has had many scientific papers published in Canada and the U. S. on his studies of plant diseases, has received an interesting letter from the agricultural attaché to the Belgian embassy in Washington. This man writes in part:

"Since I know your province a little, and am familiar with the story of the Acadians, Anne of Green Gables, etc., I took more pleasure in acquainting myself more deeply with the history of Prince Edward Island. . . . Because the history of your province is principally based on the intermingling of two cultures, the Anglo-Saxon and the French, it has come to my mind that perhaps you might be some day interested in the publication of a French version of your book. If this is the case, I would be glad and honored to translate the text of your book into French."

Work Translated Into Spanish

Translation into a second language would be nothing new for Mr. Callbeck. His scientific booklet "20 years with potato fungicides" was translated into Spanish by the government of Argentina so people of that country could benefit from the information it contained.

Technically Mr. Callbeck is a phyto-pathologist, which is another way of saying he is a plant-pathologist, the word "Phyto" is Greek for plant.

Butter Survey Is Interesting

I MUST clear up some unfinished business. I left the butter discussion with Lincoln Dewar rather up in the air, when I wrote an early November column from Halifax.

Mr. Dewar – he's the national chairman of the Dairy Foods Service Bureau – tells me that a nation-wide survey indicates that those who do not use butter regularly give the following reasons:

Some 55.8 percent find it too expensive, 25.9 percent avoid it for its cholesterol or other undesirable qualities, 15.5 do not like the taste, 13.9 say "it's too fattening, butter is too rich. Others spreads are better for you", is the reaction of 8.2 percent, and a combination of other reasons accounted for the other 12.6 percent of those who replied to the survey.

The total percentages add up to more than 100, but I am told this was caused by the manner in which the questions were answered. Some gave more than one reason for their opinions.

Grand Champion Corrections

HERE'S A correction on two items referred to in news stories earlier. While exulting with Keith Boswell and Son, Bryce, of Victoria on the grand championship victory at the Royal Winter Fair of the Lealands Royal Margaret they bred on their farm, I forgot the victory Dan Jewell, East Wiltshire scored at the Royal a few years ago with his Chestnut Royal Technicolor.

As a result I went all the way back to Edison B. Mutch and his victory in 1952, I believe it was, with his Jester's Standard Dreamer, and I termed that the last time an Island exhibitor had won a Royal grand championship with an animal he had bred himself.

MR. JEWELL did it just a few years ago, when C.R. Technicolor went to the grand championship circle in the Dual Purpose Shorthorn ring. He was out of the grand Jewell cow, Milady Snowdrop, one of the better cows of her breed to come this way for a long time.

And that reminds me that a story I wrote on the fall fair winnings recently, robbed my friends, Ernest Coles and his son, Reg. of the grand championship their bull, Patosie Superior, won at Charlottetown in August in the Guernsey ring. Superior who was bred by Eric Hurry, West Royalty was full value for his win. Indeed he defeated at that time the bull that was grand champion at Halifax earlier this month.

I understand this bull is being suggested as a nomination for All-Canadian consideration. He is a son of Mr. Hurry's cow, Patosie Sylvia Faye.

First SPF Pigs On Island

ANDREW WELLS, Alberton was one of the many people I visited on my trip to Western Prince. I visited Andy to have a look at his SPF pigs he purchased earlier in the year from the Connaught Laboratories people, and I found his stock in good shape, and the owner pretty well satisfied with the progress he has made to date with the 16 cross bred sows that had been delivered originally by Caesarian section.

I also learned that perhaps 100 additional pigs are being delivered to the Wells barn which is to be a depot for the Ontario based farm that is specializing in the SPF pigs, a

technical term which means they are free from virus pneumonia, and infectious rhinitis, or as nearly free from the two diseases as it is possible to make animals at the present time.

The pigs at the Wells farm were still free of worms when I visited there and Andy was satisfied with the venture, as he was able to sell his weaner pigs at a premium price. I understand that at least one other Island man is bringing in some of the SPF pigs, but Andy was the pioneer in this province. That's why I selected him for special mention.