

# Reviews Activities Of Potato Growers Ass'n.

The following report was given by Secretary E. D. Reid at yesterday's annual meeting of the P.E.I. Potato Growers Association, covering the year ending June 30, 1950.

"The year under review marks thirty-one years of service by this Association to the farmers of the Province. It was one of the most trying years as we faced marketing conditions which were very difficult due to low level of prices in U.S.A. and restricted buying power with many outside countries coupled with heavy surplus in Canada led to depressed prices for the year. However, the crop was finally marketed without any recourse to price support measures and we are happy to inform you today that your Association, as indicated in the financial report increased its dollar value in sales which, considering the reduced value of produce for the season represents considerable increase in physical volume of sales.

In reviewing your financial statement we find that the Associations net worth after paying all debentures etc. is over \$90,000. This year we can tell you, that we have no Provincial Government guarantee to the Bank.

"During the year your Association as directed at our last annual meeting took steps to consider reorganization and re-structuring of membership as the whole situation has been somewhat uncertain for many years as to who were the actual owners or members of our Association. Meetings were held on August 10, at which time the membership was clarified and all business transacted since 1935 was brought up to date. At the same time arrangements were made for a special meeting to consider whether or not we should incorporate under the Co-operative Association Act was called for Sept. 7. At this final meeting the members voted against incorporation under the Co-operative Act.

## Nova Scotia Woman Dares to Tell Her Story

Mrs. M. H. Bell, Liverpool, N.S., dared by friends to tell her story, said: "I suffered with arthritic pain in my shoulder, arms and ankles for three years, but it wasn't until I took Sarnak that I got relief."

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Mr. Charles Hine and Mr. J. E. Lawlor, Boer War Veterans at commemoration of Battle of Paardeberg service, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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ated profitably. The fact is that about fifty-seven hundred cars are already shipped from the Province and it looks as though we shall not have any more than 2800 cars left. Market prospects are not bright for the next few months, however, it is hoped that at least present level of prices will be maintained.

### "Too Much Talk"

"At this juncture it will be well to examine the predicament of our potato producers and at the same time one would wonder at the great amount of publicity given the potato industry in the papers during the past weeks. I have the greatest regard for some of our potato dealers but we do think there is too much talk over petty trifles while the whole industry stands in a precarious position. No doubt you are wondering today whether you can continue in business or not. It should be a matter of great concern to all dealers and growers alike.

"On the one hand we face rising cost for everything used in production—fertilizer, bags, insecticides, labour, and transportation. On the other hand potato prices are disproportionate to the general level of food prices. Let us look at our situation in detail. It is estimated that we shall market 6 1/2 million bushels of potatoes and the average price to the grower is not over 40 cents per bushel, which would represent a return of \$2,600,000 to the growers. At the same time the fertilizer bill alone for last years crop amounts to over two million dollars.

"The whole vegetable industry over America is actually in the throes of its worst depression in thirty years. Canada's statistical review of December 6, 1950 places the cost of living index at 170.7 at the same time the same authority quotes the wholesale prices of vegetables at 78.2; in other words you are not sharing in the general prosperity.

Many are the experts who have tried to find, and recommend an answer to these problems. Some say the farmers should form one great Marketing Board where they will handle the problems both nationally and internationally. To me it seems the day is far off before you can count on controlling the whole vegetable supply of North America. What we can do is stop overproduction. What we should aim at this year in the whole of Canada and U.S.A. is an overall reduction of 25 per cent in our potato acreage. Then and only then will we be in a position to secure our rightful share of the national wealth and share in the general prosperity.

As manager of your Association I can truthfully say that we have done what we thought best in the interests of the industry. Your manager has been on every potato committee both provincially and nationally which had to do with improving your potato industry. I happen to be a member of the P.E.I. Potato Promotional Committee; for a time I was Secretary of the P.E.I. Dealers Association, also a member of the Potato Committee of Canadian Horticulture Council and a member of Potato Committee of Federation of Agriculture, and lastly Secretary of the Potato Marketing Board. All these organizations have the avowed purpose of working to the betterment of the potato industry. Some day maybe all the above organizations with common ideals will be able to work out together a solution for the problems that beset us.

### Tributes Paid

"This year your Association suffered severely in the loss of a wise councillor in the person of our late President, Mr. Weight who gave unstintingly of his services and was a devoted servant of the Association for many years. At the same time we lost several of our staunch supporters some of whom took active part in last year's discussions. We refer to men like Col. Hooper, Mr. J. L. Douglas, M. P. and Colin A. MacPhail all of whom were close friends of

this Association.

"Before concluding we should not forget to mention our transportation matters. We have few complaints in this regard this year. We must tell you that we consider our local Railway officials gave us the best service possible during the year and we think you should express our great appreciation for their work. The matter of increased freight rates will be considered shortly and in this connection we feel that this Island province cannot stand any additional load.

"We wish to express our appreciation of the work of both seed and table inspectors also the Dominion Science Service.

"Both the Department of Entomology and Pathology Plants are complimented on their excellent service. During last December Mr. S. G. Peplin retired after thirty-five years of service to the industry. All members of this Association know Mr. Peplin's fine service he rendered to the industry. We think if there is ever a "Hall of Fame" instituted in P.E.I. for the potato industry, S. G. Peplin should be one of the first selected for this distinction.

"In conclusion we wish to again express the appreciation to the members of our staff for their co-operation during the year also to the Directors and last to all the patrons who make the Association possible."

## Hatchery Eggs

OTTAWA, February 21, 1951 — For the poultryman with a high quality flock the production of eggs for the use of hatcheries offers decidedly lucrative possibilities as an outlet for the egg crop, says B. F. Tinney of the Federal Experimental Station at Charlottetown, P. E. I.

To the flock owner who already is taking the precautions necessary to market high quality eggs for hatcheries the additional care in the production of hatchery eggs should not offer any great difficulty.

Many provinces now have breeder and/or hatchery flock policies and the individual hatcheryman, as well, may have his own ideas concerning the type of flock from which he purchases his supply of eggs. Contact the hatcheryman and other authorities necessary to assure that all regulations with respect to type of flock, culling, males, environmental (and particularly sanitary) conditions, blood testing, disease control, etc. are met.

Start feeding a good quality breeder or hatching mash three to six weeks prior to the sale of hatching eggs. Breeder rations are slightly higher in protein than standard laying mash and contain higher percentages of other ingredients such as wheat germ, milk products, riboflavin, etc., tending to ensure a higher per cent hatch of stronger and more vigorous chicks.

Most hatcherymen ask for an egg of a certain size. Grade to the weight limits required and remove all over-size, mishapen eggs and those with thin shell or rough and poor shell texture. Provide plenty of clean nests and collect eggs frequently. Dirty eggs are a liability to everyone. Cool the eggs quickly and pack in crates with the small end down. Careful tests have shown that eggs packed with the large end down lose grade rapidly and a low quality egg is not a good hatching egg. Hold the eggs in storage at a temperature of 60 degrees to 66 degrees F. and a relative humidity of 75 to 77 per cent. Market frequently. Tests have

shown that the percentage hatch decreases with the length of time held in storage. This decrease is rapid if held for periods in excess of seven days.

## West Cape and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio MacWilliams of Springfield West were visitors to Summerside on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis and Mrs. Heber Ellis of Knutsford were recent visitors to Alma, the guests of Mrs. Heber Ellis' daughter Mrs. James Dunbar and Mr. Dunbar.

Mr. W. E. Brooks of Summerside was among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Albert Wilkinson that was held in the United Church, Miminegash on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas Costain of O'Leary has in her possession a Bible which is one hundred and forty-eight years old. It belonged to her great-grandmother. The Bible is dated 1803. Mrs. Costain is ninety-one years old and is still very active, and takes an active part in church work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks of Summerside were the visitors to Long River West last week. While there they were the guests of Mrs. Brooks' sister, Mrs. James Moreshead and Mr. Moreshead who is ill. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Alice Wilkinson passed peacefully away in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, on Feb. 20th. The funeral was held in the Trinity United Church in Summerside on Thursday afternoon with a short service. The remains were then taken to Miminegash United Church where the funeral service was conducted by Rev. John Sheen. The remains were laid to rest by that of her husband the late Mr. Albert Wilkinson who predeceased her a number of years ago. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in the loss of a loving mother.

## LONG RIVER W. I.

The February meeting of the Long River W. I. met at the home of Miss Mae Found. Seventeen members were present, meeting opened with singing Ode and repeating Creed in unison. Roll call was answered with an exchange of Valentines. School committee reported having visited the school room, that the room had been cleaned, and that Band-Aids are needed for First Aid Kit. Also repairs to be made to teacher's chair.

Sick committee reported one call made. New committees appointed as follows:

School—Mrs. Ruth Carr, Mrs. Heath Campbell, Mrs. Allan Campbell, Mrs. D. A. Campbell. Sick—Mrs. Edwin Bernard, Mrs. Mae Brown, Mrs. Hedley Paynter. Lunch—Mrs. Murdoch MacLeod, Mrs. Nelson MacLeod, Mrs. Eustace Paynter, Mrs. Oliver Paynter. Programme—Mrs. James Bernard, Mrs. Nelson MacLeod. Collection of last meeting read and approved.

Roll Call for March an Irish Verse or Joke. One thank you note was received. A Valentine Social was then planned with a one-pound auction sale. Program committee to be Mrs. Ralph Johnstone, Mrs. Arthur Johnston, Mrs. Eustace Paynter, Mrs. Andrew Johnstone.

Miss Mae Found, Red Cross Convener distributed yarn and sewing material. The following were appointed to have charge of a crokinole party, Mrs. James Bernard, Mrs. Edwin Bernard, Mrs. Oliver Paynter, Mrs. Nelson MacLeod. A contest entitled "Some Gentlemen" by Mrs. Oliver Paynter was much enjoyed. The singing of "The King" brought the meeting to a close. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the committee in charge.

## Millott - Deighan Wedding In Toronto

St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, was the setting for a lovely mid-winter wedding on February 3rd, 1951, when Edith Marguerite Deighan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Deighan, Summerside, became the bride of Mr. Keith S. Millott, Toronto.

Father Kyte celebrated the Nuptial Mass and performed the ceremony.

Special music by the Cathedral boy chorists was under the direction of Rt. Rev. J. E. Ronan, choirmaster, authority on Gregorian music. The numbers sung were: Cesar Franck's Panis Angelicus and Bach Gounod's Ave Maria. Mr. Armstrong was organist.

Red and white carnations in tall standards were on either side of the altar.

The bride looked lovely in an ivory satin wedding gown with long train and lace veil. The yoke of the dress was nylon insert with sashin and pearl beaded rosettes. The head-dress was coronet style embroidered in pearls. The bride's bouquet was red roses and white hyacinths centered by white plumes.

The bridesmaid was Miss Frances Farmer, of Kinkora, P.E.I. She wore turquoise taffeta, bouffant style and folds of material draped and held with red velvet roses. Her head-dress was a bonnet of the same material as her dress. Her bouquet was red roses and blue hyacinths centered by blue plumes.

The best man was Mr. Loyola Deighan.

The wedding reception was held in the Mayfair Room at the St. Regis Hotel. Forty guests sat down to dinner. The Hans Kaufman trio played selections.

The toast to the bride was proposed by Miss Lena McLure. She spoke of the bride as being a very endearing young girl.

The groom gave a most fitting reply in response to the toast.

The three tier wedding cake was cut in the traditional manner by the bride and groom.

After the wedding reception the bride and groom left on a trip to the United States.

The bride's going away costume was navy and gray gabardine two piece suit, top coat of winter white, velvet hat and accessories to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Millott will reside in Toronto where the groom is a most successful contractor. His firm the Millott Building and Contracting Company have just completed two new theatres, a bank, and stores in Toronto.

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Mrs. Carl Deighan entertained at a shower for Mrs. Millott.

Mr. and Mrs. Millott are in residence on Withrow Ave., before moving into their new home.

Congratulations from many friends and relatives on Prince Edward Island and Toronto are extended to the happy young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Millott.

## THREE DIE IN FIRE

MOOSOMIN, Sask., March 1 — (CP) — A couple and a nine-year-old boy died early today in a fire which destroyed a two-storey brick building in this Eastern Saskatchewan town. The first is believed to have started in the suite of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Cryderman, who died. Larry Lindsay, 9, lost his life when he re-entered the building in search of his dog.

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