Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

POULTRY

A committee to be known as the Prince Edward Island Poultry Industry Committees was formed on January 8. The purpose of this committee is to promote the welfare of the Poultry Industry on Prince Edward Island. The following executive was appointed: Chairman, Dr. Fisher; vice-chairman, C. S. Scranton; secretary, H. E. Robbins.

Topics discussed were:—
(1) Live pullet and egg market in Newfoundland.
(2) Introduction of an additional band of approved flocks.
(3) More publicity for the poultry industry.
(4) Centralized grading and marketing of eggs.
(5) Transportation of perishable products.

Making Use of Spare Time

So far as labour requirements are concerned, this is probably one of the slacker seasons on many Prince Edward Island farms. Most farm operators have about a half-day of farm chores, but it is also important to make good use of the other time available.

This may be a good time to make plans for the coming year.

This is a dandy time to get to the woods and cut the fuel for next year, and also any logs that may be required for lumber. In cutting of trees for firewood the woodsman has an excellent opportunity to go over his woodlot and clean up many poorer type trees. These may include windfalls, dead trees, broken trees, crooked trees, crowding trees, and others. Always be careful not to injure the small trees when felling the larger ones. In selecting trees to cut, try to protect growing trees of the more valuable kinds, such as spruce, pine, tamarack or juniper, cedar, maple, beech and healthy white and yellow birch. Trees like fir, poplar and grey birch are not so long-lived and should be cut in preference to the others and when smaller.

This may also be a good time to give your machinery a little check-over. How about that pole you cracked last summer and fixed temporarily? the bent lever on the grain drill? the broken rake-tooth? the chain that kept slipping and coming off the manure spreader? the worn plow shares? or the tractor tire with the slow leak? Take a look, and if new parts are required make a record of the part number and order it now from your dealer. A little time spent now may greatly hasten your work next spring and summer when you will be wanting to make every minute count.

Junior 4-H Sewing Club Organization

During the past week, seven Junior 4-H Sewing Clubs were organized by the supervisors of the Women's Institute Branch, Department of Agriculture. Local leaders being: Mrs. Harold Beaton, Alexandra; Mrs. Delma Horne, Rosebank; Mrs. Archie Barbour, Mrs. Isaac Dunbar, Alma Lot 3; Miss Florence Matheson, Bridgetown; Mrs. Marcell Campbell and Mrs. Arthur Howlett, Annandale; Mrs. Burnsley Wonnacott, Greenvale; and Mrs. Austin Murphy with four assistants, Emerald. This makes a total of 85 sewing clubs in the Province with a membership of approximately 1,200 members.

Club News

The regular monthly meeting of the Coronation 4-H Calf Club was held at the home of Boyce Stetson, Brookfield, on January 4.

A paper on the feeding and management of yearling heifers was read, and after some discussion the members answered questions on the paper.

There were eleven club members present and four visitors who may join. If the interest in the district is maintained, the club will have a membership of over 20. After deciding to hold the next meeting at the home of Bloyce MacRae, the meeting concluded with a short period of entertainment.

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At the annual meeting of the Sea Crest Holstein-Shorthorn Calf Club of Malpeque, 18 young people became members. The following executive was elected: president, Jimmy Cousins; vice-president, Earle Lockerby; sec'y-treasurer, George Riley; adult directors, Lloyd Lockerby and Frank Beairsto were re-elected.

This club, under the direction of their Adult Directors, has been one of the good clubs in the Province in the past years and seems to be off to a good start for 1954.

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The Hereford

Hereford cattle are the beef type. They originated in Herefordshire, England.

They are kept in small numbers in much of the country but hold complete supremacy in the range areas of Southern Alberta and South-Western Saskatchewan. The Canadian Hereford Breeder's Association was organized in 1890 and publishes the Canadian Hereford Herd Book.

The color of this breed is a red body with white head, feet and switch. The white extends over the belly, brisket, throat and withers.

The breed is noted for its hardiness and rustling qualities, its strong constitution and good grazing ability. Animals of the breed have mild dispositions. Those of the horned strain have medium horns which should grow straight out from the head and turn down slightly. In point of early maturity, Herefords would rank between Shorthorns and Aberdeen Angus. Bulls may be expected to weigh 1,700 to 2,200 pounds and cows 1,200 to 1,600 pounds.

The first Hereford cattle were imported to the United States in 1817 and into Canada in 1860. The first to come to Canada were imported by F. W. Stone, of Guelph, Ont. The Polled Hereford of pure Hereford blood lines had their beginning as a breed in 1901 when Warren Gammon of Des Moines, Iowa, communicated with 2,500 Hereford breeders and located 14 naturally polled individuals of pure breeding, and of that number purchased and assembled seven cows and four bulls.

The Shorthorn

The Shorthorn cow can fall in one of two types namely Beef or Dual Purpose. This breed originally came from the counties Durham, Northumberland and York in England. The strictly beef or Scotch Shorthorn wos mainly developed in Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

The breed is well established in many parts of Canada especially in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces. The Dual purpose qualities have greatly extended the popularity in various farming districts. The Canadian Shorthorn Association was organized in 1886.

The color of the Shorthorns is red, white, red and white and roan.

Mature bulls weigh 1,800 to 2,300 pounds and cows 1,300 to 1,700 pounds. They have horns of medium size which curve downward. They have quiet dispositions and do not mature as early as the Aberdeen Angus. Roughness and patchiness often characterized Shorthorns of several decades ago. Breeders of recent years have selected for deep and low set bodies, broad backs, full and straight hind quarters, deep even fleshing and capacious udders possessing good attachment, balance and quality.

Men of Aberdeenshire developed the Scotch Shorthorn, a type possessing paramount beef qualities. The English type has been regarded as inclining more to dual purposes qualities. A shipment consisting of four pure bred bulls was made to Canada in 1825 and in 1882 the first importation including females was made. Roans and reds are the most popular colors. A polled strain has been developed in United States and has been increasing in popularity.

The Aberdeen Angus

The Aberdeen Angus is of the beef type and its place of origin was the counties of Aberdeen and Angus in Scotland.

The cattle of this breed are held in high regard where ever cattle are kept essentially for beef production. Because of this unique show-ring record and the superior qualities of the finished steers, feeder cattle displaying Aberdeen Angus breeding are in demand for feed lot purposes.

Te Canadian Aberdeen Angus Association was organized in 1906, and animals eligible for registry have been recorded in the Canadian Aberdeen Angus Herd Book.

The color is black. White on the underline and posterior to the navel is permissable. Red individuals are ineligible for registration.

The polled character, black color, good beef type and the superior degree of smoothness are important characteristics of the breed. The polled condition and the black color are completely dominant. The cattle are slightly smaller than the Herefords and Shorthorns; bulls at maturity weigh 1,600 to 2,100 pounds and females 1,200 to 1,500 pounds. They are hardy, although not as popular for range purposes as the Herefords. Aberdeen Angus cattle mature early and are particularly well suited to baby beef or feed cattle production.

Some of the important families are Pride of Aberdeen, Blackbird and Heatherbloom.

Professor William Brown of the Ontario Agricultural College laid the foundation for the breed in Canada when he made the importation of a bull and two females in 1876. The even fleshing and the superior marbling which seems to be associated with it have won many honours in show-rings and carcass competitions on this continent.

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COMMUNITY CONCERT MEMBERS ATTENTION. Samuel Sorin, pianist, Thursday, January 14th, P. W. C., 8.30 p. m.

FUNERAL AT NEW GLASGOW —The funeral of the late Hendrik Bakker, South Rustico, was held from New Glasgow United Church on Jan. 11. Rev. F. W. Sawdon, assisted by Rev. M. Watterworth and Rev. Howard Christie conducted the services. Pall bearers were Messrs Everett MacLeod, Roland Buntain, Noel Hooper, Cyril Toombs, John Craswell and Wendall Craswell. Burial was in the New Glasgow cemetery.

CHARLOTTETOWN CHORALE EXECUTIVE MEETING — The Charlottetown Chorale Executive met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Murchison on Sunday with the president, Mr. Derrill MacGuigan presiding. The director, Mr. William K. Rogers, reported on the success of the carol singing at the Provincial Sanatorium during Christmas week. Routine business was discussed and plans formulated for the initial performance of the Chorale in an evening of music to be presented the latter part of February. Following the business meeting, several piano selections were played by Mr. Rogers, after which refreshments were served.

STANHOPE CONCERT — An enjoyable Christmas tree and concert was held in Stanhope church on Dec. 16. There was a good crowd of parents and visitors present, and an enjoyable evening was spent. A fine program was carried out by the Sunday School pupils, capably trained by Mrs. Warren Marshall and Mrs. Horace Marshall and Mrs. Rhodes Warren, consisting of hymns, solos, duets, recitations, drills and chorus. After the program Santa Claus arrived in his festive attire much to the pleasure of all, especially the younger folk. Santa proceeded with his pleasant task of distributing gifts from the beautifully decorated and heavily laden tree. A generous treat of candy was donated by Mr. Harry MacLauchlan; also Mrs. Louis Marshall. A treat of fudge was passed around. Rev. Mr. Green acted as chairman.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear Father, James A. Matheson, who passed away January 13th, 1953.

The months may change from year to year,
And friends from day to day,
But the memory of a dear one
Will never fade away.

Sincerely Missed by his Loving Daughter Katie and Son-in-law Billy.

Gov. Gen. Massey Urges Improvement Of "Canadianism"

TORONTO, (CP) — Governor-General Vincent Massey suggested today that Canada may interest more tourists if it improved its Canadianism as well as its coffee.

In a speech prepared for delivery to the Canadian Club here, he said that "while doing what we can to raise the standards of our coffee and of our cafeterias generally," Canadians should strive to offer the "exhilaration" of visiting a "different country."

He urged English-speaking Canadians to take a deeper interest in the culture of French-speaking Canadians.

Every English-speaking Canadian should be "as familiar with and as proud of the achievements of his French-speaking fellow-citizens as he is of his own," the governor-general said. "There is no better way of expressing the truest, most genuine Canadianism."

He said he believed that in the future, Canada would be able to offer its visitors "not merely two mutually tolerant cultures, but a community as notable for harmony and for true unity as for that variety which, in Canada, we shall always cherish.'

Tracadie Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dougan have returned to their home after a ten-day visit to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McQuaid spent the week-end at her home in Kelly's Cross.

Messrs. Reggie McDonald, Philip Hughes and Edward Mullen are spending their vacation at their homes in Tracadie after attending S. D. U.

Mr. Michael Egan and family moved to Tracadie where he is employed in the C. N. R.

Patrick McDougall and Leo Smith have returned to the Island after a visit to the U. S. A.

Mr. Freddie Court was a visitor to Charlottetown on Monday.

Miss Katherine McNally was a visitor to her home during a recent week-end.

A large crowd assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Hughes for the weekly card party of the C. W. L.

We And Our Neighbours

by
Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank

"GOD TEMPERS THE WIND—"

As always, I was pleased to meet my friend, Mr. Brown, the other day. I love his stories of the past, and his crisp comments on the important, and not so important. But sooner or later he assures me, "I still don't see eye to eye with you on child training. Seems to me, all it amounts to is making everything too easy for the youngsters. In my day, parents weren't supposed to hang around and watch every move of their kids, and smooth out every difficulty. You know yourself, all of life is a struggle and the sooner the kids learn to fight their own battles, the better. No wonder the young people nowadays aren't willing to work hard and stand on their own feet, the way they did when I was young. And another thing—this business of not whipping kids. Of course they grow up without any respect for their elders, or regard for authority!"

And then I answer with a laugh, for I really can't believe he is entirely serious, "Look, if young people on the Island are as bad as you paint them; if they are so much less hard-working, less respectful, it just can't be because of any new ideas on child-training. When the teen-agers of today were small children, how many parents on the Island do you think ever gave the matter a thought? And even now, are enough children exposed to these modern ideas, to make any difference?"

"You win," says Mr. Brown, with that gallantry that is anything but flattering. "A woman must have the last word. Come on, I'll buy you a cup of coffee."

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If Mr. Brown means only half he says, it is because he must blame something for his disappointment in the changes that have come to his beloved Island. He had a truly enviable childhood. His parents owned a prosperous farm that had been his grandparents' before them. True, in a world without labor-saving devices, he and his brothers and sisters, as well as his parents, worked hard, but not beyond their strength. They were all contributing members of the home. His mother and father were fine people and there was harmony in the home. As their son, he was warmly accepted by all in the community. And he had the entire world of the outdoors to learn from and enjoy.

But how different things were for his son (and many other people)! He was uprooted to serve in the second World War. He was subjected to strains far beyond any that came to his father. And his son, in turn, spent his early childhood without the benefit of a father's care. The contrast between the experiences of these three generations, even on P.E.I., involves too many factors to deal with in this column, but obviously a theory of child-development almost untried, is not one of them.

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Besides, Mr. Brown has entirely misinterpreted the theory itself. One of the basic ideas of modern child psychology is to build up the child's self-confidence, so that he will be able to fight his own battles—stand on his own feet. Parents who are too strict with the child, or too demanding, are apt to rob him of this self-confidence. Over-protective parents can do the same.

Occasional failure does not harm the child (or the adult) but constant failure, or failure most of the time, can never lead to the ability to fight one's own battles. The child must not, psychologists say, and so should our own common sense, repeatedly be confronted with tasks that he cannot master, no matter how he tries. Success after real effort gives the clearest assurance of further effort. As he gets older, the child must be helped to accept his limitations. But to understand these limitations, is the duty of the parents.

"God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," (Lawrence Sterne—1713-1768) expresses perfectly the principle that children are best fitted to bear the inevitable hardships of life, by tasks suited to their abilities at the time. Nor should they be expected to suffer in silence particularly harsh treatment away from home. Children can stand a lot, but like grown-ups, they have their breaking point. Psychologists think children should be encouraged to confide in parents and not try to hide their pain and worries and fight their battle alone, too soon. There also, we can temper the wind to the shorn lamb.

The many friends of Mrs. James McNally will regret to learn of her illness and all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Walter Mullen has returned to her home after being a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mr. Everett McDougall was a visitor to his home in Donaldston recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Affleck spent their holidays at her home at Donaldston.

—G.U.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of
THOMAS H. MILLS
who passed away
January 13th, 1947.

Ever Remembered and Sadly Missed by Wife and Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of James A. Matheson, Glasgow Road, P. E. I., who died January 13th, 1953.

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