

REDECORATE CHAMBER

Painters near completion of a building. The walls received a brown railing. Other parts of the re-decoration job in the legislative chambers of the Provincial posts are white, with a dark orated.

Veteran Of Gold Rush Keeps Busy

PARKSVILLE, B.C. (CP) — George Morton Bernard, 85, is known as the sage of this tourist centre 90 miles north of Victoria. Living alone in the bush two miles from town, he shoots raccoons with bow and arrow and reads about 20 books a month, favoring tomes on Egyptian history. Looking 25 years younger than his age, he cares for his bees and chickens, his alert little Irish terrier and his peacocks. He also proudly displays the stuffed animals that have fallen to his marksmanship.

ATTRACTS VISITORS
People find him so interesting and colorful that he has had 1,270 visitors in the last 18 months. When Field Marshal Montgomery entered Germany at the war's end he wore a dagger fashioned by Mr. Bernard out of a steel auto jack handle, some pieces of burmese wood, and ivory from an Alaskan mammoth's tusk.

Mrs. Bernard died some years ago and his four daughters and two sons are grown up and married.

Born in Dublin, he raised cattle near Calgary before coming to the island. He took off from Alberta for the Yukin gold rush in 1898 in a party of 10 that did it the hard way.

From Fort St. John they travelled down the North Pine River to Fort Nelson. Three died of scurvy on the way. With no game in sight toward the end of the journey they were down to a cup of flour a day. They had actually gone three days without food when help came.

They got back to the Peace River, built a raft and made it from Fort St. John to Peace River Landing in 18 hours.

IN BORROWED GEAR
"I came out of the gold rush with -15 I borrowed and a dead man's hat and pants," he said. Bernard is a self-taught taxidermist and his living-room is filled with stuffed animals and heads from bog horn sheep to seal pups. He has stalactites from Horne Lake caves, mammoth teeth, fossils, grizzly bear and cougar skulls, polar bears' feet and a zebra skin tom-tom from Uganda. Most of these were sent by relatives scattered around the world. In drawers and desks he has dozens of old sheepskin legal documents dating to Cromwell's day and beyond. On the wall is a picture of the parents of Sir Roger Casement, the Irish-born British consular agent who was executed in London for his part in the abortive Easter Week rebellion in Ireland in 1916 during the First World War.



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RUNS IN THE SMART FAMILY

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AMONG THE FARMERS
Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

PUSH AND PULL

The movement of farm people away from the rural community is encouraged by two different forces. First, there is the pulling force of urban and industrial employment with the promise of jobs (many of them unskilled) offering up to \$25.00 per day, in addition there is, of course, the often over-emphasized glamour and ease of city life. In the second place people are being pushed away from the farm due to relatively unsatisfactory economic rewards by the long hours, by the austerity of farm life and in many cases by the lack of a satisfying community life.

It would therefore seem to follow that only those rural families which have their roots fairly well imbedded in the soil will be able to resist the pushing and pulling which is in evidence at the present time. While here is considerable concern expressed on the score of rural population depletion and its effect upon the rural institutions such as churches and schools and upon the vacant farms and larger farms, quite likely no one has a complete answer to what the ideal rural community is.

In this province the community of the past was based upon the hundreds acre farm which did give great density of population and made possible the maintenance of numerous schools and churches. In the present era farms are getting much larger and population much less thus the large farm is looked upon in many cases as a problem. However, from the economic standpoint and from the standpoint of satisfactory living standards the small farm may be the real problem.

Certainly the number of people which one farmer is able to feed has been increasing in marked degree over a period of years and the trend continues. Whether it is possible or desirable to attempt to maintain more people on the land than are required to feed the urban and industrial population is a question which the economist and sociologist will probably have some difficulty in deciding. Barring marked public intervention in the matter, the forces now in play will quite likely result in farms becoming larger, rural people fewer, farm capital investment much greater rural living standards higher and rural life less satisfying.

7.7 per cent from 623,091 to 575,011. In the case of farms having milk cows there was a decline from 413,068, to 398,604 but curiously the total number of milk cows increased by almost 200,000 and total cattle numbers rose by over 2 1/2 million.

It is interesting to note that of all the provinces in Canada, barring Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island has the smallest number of cows per farm, roughly 6 1/2. The average for Canada is 10.4 and for Ontario 16.1. During the months of March, April and May milk production per cow was 21 pounds against the Canadian average of 21. Only New Brunswick was below us. This condition is partly explained by the fact that in this province much smaller percentage of our production goes into the fluid milk trade. Fluid milk producers are of necessity forced to maintain their production at higher levels in order to maintain their markets.

LATE HAYING
The natural lateness of the season combined with the cool moist weather of this week has tended to hold up hay-making. At the time of writing a very small percentage of the crop has been cut and while there may be some increase in the bulk taking place the decline in feeding quality will be fairly marked from now on. The scattered showers have had the effect of improving and maintaining pastures and most farmers are hoping that there will be sufficient moisture to provide grass throughout the fall thus saving the available fodder for winter feed.

EMERGENCY METHODS
Farmers who may be faced with a serious shortage of cattle fodder will be considering emergency plans. Among these will be that of cutting oats and curing it for hay, this might be indicated in the existence of very heavy crop which shows signs of lodging and difficult harvesting for grain. Early cut hay field could be ploughed and seeded either to oats or rye for fall pasture and latter could also give early pasture for next spring. The use of fertilizer after the removal of the hay crop will quite likely improve the pasture for the fall and certainly if it is available no better use can be made of manure than to spread on pasture at his time of the year.

COUNTY MEETINGS
As this letter is written before the county Federation meetings take place we are unable to comment on the proceeding or upon the attendance and interest displayed. However, quite likely a great many farmers who could have made a contribution and should have attended stayed home. The reasons would be numerous, pressure of farm work, lack of help, lack of interest both in farming and farm organizations, lack of understanding of the purpose and value of farm organizations. The people of this province in general and the farm people in particular need to be reminded that we do have a future and that the future can be bright if we learn to plan and to work together. Whether or not five or ten year plans are the answer we are not sure but certainly there does appear to be some merit in having an objective and in having a plan to attain it. If the plan is worthy one the setting up of a co-ordinating effort to implement it indicates public responsibility involving not only the government but citizens organizations and farm organizations in particular.

We would suggest that in the absence of effective and well-supported farm organizations of all types in this province that progress will be retarded and that the government and citizens in general have a responsibility to encourage where possible the maintenance of effective farm organizations.

POTATO CONFERENCE
Attention is called to the opportunity afforded by the chartering of a plane for Island potato people attending the potato industry conference at Guelph Ontario. For those who have limited time, the conference can be attended and travelling all in four days. It should be noted that reservations must be made by July 22 with the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board.

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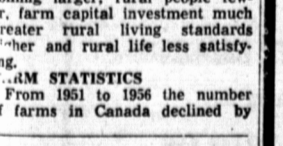
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- Dance Bonshaw Hall, Friday night.
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- St. Anthony's Parish Picnic, Bloomfield, August 7.
- Chicken supper and bazaar South Rustico August 7th.
- Regular Dance in Elliott Hall, Saturday night, Weatherbie's Orchestra.
- Reserve August 6th for Potato Field Day at Experimental Farm, Charlottetown.
- Chicken supper at St. George's Wednesday, July 24th. Meals served 4 to 10.
- Ice cream festival and dance, St. Andrews School, Wednesday, July 24th.
- Charlottetown Black Preceptory will meet with Kingston tonight for the seventh and eighth degree.
- Show Rollaway Hall, Thursday, July 25th, violin playing, dancing and singing; also the Burke family, followed by a dance.
- Come and enjoy ice cream, strawberries and cake at Fortune Bridge Hall on Friday night, July 19th at 8.30. Dance after.
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