

A Feature for Every Friday—

Among The Farmers

Federation Of Agriculture News

The Trains Still Run

The threat of another nationwide railway strike which would, if continued for any length of time, have paralyzed the country's economy, has gone and the wheels of industry and the other complicated machinery of the nation's business will continue to function in their usual manner. The railwaymen surprised the public in agreeing to settle their current demands for a 12 per cent increase when they refused for days to consider such an offer.

This writer feels that the railwaymen, through their spokesmen, missed a golden opportunity to get the public solidly behind them in their presentation to the Railway Board. They should have told the Railway Board, and the Prime Minister as well, that they were willing to forget about their demand for a wage increase if the Government was prepared to make a reduction in the cost of living equal to their pay-increase demand. For this vicious circle of higher wages and higher costs leaves everyone in the same position as before when it does not leave them in a worse. It would have been interesting to learn the reaction of the Prime Minister to such a proposal.

Of interest to the farmer, who at this time of year has more time for serious thinking than at any other, was the implication of the press dispatches which announced the settlement of the wage dispute. They implied that the Government would have used some form of compulsion upon the Railway Brotherhood if it had not come to terms with the Railway.

Now no union, whether it be that of the chartered banks of Canada, the meat-packing companies, the medical men's association, or the railwaymen have any more right to do anything at any time which is going to cause the rest of the public undue suffering. But any implication, disseminated through the press, that the Government might consider the outlawing of strikes on the part of the railwaymen or other workers in pure non-sense.

Entirely Different

The workingman's unions are entirely different from the others we have mentioned and have been formed for a different purpose. The workingman's union represents his reaction to organized exploitation against himself. Without it, he would be left with no bargaining power whatever.

For the Government to tell him that he must not strike, even after all negotiations have failed, is simply to tell him that the last elements of democracy have disappeared from his country and that henceforth his political status is to be that of a worker in Communist Russia.

Even before the threatened strike was averted, the vicious circle of increasing costs more than balancing increasing wages, was again in evidence. Before the negotiations for calling off the strike were finished, the Railways had served notice on the Board of Transport Commissioners that they want a

seven-per-cent freight increase in addition to the nine per cent they recently asked for. Just why a Government-owned railway such as the Canadian National should be so insistent on such freight increases is hard to understand. It becomes easier to understand if one is prepared to believe the rumor that the privately-owned Canadian Pacific is the Railway which is functioning the drive in this latest request to the Transport Board.

If put into effect, the freight increase will cripple agriculture in this province and play havoc with it throughout the country. A 17-per-cent freight increase would add substantial cost to everything the consumer now purchases and would result within a short time, in a series of strikes across Canada.

The Monthly Review
The last Monthly Review, issued by the Bank of Nova Scotia, says "Farm operating expenses were somewhat higher. This was partly because of a 'moderate' — the quotation marks in this and the next paragraph are our own — increase in the prices of goods and services used by farmers.

Even so, when the estimates are complete, net cash income will probably turn out to be only 'moderately' below the 'exceptional' level reached in 1951.

The last sentence should be studied carefully by all farmers who have an academic interest in the use of language as a medium for the conveyance of unpleasant truths. The writer of that sentence had no intention of coming out frankly and saying that the farmer's prices are coming down and that his costs are going up.

On the other hand, he had no intention of framing sentences which are contrary to fact; too many persons are eagerly looking for opportunities to write the editor. He is writing for a respectable institution which, even in the darkest days, could always in its annual report show profits running into many figures and which, during those dark days, had always striven, logically or illogically, to uphold the farmer's morale by assuring him that prosperity was just about to turn the corner and saunter grandiloquently down the main thoroughfare.

And so he uses the words "moderately" and "exceptional" with all the finesse of a trained and experienced psychologist — which, probably, he is. Telling the farmer that his income last year was "moderately" below that of 1951, is applying the soothing ointment to the raw surface of his injury and assuring him that 1952 was an "exceptional" year of high prices by wrapping the sterilized gauze about the wounded flesh in order that nothing may interfere with its healing.

Nevertheless, the ugly facts are that the present economic trends are for lower prices for the farmer's products and higher prices for his equipment.

Time To Say Farewell
And now it is time for the writer to say farewell to those thousands of Federation members and their families who have been read-

ing this column for the last three weeks. Mr. Dewar is back from his post-Canada trip and in writing the next one will tell you something of that important meeting of the C. F. A. in Victoria. It is with a feeling of relief, though not without a little regret, that this writer sees his pinching task coming to a close. There has been but little news in the three columns the writer has written for you. He knows it, and never for a moment has he believed that you did not know it. But the relating of straight agricultural news was never his object in writing this column. What he has tried to do, here and there throughout the column, which might start a train of thought in the mind of the Federation member, a train of thought which, if pursued to its logical conclusion, would enable him to get wider and grander conception of his place in a world severed by conflicting philosophies.

Only sane thinking can save it. And to be sane thinkers, it would appear, at least to this writer, that all of us must understand there is a fundamental difference between self-interest and selfishness. The farmer in demanding his fair share of the national income, in organizing so that he may have a better chance of getting that fair share, is not necessarily motivated by selfish ambitions but by a self-interest which, if it be genuine, cannot but redound to the benefit of all. To be effective in striving for that goal, it also appears to this writer, that the farmer should take a greater personal interest in his organizations, that he should not content himself with merely having them function since their inception, and that, with an enlarged mind not bound by custom or the traditions of the past, he should rid his foundations about them from their structures. He and his works must grow. He cannot afford to remain static; the universe about him is expanding.

In order to maintain his organizations, freedom must be defended and maintained, for without freedom there is no liberty of organization. Labor has only one commodity to sell—it's labor. And that is why it must always have the unchallenged right to organize and to bargain collectively in order that it may sell its product at the best possible advantage to itself. The farmer is the primary producer of most of the world's food. He, too, must have the unchallenged right to organize and to control—right to the door of the consumer, if possible—the price of his product. Only under such conditions are both Labor and Agriculture really free.

But in order for the Federation member to have that collective security which he was seeking when he joined his organization, he must always have a clear vision of the road ahead. He must always know where his organization is going. For, as Winston Churchill so pungently remarked, "There is not much collective security in a flock of sheep on the way to the butcher."

EXPENSIVE HABIT
PAARL, South Africa (OP)—A 25-year-old employee of a work-ers' medical fund here told the magazine that he stole from his employer because he bought presents for his girl after every quarrel. He was given suspended sentence on condition he repays £156 on monthly terms.

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"A TOOTH FOR A CHILD" — Is there any truth in the saying? Listen to a talk on Dental Health over CPY at 9:15 A. M. tomorrow, Saturday.

CAVENDISH UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE — Sunday, February 8th. North Rustico 11 A. M. Stanley Bridge 3 P. M. Rev. George Gough, Minister.

CROSS ROADS—ALEXANDRA—HAZELBROOK — Services for Sunday, February 8th. Cross Roads 11 A. M. Alexandra 3 P. M. Hazelbrook 7:30 P. M. The evening service at Hazelbrook will be conducted by the choir. All are welcome to these services. Lic. Thomas Poole, Minister.

ST. PETER'S BAY PASTORAL CHARGE — The United Church of Canada. Sunday, February 8th, 11 A. M. St. Peter's. 7:30 P. M. Marie. Members of Boys' and Girls' Groups will take part in the services at Greenwich and Marie. Rev. Russell A. MacLeod, Minister.

THE BEACH POINT GOSPEL CHAPEL, Service Sunday, February 8th. Sunday School at 10:30 A. M. Worship at 11:30. Evangelistic service at 7:30 P. M. Singing. Louis Harris will deliver the message. Everyone welcome.

HUNTER RIVER CHARGE. Services February 8th. Wiltshire 11 A. M. Wheatley River 3 P. M. Hunter River Christian Youth Service by: Trail Rangers and C. G. I. T. at 7:30 with Harold Bernard of the Tuxis Parliament as special speaker. All are welcome. Rev. Howard Christie, Minister.

DRUGGIST EXAMINATIONS — The Board of Examiners of the Prince Edward Island Pharmaceutical Association conducted examinations in Charlottetown and Summerside recently. Messrs John MacDonald, J. E. Creighton, and Miss Rosa Bell, of Charlottetown, Keith Matheson, and Miss Evelyn MacLellan, of Leary, and Kenneth Linkletter, Summerside, took the Examinations.

AT A RECENT MEETING OF the Council of the Prince Edward Island Pharmaceutical Association in Charlottetown, considerable business received attention. The new Board of Examiners was appointed as follows, Mayor H. W. Wedge, Pharmacy and Materia Medica, Douglas B. Nicholson, Chemistry, R. M. Smallman, Dispensing.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of Allan MacDonald, who passed away February 6th, 1947.
You live with us in memory still,
Not just today, but always will.
Ever Remembered by the Family.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of our dear son and brother, killed on H. M. C. S. Louisburg, in the Mediterranean, February 6th, 1948.
We miss him in the morning,
When the robins sing so sweet,
We miss him in the noon time
When our friends we gladly meet.
We miss him in the evening,
When the lengthy shadows fall,
But when we walk down memory lane,
We miss him most of all.
Ever Remembered by His Mother and Father, Sisters and Brother.

IN MEMORIAM
In memory of our dear Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. John MacLeod, Long Creek, P. E. I., who passed away February 6th, 1950.
In a graveyard softly sleeping,
Close beside the country road,
Lies the one we loved so dearly,
Gone from us to her abode.
Sheltered in the rock of ages,
Anchored on the golden shore,
In the loving arms of Jesus,
Rest our dear Mother and Grandmother, for evermore.
Ever Remembered by Her Son George and Family.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of Mrs. Belle Munn who departed this life February 6th, 1949.
Friends may think we have forgotten,
When at times they see us smile,
But little they know the heartache
Our smiles hide all the while.
If all the world was ours to give,
We would give it, yes and more,
To see the face of her we loved,
Come smiling to our door.
Ever Remembered by Daughter, Elsie, and Son-in-Law Murchison.

PERSONALS
Her friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Jack Large is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital.
Mr. G. W. Swan, assistant manager of the Metropolitan Store here, has been transferred to the Moncton, N. B. branch as temporary manager.

Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

Rome, the 'Eternal City', continued the greatest power in the world for a longer period than any other nation—for 20 generations in fact she ruled supreme. Compared with Rome, the British Empire is a mere baby. France and Spain were the great nations for less than one century. The ancient world of Athens lasted less than one century, and the Jews were a great nation for two generations only. Now you see why we still refer to Rome as the 'Eternal City'.

So it is only natural that a nation which ruled the world for twenty generations, should have made a deep impression on the ways and minds of men. This is especially noticeable in most European countries today, while every nation on earth owes a debt to Rome for preserving and passing on to them the rich fruits of earlier civilization.

The spread of Christianity may be traced to practice in secret in the Eternal City and when the mighty Roman Empire crumbled into dust, the Christian religion went marching on to remind mankind of the universal rule of the Caesars. The Popes replaced the Emperors and the church became firmly established.

Too, a large part of our legal system stems directly from the Romans, and strange but true, practically all of our modern engineering methods have been copied from Roman models. To take a single instance—the Romans were bridge builders par excellence. At this early date they knew how to ground the piers of their bridges underwater.

If you ever chance to be travelling through France or Spain you'll see some of the Roman bridges still in use after the passing of two thousand years. But the Roman roads are perhaps better known in the mother country as an example of the Roman's skill in engineering. Indeed, the whole Roman Empire had its network of excellent roads all leading to the Eternal City, for the use of armies, etc. And even to this day travellers frequently come to sections of tolerably good roads along which the Roman legions had marched!

Lastly there is the debt of language. Latin was the language used by all educated persons throughout the Middle Ages. It was in fact the esperanto of the period since men could express their thoughts in a language familiar to all.

Today Latin is a 'dead' language and more and more we are getting back to using words of Saxon origin.

Thirty years ago a St. Louis undertaker, Art Donnelly, used his hearse to haul umps to the ball field, and back again. When he died his will provided that the service be continued by his son. And strange but true, Art Donnelly, Jr., gives rides to umps in old St. Louis.

Cattle have baby teeth that are replaced by adult teeth, in the same manner as are the teeth of any child.

No tree is immune to lightning save the oak and the beech. So remember that when traveling in the woods during a thunder storm, incidentally, tall trees are more apt to be struck than short ones. And lightning has been known to jump a tree right to a human being.

The first horses were no larger than small dogs, but for their size they could outrun any of the other animals. Those tiny horses galloped over many parts of the earth and ate the lush grasses long before the world had a written history. Those early horses had four toes on their front

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VISITS MAGDALENS — Mr. J. A. Lawson Jr. (Sandy) returned yesterday after a brief business trip to the Magdalen Islands.

HAMPTON PASTORAL CHARGE—The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, February 8th. Bonshaw 11 A. M. DeSable 3 P. M. Hampton 7:30 P. M. Rev. R. H. Baxter, Minister.

CORNWALL UNITED CHARGE. Services February 8th, will be as follows: Kingston at 11:00 A. M. New Dominion at 3:00 P. M. Cornwall at 7:30 P. M. Sunday Schools as arranged by Superintendents. Rev. A. S. Weir, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA—Schedule for Sunday, February 8th. Wood Islands 11 A. M. Song Service at the Manse in the evening. Minister: Rev. E. S. Hales.

NORTH RIVER UNITED BAPTIST PASTORATE — Sunday, February 8th. North River 11:00 A. M. Clyde River 3:00 P. M. Kings-ton 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. Barber, Pastor.

ORWELL — VERNON UNITED CHURCH IN CANADA—Services Sunday, February 8th. Orwell 11 A. M. Cherry Valley 2:30 P. M. Vernon River 7:30 P. M. Rev. John F. MacKay, B. D., Minister.

TRYON PASTORAL CHARGE—The United Church of Canada. Services on Sunday, February 8th. Cape Traverse 11 A. M. Crapaud 3 P. M. Tryon 7:30 P. M. Rev. Alexander MacKay, Minister.

YORK PASTORAL CHARGE — The United Church of Canada. Minister: Rev. J. M. Sproule. Sunday, February 8th, 1953. 11 A. M. Central. 2:30 P. M. Pleasant Grove. 7:30 P. M. York.

ANNUAL MEETINGS — New Dominion United Church Annual Meeting, Tuesday, February 10th, at 2:00 P. M. in the church. Cornwall Meeting Thursday, February 12th, at 2:00 P. M. in church. Rev. A. S. Weir, Minister.

ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. William Hobbs announce the engagement of their only daughter, Elsie Ann Hobbs, to Douglas Hugh R. C. N., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rutherford of Ingersoll, Ontario. Marriage to take place in the near future.

MURRAY HARBOUR PASTORAL CHARGE—The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, February 8th. 11 A. M. Murray Harbour 3 P. M. Little Sands. 7 P. M. Murray River. Y. P. U. Boys' and Girls' groups will have charge of the evening service. Rev. D. Wallace MacPherson, Minister.

BREADALBANE PASTORAL CHARGE — The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, February 8th. North Granville 11 A. M. Rose Valley 3 P. M. Breadalbane 7:30 P. M. Rev. W. B. MacPhail, Minister.

MILTON—RUSTICO PARISH—Rector, Rev. A. E. Piercy. Services for Sunday, February 8th, are as follows: St. Mark's, Rustico, 11:00 A. M. Holy Communion and Sermon. St. John's, Milton, 3:00 Evening Prayer and Sermon. Come and bring the whole family.

POWNAL UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE—Services Sunday, February 8th. Bunbury at 11 A. M. Mount Herbert at 2:30 P. M. Pownal at 7 P. M. Pownal Sunday School at 11 A. M. with Bible Class led by Rev. George Tilley. Rev. T. B. Goudge, Pastor.

WINSLOE PASTORAL CHARGE The United Church of Canada Services Sunday, February 8th, 1953. Princetown Road 11 A. M. Highfield 3 P. M. Winsloe North 7:30 P. M. Winsloe South, Y. P. U. at the Parsonage February 10th, at 8:30 P. M. Hebert H. Hardy, Presby Supply.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE — The Rainbow Club held a highly successful white elephant sale at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening in aid of the Sunset Lodge. The large crowd attending, enjoyed the fun of the auction, and a canteen service provided coffee and doughnuts. The auctioneers were Mrs. Neil MacLean, Mrs. Noel DeBlois, Mrs. Guthrie Ballingall, and Major Stevens of Sunset Lodge.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD — The annual meeting of the Charlottetown branch of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince Edward Island Pharmaceutical Association took place at the home of Mrs. J. E. H. Worth. Sixteen members were present. Mrs. R. H. Jenkins presided, and also presented her report for the year. Election of officers was as follows—President, Mrs. R. Diamond. Secretary, Mrs. L. A. Sample. Treasurer, Miss Mary Acorn. Discussion took place and plans were made for work to be carried out during the year. A delightful social period followed after which lunch was served by the committee.

feet and three toes on the hind feet. Each toe had a small, narrow hoof. Gradually the tiny horse grew larger and stronger. Even the hoofs on his heel changed, and today each hoof is alike. Some museums have skeletons of the little horse. Otherwise we should be inclined to treat the whole story as a myth.

A strange custom is that practiced by the tribal chiefs along the coast of Africa. Instead of saying hello or good-morning the chiefs salute one another by snapping the middle finger three times.

ROCHFORD SQUARE SCHOOL

The following is the honour roll for Rochford Square School:

Grade X: 1, Barbara Durant; 2, Daphne MacMillan; 3, Patricia Peters.

Grade IX: 1, Rhoda Longaphie; 2, Marlene McLeod; 3, Margaret Rose Roberts.

Grade VIII (D): 1, Norma Connolly; 2, Genevieve O'Hanley; 3, Pauline DeCoste.

Grade VII (C): 1, Evelyn Hines; 2, Patricia Gaudet; 3, Mary Connolly; (D): 1, Patricia Leigh; 2, Lols MacLellan; 3, Gemma Kane.

Grade VI (D): 1, Patricia Anderson; 2, Elaine Trainer; 3, Arlene DesRoches; (D): 1, Barbara Blanchard; 2, Norma Kelly; 3, Gloria Darle.

Grade V (D): 1, Juanita Gallant; 2, Patricia Connolly; 3, Leah Darle; (D): 1, Patricia Larler; 2, Georgina Reeves; 3, Carol Leightizer.

Grade IV (D): 1, Janet Malone; 2, Frances MacDonald; 3, Susan Cronin; (D): 1, Joan Coker; 2, Anne Affleck; 3, Joan Harding.

Grade III (D): 1, Judith Smith; 2, Eileen MacMillan; 3, Carol Doherty; (D): 1, Barbara Doucette; 2, Gloria J. Anderson; 3, Eleanor Sheehan.

Grade II (D): 1, Patricia Shelton; 2, Patricia Knowles and Mary Jane Butler, equal; 3, Katherine Corrigan; (D): 1, Sandra Sherren; 2, Carol MacInnis; 3, Elizabeth Ann MacIntyre and Eileen Gallant, equal; (D): 1, Joan Rush; 2, Mary Miller and Margaret Ward.

Grade I (D): 1, Yvonne Daley and Ann Howatt, equal; 3, Elizabeth Steele; (D): 1, Donna Curley; 2, Mary Dalton; 3, Colleen Berrigan.

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