

Feature for Every Friday— Among The Farmers Federation Of Agriculture News

Premier Drury

In a recent issue of the Farmer's Advocate the Hon. E. C. Drury, at one time Premier of Ontario, analyzes in a very able way certain trends and forces operating in agriculture.

Directing his remarks to urban readers the writer suggests that there is no need of doing much for the farmer if other people will stop doing things to him. The former Premier contends that the manner in which urban society is organized to protect itself and the means employed to enforce the monopolies and to prevent the operation of free enterprise imposes a real hardship upon farmers who are not able to employ similar means of protection.

The trend towards larger farms and farming as a strictly business proposition is viewed with favor. Mr. Drury states that the good farmer will always be about fifty per cent idealist and fifty per cent business man, and goes on to prove that down through history attempts to operate large farms as a business proposition with the idealism lacking have always failed.

Incidents given are ancient Rome, pre-revolutionary France and the cotton plantations of the South.

The following quotation, we print word for word: "Seeing the farmer in work-stained overalls, with work-coarsened hands, the townsman, in his ignorance, is apt to compare him with the common labourer. Nothing could be further from the truth. In himself the farmer is capital, management and labour. As a capitalist, on the ordinary family farm, under present conditions, he has a necessary investment running anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000. He must manage a business as complicated, and presenting more unpredictable hazards than that of the ordinary businessman. In addition, he must have, and use, a fund of knowledge, scientific and financial, far exceeding that of the ordinary businessman or farmer. Indeed, almost comparable to that of the learned professions.

"Proof is found in the quality of farm journals, which, from the standpoint of technical subjects discussed, are far superior to trade papers, and compare quite favourably with professional journals.

"As a worker, the farmer is master, not of one skill, but of many, and his work-week is commonly seventy hours or more, six days and part of the seventh rather than the five-day, forty-hour week which has become standard for urban labour.

"The balance that keeps farm people on the land, is found in their idealism—love of the land, pride of calling, the respect for that farm life, though hard, is a good and worthy life. But idealism is apt to give way before economic pressure. Abraham, sustained by high ideals, may endure the rigors of the herdsman's life. Yet, inevitably, pitches his tent toward Sodom. There is a good deal of Lot in all of us."

Royal Commission

For some months the Saskatchewan Royal Commission on Agriculture and Rural Life has been delving into a great variety of rural problems.

In 1952 over 3,000 individuals gave the commission the benefit of their experience and opinion. The work of the Commission is now narrowed down to a study of eight different fields. These are: farm management; marketing; farmer-organizations; co-ordination of services; research; extension; rural settlement; pattern; and employment in related industries.

Vocational School

Young rural people interested in acquiring skills useful to them in farm life, or concerned with the acquiring of a trade, are well advised to consider carefully the facilities offered by the Vocational School in Charlottetown.

It has been stated that knowledge is power, but the knowledge, if combined with skill provides any individual with a combination leading to a fuller, happier, and more useful life.

The new Supervisor of the School is well trained in agriculture and under his guidance, we expect the school to become increasingly valuable to agriculture.

Form of Organization

Federations of Agriculture in the beginning are usually formed by combining other organizations. In some provinces, the pattern gradually changes and the organization becomes a Union of individual farmers and might, perhaps be more properly termed a Federation of Farmers.

In our Island Federation, ninety per cent of the funds come directly from the farmer and if the paying of the piper justified the calling of the tune, then certainly the farmers are themselves the master of ceremonies.

Ensilage Experience

A number of farmers will be having their first experience in feeding ensilage this season—still others will be at it for the second year and still others will be experts of three years or more.

In practically every case, the experience with grass ensilage has been good and successful. Samples brought into the Federation office are of good quality.

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Mount Mellick Christmas Concert

On Thursday evening, December 18, the pupils of Mount Mellick School presented their annual Christmas Concert in Pownal Hall before a capacity audience.

The concert was directed by their teacher, Margaret Roche, assisted by Mrs. Jack MacRae as pianist.

Mr. James MacEachern very efficiently acted as chairman and the following program was presented by the children.

Opening Recitation: "We're Ready to Begin"—Brendon Praught.

Chorus: "Up on the House Top." Greeting—"Rub-a-dub-dub." Three small girls.

Dialogue: "Popping the Question"—Betty Praught and Gordon Downe.

Recitation: "Daddy's Sock"—Judy Chisholm.

Duet: "Dear Old Santa Claus"—Norma and Beverly Morrissey. (Encore—"Away In A Manger").

Drill: "Hang up the Stocking"—Three Junior pupils.

Recitation: "Is Santa Married?"—Sandra Boswell.

Dialogue: "Where's That Report Card?"—Six pupils.

Recitation: "A Gift for Mother"—Evelyn Wood.

Duet: "Christmas in Killarney"—Richard and Donald MacRae. (Encore—"Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer").

Recitation: "A Careless Nosed Reindeer"—Eleanor Boswell and Kenneth MacEachern.

Drill: "Song of the Stockings"—Eight pupils.

Dialogue: "Watermelon Pickle"—Norma Robertson and Lloyd MacEachern.

Duet: "Roses Are Blooming"—Lorraine and Harvey Praught. (Encore: "Tramp on the Street").

Intermission with sale of apples by the Senior pupils.

Chorus: Group of carols.

Dialogue: "Billy's Coming"—Seven pupils and a dog.

Recitation: "Auntie's Upper Prunt"—Irene Boswell.

Duet: "Galway Bay"—Lorraine Praught and Dorothy Jenkins. (Encore—"Santa Claus is Coming to Town").

Recitation: "After Christmas"—Kenneth MacEachern.

Dialogue: "In the Doctor's Office"—Four pupils.

Recitation: "Christmas Mix Up"—Donald MacRae.

Duet: "He'll Be Coming Down the Chimney"—Norma and Douglas Robertson. (Encore—"We Wish You a Merry Christmas").

Recitation: "When I Grow Up To Be a Man"—Freddie Richard Fawcett. (Encore—"Rub-a-dub-dub").

Three small boys.

Closing Chorus: "Don't Wait Till the Night Before Christmas to Be Good."

The highlight of the evening, especially for the young folk, was the appearance of Santa Claus in his festive attire. His jovial greetings for all the children brought many happy smiles and requests.

Santa then proceeded with his pleasant task of distributing gifts to all from the heavily laden, gaily arrayed Christmas tree.

At the completion of his duties he joined with the pupils and their appreciative audience in singing "God Save the Queen."

STILL USEFUL

EASTBOURNE, England—(CP)—A four-ton lorry has been converted into a mobile drive for scrap metal. The cannon was part of the defences set up on the Sussex coast to meet the expected Napoleonic invasion about 150 years ago.

BIG EXPANSION

CALGARY—(CP)—Rural electrification in Alberta has grown from 500 farms nine years ago to about 15,000 at present. About 200 rural electrician associations are organized by Alberta farmers for such service.

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

COOK'S for Perfect Pictures.

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TRYON PASTORAL CHARGE.—The United Church of Canada. The services on Sunday, January 11th, will be Cape Traverse at 11 A. M. Crapaud 3 P. M. Tryon 7.30 P. M. Rev. Alexander MacKay, Minister.

THE WINSLOE PASTORAL CHARGE.—The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, January 11th, 1953. Princeton Road 11 A. M. Winsloe South 2 P. M. Highfield 3.30 P. M. Winsloe North 7.30 P. M. Heber H. Hardy, Presby Supply.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.—Schedule for Sunday, January 11th. Caledonia 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Winter schedule now in operation. Minister: Rev. E. S. Hales.

YORK PASTORAL CHARGE.—The United Church of Canada. Minister: Rev. J. M. Sproule. 11.00 A. M. Central. 2.30 P. M. Pleasant Grove. 7.30 P. M. York.

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

HAMPTON PASTORAL CHARGE.—The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, January 11th. Bonshaw 11 A. M. DeSable 3 P. M. Hampton 7.30 P. M. Rev. R. H. Baxter, Minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.—Central Parish. Services next Lord's Day are as follows: Clyde River 11 A. M. Cance Cove 3 P. M. Nine Mile Creek 7.30 P. M. Rev. Donald Nicholson, Minister.

ORWELL-VERNON UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA.—Services Sunday, January 11th. Cherry Valley 11 A. M. Vernon River 2.30 P. M. Orwell 7.30 P. M. Rev. John F. MacKay, B. D., Minister.

ORWELL-VERNON UNITED CHURCH.—Annual Congregational Meetings 8 P. M. Monday, January 12th. Orwell, Tuesday, January 13th. Vernon River, Wednesday, January 14th. Cherry Valley. Rev. John F. McKay, Minister.

ELDON UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA.—Annual congregational meeting in the Church, Thursday, January 15th, at 2.30 P. M. Rev. John F. MacKay, Minister.

ALEXANDRA-HAZELBROOK—CROSS ROADS.—Services for Sunday, January 11th. Alexandra 11 A. M. Hazelbrook 3 P. M. Cross Roads 7.30 P. M. All are welcome to these services. Lic. Thomas Poole, Minister.

POWNAL UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE.—Services January 11th. Bunbury at 11 A. M. Mount Herbert at 2.30 P. M. Pownal at 7 P. M. Rev. T. R. Goege, Pastor.

NORTH RIVER UNITED BAPTIST PASTORATE.—Sunday, January 11th. North River 11.00 A. M. Clyde River 3.00 P. M. Kings-ton 7.30 P. M. Rev. H. Barber, Pastor.

MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS of Hunter River Presbyterian Church, are requested to meet at the home of J. S. Burns, Friday evening, January 9th. J. S. Burns, Secretary.

ST. PETER'S BAY PASTORAL CHARGE.—The United Church of Canada. Sunday, January 11th. 11 A. M. Greenwith 3 P. M. St. Peter's 7.30 P. M. Marie. Rev. Russell A. MacLeod, Minister.

PEDI-PADS.—The new white nylon hosiery for nurses. Pedipads are specially constructed for foot comfort—long wearing and moisture absorbent, at Hi Style Millinery, 163 1/2 Great George Street. Sole distributors.

BREADALBANE PASTORAL CHARGE.—The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, January 11th. North Granville 11 A. M. Rose Valley 3 P. M. Breadalbane 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. B. MacPhail.

CORNWALL UNITED CHARGE. Services January 11th, will be as follows: Kingston at 11.00 A. M. New Dominion at 3.00 P. M. Cornwall at 7.30 P. M. Rev. A. S. Weir, Minister.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.—Mrs. Mae Hughes, Peakes Station, wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter Helen Gertrude, to Steven Ambrose, R. C. A. P. son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Schafz, of Balgople, Sask. Marriage to take place February 2nd.

TRYON-BONSHAW GROUP OF UNITED BAPTIST CHURCHES.—Church Service Notices.—On Sunday, January 11th, as follows: Tryon, Sunday School 10.00 A. M. Public Worship, 11.00 A. M. Westmoreland, Public Worship, 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. G. Killam.

ENGAGEMENT.—Mr. Frank Jay of Mount Stewart, wishes to announce the coming marriage of his daughter June Theresa to Arthur MacLeod, son of Donald and Maud MacLeod of Winnipeg. Marriage to take place January 31st, in St. Augustine's of Canterbury Church, Montreal.

K. O'F. C. CARD PARTY.—The winners at the K. O. C. card party held Wednesday night were as follows: Ladies' first, Mrs. J. McIsaac; ladies' second, Mrs. A. Ryan; gent's first, Arthur Worth; gent's second, Gordon Frutty and Tim Ratchford; freeze-out, D. Chipman and M. Callaghan; door prize, Mrs. Ambly Doyle.

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VARIETY CONCERT. Reserve Thursday evening, January 15 for variety concert at Prince of Wales College auditorium.

DR. W. L. MACDONALD will be absent from the Prince Edward Island Hospital and The Charlottetown Hospital, from January 26th to 31st inclusive.

HAT SALE continues all this week at Hi-Style Millinery, 163 1/2 Great George Street. All winter hats must be cleared to make room for new stock.

School Concert At Marshfield

The pupils of Marshfield entertained their parents and friends with their annual Christmas concert on the evening of December 18th. The hall had been nicely decorated by the children with spruce and tinsel. The centre of attraction, of course, was the brightly-lighted tree.

The chairman for the evening was Mr. Sproule. The music was under the direction of Mr. Frank Johnson.

The following is the program: Opening Chorus: "Snowy White Snow."

Welcome—Grant MacCallum. Surprise—Elsie Wood and Valerie Strickland.

Monologue: "Christmas Acknowledgments"—Lona Scott.

Solo: "Merry Christmas Polka"—Joanne Lilly, (encore, "Winter Waltz").

Song: "Whispering Hope"—Senior girls.

Dialogue: "School Days".

Songs: "Christmas is Come", "Birth Night"—Senior girls.

Recitation: "If You Ask Me"—Paul Stetson.

Dialogue: "Who's Afraid"—Carol MacCallum and Audrey Strickland.

Song: "Oh Holy Night"—Senior girls.

Intermission, sale of candy and apples by school children.

Duet: "Christmas in Killarney"—Shirley Scott and Elizabeth Stetson, (encore, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus").

Dialogue: "Mrs Pennington's Call"—Jane Wood and Lona Scott.

Monologue: "Complaint"—Judith Sneathurst.

Violin solo: "Gathering Chestnuts"—Lona Scott.

Dialogue: "Heck Says I".

Drill: "Good Night".

Closing Chorus: "He'll Be Coming Down the Chimney".

The following is the program Santa arrived and distributed a treat of candy to the pupils and pre-school kiddies. The treat was donated by the Women's Institute of Marshfield. A theatre ticket was given to each pupil from the teacher.

After the gifts were given to eager youngsters, Santa started on his return journey to the North Pole and the concert was over for another year.

SHOCK TREATMENT

BIRMINGHAM, England—(CP)—Birds landing on the eaves of large buildings here are bouncing off in surprise. The eaves are electrically wired and the one-per-second impulses are successful in persuading the birds to seek other resting places.

Farm Prices & Market Report

Following are excerpts from the weekly market report of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, prepared by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister:

The anticipated drop in hog prices as a result of the new price support dropping to 22¢ per cwt. has not materialized. As a matter of fact Toronto hogs, according to this morning's despatches, have gone up a cent per pound to \$27.00 per cwt. It is just possible that the anticipated drop in prices rushed a large quantity of hogs on to the market, and there was apparently a recession in supplies after the deadline of the new year which created a scarcity on some markets.

Hogs at Moncton: Grade A, 26.00; Grade B, 25.60; No. 1 sows 18.00; No. 2 sows 17.00; hot dressed weight delivered.

Hogs at Charlottetown: Grade A, 26.00; Grade B, 25.60; No. 1 sows 18.00; No. 2 sows 17.00; hot dressed weight delivered.

Cattle at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Steers: Choice 23.00; Good 22.00; Medium 18.50; Common 12.00 to 13.00. Heifers: Choice 22.00; Good 21.00; Medium 17.50; Common 11.00 to 12.00. Cows: Good 12.00; Medium 10.50 to 11.00; Common 9.00 to 10.00. Calves: Good 12.00; Medium 11.00; Common 9.00 to 10.00.

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Calves at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Choice 21.00 to 22.00; Good 18.00 to 19.00; Medium 14.00 to 15.00; Common 12.00 to 14.00; Grassers 10.00 to 11.00.

Calves at Charlottetown: Delivered to plant. Good and choice 21.00; Medium 17.00 to 19.00; Common 12.00 to 15.00; Grassers 9.00 to 11.00.

Sheep at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Live grade quotations, Good 7.00; Medium 5.00; Common 2.50. Rail grade price for A's, 15.00; up to 70 lbs.

Sheep at Charlottetown: Delivered to plant. Live grade quotations, Good 7.00; Medium 5.00. Common 3.00. Rail grade price for A's, 16.00; up to 70 lbs.

Lambs at Moncton: Delivered to plant. Live grade quotations, Good 19.00 to 20.00. Rail grade price for A's, 46.00; up to 46 lbs.

Lambs at Charlottetown: Delivered to plant. Live grade quotations, 20.00 for good lambs. Rail grade price for A's, 47.00; up to 46 lbs.

Eggs and Poultry

Regarding poultry, I am still tremendously confused about this situation. Egg prices have again sagged back to 38¢ from the level of 35¢.

On January 6th at Halifax producers were receiving for ungraded eggs for AL 38, AM 34, AS 31, B and C 25.

Local operators claim that they have to ship eggs to Montreal to clear, while at the same time reports from Sydney indicate that they are taking in loads of Ontario eggs and are depending on that to supply Nova Scotia deliveries. There is something very radically wrong with the whole egg and poultry situation, and in my opinion, there is a need for a re-statement in our methods of handling the product. Possibly a more efficiently controlled centralized method through which eggs and poultry may be handled would help to straighten out the situation today, paying two to three cents per dozen more than others. Why is this? Why should our eggs be shipped to Montreal and not be sold in the Maritime areas where there is a deficiency apparently, and where all the way from Toronto be moved down into Maritime areas meeting our own eggs on the road going in the opposite direction to supply our consumers?

At Souris, eggs with destination St. John's are bringing 35¢, with AM 30, AS 28, B 20, and C 18. At Murray River AL were 33, B 23, C 18.

At O'Leary the range is from 32 down to 14.

At Morel the price is 35 to 18, and the following are the prices at Charlottetown:

AL 33, AM 28, AS 23, B 23, and C 18.

For the graded pack delivered, AL 40 a mark-up of 7¢ per dozen; AM 35; AS 34—a mark-up of 11¢ per dozen; B 34-36—a mark-up of 13¢ per dozen; and C 25-26—a mark-up of 7-8¢ per dozen.

From the retailer to the consumer AL 53-55-20 to 22¢ per dozen more than the producer is getting; AM 47-49-19 to 21¢ a difference; AS 42 to 44-19 to 21¢ a difference. The same with B's, and C's 34-36, or a difference of 16 to 18¢ between producer and consumer, but the cost of transportation, grading and packaging is involved.

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