

Statements By CMA Spokesman Are Puzzling To The Farmer

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR
THIS ARTISTIC BULL
A recent exhibition of the works of Canadian artists contains among others one entitled "Showing". This work depicts a Holstein bull and a number of cows together with calves etc. First of all we would like to make it very clear that our knowledge of artistic matters is very limited—practically nonexistent. However, we pretend to know a little about livestock and a little more about Holsteins. This work, regardless of its merit from an artistic standpoint is an affront to livestock people. First of all the bull in question could never have been registered nor could he have been admitted to any showing as his color markings (two black hind legs) would bar him from any recognized and respectable bovine society.

We would like to suggest that the work really should be entitled "Scrub Bull".

COWS AND DOCTORS
A spokesman for the Canadian Medical Association makes a rather invidious comparison between the money Canada spends for medical research and agricultural research and summarizes the situation by saying "Canadians are more concerned with sick cows than they are with sick people."

We are puzzled as to why the gentleman chose to make a comparison with agricultural matters rather than with numerous other possible choices, possibly anything usually so unprofitable as agriculture would have painful implications for the medical fraternity.

We are, of course, in no position to pass an opinion on the adequacy of public spending in medical research, however, we do know that informed farm people are not satisfied with either the nature or amount of agricultural research. In this connection we would point out that much of the agricultural research has indirectly been a very important factor in improving the health of the nation which is based probably to a great extent on sound nutrition as it is on medical services. Finally while peddling milk may not have been as profitable as peddling pills it nevertheless has made its contribution also to national wellbeing.

SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS
For dairymen who are still awaiting receipt of cheques for the supplementary dairy payments, we are advised by the authorities in Ottawa that up to mid November roughly up to 75 to 80 percent of Prince Edward Island claims have been paid or processed for payment. The balance of the claims is being worked on and producers should either be receiving a cheque shortly or a request for additional information. In any event the operation should be completed by the end of December.

WARBLE FLY BLITZ
Now is the time to swat the warble fly and cattlemen are urged to get in touch with the contact man in their community, he has the material and the necessary information on applying the treatment.

We would like to urge all cat-

men to avail themselves of the opportunity of dealing with this costly pest. A one hundred percent effort can rid the Island of the little monster that runs the flesh off your cattle and the production out of your dairy cows.

Resolve now to right away contact your neighbour and get the material to carry out what can be a very profitable operation.

FEDERATION MEETINGS
The press for the past three days has been carrying the announcement of the county Federation meetings being held as follows:
Cardigan Parish Hall Thursday, November 25, Athena High School Summerside Monday, November 29 and Birch Court Charlottetown Thursday, December 2; all meetings at 8 p.m.

PENSION PLAN
On January 1 some farmers will be required to make contributions for themselves and collections from their employees for the Canada Pension Plan. As this is a program of some importance our county meetings will have speakers who will explain both the benefits and the contributions which must be made.

David Rogers of the Department of Agriculture will be outlining plans for the expansion of extension work in the province.

John A. Rodd, president of the Island Federation will report for the parent body and it is hoped to have the Hon. A.B. MacRae, Minister of Agriculture in attendance.

Information on the warble fly campaign will also be provided. At our meetings resolutions deal-

ing with problems of pressing importance to agriculture will be dealt with.

We would like to urge all interested persons in general and members in particular to attend the meetings, good attendance produces a better cross section of opinion and gives the decisions the force of numbers.

BEEF PRODUCERS
On Monday evening the Directors of the P.E.I. Beef Producers' Association met and made plans for the holding of the annual meeting on December 6. It is hoped to have a guest speaker of more than ordinary renown and to present to the meeting matters of policy for the advancement of the cattle business.

POTATO PRICES
While there may have been times in the past when people believed it just couldn't happen we now seem to be headed for three good potato years in a row. To make the situation even better these good prices have been applied to generally good crops of good quality. Certainly the effect on the financial welfare of the potato grower and on the economy of the province is marked. With a combination of good prices and good crops potato growing can be a very rewarding occupation.

SLEIGHS
On many farms sleighs once so important have become a thing of the past. How many young people would be able to identify bars, bunks, runners, reeves, cross pieces and shoeing?

MANY ARE KNITTERS
Moscow's factories turn out 153,000 pieces of knitted goods every day.

Welfare Bureaus Dispense Cheer

The Protestant Family Service Bureau and the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau of Charlottetown are preparing to dispense annual Christmas cheer for a few days. It was estimated by Sister Mary Henry that the Bureau purchased \$5000 worth of food to be distributed in the Christmas packages last year.

The Bureau will also distribute clothes, bedding and children's toys.

Gifts will also be distributed to inmates of Beach Grove, Home for the Aged, and the Sacred Heart Home.

Collections of toys from various groups in the city has been made with a very good response.

Sister Mary Henry commented on the tremendous response given by the general public in helping out the bureaus during the Christmas season.

Damage To Cars Said About \$150
SUMMERSIDE — A 1967 model car driven by Wayne MacKenna Kinkora struck a parked 1965 model belonging to Wilfred Perry Summerside here on First Street Tuesday evening. Damage to the Perry car is estimated at over \$100 and damage to the MacKenna car at \$50.

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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Effort Here Recalls Handicraft Of 1840

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

I MET an old Prince of Wales College classmate last week when I dropped in for a look at some of the handicrafts people from across this province had on display in the foyer of the Confederation Centre.

Dan Mullen, Mr. Stewart has developed a high degree of skill in wood carving, and I was happy to have him tell me that he received enough orders for his work to keep him busy for the coming year. I talked with some of the others, including Eileen Oulton (Mrs. Bill) from Alberton—she does "Silk Screening"—and some others I talked about last week. Unfortunately my visit was brief and I only talked to about one-half the people there. But I was told that all of them had received an encouraging number of orders for their work, and I hope that is right.

As I was getting this column together I came upon an item I wrote several years ago when the late Gus Flynn was our managing editor, for his name is on it. The subject is timely and here it is:

An eight-yard, finely made tablecloth was presented to Government House for use when the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly had their annual banquet there. It was given by James Thompson, Tryon and the entire cloth was the product of his farm where it was grown, prepared and completed.

The date was 1840 which makes us realize, I think, that when we talk of developing handicrafts and other works of art now, we are merely trying to regain something we have lost in the last century, or perhaps in the last 40 or 50 years.

Old Wooden Pump Is Pictured

A FRIEND who prefers that I do not reveal his name, told me about an old wooden pump which was used once in a meat packing establishment on Kent Street.

The location is where the Necchi Sewing Centre is now and I have to thank Jerry Doucette—he's co-owner with David Young—for showing me around.

The pumps—there were two of them—were located in the basement of the building. Naturally they were to supply water, as that would be before the days of piped water, I would imagine, though I have no idea what time it was. I have made enquiries without result. If anyone has any information I would be pleased to receive it.

A picture of one of the old pumps—it is a bit deteriorated—is shown on page 11 of this edition.

'Bossy' Gillis Was Colorful

AN ASSOCIATED Press story said Andrew J. (Bossy) Gillis, a six-time mayor of Newburyport, Massachusetts, was born in Prince Edward Island, but the Daily News of that city agrees with what Rev. Urban Gillis of Vernon River told me—that Bossy was born in Newburyport, though his father was an Islander.

The colorful political figure, who died at 69, was a son of Andrew Gillis of Grand River West, Father Gillis tells me. The man lost a bid for a seventh term as Mayor in an election that was held the day preceding his death on Nov. 4.

The town's "Daily News" was honest in its failure to admire Bossy Gillis, but it said editorially "Without question the death of Andrew J. Gillis removes from the scene the most influential Newburyport personality since Lord Timothy Dexter." Who Dexter was does not concern us.

But Gillis "surpassed Dexter in stature in many ways, partially because of his mercurial nature... partially because of the pleasure he received from defying his enemies... His enemies were legion... he was a master needer with a passion for thrusting home wherever it could hurt."

He ran several newspapers, including those with colorful names like "The Asbestos" and "The Liberator". There were "column after column of invective probing like a scalpel, or slashing like a meataxe at his target," said the News, the day following the death of Mr. Gillis.

As I have said, 'The News' didn't like him. Many others shared that view, but Andrew J. "Bossy" Gillis had enough people like him to get himself elected as mayor more times than anyone else in Newburyport history.

PERHAPS IT was the shock of his silence that failed to win him that seventh term. The silence—the silence was comparative—was caused no doubt, because of his rapidly falling health, though none knew it except himself.

He first ran for office when the City wouldn't cut down a tree that blocked the driveway to his service station.

Gillis was a "determined foe of phones... he was the hero of persons who objected to the town's social structure... he was the city's most dominant political force for nearly 40 years." These are a few of the comments in the News.

He served several jail terms. Once it was for libelling a Newburyport judge. Another time he had punched the City's mayor "right in the nose."

Once the school committee refused to give him a key to the new Newburyport high school. But that didn't stop Bossy. He climbed through a second-story window," the News reported.

Once when he was in jail, Frank MacArthur of Charlottetown tells me, Gillis ran the jail laundry and invited the people to come down and see him at work. He conducted a campaign for election as mayor from a jail cell back in 1941. He lost on that attempt.

'Large' Pork Shipment In 1910

I WAS looking through Jean MacFayden's scrap book for information on Mary Allison Doull when I came across a note that said Michael Delaney of Albany had shipped the largest shipment of dressed pork ever shipped from Albany station. It consisted of "upwards of two carloads". The time was Jan. 10, 1910. Jean lives in Summerside.

Fox Film Saturday Evening

A film made on the Island's fox industry will be seen on the CBC farm show, Countrytime, which is aired each week on Saturday evening at 6.30. Ches Cooper, an Island man who is now with the CBC, played a large part in filming the show. It should be an interesting show. The early days of the fox industry—it's back on a paying basis again—were really fabulous.


Welcome Home Charlie

I have room, I believe, to welcome a former Islander, and a long-time friend, back to the Island. Charlie Moffatt is coming home to be secretary-manager of the Charlottetown Board of Trade. Your welcome is warm Charlie.

He succeeds Eric Kipping as Islander by adoption, but Eric thought so much of this province that he gave up a really promising career with the federal department of national resources and Northern affairs to stay with us. Even native Islanders like Charlie and myself couldn't be any more loyal Islanders than that, Eric.

Mr. Kipping is with the Island Development Company now.

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