



SPRING ISN'T HERE

The pride of Halifax, the Public Gardens, were smothered in snow during the weekend, the first week they were open this year. Although it

wasn't the latest on record, the May snowfall spoiled the opening of the city's beauty spot. Similar snow-covered scenes were to be seen Mon-

day morning in many parts of Prince Edward Island. The snow was an inch or so deep in places. Pennants remained until nightfall.

THIS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY



Scottish Ayrshires Impress Islanders

By NEIL A. MATHESON
It's one of the best known cattle shows in the United Kingdom, and there are many more Ayrshires showing than any other breed of cattle. Bill Brown, Kensington and Almon Wood, Marshfield told me about the show a few days after they returned from a trip to Scotland. They were talking about the Ayr-cattle show which is in Ayrshire, Scotland and it's not surprising to learn the Ayrshire cattle are still in the majority. There were probably 250 Ayrshires at the fair.

"The Derby" is the feature class of the Ayr show and it features 3-year old heifers. There were 26 heifers in the ring and the judges took about two hours to place them.

Naturally I asked Almon and Bill why it took so long to judge the class. They told me there was tremendous quality, and uniformity among the heifers. "You could go right down the line and you wouldn't find a poor udder, nor an animal with poor legs." The legs and the udders were strong points noted in animals they saw, and the two Island men visited some of the top Ayrshire herds in Scotland.

The cattle had good tops also, but neither man liked "the pins... the rear ends" as much as they do the same features on the cattle here.

"The rear ends are not wide enough... they slope down from the rump" were two criticisms the Wood-Brown pair agreed on. "We like a good, square rear-end in Canada," the men observed. That was the only serious criticism the two men voiced of the cattle they saw at the fair, though they explained the criticism did not apply to all of the animals.

PICKED FROM HAT

I think the system of picking judges will interest you. Five men are named for the fair. All five names are placed in a hat. The first two names pulled out judge the milking classes and the heifers. The next two judge the dry cows and the bulls. The fifth man is an umpire. He decides when the two judges making the placements do not agree. And disagreements are not infrequent, I gathered.

I asked Almon how he liked the grand champion Ayrshire cow of the show. "If he would like to have her in his own herd he liked the champion, but he thought 'she was a little under-sized'." She won the grand ribbon on her excellent udder and on her legs, Mr. Wood suggested. "I think her udder was as wide as a 'wings down'," he added.

The shape of the udder and the feet placement are two high priority factors, the two men explained.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Brown attended the Lanark sale, the biggest sale of its type in the U.K. There would be upwards of 300 cattle selling. It's held every Monday.

There were some Friesians there. "Holsteins to us, but the animals are not as big as the black and white cattle we know John Powell, from the Holstein head office in Brantford, Ontario told me when he was here recently, that they do not have beef cattle in Europe. That's why, he explained, the European Friesians are more of a dual purpose type than the big dairy type cow we know here.

The farms they saw were "fairly large." They'd run from 145 to 300 acres. The farmers don't break up a lot of land for grain — they call it corn — as we do. What they do sow is mostly

oats, though there is some barley. The season in Scotland was three weeks behind normal. But the farmers had finished their spring seeding before the Island men left, and that would be early in the last week of April. The young cattle were all out on pasture, but few of the mature cows were being left out overnight.

The trip was made possible, Mr. Wood told me, by his two sons Wallace, one of the most progressive Ayrshire breeders in the business, and Don who runs the Prima fertilizer plants in the province. In Scotland they made their headquarters for the most part, with Willie Callan, Bill Brown's nephew. Mr. Callan has a grade Ayrshire herd.

LAMB IN HILLS
Another nephew has 1,200 breeding ewes of the "Blackface" breed. They're a horned sheep, are long-wooled and are a hardy breed for the hill country. The owner has a shepherd to help him. The animals lamb out in the hills, and this time of year they like to see each ewe and lamb twice a day.

The sheep are never inside. There's usually some bare spots in winter, so they can dig down for some grass. In severe storms the men scatter hay hurdles so the animals can feed on them, Bill told me.

There are times when the sheep are buried in a big snow storm, when they are lying in low land, or in hollows that are filled with snow drifts. But the Border Collies can locate the animals from the breath of the sheep coming through the snow. The shepherd can dig the animals out once his dog spots the location, Mr. Brown told me.

scared even in their native Scotland.

TURNPUP HARVESTER

There were a tremendous number of farm implements at the show — and a turnip-harvester caught their eye. It's built much like the potato harvester (combine) we know here, though it's not nearly so big. It tops and trims the turnips as it takes them up to be loaded.

This part is adjustable, but the turnips would have to be exactly straight and uniformly even in the row, for the harvester to do a 100 percent job, the men told me. When the turnips are not even, some of them get sliced, they said.

"Bill comes from Scotland so it was a trip back home for him. I asked Almon, though, if he found the Scotch hospitality as warm as he's expected. The reply was an emphatic 'yes.'"

Both men were just a little surprised, I think to find the Gaelic language being emphasized in Ireland. Even the telephone books, they told me, were printed with the names and localities in Gaelic as well as in English.

No Gaelic was spoken in the part of Scotland they visited, though it is spoken in the northern islands.

RED HOT MARRIAGES
This has nothing to do with farming, but romance is of in-

terest to everyone. A point of special interest was Gretna Green where "red hot marriages" used to be performed, as Bill Brown told me. "I had not heard of this spot before in this connection, but Gretna Green is a village in Dumfriesshire, near the English border. In 1770 an act was passed in England that made hasty marriages more difficult. So it became the custom for runaway couples, who wished to get married quickly to cross the border to Gretna, where they could be married under Scottish law."

Bill Brown tells me the couples would be married by a blacksmith who kept the Bible ready on his bellows, and performed the marriage ceremony at his anvil. The blacksmith held a license which enabled him to do the job legally.

Many marriages are said to have taken place at this anvil before the English marriage law was changed in 1856.

B-A Oil Co. Plans To Sell U.S. Company

TORONTO (CP) — British American Oil Co. Ltd. announced plans Monday to sell a wholly owned subsidiary in the United States for \$182,544,000.

After paying off some current debts, the company will have \$181,600,000 left and will use it to finance further expansion of its Canadian operations, the announcement said.

The subsidiary—British American Oil Producing Co.—will be sold to Chared Corp., a non-profit charitable and educational organization in Dallas, Tex., if B-A shareholders approve the plan at a special meeting May 31.



Hostess Tip

There's a bit of the artistic chef in everyone. If you don't believe it, plan a do-it-yourself sausage making session next time you entertain. The inspired creations built by folks who won't set foot inside a kitchen are amazing.

More the Merrier

Offer as wide a variety of sauces as possible. But keep preparation time down by purchasing some good ready-to-serve sauces or choose from a countless number of jiffy sauces you can mix up in next to no time.

For the Chocolate Fans

Chocolate of course is high on the list of favorites. Make a smooth sauce by combining a (5-ounce) package semi-sweet chocolate pieces with 1/2 cup whipping cream. Cook over very low heat, stirring frequently until the chocolate melts. Add vanilla or a teaspoon of powdered instant coffee... Delicious!

Make-it-Maple

Another Canadian flavor favorite is maple. For it, we boil a cup of maple syrup with 2 tablespoons butter, for about 3 minutes. Cool and stir in 1/2 cup evaporated milk and 3 tablespoons slivered almonds. Good over top coffee ice cream.

Fruit Medley

When fresh fruits are in season, almost any fruit combination meets with instant success. The bright red color and fresh flavor of crushed sweetened strawberries teams beautifully with vanilla ice cream. Not so common but just as good, party-pink rhubarb, cooked until tender and sweetened, makes a hit over strawberry ice cream.

Warm Cherries

Speaking of fruit combinations, this one is delicious served with ice cream. If you haven't time for a Sundae tray, just melt 1/2 cup red currant jelly in a saucepan or chafing dish. Drain a 15-ounce can apricot halves and add to the jelly along with a 15-ounce can of cherries. Heat gently and serve warm over vanilla ice cream.

More About Ice Cream

Our latest recipe leaflet features more party ideas using ice cream. Drop us a line for your free copy.



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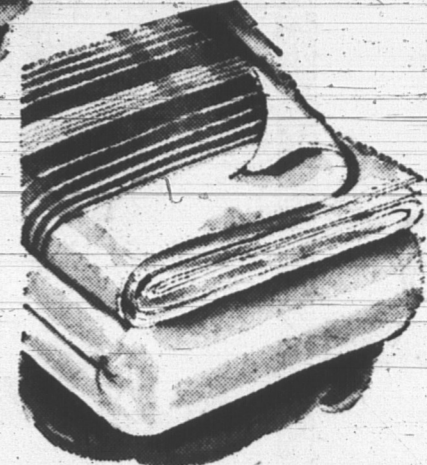
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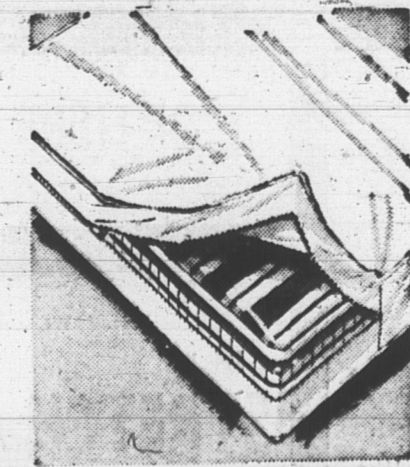
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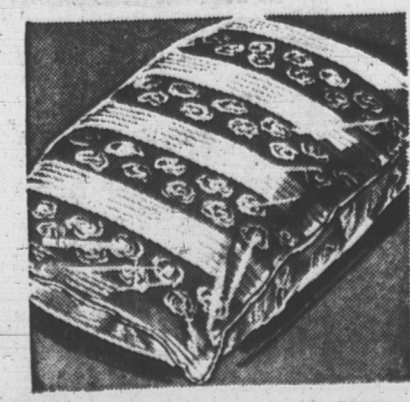
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