

## Among The Farmers

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

**EGG TROUBLES**  
Last week we received a letter from one of our members complaining the grade and price which was received for a shipment of eggs. Without making an investigation we are not in a position to judge the merits or otherwise of this protest, but we do have a great deal of respect for the man who took the time and trouble to write us about it. Many egg producers are dissatisfied with the grades they are receiving for eggs. They think there is something wrong and so there is but the real trouble does not appear readily. In this Province egg production has for many years formed a part of the mixed farming operation in a farm known as a farm flock. Modern production methods with large numbers of laying birds confined indoors and fed uniformly with high quality feeds tend to produce eggs which are not promptly cooled; carefully washed and gotten to market in very short space of time, all results in an article which meets with the approval of the consumer. In many cases the farm flock runs at liberty and has the opportunity of consuming at leisure a wide variety of perhaps palatable and nutritious feeds which are having yolks and whites of desirable colour and consistency. The result is an egg which will not grade up or if it does will not stand up in quality. With this brief review of what goes on on the farm we pass to the egg grader who decides according to standards the category in which the egg will fall. Usually he is competent, experienced and tries to do a job fairly but there is reason for believing that in some cases, perhaps in far too many, he is not allowed to do a job properly. In plain English he is interfered with and dictated to by his employer, the station operator who must compete for volume with other operators and a good grade is usually the best bait to draw business. A good grade is, of course, a good thing but if it is given for poor eggs it is a bad thing and will in the long run undermine and destroy markets of the industry. While it may be annoying and unjust for the farmer to receive a bad grade for good eggs and we doubt that this very often happens, it is perhaps not as serious as the reverse. The next chain in the link is the Federal Inspection Service whose responsibility it is to enforce the regulations and keep the stations up to the mark. Unfortunately there are not enough inspectors in this Province to police seventy stations and the re-

## City and Central Call Tour Of Russian Farm Experts "Botched"

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**OTTAWA (OP)**—A federal official said Monday the Canadian tour of the Russian farm experts has become "a bit botched up." But there were opposing views as to where the responsibility lay. Diplomats blamed the agriculture department which handled the trip. Agricultural officials said they took over the arrangements only because the external affairs department did not want to handle them. One informant said handling of the tour was a top-level decision between External Affairs Minister Pearson and Agriculture Minister Gardiner. He said Mr. Gardiner asked to have the tour handled by his department. S. J. Chagnon, assistant deputy ministry of agriculture, was placed in charge.

**In Memoriam**  
In loving memory of Reginald L. Bryenton who passed away September 5, 1952. Thoughts drift back to days gone past. Life moves on, but memories last. Deep in our hearts, his memory is kept. We who loved him, will never forget. Lovingly remembered by his wife and family.

**POTATO BOARD**  
The Federation's views on the new Potato Board have already appeared in the Press. Whether or not these views coincide with the views of potato growers in general we do not know but the Federation has spent a lot of effort and energy in promoting the cause of producer control in marketing. This is a principle and it is not to be expected that this principle could be swapped overnight in exchange for a Potato Board responsible only to the Government. No criticism of a personal nature on the score of the new Board members as a Government Board it is possible that they will render outstanding service to the industry. Many of them must however spend some time gaining experience and will in some instances also have to develop some additional respect for marketing legislation as a means of improving the agricultural economy.

The press release which announced the appointment of the new Board members expressed the hope that harmony would characterize its existence, with that hope we have considerable sympathy. We believe in peace but there are times when peace does not produce the desired results. The new Board has on it individuals who up to the present time have held widely divergent views on potato marketing. Possibly the acceptance of responsibility will moderate these views and produce a determination to sink past differences in an effort to promote the welfare of the industry.

The new Board at time of writing has not started to function. It has no Officers and must organize itself from scratch in the face of what now appears to be a very difficult period in disposing of a large crop on a buyer's market.

**BRIEFS**  
The world's biggest terminal elevator, with a capacity of 16.3 million bushels, is located at Enid, Oklahoma. It is owned by the Union Equity Co-operative Exchange, a federation of 92 local co-ops in Oklahoma and Texas. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is conducting research on killing turkeys by carbon dioxide gas. It is reported this is a painless bruising of meat and broken bones.

**MUCH CONFUSION**  
Federal officials were generally in agreement that there had been a great deal of confusion and mis-

## Religion and Life

By Very Rev. George C. Pidgeon, D.D., I.L.D.  
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We hear a great deal these days about the violation of the law on our highways and its disastrous consequences. But what impresses an observer of the traffic on our roads is that many drivers are unconscious of any law governing their actions.

Anyone driving on Route 400 at the legal rate of 50 miles an hour will be passed repeatedly by men driving at a far higher rate of speed. A young man alone in a new car will usually be the one that will pass most quickly, and he doesn't feel that he is breaking any law; he is just unaware that such a law exists, or that he ought to do anything about it.

It is not such a man a type of his generation: Books are being written to prove that there are no absolute moral standards and that what we have been calling our laws are just the social conventions of our time and place.

We draw lessons from our experiences and then we draw up rules for the guidance of ourselves and others.

We forbid this and we allow that because our experiences and experiments with life have shown that this is harmful and that helpful. Or the traditions of our family or race or our consequent upbringing have formed our preference, and we want our young people to live and act as our fathers did.

"It isn't done" counts far more with such people than the "Thou shalt not" of Holy Writ.

**NATURAL ORDER**  
What are the facts? Is there a moral order, or is there not? We know that there is a natural order. When we violate its laws we suffer the penalty. When we obey them we reap the harvest. This applies to economics and politics as well as to bodily health. What a man sows in these fields he will reap.

Is there similar objective reality in the realm of morals? Is there a difference in the very nature of things between right and wrong? When conscience condemns a certain action, does it echo the judgment of an eternal law on such a deed and on such a man for doing it?

Is the "categorical imperative" rooted in the nature of things or are the commandments just the

God has laid down, the laws of His Kingdom in His Word. There is no mistaking the meaning of the Ten Commandments. Through the prophets He has given us specific application of such laws to the conditions of their time; and we cannot question their bearing on the social problems of our own time.

Back of all this is the revelation given to the prophets of what God is like: He is just; He is the defender of the widow, the fatherless and the stranger. Where yagan gods demanded the sacrifice of the sons even of kings, God revealed Himself as humane, loving mercy and kindness, offering forgiveness to the chief sinners, and finding His own glory in the sinner's restoration through pardon rather than in his suffering the penalty of his transgression.

Above all, there is the example of Christ with His obedience even unto death. He lived by the law of love unlimited which He laid down in the Sermon on the Mount, and died rather than use the power at His command in His own defence.

What God is as revealed in His Word we are called to become in our measure, and to express what we see in Him in our words and deeds.

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**ATTENTION**

Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Potato Producers Association will be held at Prince County, Tuesday, September 6, Canadian Legion Hall, Summerside. Guest speaker, Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Agriculture; Kings County, Wednesday, September 7, Orange Hall, Bay Fortune. Guest speaker, R. A. Pierce, Department of Agriculture. Queens County, Friday, September 9, at Birch Court, Charlottetown. Guest speaker, Supt. R. C. Parent, Experimental Farm.

Provincial Annual Meeting at Birch Court, Charlottetown, Wednesday, September 14th, 1955. The meeting will be addressed by the Premier, Hon. A. W. Matheson.

All meetings at 8 P.M. S.T.  
Every interested producer is urged to attend.

Signed:—  
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