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Constitutional White Paper Is Promised In December

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson said here the government plans to publish a white paper on the constitutional question in December.

He said in a statement the white paper will be issued with a view to assisting Parliament and the provincial legislatures in their consideration of the formula under which the constitution would be brought under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Parliament.

Any changes in the British North America Act now must be given final approval in the British parliament before becoming law. Mr. Pearson and the provincial premiers agreed on a formula earlier last month under which future amendments could be made without reference to Westminster.

The formula has come under criticism in Parliament, particularly from Conservative and New Democratic Party spokesmen, during the present debate on interim supply. There has been no indication of when the formula will come before the Commons, but it is unulikely to be dealt with until the white paper is available in early December.

Mr. Pearson's statement said the white paper "will relate the history of federal-provincial negotiations which have taken place beginning in 1927, on this subject. It will also outline the main considerations underlying the approach which finally produced a solution unanimously acceptable to the federal and provincial governments."

INTEREST STUDENTS

Besides assisting legislators, it said, "it should also be of permanent interest to students of Canadian history and constitutional law."

In an apparent reference to some opposition statements made in the House, the prime ministers' statement said there is "absolutely nothing" in the formula that "directly or indirectly, explicitly or implicitly, provides for the granting of a special status, within the Canadian federation, to one or the other of the provinces."

The section of the formula that has drawn the most fire concerns the method by which the constitution could be changed to allow provinces into federal jurisdictions. Such amendments would require the approval of at least four provinces and the federal parliament.

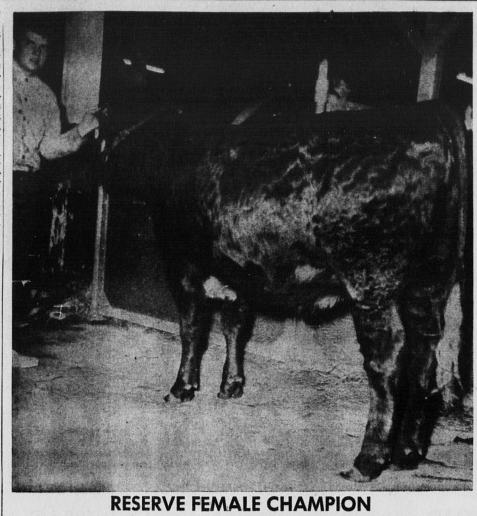
Mr. Pearson said this section could not conceivably be drafted with any associate status in mind since it requires the approval of the federal and four provincial legislatures.

While not perfect in every respect, the statement said the formula represents a "very great achievement in the constitutional development of our country."

It was the best formula that could be reached through the process of negoiation and mutually acceptable compromise between the federal and provincial governments.

"It must be regarded in a perspective of true federalism, as well as in terms of the great contribution that it can make in the long run to Canadian unity and identity."

MONTREAL (CP) — Merchants along downtown Amherst Street are resisting a city move to alter the name to Christophe Colomb to conform with the street's northern extension. The merchants say Amherst is a better name for business.



RESERVE FEMALE CHAMPION

Limewood Lassie Duchess, owned by S. Wood and Son Sterling Wood and son, Robert, Mt. Herbert, was reserve junior in the dual purpose Shorthorn class female champion at the Atlantic Winter Fair, Halifax, this week. The same yearling was junior champion at the Provincial Exhibition in Charlottetown in August. The animal is being shown here by Robert Wood.

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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Sale Of Steers Seen Highlight

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

THE ATLANTIC Winter Fair, Halifax, is only getting rightly underway—I'm writing this on Sunday night because I'll be too busy later in the week—but the highlight thus far has been the sale of finished steers, the most successful ever staged in the Maritime Provinces.

And it was STAGED, make no mistake about that. I'm wondering if our Easter Beef Show and Sale people can get some tips from the sales arrangement committee here.

If you read my story in the Guardian Saturday morning you probably remember that the grand champion steer, an Angus owned by the S. C. Oland farm, sold for 52.00 a pound. That in itself is a Maritime record. But what followed extends the unprecedented story theme.

Mack Dickson, the youngster from Clyde River, had previously showed his Angus steer to the reserve grand championship, and the Dixon steer sold for $1.92 per pound. Multiply that by the weight of 960, and subtract a seling deduction of one and one-half percent, and you have a tidy sum for the youngster to take home. For this was his own steer.

Sanderson Steers Are Champions

THEN THERE was the champion Hereford, an 890-pound animal owned by Fulton Sanderson, North River, that sold for 1.72 per pound, and the reserve Hereford champion, a 974-pounder shown by Johnny Sanderson, that sold for $1.19

Before I forget it, the top steer was bought by Dominion Stores. The Dixon steer was bought by Tom Foreman for Sobey's, and he also took the third. The fourth went to Safeway Stores. I left the sale at that spot to send the story back home, and to dig up other fair news for The Guardian.

The show and sale committee dined and wined the prospective buyers prior to the sale, and they tell me that it really paid off. Apparently it did and the fantastic prices are the result of some good planning.

I moved around among the people responsible as Auctioneer Bill Cunningham sold the animals. He did a tremendous job of keeping the tempo rolling, but I never seen such a demonstration of enthusiastic cheering and applause as the ringside kept up, particularly during those record-breaking early sales. It reminded me of a college football pep rally.

ONE OF the committee, Norman Spence, is a member of the Nova Scotia legislature, and he was in there rooting with the rest of them. The genial Norman is a Hereford breeder and that reminds me that even the Hereford men were cheering for our Mack Dixon as he showed his Angus steer to the reserve championship.

Murray Frels, the national Angus secretary and editor of the breed paper, was delighted, as might be expected, for he had just seen two Angus steers go to the top of the class. But Ernie Himmelman, president of the Canadian Hereford Association and one of the breeder's biggest boosters in this or any other country, said "I was pulling for Mack too, I just couldn't help myself." he said later.

There's something about this enthusiastic younster that does that to people. Fair Manager Watson Maxner told me "I have been a fan of his since I first saw him show cattle here last year."

Lincoln's Job Is More Complex

LINCOLN DEWAR, New Perth is chairman of the Dairy Foods Service Bureau whose job it is to make Canadians eat more dairy foods, including butter. He observed to me sometime ago "there would be no butter surplus in Canada if we could get the restaurants and hotels to put bigger slices of butter on customers' plates".

I thought of you, Lincoln, and agreed heartily with your suggestion the night I reached Halifax. I was tired and hungry after eating little all day, and I ordered several repeats of the butter pats, when I had dinner about 7.30 in the evening.

But today, Lincoln, the Mathesons had dinner at the Flamingo Restaurant, one of the city's finest; we had a grand meal, but your butter theory didn't stand up, for I saw waitresses carrying trays of dishes from the tables that had many butter pats untouched.

I talked about it with Bruce Cochrane in the Fair Press Room later today—he has his own public relations firm, and a good one—and what do you suppose his reaction was? "Of course they leave it. I don't eat it either".

I asked him "why don't you like butter?" He replied "It's fattening". So Lincoln, my friend, you have a more difficult job to do than merely getting the eating places to put more butter on the plate.

Missing Body Has Been Found

MANY OF you will recall the story I picked up in Halifax a year ago from a former Islander, about the Montrealer who was traveling in the states with his wife and two children, and his mother. You will recall that the mother died suddenly in the back seat of the car while they were in a remote, uninhabited part of the country, and he had to drive for many miles until he could reach the nearest telephone.

Knowing this, he took his mother's body and placed it in the trunk, because his wife and children were terrified at the thought of driving with a dead person in the back seat right behind them.

The story told him the man went in to telephone the nearest officials when he reached the nearest service station, and his family fled from the car in near panic. When the man went back to his car, it was gone. It had been stolen, and many months later he still had not heard anything about it. That was the story I told in my column of almost a year ago.

This evening Mrs. Matheson and I were visiting Bruce MacDonald, formerly of Glen William, and his wife, the former Florence Paul of Brookfield, and they told us the body has since been found. That's all I know about it now, but I'll let you know the details when I am able to get them. My only additional comment now is the same as it was a year ago:

"Imagine the car thief's horror when he opened the lid of the trunk."

Policemen's Difficulties Discussed

I TALKED yesterday to a veteran Halifax policeman about something called courtesy, and what a difference it makes when it's missing. If you read this, Junior MacLeod, the man's a friend of yours, and I'll tell you his name when I see you.

A veteran of 23 years on the force, and an experienced policeman who has long since learned to control his temper, and how to deal with almost all kinds of situations, he had a most unusually rough time a few hours previously with a leading Halifax citizen who resented being told where he couldn't go with his car. The fair has regulations stating where certain cars can go, and others can't, so the policeman was only doing his duty.

There's a coveted spot near the Forum—I'm able to use it this year because the fair management gave me an "official" sticker for my windshield. But this man had no such permission. The Fair management is most helpful.

..."THE MAN gave me such a bad time of it" says the policeman; "he needled me so much that I kept my temper with the greatest difficulty. Finally I told him if you persist, I'll place you under arrest, and you'll have time to think it over," the policeman told me. That, apparently, ended the unpleasant discussion.

A half hour later, another car approached the policeman. It didn't have any sticker either, but a pleasant looking lady said "Please, can we go up there with our car (the climb is steep), my husband has a very bad heart and I'm afraid to have him climb it."

The veteran policeman said "Certainly lady, go right ahead," as he recognized the unusual human need.

"Courtesy is something which I have found nothing else but since I came here last year for the first time to the Atlantic Winter Fair. And that goes for everyone on the ground, including you and your fellow policemen" I told your friend, Junior.

Quick as a flash the policeman replied: "Don't forget, sir, that you are giving courtesy yourself too."

WE PARTED with a friendly smile, myself a little embarrassed with his kind remark, but both of us felt happier, I am sure, for our brief exchange of views.

Many of those public servants have a most difficult job to do, particularly policemen. Some of them get the devil at times and it's so easy to criticize. But my own experience has been that in general policemen are about the kindest, and the most big hearted people I have known. Sometime I hope to tell you something about a few of those experiences in this column.

And I keep remembering what several of the Halifax men told me. "If people would remember that we're only human, that it is tough for us too, to keep our tempers when we're needled, and we often are."

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Favorable Nov. Weather Needed To Complete Gathering Of Crops

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR

November can be described as a type of twilight zone between fall and winter. It can be one or the other and variations quite marked.

In early November 1933 the temperature went so low after quite a mild fall that many trees were killed. Winter can set in in November, hence most farmers realize that it is borrowed time from the standpoint of saving crops.

Generally the record potato crop is under cover but much of it must be moved to avoid the danger of heavy frost. Grain fields remain to be harvested and great quantities of straw still lie in the fields. Here and there bales of hay waits to be rescued and this does seem to be stretching the patience of nature to some extent.

A large acreage of the new processing crops and these represent a great deal of hand labour wait to be salvaged. Generally crops of this kind are not pleasant to work in the month of November. It is bound to be a dark month because the days are short and the really sunny ones infrequent.

To do the work that needs to be done and this includes most of the fall plowing November needs to behave itself weather-wise.

OVER THE MOON

United States calves are being shipped by jet airplane to Italy. It is a new technique putting calves into cartons for export. Initial shipments were made to Milan in August and it is expected that about 100,000 United States calves will be jetted to Italy before the end of the year.

United States calves are now competitive in the Italian market thanks in large measure to the new air freight rate for calves of 41 cents a pound.

Two types of cartons are being used to ship the calves. Both allow shipment of three calves per carton and the cartons are strong enough to be stacked. One has a wooden frame with floor, top and two of the sides of heavy cardboard and the other two sides of wooden slats. The second carton has wooden slats on four sides and is reinforced with wire for additional strength in transit.

HOG OUTLOOK

Heavier hog marketings and somewhat lower prices to producers compared with last year are forecast for the final quarter of 1964 by Canada Department of Agriculture experts.

Marketings should reach their highest levels in late October and November but decline somewhat in December. Prices are expected to remain close to present levels.

According to th Dominion Bureau of Statistics September 1, hog survey, thre were 5,900,000 hogs on farms in Canada—an increase of six per cent over the past year.

In Eastern Canada hog numbers increased two per cent while numbers in Western Canada were 12 per cent greater than at Sept. 1, 1963.

Farmers indicated that farrowings may increase nine per cent in Eastern Canada and 30 per cent in the West to a total of 278,000 for all Canada. This is a 16 per cent increase over last year.

POTATO MEETING

With one down and one to go potato growers are having two opportunities in one week to hear a variety of reports on their industry and to bring forward their views on matters related to potato policy.

Among those who are interested, there is fairly general agreement that the potato industry is suffering from lack of organization and lack of long term planning. Attempts on the part of a variety of groups to fill this vacuum have not been very successful. However, past failures do not mean that success cannot be achieved in the future.

Now that we have one of the best crops on record and generally favourable prices it would appear a favourable time for potato people to take stock of their position and indicate interest by good attendance at the meetings in question.

PASTURE DINNER

This year's Pasture Improvement banquet fell on one of the finest days (Oct. 28) of the fall and the result was much reduced attendance. Those who attended were rewarded with a fine meal and what was perhaps much more important a very fine discourse by Father Bolger on the Island's part and attitude to Confederation. It is not difficult to understand why Father Bolger has recently been signally recognized.

This is the sixth occasion on which the Dept. of Agriculture and the Dairyman's Association have co-operated in the pasture competition. Certainly in that space of time there has been greatly increased recognition of value of pasture and a great deal learned about proper management.

It is generally agreed that Island agriculture has interesting possibilities and new avenues opening up, certainly one of the most important and most promising is that of grass and clover whether as pasture, hay or silage.

On Wednesday representatives of the Maritime Federation of Agriculture and Ministers and Deputies from Departments of Agriculture met in Moncton prior to the annual Dominion Provincial Outlook Conference. The meeting had two main purposes one was to consider with Dr. Lavigne feed grains administrator, matters related to a permanent policy of freight assistance and secondly to consider other matters of importance to Maritime farmers and which might be brought to the attention of the Ottawa Conference.

While there are bright spots in Maritime agriculture, yet recent studies indicate that the overall picture is not encouraging. With average farm income generally going down and with the suggestion being made that probably half of the farm operations would do better in other endeavours there appears to be a clear case for serious study of our Maritime situation.

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