

New Building In Province Indicates Economy Sound

The economic standard of Prince Edward Island was not so far below the rest of the nation if building permits issued by his department were any indication of building permits issued by minister of industries and natural resources, and minister of fisheries, asserted in the Legislature yesterday.

Completing a budget address begun the evening before, Hon. Mr. MacKinnon quoted statistics to show that the total building construction in the built-up areas of the province approved by the Town Planning Board since 1951, totalled \$6,029,450.

ASTONISHING AMOUNT

This was truly an astonishing amount of money, considering that it did not include the huge sums spent on improvements to farm dwellings and barns, nor the money spent to purchase autos, trucks, and farm equipment of all kinds, the minister remarked.

To be able to spend so much money the people of the Province must be making good progress, he said.

At a return calculated at 75 per cent, fishermen of Prince Edward Island get a bigger share of the "fish dollar" than those of any other area of the Atlantic seaboard, Hon. Mr. MacKinnon asserted. In many areas the fishermen get on the average only 50 per cent of the fish dollar, while in one area, the return is only 30 per cent.

Total capital investment of the Province's 2,967 registered fishermen now totals \$3,352,900, the minister noted.

OYSTER SURVEY

The minister announced that a complete survey of all potential oyster cultivation areas in the Province would be begun this coming summer. "There are not nearly enough Islanders in-

vested in this important industry," he said.

The present government also proposed to survey the Irish Moss potential this year, the minister remarked. In this connection he recalled that some experiments had been made with machine cutters.

Mr. Myers: "Who buys this product?"

Hon. Mr. MacKinnon: "I believe it is more or less of a monopoly."

NEW BOATS

The P.E.I. government had done as much for its fishermen as any other government in the Atlantic Region, Hon. Mr. MacKinnon said. This year three new druggers, one 65 feet long and the other two 60-footers, would be added to the Island fleet.

Any man in the Province, healthy, willing to work, and trustworthy, would be given a loan with which to construct a dragger, the minister said. But he must not fear hard work, and long hours.

The processing plants at Souris were producing a product that "beat a mile" any similar product produced on the Atlantic Coast, he said.

Hon. Mr. MacKinnon agreed with Opposition critics that the estimate for the fishery department was not high, but he maintained that additional money was not needed, since the Fishermen's Loan Board could take care of most emergencies.

2nd Attempt To Pass Bill Fails

An attempt to re-introduce a bill that would amend the embalmers' and funeral directors' association act failed yesterday when the unanimous consent of the Legislature could not be obtained for re-entry of the act which was thrown out on 2nd reading ten days ago.

The objection came from William Acorn (I-1st Kings). The Speaker of the House advised the promoter of the bill, Mr. Large (I-1st Queens), that unanimous consent of the House would have to be had before

the bill could be re-considered. Mr. Acorn replied: "I am afraid I cannot consent to that."

Premier Matheson said that in all fairness to those who prepared the bill, they should receive their fee back. He said it was no fault of theirs that the bill did not pass. The House agreed with the Premier's suggestion.

Legion Auxiliary Meeting Held

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion was held on Thursday, March 19th, at the Legion Home. The president, Mrs. Whiston Smith, presided and opened the meeting with the usual one minute silence, in memory of the fallen comrades.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Fred Macleer was initiated into the Auxiliary and together with Mrs. Dan Square-briggs, who had formerly been a member of the Summerside Auxiliary, was welcomed by the ladies.

The financial report was read and a statement was submitted by Mrs. Freeman Cudmore on behalf of Mrs. Russell Roper, in connection with St. Patrick's Day treats for the hospitalized veterans. This had been a great success due to the splendid co-operation of the members who

had supplied the goods which were much appreciated by the recipients.

Mrs. S. MacLean reported several prospective banquets in the near future. Business completed, meeting closed with the National Anthem, followed by a delicious lunch served by the committee in charge.

GRAIN

WINNIPEG (CP) — Trade was slow and export interest quiet Tuesday on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. Prices generally were steady.

Trade reports indicated some Canadian wheat was sold to Norway while small parcels lots of Max went to the United Kingdom.

Closing prices:

Oats: May 75¢; higher 75¢; higher 74¢.

Barley: May 1/2 lower 1.02¢; higher 1.01¢; Oct 1/2 higher 1.00¢.

Flax: May 1/2 higher 2.90; higher 2.83 1/2.

Rye: May 1/2 higher 1.10 1/2; higher 1.00a; Oct 1/2 higher 1.07 1/2.

Prices for class two wheat for export to countries outside IWA: 1 nor 1.69 1/2; 2 1.65 1/2; 3 1.45 1/2; 4 1.45 1/2; 5 1.43 1/2; 6 1.42 1/2; 1 durum 1.91 1/2; 2 1.88 1/2; 3 1.74 1/2; IWA and domestic prices: 1 nor 1.69 1/2; 2 1.66 1/2; 3 1.56 1/2; 4 1.45 1/2; 5 1.42 1/2; 6 1.42 1/2; 1 durum 1.91 1/2; 2 1.86 1/2.



WIN E. W. TURNER TROPHY

An Alberton rink skipped by Turner Massey Harris trophy on the second day of the Alberton bonspiel. Members of the Matthews rink are, left to right: Herbert Matthews, Alice Seaman, Hubert Campbell and Jean Bryan.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

P.E.I. Department of Agriculture

COOLING AND STORING OF CREAM

The most urgent need in the butter industry is more efficient cooling and storing of cream on the farm. On specialized dairy farms, it should be possible to use modern types of cream coolers and the problems should not be difficult to solve. The object should be to cool the cream to below 50 degrees F., preferably to 40 degrees and to protect the cream against contamination and objectionable odors until it is shipped to the creamery, but a large percentage of the cream used in butter manufacture is produced on farms where dairying is not a modern enterprise.

Only a few cows may be kept, however, it is just as important to cool and store the smaller lots of cream produced on these farms as it is on the specialized dairy farms.

Cream should be kept in well-limed containers, free from rust. Avoid lard pails, coffee cans, etc. The most satisfactory way to cool cream is by using cold water or by keeping the cream in a deep well or spring.

Air is a poor conductor of heat. Air cooling, therefore, is an inefficient method. Cream absorbs odors readily. Keep the cream away from the odors of gasoline, unclean barns, rusty cellars and strong flavoured fruits and vegetables. The lids should be kept on the cans while the cream is cooling in order to keep out dust and insects and to avoid absorption of odors.

Ship cream to your creamery at least once a week during the winter months and twice a week during the summer months and the result of the effort will be reflected in greater returns for your cream.

P.E.I. HONEY

March 20th—April 4th is "Honey For Breakfast Week" in Canada. Why not try some P.E.I. honey?

Canadian honey consumption is very high, a representative of the Canadian Beekeepers' Council said today. Canadians consume about 2 lbs. of honey, per person each year. This is considerably more than our American neighbors use.

Why do Canadians use more honey? Because the housewife realizes the value of honey as a food. It is an easily digestible energy food used by most top athletes. Canadians also realize that Canadian honey is of very high quality, continued the Beekeepers' Council spokesman.

Americans do not use all the honey that is produced in their country so there is a honey surplus in the U.S. They have lost European markets since the quality of U.S. honey is not acceptable to Europeans. Much of the U.S. honey has been overhated, causing poor flavor and color. Some of the surplus U.S. honey is coming into Canada in eye appealing fancy jars. However, in U.S. honey eye appeal has been emphasized to the detriment of quality which is little better than substitutes such as syrups. Canadian honey, on the other hand, retains its high quality and good flavor.

BEE POPULATION DOWN

The Canadian Beekeepers' Council is very concerned about the decline in Canada's bee population. The number of colonies of bees have declined by 48 per cent in recent years.

The Canadian Seed Growers Association is also concerned about this drop in bee population since bees are so important in the population of legume crops. The Seed Growers Association is seriously concerned about the shortage of bees for the pollination of red clover. The Canadian Horticultural Council and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture have also expressed concern about the present Canadian beekeeping situation.

The Horticultural Council has emphasized the importance of bees as pollinators of fruit crops and they have requested that the Federal government conduct more research on the use of bees as pollinators of fruit trees.

The recent decline in Canadian bee population has been caused mainly by the lowering of honey prices. Some Canadian honey packers are importing United States honey at bargain basement prices. This has forced downward the price of Canadian honey and has had a demoralizing effect on

the Canadian beekeeping industry.

The Canadian Beekeepers' Council with the support of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has presented a brief to the Canadian government in which the damaging effect that U.S. honey imports are having on Canadian beekeeping was pointed. As well, it was pointed out that bees are valuable as pollinators and that the number of colonies of bees have been reduced greatly in recent years. The beekeepers asked that they be protected against the importation of low priced U.S. honey.

So that the work of the Canadian Beekeepers' Council can be better carried on, it was pointed out at the last annual meeting that a permanent office with an executive secretary should be set up. Preliminary discussions have been held with the Canadian Horticultural Council and there is a possibility that their executive officer will also be able to act for the Canadian Beekeepers' Council.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Although each farm is unique, they all have the same resources of land, labor, and capital. Following along with this, it is necessary that these resources are organized and transformed into products. It is here that your resource of management comes into play. With this in mind, we all will have to agree that a plan is necessary for the organization and transformation of these resources into farm products.

The election of officers was carried out by nomination with voting by ballot. Norman Ramsay was elected President. Wayne Lockerby was elected for office of Vice-President. Carole Pickering was elected for office of Secretary-Treasurer. Lloyd Lockerby was nominated Club Leader. William Ramsay was nominated as adult director.

It was moved by Wenda Crozier and seconded by Gordon Ramsay that Ann Ramsay and Joen Carruthers be on program for next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Ann and Pauline Ramsay's at 8 o'clock.

It was agreed to hold the summer meetings at the hall.

Donna Carruthers, Jim Carruthers and Heather Ramsay are to give a two minute speech for the next meeting. It was agreed that Joen Carruthers give a brief talk on Government, also the president, Norman Ramsay give a brief talk on Citizenship. It was moved by Gordon Ramsay and seconded by Linda Carruthers that the meeting be adjourned. Lunch was enjoyed by all.

SOIL TEST RESULTS

Many farmers have received results of soil test. The recommendations given will provide a balanced fertility program for the field in question. Improvement will only result if the recommendations are followed to the best judgment of the farmer. In other words, an appropriate application to the particular crop.

Many fertilizer practices are no more sufficient than to maintain current crop production and, for that reason, the fertility requirements of many fields have been neglected. For example, a common four year rotation is potatoes, grain, clover hay, timothy hay. Perhaps a soil sample was taken for fertilizer recommendation for the potato crop, or, in other words, application for a particular crop. That same recommendation is not a suitable for (for example) the clover hay crop of the rotation.

As a portion of your overall management program, use of the Soil Advisory Service is a valuable assistance. Results of laboratory tests continue to indicate that there are many fields which would benefit from the use of limestone. Indicated also is the need for continuous attention to the regular return of organic materials to the soil either as barn yard manure or green manure crops.

CLUB NEWS

Springfield 4-H Calf Club met at Lindsay Seaman's home on February 17, 1959 at 8 o'clock, with assistant leader and 10 members present. The meeting was called to order by the President followed by the Club Pledge in unison. Roll call was answered by your favourite TV star.

Roll call at the next meeting will be answered by your dog's

name. The program committee for the next meeting are Paul Hagen and Mabel Proffitt.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$37.36. Net proceeds from card party—\$22.63. Next meeting will be held at Marjorie MacKay's home. Lunch committee for next meeting is as follows: Blair Sinclair, Beryl Haslam and Chester Paynter.

The meeting closed and a lovely lunch was served. Secretary Treasurer, Marjorie MacKay.

The Brassey Pt. Seaside 4-H Calf Club met on March 2, 1959, with 10 members answering the roll call, with President, Marion, occupying the chair. The minutes were read and approved. The roll call at next meeting will be answered by a riddle or joke or a fine of five cents. A crokinole party will be held on March 31, 1959 in Hous Hall. Mason MacCallum and Ralph MacCallum will be on the program committee for the next meeting. The correspondence was read by the leader—concerning the Leader's meeting in Charlottetown.

Study material consisted of questions on "The Soil". Lunch was served. Sandra MacFarlane, Secretary.

Voting Results In N. Rhodesia Being Compiled

LUSAKA, Northern Rhodesia (Reuters) — Northern Rhodesian white voters, who outnumbered native voters three to one, have given a landslide backing to Sir Roy Welensky and his United Federal party's determined stand against African nationalism.

The latest results from Friday's polling in this British protectorate Sunday gave Welensky's party 13 of the 22 elected seats with four results still to come and two constituencies to vote next month. No other party received more than one seat.

The 22 elected members — 14 whites and eight Africans — will be joined on a legislative council by eight appointed officials.

Rhodesian federation Prime Minister Welensky's party already controls both self-governing Southern Rhodesia and the federation, which encompasses the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

HIS TRUMP CARD

An absolute majority in Northern Rhodesia would give Welensky the trump card in his plan to get dominion status within the Commonwealth by 1960.

RACON'S MARKS

Racoon's are readily identified by their black face - mask and black rings on the tail.

Coady on March 26th. Bruce Pippy, Secretary.

East Baltic Project Club held its regular monthly meeting at the East Baltic School. Prior to the business meeting a sing song was led by the Club Leader, Steward MacGregor. In the absence of the Secretary, Ethan Garrett recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The business meeting opened with roll call and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved by Edith MacGregor and seconded by Ann Fay that Rowena Garrett and Mauris Rose be in charge of the recreation period for the next meeting on April 6th.

It was moved by Rowena Garrett and second by Aubrey MacGregor that the club send a get well card to Helen Whalen who was sick in the hospital. Following the business meeting the club leader gave a talk on "Soils".

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