

Island Odds And Ends

We hope the U. S. A. Trotting Association rules are never amended to make it compulsory for starters to double as crooners. At the Charlottetown Exhibition starting Ken MacDougall of the Sydney track entertained the crowd with one of the hit ditties of the day. His song drew a good hand from the fans. Does this mean that our own Doc Dougan will be obliged to take up vocal lessons? We hope not. All we can ask of a starter is that he enforce the Trotting Association rules. Vocal solos once in a while might be welcomed, but as a steady dish would not suit race crowds. After all, the baseball umpire is not expected to give forth with the latest song hit between innings, nor is the hockey referee asked to do a Barbara Ann Scott routine between periods. Let's not get things mixed up. Already Dr. Dougan is doing a fine job both as starter and in his running commentary on the races over the loud speaker.

Those who are not railroad men think the boys are well paid. It might be said in passing that there are 1200 men employed by the C. N. R. in this Province, and this takes in the Canadian National Telegraph, the Canadian National Express, the two carferries, and the Charlottetown Hotel. If by one sweep of the pen all of the 1200 had their incomes reduced to a much lower level wouldn't our local merchants and business folks lose out in the transaction? It is very nice to have well-paid workers peopling a town, or better still, plenty of folks of independent means who spread their dollars around a bit.

It was no secret at the time our present Premier J. Walter Jones began a campaign for a ferry service at Wood Islands that his progress was hindered by luke-warmness and even ridicule from most quarters. Dougald MacKinnon, his colleague in the Belfast Electoral District was one of the few out-and-out backers of the scheme. Others swung into line after the then Minister of Finance pronounced it a sound and practical project.

Two Island men, Stan Howatt of Carleton and Lloyd Inman of Borden, are operating a trucking service between Maritime points and Boston. At present they are making weekly trips to Boston from the Island. They have a giant trailer with a capacity of seventeen tons.

On Friday, September 1st, when the truck-trailer leaves for Boston, the cargo will consist of seventeen tons of turnips. On the return trip, 35,000 pounds of fruit will be carried for Island companies. The trip to the American city takes twenty hours. Should this type of trucking expand, the Island will not be dependent on railways as much as they have been in the past.

The Eastern Packers of Souris had a very successful year in handling strawberries. The Company packed 6000 cases, all of which have been sold in Canada, some of them going to the Central Provinces, and a good quantity to Newfoundland. Mr. Paul Gallant, who with Mr. Arthur Peters managed the affairs of the Eastern Packers, is more enthusiastic than ever about the possibilities in strawberry growing. This year the Company could have handled and sold perhaps double the quantity of strawberries that they were able to buy. Mr. Gallant believes that strawberries are a more reliable crop than potatoes with less possibility of fluctuations in the market. He believes that Island farmers should take greater advantage of the opportunity open to them in growing this fruit.

All over the Island new schools are springing up, and the kids of the future will have more comfortable school surroundings than they had in the past. The community of Monticello in King's County, has a very attractive new school with plenty of glass frontage to take full advantage of the sunlit days. The new school stands alongside the one which so long served the people of Monticello. The contrast between the old and new is startling, and perhaps illustrates more sharply than anything else, improved conditions in the Province in the past ten years. Monticello has a right to feel proud of the new building.

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Island Beauty Spot

One of the beauty spots of Prince Edward Island will be found in York around the old church (Methodist), built in early days by the Wests, Sellars, Vesseys, Malletts and others. Most of them, save for two very elderly men, namely, Messrs. Ed. Vessey and Pope Cooke, both residing in York, have since passed away.

In the past few years the church has been renovated, a cement foundation placed under it; electric lights and furnace have been installed and it has been repainted in cream and white. The church shed, which sheltered the horses during the church services has been moved from its former site to the west corner of the grounds.

Three years ago an idea occurred that the old burial ground to the north and rear of the church should be transformed to a place of pride and beauty. No sooner was the idea discussed at a meeting than a cemetery committee was appointed. Descendants of those sleeping in the church grounds were contacted and other donations given. The graves were leveled, plans of the cemetery were made, monuments

were straightened. Mr. Gregory was employed to do the work, and by the efforts of everybody, a beauty spot resulted.

A gasoline lawn mower has been purchased and Mr. Lenard Andrews is the present care-taker and is keeping it a spot of beauty.

Now on the east side of York Road stood the Manse. The improvement of this building was the next big task. Through the combined efforts and talents of each and everyone in York, the interior was transformed through funds raised by large entertainments, consisting of plays, dialogues, etc. and collections from all parts of the circuit. Improvements were a modern kitchen, modern bath and shower, the walls were repainted and new furniture was purchased. The outside appearance was to see a complete transformation. Very shortly after Rev. John Douglass was inducted into the York circuit, the transformation was commenced. This spring Rev. Mr. Douglass entered the Rural Beautification contest.

The roof of the manse was shingled with sea-blue fire-proof shingles. The manse took on a dressed-up appearance when painted in white. Old fences and misplaced trees and shrubs were torn down or rooted out. The driveway was moved over to the south fence. A lovely border of shrubs, bulbs, and

flowers was planted. The lawn was carefully tended and mowed and to the north, a large plot was ploughed, planted with vegetables, flowers and more ornamental shrubs.

This transformation is a credit to Rev. Mr. Douglass for his many hours of ceaseless toil.

Lastly, but not least, the improved gravel highway under construction between the church, burial grounds, and the manse adds beauty to these grounds. This beautified church property is a fitting symbol of the combined efforts of all who in any way assisted in this worthwhile project.

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