

# Potato Pickers Fewer From The Mainland This Season

What has become known as the "potato movement", the annual transfer of labor from Cape Breton, Pictou and other mainland sectors to assist in lifting the Prince Edward Island tuber crop, is of smaller proportions this year than usual.

According to National Employment officials in Charlottetown neither in Prince County—where the biggest potato production is not in the other two counties has the demand for outside labor been as high as in other years. Prince County has taken only about three hundred mainland workers as compared to four to six hundred in other seasons, and Kings and Queens Counties combined are getting by with only about fifty imported pickers, contrasted with the one hundred to two hundred usually required.

There are several reasons for the reduced numbers, Employment officials explain. The principal one is that pickers are not as readily available on the mainland as in other seasons, and another curtailing factor is the availability locally of a larger than normal supply of Island pickers.

Indicative of the increase in the number of local pickers twelve local men were dispatched to

Prince County by the National Employment Office Charlottetown yesterday when it developed that the Employment Office in Summerside had unfilled orders for seventy men and that mainland pickers could not be obtained.

The twelve men were in addition to others which had been sent to the Western County previously.

Meantime the Summerside office had also been able to recruit some pickers in its own area, and the shortage was being made up with the help of a few men from Moncton.

The increased willingness of Island workers in potato picking is believed due to the increased wages being offered. Growers are paying at least four dollars and a half a day plus board, and some farmers in the Kinkora district are said to have boosted the wages to as much as six dollars per day.

Because of the favorable weather the lifting of the crop, to the present has been proceeding successfully, in spite of temporary manpower shortages here and there.

The shortage of men in Prince County said National Employment officials is being met and will mean only a temporary setback for a limited number of farmers.

# Former Islander Enjoys Visit Home

Mr. J. S. MacDonald of Eckville, Alberta, who originally went West in 1910 and returned for a short visit in 1930 and again in 1944, is enjoying his third trip East as the guest of his sister, Mrs. William Hallowell at Springton.

In speaking of his early life on the island, previous to taking up teaching in the West, Mr. MacDonald recalled with pleasure having had as his most brilliant pupil His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan. Mr. MacDonald was then teaching school at Hunter River.

"I am amazed at the prosperity of the island during the last ten years," he said. "The beautiful country houses, farm buildings, and the extensive use of motor cars and farm equipment, all indicate a distinct improvement in the lot of the Island farmer. I am intensely interested in all phases of farm life, and particularly dairy cattle raising which rates very high indeed in this Province. The best cattle, however, appear to be definitely lagging."

Mr. MacDonald was also much impressed with the improved schools and grounds, and took pleasure in seeing his first school, that of Springton, in the prize list for improvements. He taught there in 1900 on graduating from P. W. C.

**Originated Campaign**

Mr. MacDonald is credited with being the author of the "save-the-soil" campaign in Alberta which has been a going concern for more than ten years. In 1942 he became particularly concerned with the gentle slopes on his farm being so badly cut by gullies that they would probably never be used again. He noticed crops in the area of Red Deer polluted with weeds, and the wind whipping up clouds of dust from bare summer felds; soil crumbled to dust under pressure of the fingers.

After talking with neighbours a committee of three was set up to do something about this soil problem. The farmers for miles around, the Board of Trade and others took up the matter vigorously, and a five year plan, mapped out for the control of weeds, and improved soil fertility, with scoring restricted to soil conservation practices. Two competitions were launched. One was for the "First Year Competition" to be confined to new entrants each year, and the "Progress Competition" which was to be based on improvements on the farm from year to year.

**Further Progress**

"Save-the-soil" certificates were granted farmers who attained a score of 80 per cent. The Department of Agriculture took hold of the situation vigorously during the first of the five year plan efforts, and representatives were appointed to forward the movement.

At present various groups carry on an active educational programme. It sponsors at least four meetings a year where speakers discuss subjects such as forage crops, livestock and farm implements. A field day takes place annually for seeding, the elevator load test and variety test plots, and is followed by a banquet and round table discussion.

A systematic crop sequence has been developed which usually runs 2 years hay, 1 year pasture, 1 year breaking in late spring or early summer and 3 years grain.

Mr. MacDonald has among his prized possessions, a yellow walking stick which bears the inscription "Presented in 1951 to J. M. MacDonald by Hon. David Ure on behalf of the Government of Alberta as the originator of the 'save-the-soil' campaigns."

# Sinclair - Cole Wedding

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Thursday, September 25th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Presbyterian Manse, New London when Margaret Lorraine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole of Fountain Road became the bride of James Norris, son of Mrs. Norris Sinclair and the late Mr. Sinclair of Springfield.

The bride was attired in a light navy suit with matching accessories, and a corsage of red roses.

Miss Lois MacKay, cousin of the bride was bridesmaid and wore a brown suit with red accessories, and a corsage of red roses. Mr. Ian MacMurdo was best man.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Cole wore a blue crepe dress with black accessories and a corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother was attired in a blue crepe dress with grey accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Following the ceremony the bridal party motored to Summerside where a reception was held for twenty-two guests at Birch Hill Tourist Home. Later the young couple left on a honeymoon trip to parts of interest in the Maritimes.

On their return the happy young couple will reside in Springfield where the groom is a prosperous young farmer.

Previous to her marriage the bride was tendered a miscellaneous shower where a large number of friends and relatives gathered at her home on Wednesday evening, September 17th.

The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion with autumn leaves and flowers. The bride-to-be was escorted to the chair of honour by Miss Margaret Burns. The bride wore a dress of black and aqua taffeta.

The heavily laden baskets of gifts were carried into the room by

# Honoured At Post-Nuptial Shower

A miscellaneous shower in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Kennedy was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson, Milltown Cross on Monday, September 29th.

The numerous gifts were opened by Mrs. Atwood O'Connor and Mrs. Edward Butler and the accompanying verses read by Miss Barbara Sorrie, Donnie, on behalf of Marion and himself, thanked one and all for the lovely gifts and all joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

A delicious lunch was served by the ladies and the remainder of the evening pleasantly spent in dancing. Music was supplied by Miss Florence MacKinnon and Mr. Kenneth MacPhee.

All departed wishing the newly weds many years of wedded happiness.

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# Coroner's Jury Finds Car Driver Not Responsible

That John Mobbs, Brookfield came to his death last Friday as a result of being struck by a car driven by Harvey MacNeill, Hunter River was the verdict of the Coroner's Jury last night at the adjourned inquest held at City Hall.

There were nine witnesses at the inquest presided over by Coroner Dr. L. E. Prowse. The late Mr. Mobbs was killed on the highway near his home where he resided with his brother. In its verdict the jury stated that no blame should be attached to the driver of the car which struck him; however, the jury did add a note to the effect that more rigid enforcement of regulations regarding the dimming of lights was needed and pointed out the danger of pedestrians walking on the wrong side of the highway.

At the time of the accident it was reported that Mr. MacNeill was blinded by the lights of an approaching car and did not see Mr. Mobbs on the road.

Witnesses heard last night were Messrs. Robert Mobbs, brother of the deceased, Samuel Silliphant, Garth Pigott, Harold Goodwin, Brock Furness, Peter Tawel, Harvey MacNeill and Miss Blanche Bernard and R. C. M. P. Constable W. J. R. MacDonald.

Members of the jury were Major MacRae, Winsloe, foreman, Wilbert Stetson, Sherwin MacDuff, Earl MacRae, Wendall Rodd, John Carew and Eric Paul, all of Brookfield.

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2500 Starratt	28
6760 Steep Rock	15
1100 Sunnyside	14 1-4
1475 Sullivan	266
500 Surf Inlet	6 1-2
16200 Sweet Grass	100
4200 Sylvanite	126
2180 Teck-Hugh	215
1000 Thom Lund	10 1-2
1500 Toburn	35
500 Tombill	20
500 Torbrit	180
1000 Tower Pete	41
3286 Trans-Emp	350
3000 Trans Res	39 1-2
1500 Trend Pete	40
4900 Triad Oil	218
5550 U Mining	16
12900 U Asbestos	227
1275 Un Keno	265
1300 Un Lead	40
9000 Un Oils	150
4800 Upp Can	146
5000 Van Rot	9 7-8
1250 Ventures	17 1-2
1500 Vicour	8
9500 Violamac	125
1387 Walte Am	11 3-4
6000 Wekusko	7
900 West Ashley	39
19300 W Homestead	135
950 W Leaseholds	575
11850 Wilrich	110
1000 Winchester	5 1-2
500 Windward	11
4500 Wingsat	3 3-4
500 Winora	6 1-2
7428 Wr Harg	180
8200 Yale Lead	22
4000 Yan Canuck	22
6500 Yellorex	10
2700 Yk Bear	126
4600 Yukeno	45
200 Bulolo	740
200 Cdn Collier	395
2000 Dalhousie	25
165 Pend Ore	540
3100 Yukon Con	69
Total sales — 2,045,000 shares.	

**BANKS**

Bk Mt	30 3-4
125 Bk NS	36 3-8
165 Bk Tor	39 1-2
165 C Bk Com	27 7-8
170 Dom Bk	28
25 Imp Bk	32 3-4
35 Royal Bk	31

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890 Cdn Brew	17
215 Simp A	43 1-2
303 Simp B	41 1-2
131 Simp Pr	\$103

# Mrs. Haslam

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thanks to Mrs. Ronald Norman for the efficient manner in which she handled the difficult assignment as Tournament Secretary.

This year the Provincial Meet was revived and most enjoyable home and home games with the Summerside Golf Club were played for the Dr. J. C. Simpson Trophy. The defending champion, Mrs. W. E. Cotton, retained the title and Mrs. Emma Holman was runner-up. The prizes were graciously presented by Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse following afternoon tea.

Several of our members competing in the Open Tournaments at Green Gables were among the prize winners. Also an "outing" to Green Gables was held in September and a large number of players enjoyed a very pleasant day.

We congratulate the lady champion, Mrs. W. E. Cotton, who has continued to play consistently good golf and the runner-up Mrs. Fred Cannon.

The House Committee under the capable convener, Mrs. J. W. MacKenzie, discharged their duties efficiently and kept the club house supplied and attractive at all times. By raising the amount for the Saturday teas additional funds were raised to be used in maintenance and necessary additions to the Club House.

The Match Committee, with Mrs. Ronald Norman as Convener, arranged for and conducted the scheduled competitions throughout the season most efficiently. The five o'clock matches were again well patronized and Miss Iris MacLellan reports several new competitors in this section who show promise.

The Dance Committee, under Mrs. G. G. Wood, again co-operated with the Men's Committee in serving refreshments at the weekly dances. This entailed considerable time and effort on their part which few of us realize. We would extend to them our sincere thanks for their part in making the dances so successful.

The Handicap Committee with Miss Norah Longworth as Convener, report the improvement in all calibre of play but we still only have one player in the silver division.

I should like to express my thanks to the officers and committees who have discharged their duties so efficiently making my term of office such a pleasant one.

first year engineering at McGill University.

# Further Progress

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 — (AP)—The United States army today issued a draft call for 47,000 men in December. This would bring to 1,154,430 the total draft since inductions were resumed in September, 1950.

SOUTHAMPTON, England — (CP)—A Southampton householder found nearly 200 swallows in his bedroom. One bird was seen to enter an open window, and the rest followed.

**BRIEFS FROM BRITAIN**

LONDON — (CP)— Those "flying triangle" aircraft may undergo further evolution in design. The Society of British Aircraft Constructors reports that designers are working on a swept-back wing that straightens abruptly near the tip.

**TALENTED LINGUIST**

MONTREAL — (CP)— Ben Ostrovsky speaks Chinese, Russian, Spanish, French and English. Now he would like to learn German. Ostrovsky was born in China of Russian parents and now is in

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