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President Yeo

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of the C.B.C. should not be construed as opposition to private stations. The Federation recognizes the fine contribution which has been made by many private stations to the general advancement of radio along sound lines.

"The Federation believes, however, that the present set-up with the B.B.C. Board of Governors responsible to Parliament as they are, acting as the general regulatory body in the public interests, represents the best possible interests in a country such as Canada.

"The Federation does not subscribe to the viewpoint that a new independent body should be set up to govern radio. It believes that such a body, if it did not actually divide and destroy the present public authority in radio would at least unnecessarily duplicate many of the services of the present Board.

"Let us now summarize the activities of the Provincial Federation in 1951. At the beginning of 1951, we realized that the financial condition of the farmers was not a healthy one, due considerably to the potato market, which had the greatest marketing problems ever experienced in this province, brought about by the tremendous surplus in Canada and the United States, and the fact that the Dominion Government did not see fit to establish a floor price early in the season.

"However, through persistent efforts by your Potato Marketing

Board, a measure of relief was gained in a starch program that subsidized approximately 400 carloads of Island potatoes. Keeping in mind the overproduction problem, the Board advised the farmer to reduce planting by 30 per cent with the result that the farmers reduced by one-third. This year we have excellent markets for all our potatoes, both seed and table stock. In some quarters we hear that the acreage reduction was too drastic but personally I wonder if we had planted many more, if it would not have meant more hard labor and no greater returns.

Unequal Production

"My only disappointment was the fact that some farmers saw fit to go out of the production of potatoes entirely, while some of the larger producers did not lower their acreage at all.

"As to the future, it is not safe or wise to predict. The best we can do is to let our Potato Board study the outlook and recommend to the farmers what to do. One thing we must keep in mind is that some of the same problems are still with us such as high freight rates, high fertilizer costs, and cost of jute sacks.

"It is unfortunately true that a great many of our farmers are not aware of the many achievements of farm organizations and are not as well acquainted as they should be with the aims, objectives, and further possibilities.

"This lack of knowledge is one of our main problems, the solution is not easy but, we do have one

very valuable means of acquainting rural people with general agricultural problems, I refer to Farm Radio Forum.

"While it is an honor to be President of this organization, I feel it is equally an honor to be associated with our local Farm Radio Forum Group. Free discussion is important and necessary and Farm Radio Forum offers and unexcelled opportunity where people can meet, study, relax, and plan for community improvement.

"Prince Edward Island is one of the few surplus producing areas. Therefore, trade with outside points to dispose of these surplus products is a question of vital importance.

Transportation & Processing

Acting on resolutions passed at semi-annual County Federation meetings, your Provincial Board has in co-operation with the Department of Industry and Natural Resources and interested shippers, initiated study into transportation and processing problems.

"It is hoped that in the not too distant future that information of value relative to transportation facilities and the feasibility of Custom Killing plants will be available to those interested in the development of trade along sound lines.

"Last winter the Federation undertook the organization of a Warble Fly campaign which entailed a large amount of work in correspondence and advertising. Only through organization could every district be contacted and the large task of distribution be carried on.

At the completion of the campaign we found that enough powder had been sent out to treat 30,000 cattle which was the best response to a campaign of this kind ever carried on. Whether it was a successful campaign or not depended on the farmer himself. I would like to see an expression of opinion today as to whether a similar campaign be carried on again this year.

Grassland Production

"Another project carried on this past year was a publicity campaign to encourage grassland production, either for grass ensilage, hay or pasture. It is being recognized by livestock men and farmers interested in soil conservation, that we must for economic reasons, produce feed, high in protein and low in cost in order to compete and at the same time conserve our soil.

"On March 21st, last, a large delegation of your directors met with the Premier and members of Legislative Assembly, and presented a brief on the following subjects: Dairying, Warble Fly Campaign, Potato marketing, Veterinary Policy, Forestry, Truck Registration fees, Extension of Agricultural Fieldmen, Field Crop Expert, Grassland farming, Public Killing Plant, Trade outside the Province, Farm Radio Forum, Co-operatives, Summerside Harbor Facilities, the Sheep Industry, Farm Establishment Assistance, Transportation, Support Policy, Freight Assistance, Junior Organizations.

"In this brief we covered the resolutions passed at the annual meeting and were asking direct assistance in some cases. Support by our Provincial Government, in pressing for Dominion action, and commending the Provincial Government for support given the Federation on different matters covered in former briefs.

"This past year has seen the introduction of a veterinary service under the direction of Dr. Fisher in which four young competent veterinarians are placed at strategic points across the Island. This is filling a long needed service for our livestock farmers.

"Another policy put into effect this year assists in the purchase of quality bulls, when we keep in mind the cost of cattle, both dairy and beef and realize that it costs very little more to raise a quality animal, we would be well advised to take full advantage of such a policy.

"The appointment of foresters to study and advise our farmers in woodland management could well preserve the quality of our woodlots and assist in maintaining income at a satisfactory level in future years.

Research Division

"In October as the result of recommendations made by a joint committee of directors from the Federation and various co-operative organizations, a Research Division, financed by the Federation can give us many practical sugges-

and Co-op Organization and directed by L. P. McIsaac was established to inquire into various problems affecting our social, economic and Co-operative life. The Research Director has the responsibility of attempting to co-ordinate the promotional activities of our various organizations and eliminating duplication of effort.

"There is need of definite information on farm production costs and the relative efficiency apparent in many of our agricultural and associated business operations. I feel that much information of value and specific action will develop from our Research Division.

"In the past year eight directors' meetings and five executive meetings as well as several other special meetings with other groups were held. In June the County Federations held their semi-annual meetings and in November Queens and Kings held their annual meetings. Prince County held its annual meeting in December, it being postponed from November 27th because of weather conditions. Prior to the annual meetings a series of school district meetings were also held.

"Realizing that considerable sentiment existed in the province for revising the electoral act, a questionnaire was submitted to school district meetings, which will be reported on by your secretary. This is not to be interpreted as a political move on the part of the Federation but rather an honest attempt to render a public service in the interest of democratic government.

"The Island Federation was represented at the annual and semi-annual meetings of the C.F.A. as well as the Eastern Conference in January and again in July. Two meetings of the Maritime Federation were attended by the three Island directors.

National Poultry Marketing

"At the time of the semi-annual meeting of the C.F.A. our secretary, Mr. Dewar attended the National Hog and Poultry Conference. At the time of the poultry conference consideration was given to the National Poultry Marketing Plan which will possibly come up for discussion at the annual meeting of the C.F.A. this month.

"One of the biggest problems that the farmer has today is labor. His inability to procure efficient help has forced him to curtail production to some extent. Immigrants from European countries have filled some of the requirements, but many are not suited to farm labor and only use the P.E.I. farm as a stepping stone to industry. The most disappointing feature of the whole labor picture is the departure of many of our Island youth to points outside.

Dairy Situation

"In reviewing the dairy situation from the production standpoint, it is encouraging to note a substantial increase in butter production. This situation was brought about by excellent grass conditions last summer despite the fact that the population of dairy cows had decreased. To look into the dairy future we wonder what the situation may be next year if the grass crop were only average and a further decrease in the cattle population takes place due to a change over to beef production, a problem that is well worth watching, as the past has taught us to expect a smaller demand when you get an increase in supply.

While reviewing the dairy business we note a considerable number of experiments in grass silage that seems to be a step in the right direction if we can get summer feed for winter use economically. This new feeding technique is in need of further study and the farmers now equipped with silos can give us many practical sugges-

tions. The beef situation over the past year has been satisfactory both in quantity and price, although we have noted some fluctuations downward, the average price has been good.

"In reviewing the poultry industry, 1951 was excellent as far as egg prices were concerned. The price of poultry meats showed a decline as the season ended, a decline I feel that was not justified, that is a problem it would be well to study today.

Newcastle Disease

"In looking into the future of the poultry industry we see it menaced by the greatest scourge known, this is Newcastle disease. I wonder if our farmers really understand how dangerous a position their industry is in. During the past month, the Federation and Department of Agriculture as well as the Breed Organization have placed the problem directly to the farmers, now it is your responsibility to realize and take every precaution to preserve the industry.

"Hog prices until the last quarter of the year were satisfactory although characterized by wide fluctuations which were not in the best interests of either producer or consumer.

"The finding of satisfactory prices of export markets for surplus hog production is a major problem facing the industry. A problem equally as pressing is the one of maintaining stable prices without encouraging the production of embarrassing surpluses.

"The outstanding quality of Island produce and livestock has been clearly demonstrated in competition with other provinces at the Maritime Royal Winter Fairs At Amherst our potatoes and livestock made excellent showings while at Toronto our hogs, poultry and dressed poultry showed tangible evidence of our quality.

Organization Objectives

"In reviewing Federation activities I have the feeling that some farmers outside the Federation do not understand the objectives of the organization, they feel because it does not rise up in protest against all other branches of industry that it is weak, not understanding that if you are strong enough that you are accepted as a part of organized society. Perhaps as some farmers feel that all the projects are planned by the directorate, rather than by the individual member.

"The Federation is set up in such a way that every farmer is given a hearing and his suggestion studied, sometimes the suggestion has to be set aside because it wouldn't stand law, it may not be practical and it may be against the wishes of the majority of the farmers. Another complaint sometimes heard is that there are not enough meetings, while at the same time, very often when meetings are called only the better informed members are there.

"Let us study our problems and see if our remedies of the past are any cure for these problems in this fast moving age. In our grandfathers' time the greatest competition he had was by his immediate neighbors. He understood almost to the pound how much pork and other products were needed. The picture today is entirely different

with modern transportation and the demand by the consumer for special quality and packaging techniques. The producer must face competition from practically all parts of the world, and as time goes on, this competition will become greater. This is the problem of the producer today and if we bury our heads in the sand, a solution will never be found. We must study ourselves in a position to place and act. This can only be accomplished by organization.

Re-organization

"Today you will be asked to consider some changes in the organization. These changes may be necessary to strengthen our position, both in membership and in carrying on effective work. This need of re-organization is not brought about by our financial position, as the Federation never had a better financial standing. The policy of making changes in any organization does not show a weakness, rather it shows determination to keep abreast of conditions under which it has to operate. As an example, governments each year make amendments to laws in force, so as to make them more effective.

"A resolution covering re-organization will be introduced to the meeting, that I hope will bring out discussion of a constructive nature.

"In closing I should like to extend my personal gratitude for the co-operation of the Provincial and County boards of directors, who gave freely of their time in discussing and taking action on your problems. Also to Government officials for courtesies extended and assistance provided this organization, and to the press and radio through whose medium we were greatly assisted in publicizing Federation activities."

STRANGE COIN

WINNIPEG, (CP)—A bronze coin, dated 1882, believed to have been legal tender of one of the Italian provinces, was found in a cash register here. One side was stamped "Regno Lombardo Veneto" and the other had the amount "1 centesimo."

ASIAN ORIGIN

The banana plant, chiefly grown in the tropics and West Indies, is believed to have originally been transplanted from Asia.

URGES CLOSER

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throughout the world are craving a new social order."

For Greater Development The speaker said that if efforts were co-ordinated here in the field of adult education and that would make for greater Maritime development and stated that in this regard we lagged far behind other provinces. "It is labor's view that Governments in these Atlantic Provinces lack courage and foresight and take a defeatist attitude on account of our geographical position."

He expressed the belief that the greatest need here lies in the field of adult education and cited what was being done along that line in Nova Scotia through the Extension Departments of

Dalhousie University and St. Francis Xavier University.

In commenting briefly on price controls he said that on this subject labor and farmer get somewhat confused. If the farmer asks more for his product "it is quite naturally reflected on the market." Labor in turn asks for higher wages from industry and "this starts the merry-go-round."

Canadian Dollar

MONTREAL, Jan. 8 — (CP) — The United States dollar today closed at 3/4 of one per cent premium to the Canadian dollar, unchanged from Tuesday's close. That is, it took \$1.00 Canadian to buy 75¢ American. The pound sterling was \$2.80 1/2, down 3/16 from Tuesday.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STOCK SHOW and SALE

A show and sale of Commercial and Standard Brand Beef Cattle will be held at the

Provincial Exhibition Grounds (Ch'town) MARCH 27 - 28

The show will be sponsored by the Pure Bred and Commercial breeders of the Province in co-operation with the Provincial and Dominion Departments of Agriculture and the Provincial Exhibition Association.

All animals shown must weigh at least 700 lbs. and be not more than three years of age. They must be owned by the exhibitor not later than January 15th.

Exhibitors are limited to not more than five animals, not more than one of which is a heifer.

The animals will be placed by the best beef cattle judge available and will be sold following the show by the best auctioneer available in Eastern Canada.

Entries should be sent to the office of the Exhibition Association not later than February 1st.

The Provincial Exhibition Association

