

Reviews Poultry Industry In Prince Edward Island

Farm cash income for selected poultry products (exclusive of turkeys, ducks and geese) in Prince Edward Island during 1956 is seen to be up about two million and a half dollars more than in 1954.

This was shown in the report of the poultry industry in Prince Edward Island prepared by A.C. Parks, economist for the University of New Brunswick and submitted by him at the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council meeting held yesterday here. Mr. Parks' report shows that the poultry industry accounts for twelve per cent of the total farm income for the island.

In his general recommendations for improvement of the industry, Mr. Parks suggests raising the individual output to a more efficient level without placing it on a strictly commercial basis; to improve the quality of eggs being produced and to reorganize the marketing system.

FAMILY LABOUR

The report goes on to state that labour engaged in the poultry industry is mostly of the family type which would not be otherwise utilized. The fact also that the capital outlay is relatively small leads to the recommendation that it is desirable that the industry be perpetuated in the Province.

If the poultry industry in the Province is to be organized on a strictly commercial basis pronounced changes would be involved. It is suggested that the farm flock would have to be replaced by large enterprises producing perhaps 10,000 smaller chicks four times a year to cater to the current market for broiler type chickens.

For egg production the farm flock would be replaced by such larger commercial laying flocks with a tremendously increased output.

DISCOURAGING FACTORS

However a number of factors discouraging this type of industry are noted. One of these is the fact that substantial market outlets not presently available would have to be found.

Ordinarily commercial poultry production can be expected in the vicinity of centres of considerable population where demand for the product is high. It is thought that although such present markets could be expanded, Prince Edward Island is not strategically situated for a large commercial enterprise.

In view of the fact that poultry raising can be more economically carried out on the less productive land it would appear that the highly productive sand of Prince Edward Island could be utilized to better advantage.

Commercial poultry production on a large scale would completely revolutionize the agricultural economy of the province and in an industry largely organized for potato, dairy and livestock production, diversion to specialized poultry enterprises would naturally meet a strong psychological and sociological barrier.

MARKETING POSSIBILITIES

Four alternative methods for the organization of the marketing facilities for the poultry products of Prince Edward Island can be advanced: (1) the continuation of the present method; (2) the establishment of a central sales agency; (3) the establishment of a central specialized egg grading station with or without central facilities for the eviscerating and processing of poultry or a number of such plants to serve various sections of the province; and (4) the integrated marketing and processing plants where the poultry and egg operations would engage a part of the total plant capacity.

In 1956 there were 62 egg grading stations in Prince Edward Island, a number which has remained unchanged in recent years. The efficiency of this large number of grading stations depending on an industry the size of that in Prince Edward Island raises an important question.

In 1956 the average output of eggs per grading station was 57,564 dozen which was approximately 40 per cent of the average output per plant in the whole of Canada, about 18 per cent of the average output per station in Nova Scotia, 94 per cent of the average in New Brunswick, 54 per cent of the average in Saskatchewan and 40 per cent of the average in Manitoba.

In addition, fluctuations in egg output and fluctuations in total station receipts suggest seasonal inefficiencies due to the inability to maximize the use of plant and equipment during periods of low production.

HANDLING COSTS

The major economic argument against this large number of small plants must be based, it seems, on the point of efficiency and its effect on egg quality and prices. There can be no doubt that the low receipts of the sta-

tions make for high handling costs and that in a smaller number of larger plants economies of scale could be attained which would provide lower unit costs. However, there is another side of his question which must be considered.

Indications are that the egg grading stations in Prince Edward Island are, by and large, not specialized operations but rather form part of a business where the function of handling eggs is only part of the total operations. Under these conditions the subject of efficiency can be looked at in a different light and can be considered as part of the efficiency of the entire operation.

TOO MANY STATIONS

At the same time many of the egg grading stations are operated by local merchants who may be thought of as performing a service to the community egg producers by, for example, the exchange of merchandise for egg and by facilitating their local disposal. This is a non-commercial method of marketing eggs and is a reflection of the non-commercial nature of production.

This situation shows a certain similarity to conditions in the Prairie Provinces where in 1955 there were 148 grading stations in Alberta, 92 in Saskatchewan and 96 in Manitoba.

On the other hand there are many indications that the system of handling eggs in the province is in its effect unfortunate for the industry. The large number of egg grading stations, this writer counted four in the town of Kensington (1956 population—839) and others in surrounding areas, necessarily means a low volume and an inefficient operation.

At the same time the egg grader himself is often a non-specialist which will tend to make for inefficiency in the actual grading operation. In many instances the volume of eggs handled is not sufficient to keep the grader employed fully and he is consequently forced to spend part of his time in other occupations connected with the total business of the enterprise.

This system of egg grading is also attacked on the grounds that the price paid to producers is often not realistic and that there is a tendency to adjust price to attract business to the total operation. At the same time it has been claimed that there is sometimes a tendency to attract business on the basis of security of grade.



RECRUIT OF THE YEAR

L. Cpl. R. B. Douglas, Canadian Provost Corps, now stationed in Soest, Germany, was recently chosen recruit of the year at Camp Shilo. At the end of his first year in the Army, he was presented by Major General McGill, G.O.C. Prairie Command. It reads:

"The Oliver Trophy: Awarded in the memory of Lt. Peter Oliver, Canadian Provost Corps, killed in action at Dieppe, 19 August, 1942, to SF99938 Pte. Douglas, R.B. as the outstanding soldier of 1956 by reason of his performance and progress during depot, recruit and new soldier training in competition with other men who enlisted and completed their training during the same year."

Acme Annual Meeting Held

Mrs. LeRoy White was hostess to the members of ACME Past Noble Grands Club, Montague, Monday evening, for the annual meeting. Mrs. White presided for a brief business period, and the minutes of the last meeting and the financial report were read by Mrs. Spencer Llewellyn.

Believes Tight Money Policy Strangling Maritime Economy

Premier Flemming of New Brunswick said yesterday a royal commission should investigate Canada's money and financial system.

He said at the Atlantic premiers conference the country's money policies — especially the current tight money restrictions — bear too hard on the Atlantic region and should be reviewed.

Premier Flemming said the monetary system hasn't been carefully examined since 1933, just before the Bank of Canada was created.

"Is our present monetary and financial structure really suited to the needs of the Canadian economy in the mid-20th century? Can it not be made more flexible so as to meet to some degree the needs of particular regions?"

All the efforts of Atlantic region citizens to help improve their lot would be wasted if they were faced constantly with a national money policy unsuited to their needs.

NO PRESSURE

Mr. Flemming said the policy of credit restriction — of high interest rates — was supposed to check pressure on a scarce supply of resources; but there was no such pressure in the Atlantic region.

In this part of Canada retail trade in the first six months of

this year fell below 1956. Thirty-three percent more people were looking for work this July than last year. There was no labor shortage.

And in the country as a whole the tight money policy had not checked rising prices. The consumer price index reached 122.6 compared with 119 last September.

"The only thing which appears to be in really short supply is money — particularly east of Montreal."

"It would seem that the time has come to find out where we stand with a royal commission such as I am proposing."

"Surely, my friends, the monetary policy of the nation and of the Bank of Canada was created to serve the people — all the people."

Souris Soldier Sees Jerusalem

Private G.J. MacDonald of Souris, P.E.I., was one of the soldiers serving with the UNEF in Egypt, who have completed a two-day sightseeing tour of the Jordanian portion of the ancient city of Jerusalem, according to

committee and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. M. Fraser; vice-president, Miss Sue Hemphill, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. B.N. Stewart. At the close of the meeting, a social hour was enjoyed. Mrs. Fraser presided at the piano during a sing-song, after which lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. J.D. MacLeod and Mrs. Llewellyn.

SPECIAL MEETING

Of the Souris Branch of the Fish and Game Association will be held in United Church Hall, Souris, Friday, Sept. 27th at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Information recently released by the Directorate of Public Relations Army Headquarters, Ottawa.

Guild Met In Montague

Mrs. Claude Nicholson was hostess to the members of the Montague Presbyterians Guild Monday evening, September 9, the president, Mrs. Leland Nelson, conducted the meeting, which opened with the devotional period led by Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Byron Stewart. There were ten members and one visitor present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. S.D. Reid, and were approved as read. The financial report showed a substantial sum on hand. Mrs. George McCannell gave the report of the work committee and distributed material to the members to be made up for the annual fall bazaar.

At the close of the meeting a delicious lunch of corn-on-the-cob was enjoyed.

Swimming in the Dead Sea proved to be a new experience for the Canadians. Even non-swimmers could swim in its mineral-heavy waters, the soldiers reported.

Among other points of interest visited were the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, and the Church of St. Peter the Apostle.

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IN NEWFOUNDLAND Senator Elsie Inman is at present visiting in St. John's, Newfoundland where she is a guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Lt. Commander W.N. Inman and Mrs. Inman. Accompanying Senator Inman is Mrs. L.H. Poole, Montague.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Thomas Clair and young son, William, returned to Montague on Friday after visiting her sisters in Dartmouth, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Brehaut MacDonald, Hopfield, were recent guests of Mrs. Angus Matheson, and Mrs. Lois Buell, Montague.

AC I Wallace MacDonald, R.C.A.F., left last week for his annual leave at the home of Calgary, Alberta, after spending his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon MacDonald, Montague.

Mrs. Alfred Gillis, Miss Harriet Buchanan and Miss Blanche Dewar, Montague, were visitors to Cardigan on Saturday where they were guests of Mrs. Frank MacNeill.

Mr. Walter L. Beer, Montague, received word yesterday of the death of his cousin, Mr. G. Bradford Beer, in Toronto. The deceased was a former resident of Summerside, Prince Edward Island.

Montague U. Y. P. U. Reopens

The Young People's Union of Trinity United Church, Montague, began the season's activities with a well attended social evening in MacKenzie Hall on Monday evening, Sept. 18.

The retiring president, Merrill Wigginton, led in several keen group games.

Rev. J. M. Fraser welcomed the group, and the new members, and paid tribute to two active members of recent years who were present and who are soon leaving to attend university, namely Billy McIntyre, who has already made a name for himself at Dalhousie by winning a \$200.00 scholarship in chemistry and Jimmy Johnston who goes to Mount Allison.

The Maritime Y.P.U. convention to be held in Halifax, Oct. 12-14, was discussed and several were eager to attend, if plans can be worked out.

The nominating committee, consisting of Dianne MacLeod, John Clary, Billy Moore and David MacLure, submitted the list of officers, who were duly elected.

President, George S. Beck;

St. Andrew W. M. S. Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Womens Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montague, was held at the home of Mrs. W.R. Garrick on Tuesday evening, September 10th, with seventeen members and four visitors present.

The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Murdoch Hume

vice-president, Kay Martin and Billy Moore; secretary Kent MacLean Treasurer, Dorothy MacDonald; program and Games committee, Gwenneth Clark, Jill Blaxland and David Mosher. Devotional and discussion, David MacLure and Duncan MacLeod.

The meetings will usually be held on Monday evenings, with worship, prayer discussions and social periods.

The group then joined in the hearty singing of favorite gospel hymns. A delicious lunch was served and the meeting closed with the friendship circle and Taps.

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The business of the meeting was conducted by the president Mrs. A.F. MacKenzie. Roll call was responded to with a verse of scripture containing the word "Worship." The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. A.D. MacLure, and the correspondence was read and discussed. The study period was conducted by the secretary assisted by Mrs. B.N. Stewart.

The study was on the missionary work in Nigeria, especially the work of Mary Slessor who spent forty years in West Africa.

The hymn "O For a Closer Walk with God" and the benediction closed the meeting. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. A. C. MacKay, Mrs. Chester MacLure, Mrs. Heath Stewart, Mrs. MacKenzie, and Mrs. Margaret MacPherson.

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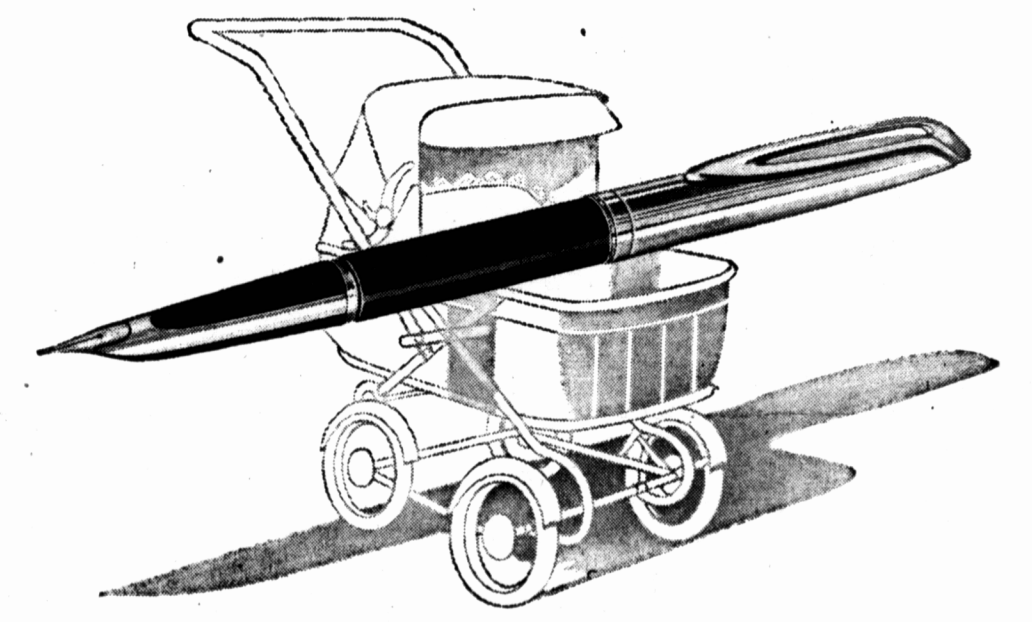
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