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Electoral Reform Problems Viewed

Redistribution of electoral districts, and a probable suggestion to give Charlottetown larger representation in the provincial legislature, were seen by political observers here as the biggest problem to the Electoral Reform Commission here.

The commission, headed by Judge J.S. DesRoches, Montague, is to present its report in time to be considered at the session of the provincial legislature, which opens here Feb. 22.

A brief presented by Councilor Allison Gillis suggested that Charlottetown should have 10 members in a proposed 40-member house. The Charlottetown Board of Trade suggested four members for the 5th Queens district, which comprises Charlottetown and surrounding areas, including Parkdale, Sherwood and a fringe of farm land.

ONLY TWO MEMBERS

The area has roughly 20,000 people in a province of slightly more than 100,000 people. It has two members in the 30-member house.

There were suggestions for a realignment of districts — the Georgetown, or 5th Kings District, which is split into several portions, was one mentioned — and Judge DesRoches appeared to be most favorably impressed with a Charlottetown Board of Trade suggestion that "common interests" be considered when district boundaries are being drawn.

But the whole problem of district boundary changes, and recommendations for changes in representation, is considered by veteran political observers to be the most difficult with which the commission must deal.

MULTIPLE VOTING?

There is a general agreement that the commission will likely recommend the abolition of multiple voting, which enables a person to vote in as many electoral districts as he owns a minimum of \$325 worth of property.

Opinion is also weighed in favor of the Commission recommending the abolition of property voting in the district where the voter resides, giving equal voting privileges to property owners and those who have none although the opinion is not so unanimous on this phase of the commission's study.

Many observers expect the

Council To Renominate, Considers Legislation

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Charlottetown councillors sat last night in a closed meeting to consider legislative action that will be necessary on council matters that have come up at meetings during the last year.

Expected to head the discussion was the necessity of a change in the Act of Incorporation, permitting election of half the council members each year.

This proposal is designed to avoid the possibility of election of a completely inexperienced council by assuring that at least five who have served for one year will be able to contribute their experience for the following year, to assist new members of the council board.

Present at last night's meeting was City Recorder K. M. Martin, who was to prepare any amendments to the Act for presentation to the Legislative Assembly.

While last night's meeting was a closed committee gathering, all matters discussed will be brought before a full meeting of the City Council next week for ratification.

THREE-YEAR TERMS

It is believed the Legislature will be asked to approve a change permitting the mayor and five of the councillors, to be elected Feb. 14, to remain in office for a period of three years, instead of the customary two-year term.

By doing this, the city will avoid the necessity of having the mayor and all councillors contest an election in the big year of the centennial celebrations, in 1964. If the change in the Act is approved in the Legislature, only one-half the council seats will become vacant when the election is held in February of that year.

Thereafter, an election will be held each year for half the council seats, with the mayorality becoming vacant every two years.

While the change has long been felt needed, the danger in having a completely inexperienced council elected all at once has been pointed up by the

Dr. O.H. Curtis Says Report On Hepatitis Is Misleading

Dr. O. H. Curtis, deputy minister of health, was quoted yesterday as saying that national reports about the spread and seriousness of hepatitis were "not worth the paper they are printed on."

Dr. Curtis' comment came in the wake of an Ottawa report which said that hepatitis, an infection of the liver, has reached alarming proportions in Canada. According to the Ottawa report, the disease was out of control.

Dr. Curtis said he has seen no change in the number of cases in Prince Edward Island over the past 10 years. "It is almost impossible," he said, "to arrive at a figure on hepatitis because many people who suffer from it don't seek the help of a physician."

According to Dr. Curtis, cases of hepatitis in the province seem to be centered around Charlottetown. He urged that persons who suspect that they have the disease consult a doctor immediately.

A Canadian Press report from Halifax says what appears to be an alarming increase in infectious hepatitis cases in Nova Scotia is at least partly the result of improved diagnostic methods and better reporting of cases, Nova Scotia health authorities suggested.

Dr. Horace Colford, director of communicable diseases for the province, said the disease was actually much more common a generation ago although the numbers reported in recent years appear to indicate a greater incidence.

Guernsey Breeders Set Generous Bonus Policy

A generous "bonusing" policy designed to encourage the purchasing of high class Guernsey females was endorsed here yesterday by the P.E.I. Guernsey Breeders Association at its annual meeting held in the Theatre of the National Film Board in the Dominion Building.

The meeting was presided over by Kenneth MacDonald, Brookfield who was re-elected president.

The bonusing policy authorizes the payment of 25 per cent of the purchase price of high class female animals up to a maximum bonus amount of \$200, and only one animal can be purchased by a member.

To qualify, the female must be of a dam that has graded Very Good or better, and that has breed averages of 118 or better in milk and butterfat.

It was explained that payment of the bonus will depend on how far available funds will go towards meeting whatever interest is stirred up in purchasing animals that meet the standard set.

BULL CALF ADDED

Harrison Green, Kingston told of the purchase for the artificial breeding unit at Fredericton of a bull calf from an unusually high producing cow in the United States.

The dam, Ideal's Superior's Ninon, produced 17,000 pounds milk, 1,020 pounds butter fat as a junior two-year-old and came back next time as a senior three-year old with 21,633 pounds milk, 1,281 pounds fat for two unusually big records.

The young bull also has a great deal of production on his sire's side, and Guernsey breeders here are eagerly looking forward to the time his semen will be available. He is only a junior calf at the present time.

The calf was purchased from the High-Nob Farm of Mabel C. Franklin, Dover, New Hampshire.

A number of production certificates were presented by Nelson Bell, Canada department of agriculture.

DIAMOND MEDAL

A diamond medal certificate went to Owen Younker and Son, Kingston for Andora's Lady June. It indicates more than 8,000 pounds butter fat and was accepted by Roy Younker.

Three gold medal certificates went to J. Eric Hurry, West Royalty who was named secretary-treasurer. They indicate production of more than 4,000 pounds fat.

One silver medal and seal, 3,500 pounds fat, went to MacLean Horne, Alberton; a silver medal went to Harold Palmer and Son, Kensington and a bronze medal certificate went to Ernest F. Coles and Son, North Milton.

Murray Davie, Ladner, B.C., was named as first choice for Judge at Charlottetown; second choice is Lloyd Chisholm Milton, Ont.

Guy Rodd is the choice to place the Guernseys at the Cra-paud Exhibition.

FIELD DAY SET

The Guernsey breeders will hold their field day this year on the farm of Allison Carr, Harrington. It should be held the last week in June or the first in July, it was suggested.

Stewart Eagles, senior livestock fieldman, Canada department of agriculture, congratulated

Ratepayers To Discuss Regional HS

Ratepayers of between 50 and 60 school districts surrounding Charlottetown will be invited to attend a meeting on January 30 in one of the city school auditoriums, possibly Prince of Wales, to discuss the advantages of forming themselves into a regional high school unit for the area.

The meeting is being called by the Central Queens Regional High School planning committee.

On other educational matters, superintendents of provincial schools will meet Monday in the office of Malcolm MacKenzie, deputy minister of education to discuss policy for the coming year.

Sunday Work Is Necessary

Commenting yesterday on recent resolutions passed by provincial farm organizations, which asked that food processing plants organize work to avoid operating on Sundays, Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae said that plants in the province "operate on Sunday not by choice, but by necessity."

Mr. MacRae said that both P.E.I. Frosted Foods and Seaman Bros. (Canada) Limited do Sunday work at certain times of the year to avoid the loss of maturity of crops.

"Space planting of crops is gone into quite a bit," he said, "and when the crops mature, processing has to be done."

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P.E.I. Farmer Is Honored

Almon Boswell, Dunstonsfage, was Tuesday made an Honorary life member of the Maritime Stockbreeders Association which met in annual session at Moncton, N.B.

The stockbreeders association administrators the Maritime Winter Fair, and Mr. Boswell has been an exhibitor for many years.

The Dunstonsfage man was last year selected to the Canadian agricultural hall of fame.

Site Is Being Cleared Here

The department of public works has begun to tear down the buildings on the corner of Kent and Edward Streets in Charlottetown.

Some time ago Attorney General Melvin McQuaid received a petition from ratepayers in the area of the site, asking that the government give consideration to the removal of the "unsightly structures."

This site at one time was the choice of the government for the erection of a new liquor store.

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