

# Rural Representation Subject Of Discussion

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Our sympathy goes out at this time of the year to those who are color-blind. A drive through the countryside over the Thanksgiving holiday was certainly something rare in the riot of color and a spectacle long to be remembered.

We have complained at times about the climate and weather as compared with some of the more climatically favored parts of the world. However, we do realize that this part of the world produces a tremendous change of coloring from season to season. Every color, white, green, golden, red, yellow and blue rotate from season to season in contrast with tropical areas where green predominates the year around and color changes are hardly noticeable.

After the leaves have gone the juniper or larch will provide a riot of color in November. The fall is here and the winter is coming but the advent is ushered in with scenes of great beauty.

## RURAL REPRESENTATION

On November 1 the CBC will present the first in a series of one hour programs which will be a replacement for Farm Radio Forum. One of the topics to be discussed will be that of rural representation politically. Mathematically it is quite evident that the population of rural constituencies is smaller than is

the case in urban. This is, of course, not an admission that rural people have had undue influence in legislatures, in fact, the opposite is the case.

Rural constituencies have been given the privilege of electing numerous urban members who have been parachuted into the district.

If there had been a rural bias in our parliament, it is likely that agriculture would have fared off much better than is the case and not now find itself in a very bad position when compared with other industries.

While very important power is centered in government there are other very important instruments of influence. For example most of the stronger pressure groups are centered in the cities, the press in large is urban centered and urban biased. Labour unions are in a position to enforce wage demands which reach back to the farmer who is in no position to pass the buck. Industry by administering prices with practically no regard for the law of supply and demand is able to meet the demands of both workers and investors for increasingly larger slices of the pie.

Those who argue that the rural areas have had undue influence are disregarding the facts of the situation and failing to realize that to give urban areas the representation which they

are entitled on a mathematical basis would be the last nail in the rural coffin and that of our primary industries. Up to a certain level it may be possible for a section of the economy to exist by taking in each others washing but somewhere beyond this pleasant facade wealth must be produced.

## FEED COSTS

One side effect of Canada's big export business in grain has been to pretty well crowd feed grain out of the Halifax terminal. The present freight assistance program gives very definite advantage to Maritime feeders where the grain is moved to the feeder from Halifax. At the moment the closest convenient storage is Quebec and grain coming out of that port will cost anywhere from \$3.97 to \$6.96 more per ton depending on the final destination.

This situation has been taken up with the Feed's Administration by the Maritime Feed Grain Committee.

With our smaller crop this year feed grain costs will be an item of greater importance.

## SHEARING RECORD

"A new Australian shearing record, has been set by Brian O'Mahoney, who, it is reported, sheared 329 Merino sheep in 7 hours and 48 minutes. Mr. O'Mahoney was using mechanical shears and was ringer (headman) in a 4-man team which

sheared 1,106 sheep in an eight hour day at a sheep station in New South Wales. Mr. O'Mahoney beat the previous record of 327 sheep in 7 hours and 48 minutes set by Kevin Sarre."

This would really seem to be making the wool fly.

## AGRICULTURAL POLICY

It probably should not be the cause of any particular attention that political parties always seem to be more concerned with agricultural problems and agricultural policy before elections.

However, from a casual appraisal of what all parties are offering we conclude that certain principles which were not even considered some years ago are now finding at least limited acceptance. Stated in prosaic language these might be as follows:

1. Rural poverty and rural disadvantages may possibly be bad not only for the rural areas but also for the country as well.
2. If one section of the econ-

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omy is left sitting perpetually on the bilsters, they may become infected and spread to other areas.

3. The pricing mechanism can no longer be depended upon to provide economic justice for agriculture and income transfer programs are justified.

4. Canada's Cheap Food Policy has been continued too long and possibly to the detriment of the whole country.

5. Policies must be introduced which will allow agriculture to compete on a better basis for labor.

6. Programs of farm enlargement and farm consolidation are now acceptable and not actually in conflict with the family farm concept even though they do conflict with the continuation of subsistence type farming.

## FROZEN FOODS

This year's dry weather has produced serious complications

for both growers and plants in the frozen food business.

While not of recent years a very active group there is a Committee set up on a provincial basis of growers in the business. As a number of suggestions are being considered with respect to difficulties the Committee has met this week and its views on the problems and the holding of meetings will be made public shortly.

## Car Loadings Have Increase

OTTAWA (CP) — Revenue freight was loaded on 114,733 railway cars in the last nine days of September, bringing the month's total to 339,647, nearly 2 1/2 per cent higher than in September, 1964, the bureau of statistics reported Wednesday.

But the month's total was af-

ected by a strike on the Cumberland Railway in Nova Scotia. The number of cars loaded in the last nine days was down 1.2 per cent from the comparable period of last September.

The cumulative total for the first nine months of 1965, 2,920,146 cars, was down only half of one per cent from the preceding year and up 14.3 per cent from 1963. Carloadings are an indication of the volume of current business in both primary and secondary industries.

The bureau said that in the nine-month period, iron ore, building sand, gravel and crushed stone, and miscellaneous carload commodities were loaded in greater volume. But wheat, grain products, lumber, timber and plywood, and less than carload lot merchandise was loaded in smaller volume.

## EXCHANGES INCREASED

Inland India heats up to 120 degrees in the summer and the relative humidity falls to one per cent in some places.

## PLAN NEW EMBASSY

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada and Ethiopia are to establish diplomatic relations, it was announced Wednesday. Canada plans to open an embassy in Addis Ababa, the capital of the east African nation, the external affairs department said. Addis Ababa is the headquarters of the Organization of African Unity. Names of officers for the new embassy were not announced.

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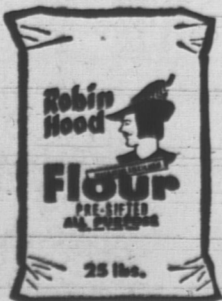


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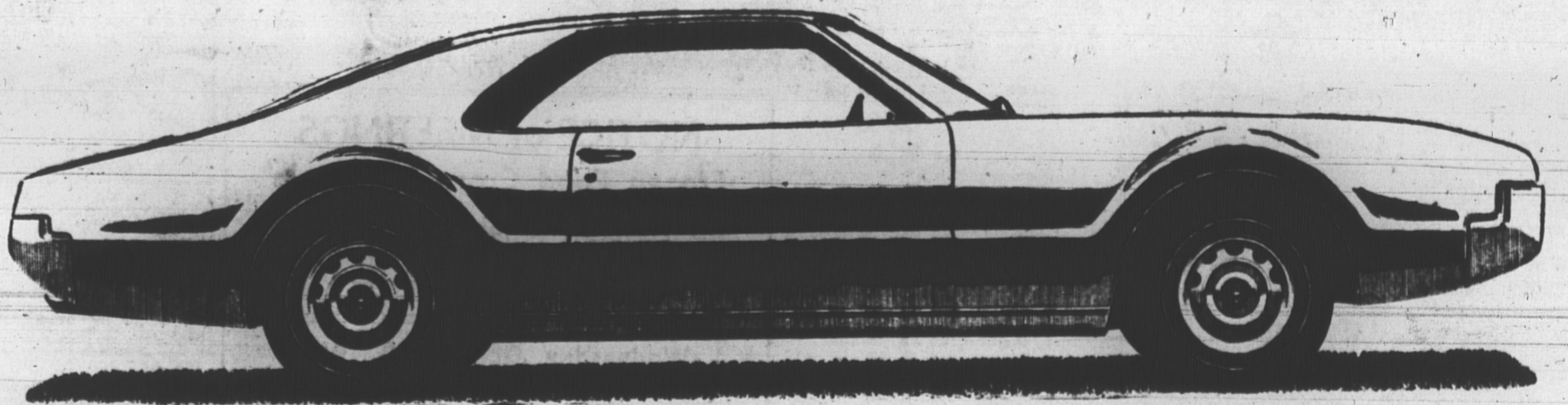
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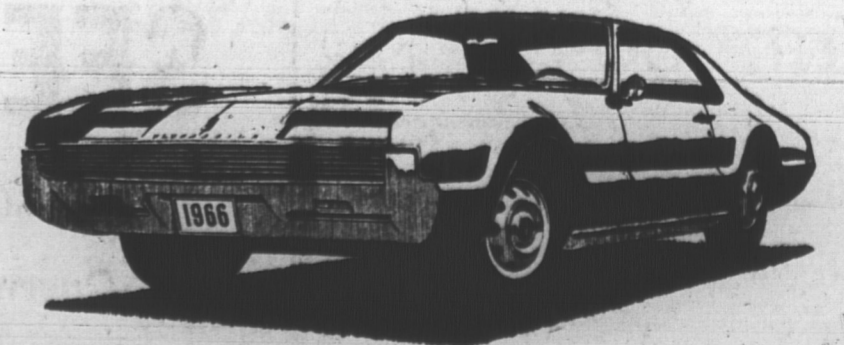
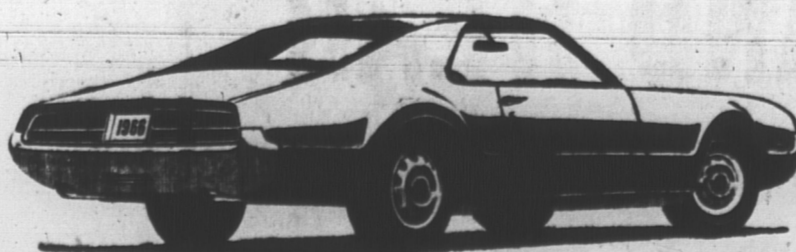


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