

Dairy Association Prizes Presented

J. A. Simmonds, Central Creameries, J. S. Wright, Amalgamated Dairies; Eldon Roberts, Kinkora and Carl Stewart, Montague were top prize winners when awards offered by the Prince Edward Island Dairymen's Association were distributed last week.

Announced by H. J. MacDonald, provincial dairy superintendent the awards were presented at the annual meeting of the dairymen's association. The winners were as follows:

To the butter maker making the highest percentage excellent in the sanitation contest: 1. J. A. Simmonds, Central Creameries, 90.96 percent; 2. Douglas Adams, Amalgamated Dairies, O'Leary, 89.92 percent; 3. Alban Eldershaw, Morell, 89.81 percent.

To the butter maker making the highest percentage first grade butter: 1. J. A. Simmonds, Central Creameries, 99.29 percent; 2. John S. Wright, Amalgamated Dairies, 99.20 percent; 3. Mort Larkin, New Glasgow, 98.52 percent.

To the cheese maker making the highest percentage first grade cheese: 1. John S. Wright, Amalgamated Dairies, 95.75 percent; 2. Joseph MacEachern, Fort Augustus, 83.15 percent; 3. Joseph A. MacInnis, Tignish, 74.09 percent.

To the cheese maker making the highest percentage of cheese: 1. John S. Wright, Amalgamated Dairies, 95.75 percent; 2. Joseph MacEachern, Fort Augustus, 83.15 percent; 3. Joseph A. MacInnis, Tignish, 74.09 percent.

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ALBERTON MAYOR OPENS 'SPIEL
The Alberton Curling Club's annual bonspiel was officially opened on Thursday by the Mayor of Alberton, W. W. Currie. He is shown above delivering the first stone with members of the competing rinks in the background. The spell concluded with mixed curling Saturday.

KINGSBORO
Sincere sympathy from the Community is extended to the widow and immediate relatives of the late Mr. Samuel E. MacLeod, Ugg, whose death occurred recently at the Kings County Memorial hospital in Montague. Relatives residing in this area include a daughter, Mrs. Floyd MacLean, Kingsboro, a number of grand-children and cousins, all of whom we remember in sad and sudden bereavement.

Mrs. George Cheverie, Charlottetown has been spending some time visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Waldo MacDonald, South Lake.

Mrs. Stewart MacGregor, Eganville was hostess to the members of the United Baptist, W. M. U. for their regular meeting on March 10th.

Friends and acquaintances of Mr. Art Wright, past-master in Souris will be sorry to hear that it was necessary for him to enter the P.E.I. hospital following a fire which damaged his home forcing him to escape by breaking a window. One arm was severely injured by broken glass. All wish him a quick and satisfactory recovery.

OLD BUILD. 'G BURNS
MONTREAL (CP) — The top floor of a century old two-floor frame building was burned out Thursday night in a fire in the Old Bonsecours market district. Some 30 occupants of a first-floor tavern fled when flames were spotted. They escaped minutes before the fire engulfed the roof.

SPECIAL MASS
VATICAN CITY. (Reuters)—Pope John Thursday started celebrations of his name day — St. Joseph — by saying mass for 2,500 Roman street cleaners. Although the Pope has taken the title name of John, his family name is Angelo Giuseppe (Joseph) Roncalli.

ASK 32-HOUR WEEK
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, bargaining agent for 80 per cent of U.S. copper miners, Thursday night approved demands for a 32-hour week and a substantial wage increase. Present copper wage contracts expire June 30.

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BOY SCOUT, GIRL GUIDE COURSE
Barbara Foster, (left) of Southport and Sylvia Phillips of Charlottetown demonstrate their first aid ability on Margo MacDonald of Parkdale as part of a six-week instruction course being carried out by the Red Cross. Instructor of the course for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides is Edward Chinery. He is assisted by George Schelyer and Brenton Partridge. On completion of the course the boys and girls receive their Ambulance Mans' Badge, First Class First Aid Badge and their Junior First Aid Badge. The course is also being carried out in Summerside, where in addition to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, the So-Ed Group are also taking the course.

60-Year Dairying History Is Outlined At Meeting

The early settlers of this province and in particular those who left their native homes in Scotland and Ireland were possessed of a strong pioneer spirit and a great desire for independence," said J. Lincoln Dewar, in tracing the origin and development of both the Dairy Industry and the Prince Edward Island Dairymen's Association.

Mr. Dewar was speaking to the P.E.I. Dairymen's Association at their 60th anniversary dinner held at the Charlottetown Hotel Wednesday evening.

In his review he gave particular credit to John Anderson, secretary of the Association from 1901 to 1913 and to John Hamilton of New Perth who set down in exact and excellent form a record of the development of the New Perth Dairymen's Association.

"This desire manifested itself in strong dissatisfaction with the tenant system of land holding which had been imposed on the province in 1767 when it was divided into sixty-seven lots and parcelled out among favorites of the Crown in return for services either real or fancied.

"In 1946 the tenant farmers formed the Tenant League and this organization carried on the struggle for freehold tenure until 1873 when the holdings of the land owners were expropriated and the tenants given the opportunity of purchasing their farms.

"While freedom of tenure had been achieved at this point, economic freedom had not on the Island farmer found himself continuing in a system of bondage manifested chiefly in the growing of oats as a cash crop for which no cash was received and to a lesser extent in the trading of potatoes and turnips to the merchants of the province on a barter basis.

"Freedom was always just within the farmer's grasp but always just eluding it. Clearly a system which impoverished both the land and the farmer could not persist, certainly something better had to be found.

FACTORIES ORGANIZED
"In the early 1880's three factories for the manufacture of cheese had been organized under private auspices at St. Eleanors, Cornwall and Millview, they met with only indifferent success, passed out of existence and probably developed a feeling of scepticism on the part of many farmers on the future of the commercial dairy industry.

"During the 80's the Dominion Department of Agriculture had former dairy associations in each county, by 1890, the only one remaining was that in Kings County, known as the Three Rivers Dairying Association which had been holding most of its meetings in New Perth, where attendance, interest and enthusiasm seemed to be at the highest level. One of the patrons of this association was Dr. James E., (afterwards Senator) Robertson of Montague.

"He was at that time a member of the Federal House and divided his time between medicine, agriculture and politics. Others who encouraged this Association were the late Charles Palmer, barrister of Charlottetown and W. A. Brennan, publisher, of Summerside.

"In spite of indifference and scepticism the small light which had been kept burning by the Three Rivers Association had cast its beams as far as Ottawa, where Dr. J. W. Robertson then Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying was providing exalted leadership for the farmers of Canada.

"Dr. J. W. Robertson, a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, believed in farmers and in dairying as a means of providing security for them. In 1891 he addressed meetings in this province holding out the offer of federal assistance to any organized group of farmers in the construction and operation of cheese factories.

SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE
"While the Doctor spoke in some of the best sections of the province it was not until he appeared at a meeting in New Perth that he found a sympathetic response to his proposal.

"Probably the Doctor's logic clothed in his rich Scottish accents stood him in good stead in impressing the descendants of the pioneers who had emigrated from Perthshire, Scotland to the Three Rivers area at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

"In any event the legislature of the province was petitioned in 1892 to incorporate the New Perth Dairying Company whose first officers were to be: Cyrus Shaw, M.L.A., president; John Hamilton, secretary; Alexander Hamilton, James Gordon, William MacDonald, Stewart MacLaren, and John A. Dewar.

"The new factory opened on June 20, 1892 and thus was launched the dairy industry of this province as we know it today.

"The first manager was T. J. Dillon assisted by E. L. Head both natives of Ontario. Mr. Dillon afterward became a partner in a commercial firm still doing business in this city with the farmers of the province.

"Very exact records were kept of the company's organization and its activities provided an example of what was probably the first instance of vertical integration in this province. In order to utilize the why, the company purchased ninety-nine hogs, described a heterogeneous, motley assemblage, variegated in color and diversified in character.

"The ninety and nine cost \$37.37 and with feed and attendance represented a total investment of \$748.77. Loss in the entire transaction amounted to \$23.51. Thus ended the first chapter in Vertical Integration in the hog industry.

MECCA OF FARMERS
New Perth became the Mecca of farmers and visitors interested in the new operation, tremendous enthusiasm seized the people.

"Here was an instrument of emancipation from economic bondage, when in 1893 a Dairy Rally was held in Charlottetown including such notables as the Governor General and Lady Aberdeen. Dr. J. W. Robertson, Governor Hoard of Wisconsin, Senator Donald Ferguson, Louis St. Davies afterwards Chief Justice of Canada, the heather was well and truly on fire.

"The blaze spread with tremendous rapidity and by 1900 no less than forty-five dairy factories were operating in the province. Truly, the Dairy Industry had come into being with almost explosive force.

"With some seven year experience the Dairy Farmers of the province moved in 1899 to form the Association whose diamond Anniversary we celebrate tonight.

"The first President of the Association was Mr. Arthur Simpson of Bayview, Vice-President John Anderson of Kensington, Alfred E. Dewar as Secretary, Directors in addition to the above were David P. Irving, of Vernon River Bridge, Robert Jenkins of Mount Albion, John Brennan of Alberton, James E. MacDonald, Cardigan, and Lauchlin MacDonald of East Point. The decision to form the Association was made by delegates from the Dairy Companies at a meeting held in Charlottetown on March 4, 1899.

\$300 GRANT
"Dr. J. W. Robertson agreed to ask the Federal Department for a grant of \$300 and Premier Ferguson undertook to ask the Provincial Government for \$400 per year. One of the responsibilities of the Association was that of engaging a dairy instructor, this position was filled by Mr. Fraser T. Morrow who rendered for many years outstanding service to Island Agriculture. Mr. Morrow was engaged for seven months at \$100 per month and was responsible for his own expenses.

"The new Association with vision and vigor embarked upon an enthusiastic program of promoting the industry. A Board of Trade for the sale of cheese was organized, markets were sought in Europe and an exhibit of eight cheese went forward to the Paris Exhibition.

"The first annual meeting of the Association was held on March 8, 1900 in the B.I.S. Hall, Charlottetown. Discussed were problems of quality production, improved methods of offering the cheese for sale, the provincial stock Farm was asked to devote more attention to the Dairy breeds and a paper on the transportation of livestock and other products was read by Mr. F. G. Boyer which clearly brought out the fact that the transportation facilities of Prince Edward Island were very poor and the charges too high.

"The meeting concluded with the rendering of a vote of thanks to the officers, with three cheers for the Queen and three cheers for the Island boys in South Africa. The meeting then closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

"At this distance in time it is not easy to visualize the tremendous wave of enthusiasm which gripped the province with the development of the Dairy Industry. The Movement was not only an economic one but it had social implications as well and held out to the farmer the prospect of freedom which he had not previously enjoyed.

"It held out to him the prospect of standing at the counter of the community and village stores with cash in his pocket and in a position to bargain on an equal basis.

"Further it held out to men who had a high regard for the soil the opportunity of using cultural practices which would render the good earth to its native fertility and repair the ravages of the barter system of trading that had afflicted the province for too long.

NEW COMPETITION
"It was well that the roots of the Dairy Industry had taken firm hold at the beginning of the twentieth century because of new and powerful competitors was appearing on the horizon.

"In western Prince County a small animal which had hitherto been looked upon with scant favour was being developed in cap-



P.E.I. MURAL ON-DISPLAY
A. A. Nicholson, director of the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau, seems well pleased with this large map of Prince Edward Island which is featured in the specially designed P.E.I. Room of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. This room is one of 14 convention rooms contained in the new wing of the giant hotel. Mr. Nicholson attended the official opening ceremonies held recently. Four hundred new bedrooms boost the hotel's capacity to 1,600 guest rooms.