

The McInnis Family In P. E. Island

The following account of the McInnis family in Prince Edward Island was written in 1947, a few hours before his death, by the late Mr. Michael A. McInnis, editor of The Maple Leaf, published in Oakland, California.

"I never knew when the McInnis families first settled in Seven Mile Bay or when Allen McInnis, my grandfather, acquired the 1,000 acres of land of which he was owner. I remember my parents say he was born in the Highlands of Scotland, but do not know what part. I have been told my grandmother's name was Mary MacDonald. Allen was always known as King McInnis. The last time I visited the Island the location of my grandparents' home was pointed out to me and also a small hill which was known as King's Hill (Prince Edward Island, Canada).

"The following were the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Allen McInnis, as near as I can remember.

"Andrew, who I have been told was at one time employed on the surveying ship 'Gulnare'. His old home was near his father's.

"Michael, who married a Miss Brown. They had three sons, William James, Hugh and Joseph Allen. The parents died in Miscouche about 1871, followed a few years later by the deaths of William and Hugh in Summerside. Joseph Allen then moved to the States and I corresponded with him after he came here. I do not think he is living.

"John married Mary Ann Tierney and remained in Seven Mile Bay or Carleton. They had a son, George, and a daughter Lucy, and I think another son, Major, who died young. George came to California about 1885, and in the summer of 1889 returned to the Island to visit his mother. It was with George on his return trip that I came to California in 1889. Lucy died in Boston in 1890. After the death of John McInnis, while the children were young, his widow married M. B. Connick, a blacksmith, of Albany, Mrs. Connick died in 1907, and Mr. Connick some years later.

"Peter, another son, was never married.

"Ambrose, my father, was born in 1835 in Seven Mile Bay, as were all sons and daughters of Allen and his wife. My mother, Julia Harrington, was born in DeSable, the old Harrington farm, in 1829. Three of their five children were also born in Seven Mile Bay: Ambrose and Julia were married in 1860 or early in 1861. Peter, their first child was born May 3, 1862; Michael (the writer) born November 23, 1863; Johannah, born August 15, 1865; Mary, born August 22, 1867; Ambrose, born February 22, 1870, died in Summerside when eight months old.

"With three of us children, our parents moved to Egmont Bay in 1866, where my father bought a small farm with a log house of two rooms, a barn and a few farming implements. It was in this house, babies Mary and Ambrose were born. In the summer of 1870, we all moved to Summerside, as my father's health was failing. October that year, baby Ambrose died. We were then living in one of Thomas Brehaut's houses on Granville St. These memories are deep-

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"After the deaths of my Uncle Michael and his wife in Miscouche the following year, we moved from Summerside to the vacant house in Miscouche, and in that same house my father died in January, 1872. It was that same fall I was taken to my Uncle Mick Harrington's farm in DeSable, where I spent three hard years as a farm laborer. That is how I happened to be present at the birthday parties and the Christmas dinners when goose took the place of turkeys. Christmas, 1875, our mother and children were all together again in Summerside.

"The next break in the family was when my brother, Peter, went to Maine, followed in 1887, when Mary went to Montreal to join the Sisters. My mother died in October, 1888, and I came here in 1889. George McInnis is buried in Honoluli; Peter and Johannah lie under the green grass winter and summer here in Oakland, while Mary (Sister St. Edwin) is at rest in Montreal.

"Lawrence, I believe, was the youngest of the sons of Allen. He became a school teacher. His last

school about the middle of the '80's was at Traveller's Rest. He died in Summerside in 1885 or '86. His wife died some time previous.

ly. They had three children. The youngest, a little girl, came with my sister to Oakland about 1898. She died many years ago.

"There were two daughters, Mary and Nancy. Both married brothers — Alex and Timothy MacDonald. Many of their descendants may be found on the Island now. P. J. McInnis of Borden is a great-grandson of Allen's.

"Allen McInnis had brothers who married and had sons and daughters. I remember my father's cousins in Grand River West: Dougald, Archie and Major McInnis, and Augustine J. McInnis ('Gus') in Murray River.

"All the Harringtons were born in DeSable (or Hampton) except perhaps the two eldest children, John and Mary. I do not remember my grandfather's name.

"John spent most of his years in Egmont Bay, where he reared a large family. The youngest, Vincent, will be remembered by people in Summerside, where he lived for a number of years.

"Mary and her husband and family moved to the States many years ago.

"Johannah married John Flemming of Hope River, and many descendants are living there still. Dr. Flemming of Stanley Bridge is a grandson.

"Margaret married John Handrahan and lived all their married lives in Lot 1, where children and grandchildren still live.

"Julia (my mother), Emily married John McIver and reared a large family in Kinkora. One of my most esteemed and beloved cousins is Mrs. George Driscoll, on the Island. Her son, Lorne, was recently elected a councillor. Her brother, John McIver, came to California and for over 25 years was Principal of a school in our neighbourhood county.

"Michael (Uncle Mick) married Carolyn Gould. The name was Gouldrup, but I suppose was shortened for some reason. Their eldest son died in Santa Rosa a couple of years ago at the age of 91. The only member of their large family living is the youngest daughter, Laura, in Santa Rosa. Carolyn was also the aunt of Jacob Gould Schurman. I have been told Tim-

Agricultural Ministers Meet

OTTAWA, Sept. 17.—(CP)—Three provincial agriculture ministers met Tuesday with Agriculture Minister Gardiner in confidential talks dealing with Canadian agricultural problems.

Agriculture Minister Frank Bell of Manitoba said the talks touched on beef and dairy problems, soil conservation and Newcastle disease.

Mr. Bell, along with Agriculture Ministers Thomas Kennedy of Ontario and A. W. Mackenzie of Nova Scotia, formed a committee of three to present recommendations developed at a conference of Provincial Agriculture Ministers in Charlottetown last month.

Mr. Bell said the question of Newcastle disease in poultry came up. The delegation urged that the current system of slaughter and payment of compensation for farm-should be continued until new vaccines are officially adopted by the Federal Agriculture Department.

The delegation also suggested that while soil conservation was primarily the responsibility of the farm owner, more money should be made available by Provincial and Federal Governments to boost soil conservation research. Mr. Bell said that Mr. Gardiner was in agreement with this latter view.

only never married.

"Cornelius moved to Halifax many years ago.

"Edward married a Miss Inman. They lived most of their lives in Nine Mile Creek. They had one son who died in his young manhood."

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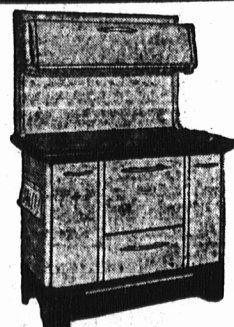
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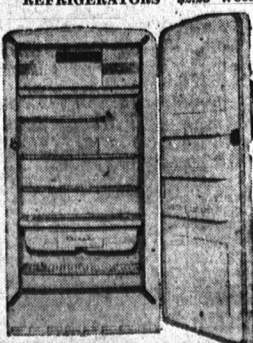
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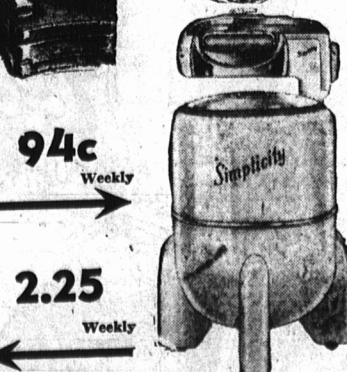
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