

## Among The Farmers

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

CROSSED-UP

The optimists who were predicting an early spring and a rapid conclusion of cropping operations have been crossed up by unusual cool dark weather. No reasons have been advanced for this state of affairs other than ice fields which are floating around in the Atlantic. Apparently this is not the only part of the world similarly affected as a 6-inch snowfall in Western Canada has caused worry about dust storms and is now more concerned with the prospects of getting things dried out. Late seeding in the West usually does not produce satisfactory crops. Even in this Province some variations exist. In Western Prince County there is little evidence of greening in Queens County the land is apparently drier and in better condition for cultivation than that in Kings.

While early croppings do not on the average produce as heavy yields as later ones, yet, the latter always results in a jam of work throughout the entire season, hence, the farmer's enthusiasm for getting on the job early.

### POTATO TARIFF PLANS

Tuesday, the 17th, the Federation arranged in Charlottetown a meeting of representatives from the different groups interested in the forthcoming hearing of the Tariff Board on potato matters. In addition to the local representatives, there was present Mr. W. J. Callaghan of Ottawa. Mr. Callaghan has had experience in the preparation of tariff hearing cases and after attending the meeting met the same afternoon with a committee consisting of D. A. MacDonald, Col. Full and J. L. Dewar. Mr. Callaghan has returned to Ottawa to compile information

and will again visit the Province for a meeting on May 28 when it is expected that the Brief will be put into acceptable form.

On Monday, May 30, it is hoped to have representatives from both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia meet with the Island group with a view to having Maritime endorsement of a combined statement on the case.

The preparation of such a Brief involves a great deal of work; much research, and must provide information on many varied matters such as tariff history; production costs; imports; exports; consumption trends; marketing; quotas; price trends; price support; processing; domestic markets; currency exchange; effect of foreign competition on price and regulations on size and grade imposed by competitors.

The Minister of Finance in referring this matter to the Tariff Board requested that it should procure for the Government the most complete information that can be obtained regarding the production, consumption, marketing, imports and exports of potatoes, and regarding the effects on Canadian producers and consumers of the operation of the

Canadian tariff relative to potatoes in their natural state.

### PERCENTAGE FROM FARM

There is a marked variation as between countries in the percentage of farm people. Likely the countries with the largest percentage will have the lower standards of living while those with the same percentage will have the more prosperous agriculture. It is, therefore, interesting to compare the relative percentage of working people who are farmers in different countries. A partial list follows:

Thailand	85
Yugoslavia	75
Colombia	72
India	66
Indonesia	66
Egypt	65
Brazil	58
Greece	58
Mexico	58
Japan	47
Cuba	47
Italy	39
Denmark	23
Canada	16
Australia	14
United States	11
United Kingdom	5

### BUDGET CONCESSIONS

When the C.F.A. presented its Brief to the Federal Cabinet on March 9 there was included a number of requests for adjustment on tariff matters. Some of these requests were not granted, some were, including the placing on the free list of chemicals used in the manufacture of animal or poultry feeds which are not manufactured in Canada; brooders for young farm animals, also sodium bisulphite for silage making. The sales tax has been removed entirely from all replacement tires and tubes. The Federation had asked for the removal of the sales tax on tires for trucks.

Another matter to which the Federation made a representation was the application of a Canadian firm for 20 per cent tariff on polyethylene. The Federation did not oppose the granting of a tariff on this product but stated that in its opinion 20% was unnecessarily high. The rate allowed in the budget was 7½%. One of the most outstanding announcements in the Budget was to the effect that a royal commission was to be named to study future economic prospects in Canada.

### NEW MARKETING ACTS

In two provinces particular attention has been paid to the putting on the Statute Book of Marketing Acts. In Ontario a new act has been created and is described in official circles as the strongest producer marketing act in the Empire. The Ontario Act provides for two forms of producer marketing, one by group bargaining and the other by the operation of a sales agency or marketing agency.

Previously the Province of Alberta did not have a marketing act. One recently introduced limits its marketing schemes to poultry, and poultry products, hogs, vegetables, honey, cheese, and commercial grass for legume seed. This Act does not meet with the approval of the Alberta Federation which has made strong representations pointing out its weakness and shortcomings.

### FOOD DECEPTION

The standards of Canadian foods and drugs are set up and regulated under the Food and Drug Act. This Act is stringent and a new clause inserted reads as follows:

"No person shall label, pack-

age, treat, process, sell or advertise any food in a manner that is false, misleading or deceptive or is likely to create an erroneous impression regarding its character, value, quantity, composition, merit or safety." Recently in answer to complaints received from consumers respecting certain types of packages used for fruits and vegetables, warning has been issued from the food and drug division that steps must be taken to change containers, such as red checked packages or colored transparent cellophane wrappers. Recently, also red-striped cellophane wrappers for bacon were barred.

Mercury, smallest of the major planets, has a diameter of about 3,000 miles.



WE USE GORA

## LISTEN TONIGHT

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE BROADCASTS  
STANDARD TIME

CFCY—  
8:30-8:45—John R. MacLean.  
9:45-10:00—Lt.-Col. John A. MacDonald

CFCY — SATURDAY, MAY 21st—  
6:15 - 6:30 — WALTER MacKENZIE  
9:00 - 9:30 — WALTER SHAW  
10:00 - 10:30 — R. R. BELL

**GO AHEAD!**  
**Vote Conservative May 25th**  
(Inserted by Progressive Conservative Party)

**A MEETING OF ALL LIBERAL POLL CHAIRMEN AND WORKERS OF THE 5th DISTRICT OF QUEENS WILL BE HELD AT LIBERAL HEADQUARTERS ON FRIDAY NIGHT — 7:00 P.M.**  
(Inserted by P. E. I. Liberal Association.)

## TO ALL CONCERNED

We hereby pledge ourselves and our supporters to conduct this election campaign strictly in accordance with the Election Act. This means that no liquor or money will be used to influence voters. No remuneration will be provided to hire cars and no other tactics designed to influence voters will be tolerated. We have personally appeared to our opponents to publicly announce a similar pledge. Disturbing reports are being circulated that a large quantity of liquor is to be used in the Cardigan District during this campaign. We are asking all electors who believe in clean elections to co-operate fully in preventing any degrading practices.

J. A. MacDONALD  
W. R. SHAW.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

The undersigned Progressive Conservative candidate for the 3rd District of King's have arranged the following meetings to discuss public issues. The Government candidates are invited and will be given half time. In the event of their not attending the following additional speakers will be present: Mr. Leslie S. Hunter and Mr. J. Angus MacLean, M.P.

Friday, May 20th at 8:30 ..... Auditorium, Montague  
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WALTER R. SHAW.

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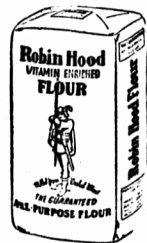
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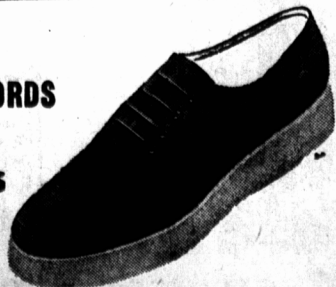
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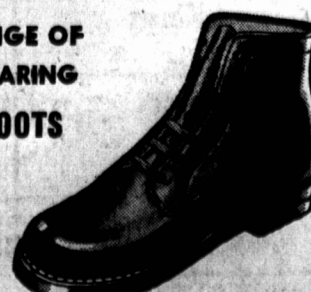
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