

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Historic 1864 Lacks Press Story is Found

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MY THANKS go to the Charlottetown, New Perth who has kindly loaned me a copy of a Charlottetown newspaper dated September 3, 1864 with the story of the original Confederation conference.

The story didn't make the front page, but was carried on page 1. It was written by a resident professor of journalism at Carleton University in Ottawa told me this week that it was not unusual for newspapers to carry important stories on inside pages at that time.

STORIES OF the great victories at Trafalgar and Waterloo were carried on inside pages of a newspaper in 1805. Apparently everyone read every line of a newspaper in those days, and important news would be read just as surely on page three as on page one.

Hospitality Developed Later

IF THERE was any basis for the charge of a lack of hospitality, it could probably be charged to the fact that those Edward Island was a reluctant party at the conference. The suggestion is that the other Maritime Provinces came here to get the Islanders to attend... the original idea was for Maritime union... and of course John A. McDonald and his Canada delegates came here on their own.

On Wednesday morning last and brought over to this city the following gentlemen, delegates from the province of Nova Scotia, to attend the convention to be held in the afternoon of the subject of a legislative or Federal union of the provinces... Hon. Charles Pupper, Hon. W.A. Henry, Adams G. Archibald, Dan, M.P.P., Hon. James McCall, Hon. B. McKee, having arrived previously.

"Public Knows Nothing"

"IT WILL be seen that there is the full complement of delegates from the other provinces as we are deeply obliged to the other distinguished gentlemen from Canada have seized the opportunity of the steamer Victoria's trip to Charlottetown to visit our Island.
We understand that the delegates met in conference for the first time yesterday, their sittings being held in the council chamber (the old Legislative Council chamber is what we know as the "Confederation chamber" in the Province Building) of the Colonial Building.
As they sit with closed doors the public knows nothing as regards the order of their proceedings, nor the progress which they have made.
The delegates move around not a little and appear determined to know something of our city and country, though we have no opportunity of knowing or hearing them. We are proud to learn that they are much pleased with the appearance of our Island, and we hope, if a Union of the Colonies is agreed on, the representatives of the whole will meet here annually.
WE FEAR, however, that the delegates will leave our shores with no very high idea of the public spirit of the government, or our citizens. The steamers bearing the delegates, were allowed to cruise to our wharves with just about as much demonstration as if they had been schooners loaded with lumber; in no case, at least, did members of the government being on the spot to receive the strangers, or tell them all the great hotels (the reference here is apparently a slip at a previous government statement as it was on the opposite side of politics to the Protestant and Evangelical Witness, and that was held in these far off days) are which we have lately heard so much.
"Surely some of our own delegates at least," the castigating reference continues, "might have made the effort to meet their brother delegates at the landing place."

Federal Union Idea Denounced

THERE WAS no editorial comment in the paper from which I have quoted but there was a lengthy letter denouncing solely the idea of a federal union.
Our taxes are less than those of any of the other colonies... our public debt is only one-fourth... I cannot conceive how we should be in any way advantaged.
And how about this paragraph?
I can see how we could be considerable losers. An elected government or representatives to the federal parliament; but there is no hope of our ever being represented in the cabinet of our member or members belonging to the Governor General's cabinet, who would have to reside at the capital, most likely Montreal, and that as far as we are concerned, corresponding advantages, entail on the colony an enormous expenditure.
I am only using a paragraph or so here and there, for the letter is lengthy, but it asks further:
The question is can we afford so very expensive a change in our circumstances, can we afford to have our taxation doubled or more probably trebled, and that without the prospect of a change being better governed than we are now?
With the order of the Examiner (and that was a Conservative paper) I fully believe that as far as we are concerned, a Federal Union would be to us an expensive absurdity.
"BY OUR people are slow and the government slow; the former do, indeed, sometimes wake up to such trifles as a temporary shortage of rice and flour and allow themselves to be fleeced in four days of 700 pounds, or 1,000 pounds; and the latter very seldom show any activity except on the eve of a general election.
This, apparently, is a reference to the circus which had been in town a few days previously; incidentally several newspapers of the time took a dim view of allowing those outfits to come to the province and take away so much of the citizens' hard earned money, without doing anything of value.
IN RESPONSE to numerous requests, I shall try to write next week's column on some of the many ghost stories, and other unusual tales of the past which I have gathered from many parts of the province.

Ice Continues To Plague Nfld.
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Heavy ice continues to plague the northern and eastern parts of Newfoundland.

N.S. Hog Developments Give Food For Thought

This province and its swine breeders have always taken pride in the superior position with respect to hog quality. This quality wasn't the result of accident but the outcome of planning and the application of good management.
Now that we have for a time lost the quality crown to a sister province-even if by only a very narrow margin-it would appear to be good policy for swine people and those officials who are interested in hogs to examine the background of the improvement which has taken place in Nova Scotia.
If a 12 per cent improvement was gained in one year, how was it done? If they are doing anything different, anything new or a number of things better than it would appear to be smart to find out.

We have noted in the past that a large number of the male animals used here haven't had the best background and in this connection we certainly cannot ignore the idea behind the certificate issued for the litters by bonus burs. Recently we have heard a rumour to the effect that a system of priving differential on weaning pigs from these animals will be put into effect by the buyers. This would appear to be a most practical means of rewarding the people who produce the better animals and of also encouraging the wider use of superior sires.

The recent Hog Conference in Montreal didn't overlook the fact that there are swine diseases that must not be disregarded and that every effort should be made to clear them up. While P.E.I. appears to have been quite fortunate in this respect, yet we shouldn't take it for granted that we have any guaranteed immunity. The control of disease is usually the result of positive action on the part of a number of people and this would include the feeders and livestock people who understand the nature of the disorder.

HOG AND BEEF

This season is producing in the United States rather marked contrasts in beef and pork. First of all that country seems to be coming up with one of the smallest hog crops for a number of years and is at the same time bothered with a great flood of cattle. American cattlemen are not happy over the importation from other countries and Canadian cattlemen are becoming slightly nervous about their own price structure due to the fact that American cattle can move into Canada and put the various charges.

For those cattlemen interested in maximum grass production we repeat what is being recommended by experts in this connection. First at least one field should be fertilized early with a complete fertilizer, this will give June 15th and July 1st fertilizer other fields with a complete fertilizer. Then at the last of July and the last of August nitrogen fertilizer should be applied when the grass is dry etc.



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It will adhere and cause burning. While it is never possible to guarantee results we believe that farmers who use a fertilizer later in the season will be impressed.
There is, of course, at any time of the season a good place for barnyard manure. In fact, pastures can be rotated quite successfully by applying manure at intervals thus keeping up the growth and laying the foundation of a really good sod.
White chemical fertilizer it will be a good idea to use the cattle shut out of the field when fertilizer is applied, there is a possibility of trouble even though it is not very great.

PLOWING PROGRESS
The reference here isn't to the spring time operation but rather to the Canadian Champion Plowing Match planned for September in the Brudenell Park. Reports indicate that the site chosen is suitable from the plowman's standpoint, but it has, in addition, other attractions of importance. Within a few minutes drive will be found such tourist items as the Harvey Moore Wildlife Sanctuary, the Montague Museum, Point DeBona, Brudenell Island, in the museum in Georgetown, the Log Cabin Park in the Royalty, the fish rearing ponds at Cardigan.
Within a few miles of this site the province's first farmer owned cheese factory was the foundation of the dairy industry and just a few miles away the Island's first certified seed potatoes were produced.

INTERESTING VISITORS
Recent visitors to the Federation office were Miss Piprarsert of Thailand and Miss Kagan of Ghana. Both young women have spent the winter at the Coody International Institute in Antigonish and until their arrival in Canada had never seen snow. Here it may be remarked that the past winter's supply was ample. While this country is very much different from their native land,

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Liberals Won Sask. Election By 752 Votes
REGINA (CP) - D. J. Vansickle, chief Saskatchewan electoral officer, said here that official figures show the Liberal party won the April 22 Saskatchewan election by 752 votes.
His figures for the official count completed last Saturday are: Liberals, 209,325 votes; 40.4 per cent of the total 518,347; CCF, 268,573, or 40.3 per cent; Progressive Conservatives, 125,960, or 18.9 per cent, and other parties, 2,699, or 4 per cent.

(Through an error in compilation, the Canadian Press erroneously reported Tuesday that the Liberals won with 568 fewer votes than the CCF.)
The Liberals under D. Ross Thatcher won 33 seats in the 59-seat legislature. The CCF, in power since 1944, got 25 and the Progressive Conservatives 1. The Liberals will take office Friday.

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