

Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

EATON SCHOLARSHIP

I would like to draw to the attention of the boys who are in their final High School year, and who would be interested in agriculture as a vocation, that the T. Eaton Company is again donating a Scholarship to be awarded at the 1954 Royal, and it is open to boys in all provinces of Canada who have not reached their twenty-third birthday on October 20th, 1954. This Scholarship will provide all college fees, lodging, and board for a four-year course commencing in the Autumn of 1955 at any agricultural college in Canada that may be selected by the winner, provided, of course that the winner of this Scholarship secure, at least, second-class honors in each of the first three college years, and that the faculty of the college recommends the winner to be worthy of the Scholarship. Cost of books, travelling expenses, clothing, and other incidental expenditures will not be included in the Scholarship.

A candidate from the Province who is in his graduating year at High School, or who has already graduated, provided he is not already in attendance at a university, will be selected to represent Prince Edward Island. A Committee has been appointed by the Minister of Agriculture to make this selection, and you will note by the advertisement already appearing in the press, that all applications must be submitted on or before October 9th. The successful candidate from each province will be the guest of the T. Eaton Company, Limited, at the Royal Winter Fair on Thursday and Friday, November 11th and 12th.

Let us hope that we may have a goodly number of applications so that the best possible representative from this Province may be selected as our provincial candidate.

PUBLIC ENEMIES

Ragweed and Ragwort, two weeds which are similar in name only, are causing an increasing amount of damage throughout the province. There are other weeds which cause farmers more trouble in fields, but they are recognized by everyone and do not go unnoticed.

Ragweed is recognized by very few people, mainly because it does not have any showy blossoms. It is generally found along roadsides and in waste areas. Its most noticeable feature is the several green spikes of male flowers about three inches long at the top of the plant. Common ragweed grows from one to two feet tall, while a great ragweed may reach six feet in height. The chief damage done by ragweed is, of course, the discomfort caused to people who suffer from hay fever. However, if neglected, it will spread into cultivated fields and become a serious pest to farmers. At present its occurrence is confined to roadsides, several farm yards, and vacant lots throughout the province. A likely source of seed is in imported grains. It is easily controlled by spraying in July with 2, 4-D.

Ragwort, also called Stinking Willie or St. John's Wort, is much more common than ragweed and is more easily recognized. It is a biennial which produces a rosette of dark-green wrinkled leaves in the first year, but in the second year shoots up to about two feet high with rich-yellow flowers at the top. It is found in pastures, hayfields, waste places and roadsides. The chief damage caused by ragwort is the crowding out of hay and pasture plants. Occasionally, it is eaten by cattle and horses, which results in the death of the animals. There have been reports just recently of cattle dying of ragwort poisoning. The eastern and western ends of the province are fairly well polluted with this unsightly weed. Scattered patches also occur in the central parts, which could easily be eradicated before spreading beyond control.

Control of ragwort is sometimes difficult. The oldest remedy is to heavily graze the infested area with sheep. This type of livestock is not injured by eating the weed. Keeping the weed mown is an endless job, but will prevent seed production. A method which holds promise is spraying the rosettes in June and again in September with a fairly heavy application of 2, 4-D. This should kill the plants which produce the seeds the following year, but will do little harm to the old plants, which should be cut and destroyed before spraying.

In Ontario, and also in some western provinces, weeds of this type have become such a problem that weed control acts have been passed which make it compulsory

for land-owners to prevent these noxious weeds from going to seed. These laws also apply to railroads, highways, public utilities, etc., so that all areas capable of producing weeds are either mown, sprayed, or cultivated. It is to be hoped that such laws will never become necessary in P. E. I., but if the present neglect of weeds by all concerned continues, we will soon find ourselves in the same position.

PREPARING FOR WINTER

FRUIT TREES

Each year thousands of fruit trees of all kinds are injured in Canada by mice which except for the summer months, are a constant threat to growers. They may feed on the bark any time between September and May, the greatest injury usually occurring in November and again in March. This year, however, is always greater when the orchard is in sod or when there is considerable rubbish lying about. Therefore, removing rubbish and keeping the young orchard under clean cultivation will help greatly in reducing the population of mice. However, if the trees are growing in a permanent sod, removal of the sod for a width of 1 1/2 feet around the trunk before late September is often quite effective. It is best, then, to fill the trench caused by the removal of the sod with coarse sand, cinders, or crushed stone as this will prevent the grass from growing up again and will act as a permanent protector.

In addition to the above precaution the best form of protection for young trees is wire tree guards which can be made from quarter-inch mesh galvanized about 18 inches wide from 18 to 24 inches high. The bottom of the guards should be inserted into the ground to a depth of 2 to 3 inches to prevent the mice tunnelling under it. If this is not easy to do, then soil can be heaped around the base of the guard to a depth of about 3 inches. These guards can be left on throughout the entire year and if checked each fall should protect a tree for 7 or 8 years and then removed to younger trees.

Light building paper wrapped firmly around the trunk and tied with twine also gives good protection but this must be removed each spring and replaced in the fall. Tar paper and roofing paper is not satisfactory as the bark beneath is often injured.

Although it is not generally recommended by officials one of our larger fruit producers in our province has had good success in mice control by mounding the base of the trunk with soil to a height of about one foot. The main advantages of this method are that it is cheap and is permanent.

If mice become a severe problem poison bait may be used as a control but this is not recommended for small producers.

STRAWBERRIES

Strawberry plants are quite often injured by extreme cold in winter and in early spring caused by alternate freezing and thawing. Crown injury may also result early in the season from severe freezing before snow cover or from the drying action of winter winds. To counteract these effects of adverse weather conditions it has become practice to apply a winter mulch which becomes a substitute for snow cover when the latter is scarce and also helps to hold the snow when it does come.

Several materials including straw, straw manure, old hay, marsh hay, shavings and sawdust have been used successfully as mulch but straw is probably the favorite. The quantity of mulch applied should be about three inches or 3 to 3 1/2 tons per acre.

At one time it was recommended that mulch be applied in early winter as soon as the ground was frozen hard enough to support a loaded wagon. More recently, however, it has been found that injury may occur considerably earlier and earlier protection is now recommended. The proper time is after the plants have become dormant, preferably after the first severe frost but before the temperature falls as low as 20° F. which is liable to cause crown injury.

The mulch should be allowed to remain on until the frosty weather of early spring is over or until new leaves begin to appear on the plants. If left too late injury to the plants may result but the main objection to leaving it on too long is that blossoming and fruit ripening may be delayed.

The mulching material may be removed completely except for leaving some immediately around the plant or it may be left between the rows where it will discourage weed growth, hold moisture and help to keep the ripe fruit clean. The latter method is usually preferred.

CITY AND DISTRICT

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FOSTER'S DRUG STORE will be open this afternoon and evening.

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CARD PARTY TOURNAMENT—Central Royal Hall. Good prizes and lunch. Thursday, October 7th, 8.15.

THANK OFFERING SERVICE, to be held on Sunday, October 10th at 7.30 in the Churchill Church. Matheson—Carver Quartette. Guest Speaker, Mrs. J. H. Gordon, Charlottetown.

RETURN HOME — Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Newson of Harrington arrived home last week from a very enjoyable trip to Niagara Falls and Cleveland, Ohio, where they visited their daughter and son-in-law. They also visited at Mentor-on-the-Lake, the famous Blue Hill Castle in Lake Erie, Vacationland and Sandusky and other points of interest.

AMONG PRIZE WINNERS — Miss Marilyn Paynter, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Paynter, French River, was one of the high prize winners in the recent contest sponsored by Kellogg's Corn Pops. The object of the contest was to name the new "Wild Bill Hickox" television program. The name supplied by Marilyn was "Murder at Hoot Owl Pass", for which she won a lovely clock-radio. First prize in this contest was a trip to Hollywood and a television set.

RETURNS FROM MISSION. — Rev. H. F. MacEwen returned recently from Nova Scotia. During the month of September he preached at Westminster Church, Sydney. From September 21st to 26th he conducted an Evangelistic Campaign there. Mrs. MacEwen assisted with the music. Of great interest to the people of Cape Breton were the old Psalms and Hymns of the Church of Scotland, P. E. I. Mr. MacEwen also ministered at Canso at the International Christian Mission from September 28th to October 4th.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my Mother, Mrs. Ben Stevens, Georgetown, who passed away October 6th, 1952.

We have only your memory dear Mother to remember our whole life through, But the sweetness will linger ever. As we treasure the image of you.

Always Remembered by Son Lorne, Dot and Family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my Wife, Mrs. Ben Stevens, Georgetown, P. E. I., who passed away October 6th, 1952.

I have lost a wife with a heart of gold Who meant more to me than wealth untold. Without a farewell she fell asleep With only memories for me to keep.

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NAMES OMITTED. — The following names were omitted from the In Memoriam of Mrs. Albert Clow. Reg. Phyllis and girls, Edna and Everett Haslam, Mae and Will Doyle, Maggie, Keir and Family, Mary, Rod and June, Mildred and Jackie Bernard, Minnie and Wilfred, Bertha and Jimmie MacDonald, Bessie MacLeod, Verna and Vernon, George and Una Smith, Mary Silliphant, Mildred, Vernon and Marilyn, Muriel and Louise, Martha Waye, Lillian, Fred and boys, Gladys, Harold and children, Pauline Orr and Marion Young, William Silliphant and Family.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick M. Cummings, 38 Queen Street, visited Ausable Chasm, New York State, on their recent trip.

Mr. James P. Berrigan of North Wiltshire, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Mary Sheffy and son, Raymond of Albany, left Monday, Oct. 4 on an extended visit with relatives and friends in Philadelphia and Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville G. Bell, DeSable, have left by car for Wolfville, N. S., to bring the following Horton Academy Students to their respective home to spend their Thanksgiving holidays. Deanna Bell, Bobby MacWilliams, Cape Traverse, Joan Cutcliffe and Gordon Dawson, Augustine Cove, and Morley Howatt, Summerside.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of my Mother, Mrs. Ben Stevens, Georgetown, who passed away October 6th, 1952.

When days are dark and friends are few, Dear Mother, how we think of you. Friends are friends if they are true. We lost our best friend when we lost you.

Always loved and remembered by her Daughter Marie, Son-in-law Lawrence, Grandchildren Jimmy, Faye and Bobby.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our parents, Mr. J. Layton MacCabe who died November 22nd, 1943 and Mrs. MacCabe, October 6th, 1952.

They never quite leave us, dear ones who have passed, Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above. A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast. To the places they blessed with their presence and love.

The Family.

Should Youngsters Play Football?

Every so often the old controversy flares up as to whether youngsters should be encouraged to play football. Some parents claim that it's too dangerous for kids. Others say it's a serious detriment to studying. The headmaster of Montreal's Lower Canada College, where football is compulsory for students, disagrees. In The Standard this week he explains why he thinks football is good for youngsters — both morally and physically. Get The Standard this week — on sale now, complete with Picture Magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents!

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We and Our Neighbors

ARE YOU ALL OF A PIECE

I was a little early for my fitting appointment and Miss Evans, the dressmaker was busy with another customer. It was fascinating to watch her. A bit tight here? From somewhere a snippet of material was found and let out. Too loose there? A fraction of an inch was taken in. Ah, the zipper puckered! Off came the garment and painstakingly stitch by stitch the zipper was detached and mysteriously made to lie flat.

"My," I said to Miss Evans when the customer had departed, "you certainly have patience. I haven't the patience to sew on a button."

"But I bet you spend hours writing one of your pieces," she smiled, "and any kind of writing gives me the jitters. I get nervous when I have to write a thank-you note. 'I guess it depends on what you enjoy doing.'"

Strange that we are surprised when other people and ourselves work instead of all of a piece. Yet this is borne out by every-day observation and experience.

Patience, of course, like many human traits, is closely tied up with interest, which is more or less based on ability. But undoubtedly much can be done to help its spread to other areas. I can say from my own experience that patience in sewing was never held up to me as a virtue, while patience along other lines was taught me by word and example, and practice.

Probably, I even prided myself on my impatience with sewing. Many of us do believe impatience on occasion is very creditable. "I'm usually a patient man," proclaims Mr. Smith, "but I told him I have no patience with that sort of thing!"

As was suggested, a character trait does not automatically spread from one activity to another. Patience, or the higher moral virtue of honesty, or clear-thinking or leadership, or courtesy, or neatness, say the psychologists, will be inculcated and generalized so as to be of wide application, provided such traits are made the conscious aim in the mind of the pupil. The effectiveness of atti-

tudes is greatly increased if they are given emotional coloring, and if their intrinsic value is pointed out to the learner.

Experiments, for instance have been made of neatness, in children. Talks on neatness; special rewards for neat papers, were given in the arithmetic class, but nothing was mentioned about neatness in the spelling class. It was found that the same children showed neater arithmetic papers, but there was no improvement in that direction in their spelling papers during the experimental period.

But such experiments were followed up by those where the value of neatness in school and out, with opportunity to practice neatness, was stressed. The children were helped to realize that neatness for them had definite advantages. A general improvement in the quality of all of the work of the children was noted. It was concluded that a particular trait does not transfer automatically, but an ideal can be built up.

The troublesome part of the building of ideals and attitudes is that they must be reinforced constantly to meet new conditions. The child can be carefully brought up in his home to be honest, but when he gets old enough to reason things out for himself, and sees how many people he used to admire, are not always honest, he begins to set himself a modified ideal of honesty.

However, early influences are very strong, and if the virtues we truly wish our children to have, are not only preached but practiced in the home and the school, they will in most cases be a strong protective shield in the years to come.

ACCOMPANIES CHOIR

TROIS-RIVIERES, Que. (CP)—Jean Louis Baribeau, speaker of the Quebec legislative council, will accompany the Trois-Rivieres male choir as Premier Duplessis' representative on a tour of New England this week. The choir will give concerts during the tour at Springfield, Mass., Biddeford, Me., and Berlin, N. H.

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