CLOTHES DRYER IS USEFUL

A new clothes dryer has been purchased by the Prince County Hospital filling a need which has been apparent for several years. The money, $600 was provided by the Ladies' Aid of the hospital. Now being used with a commercial type washer and an extractor, the dryer makes for much greater efficiency with less effort than has been possible before. Here Mrs. Josephine Arsenault, laundry chief at the hospital is shown using the new dryer.

Storm Promises Moss, Damages Lobster Gear

ALBERTON — West Prince moss fishermen were patrolling the north shore line last evening in expectation of a heavy influx of Irish moss in the wake of two days of strong winds and rough seas accompanied at times by heavy down pours of rain.

Although some moss came in at the Kildare Gap last night, moss gatherers were hopeful that calmer seas and a high morning tide would result in a rich harvest of moss.

Lobster fishermen however, particularly those with the greater part of their gear at sea, were not so happy over the two-day storm which kept them ashore past the deadline for legally landing lobsters now in their traps. The three-day extension to the spring season expired Wednesday and yesterday was the final day for landing lobster catches.

In addition all inshore gear is expected to take a heavy pounding from yesterday's strong easterly gales. Many fishermen had run out mackeral and cod nets during the past few days and this equipment also was expected to be damaged and difficult to locate.

A forecast of strong northerly winds for today is not expected to improve the situation and fishermen see little chance of picking up their gear before Saturday at the earliest.

Although many fishermen in Alberton and Tignish have landed all their lobster gear, hundreds of traps remain on the fishing grounds. A few bodys could be seen close inshore in the rolling surf at Kildare capes last night.

Winds continued strong with heavy showers of rain.

West Pt. Ferry Group Will Meet N.B. Cabinet

A delegation from the West Point ferry committee will meet with members of the New Brunswick cabinet this afternoon, to seek financial aid with the cost of an engineering survey to ascertain the feasibility of a project involving a new ferry service between West Point, P.E.I., and a New Brunswick port.

P. M. MacCaull, chairman of the committee and president of West Point Ferries Ltd., said yesterday the meeting would take place at Shediac, and will be attended by two other members of the ferry committee, W.A. Ellis of Springfield West, and Alton Rayner of O'Leary.

The ferry committee has already obtained a commitment from the P.E.I. government to aid the survey financially, and is hoping for a similar agreement with the New Brunswick government, although Mr. MacCaull feels that no definite answer will be forthcoming at today's meeting.

GROUP IS HOPEFUL

"This will be our first meeting with the New Brunswick government," Mr. MacCaull said. "We don't expect a firm answer at this first meeting but we are hopeful that they will go along eventually with the proposition, to aid financially with the survey."

Mr. MacCaull expects the survey will cost upwards of $20,000 and the committee has already asked two local engineering firms to provide quotations on the project.

Mr. MacCaull said he had no idea how the federal government's newly announced austerity program would effect chances of the establishment of the new ferry service.

SUBSIDY REQUIRED

The service would require a government subsidy in order to operate.

He felt that if the austerity plan delayed the building of the causeway, it might actually help in getting the ferry service established. "But in any event," he said, "we intend to keep pegging away at it. We have come too far to let the thing drop".

Experiments Herald New Era For Oysters

By BEN WARD

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal fisheries department is out to beat the oyster at its own game —reproduction of oysters.

If it succeeds, a whole new era will be opened for the Atlantic oyster industry, now plagued by disease and weather vagaries. It will be good news as well for oyster-lovers across the land.

Work is being started this summer on an experimental oyster hatchery at the fisheries research station on Prince Edward Island's famed Malpeque Bay, now the heart of the Canadian oyster industry.

The hatchery will test on a fairly large scale a relatively recent conviction that oysters can be persuaded to spawn efficiently and well under controlled artificial conditions, that the larvae can be fed and that an adult oyster can be obtained. Fisheries scientists hold high hopes for the experiment, which may free the industry from the present uncertainties of oyster regeneration.

Dr. A. L. Pritchard, director of conservation and development at fisheries headquarters here, says the hatchery experiment "shows real potential," although it may be another two years before the full results are known.

SLOW RECOVERY

Meanwhile, the oyster industry is slowly recovering from a disastrous outbreak of disease that practically wiped out the rich New Brunswick and Nova Scotia stocks. Disease-resistant oysters from Prince Edward Island have been transplanted to the stricken areas to save the beds from extinction.

The hatchery idea is the result of an investigation into oysters which became intense about seven years ago when the mysterious disease struck along the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia shore.

Atlantic oysters shun cold water and the Canadian stocks are mainly located in the warmer southern sector of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Prior to 1950 New Brunswick supplied 57 per cent of the Canadian output, P.E.I. 32 per cent and Nova Scotia the remaining 11 per cent.

But by 1960 the oyster disease had just about eliminated the mainland stocks and P.E.I. was producing 80 per cent of Canadian output. In that decade the total take fell from about 7,500,000 pounds to about 3,500,000 pounds.

It was the second Canadian appearance of the disease, which also has plagued oyster beds off the United States Atlantic shore. Between 1915 and 1918 the P.E.I. beds were all but exterminated by it.

CARRY DISEASE

Some of the P.E.I. oysters, however, were resistant to the disease and from this small percentage the Malpeque Bay stocks were built to normal size over a 20-year period.

The resistant oysters remained carriers of the disease —which has no effect whatsoever on humans who eat the oysters. It is thought that an illegal transplant of seed oysters from P.E.I. to the mainland beds caused the new outbreak.

Federal scientists have since transplanted 10,000 barrels of P.E.I. oysters to the diseased areas and these are producing a new breed of disease-resistant oysters to repopulate the once-rich beds.

It will be another five or six years before the industry gets back to normal. In the meantime, oysters prices which shot to $40 a barrel from $10 during the decade of disease probably will remain high.

The main worry for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia oyster farmers now is that weather conditions may delay the rebuiding process.

Atlantic oysters will not spawn in water below 68 degrees. A cold late spring sometimes ruins the mid - summer spawning period. Or a rainy autumn may wash cold rainwater into a bay and wipe out the baby oysters. In either case a whole season's reproduction is quickly lost.

PLANTED IN FARMS

At present the industry is entirely dependent on the collection of baby oysters—called spat —from natural spawning beds. These are replanted on the "farms," which are small areas of seashore leased for oyster cultivation. There are more than 1,400 such leases in the gulf waters, averaging 2½ acres in size. Some employ divers.

The hatchery idea was first tested by biologist Roy E. Drinnan of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. Using controlled water temperatures, he managed to induce oysters to spawn under laboratory conditions and from the fertilized eggs hatched swarms of larvae.

The larvae must feed for about three weeks before developing into baby oysters which cement themselves to the nearest available smooth surface. Three years later they reach the three-inch market size.

Mr. Drinnan's first big problem was feed. The larvae live on protozoans, tiny one-celled sea creatures too small to be seen by the naked eye. He solved this by substituting the chloroplast cells from common red cabbage grown in his own garden.

The next step is to determine if this experiment can be enlarged to the pilot hatchery stage with rearing ponds for mass production. Once this is proven, the idea can be taken over by commercial producers.

These commercial sources could ensure the farms of a fresh supply of baby oysters every year. By using only proven disease-resistant stocks, the threat of new epidemics would also be erased.

Egmont Bay Parish To Mark 150th Anniversary Saturday

SUMMERSIDE — Egmont Bay parish will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding this weekend with a gala program arranged for Saturday to inaugurate the festivities.

A mass at 9.30 will initiate the two-day event and will be followed throughout the day by parades, banquets, games, amusements, fireworks in the evening and related activities.

The program also includes presentations to Msgr. Nazaire Poirier marking his jubilee year.

A "Soiree Acadienne" will bring the celebration to a close.

In charge of the program is Cyrus J. Gallant of Richmond RR with a number of committees headed by Arlon Arsenault as president of the various groups, who have been planning this 150th celebration for many months.

All the parishioners of Egmont Bay will play a part in the event led by the elders of the church, C.M. Arsenault, Sylvere J. Arsenault, and Victorin Arsenault.

A new hall has been erected to help handle the large crowds expected for this anniversary occasion.

Rix Dam Repaired

ALBERTON — Rix's Dam near Alberton has been further repaired and strengthened by Erskine Clark and during the next few weeks the old mill is to be dismantled.

The water in the fishing pond has been deepened by the addition of two feet to the top of the dam which has been made six feet wider. The dam went out during the unusually heavy spring run off.

The mill pond is owned by Frank Pridham of Fredericton, N.B.

FEDERATION OF AGRIC. NEWSLETTER

Group Must Be Backed To Justify Its Existence

Organizations which are sponsored by the public must always be under the necessity of justifying their existence through their works. On the farm organization scene the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has been representing farmers for some 27 years a fact which logically suggests that it had not been useful to some degree it would not be in existence.

No one would, of course, claim perfection or complete effectiveness for the CFA just as human beings are not perfect so are organizations be less than perfect. Conversely it is quite probable and even desirable also that the federation be improved to the end that much more will be done for Canadian agriculture. Of this fact we are certain, and it is an important one, that the men who had made up the staff of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture have been and are held in high regard by the people in Ottawa who govern Canada and who work as Civil Servants.

Looking at our Island picture we see the Federation of Agriculture as having operated since 1941. During approximately the first half of that space of time it was a true federation supported entirely by contributions from other organizations with the directors being elected by these groups. From 1949 on the base was broadened to include membership by individuals with grass roots representation at the county level supplying at least nine directors to the provincial board.

There can, of course, be some difference of opinion as to the effectiveness of the grass roots representation, but the fact does remain that every farmer in this province has the opportunity of becoming a member, of attending meetings held in the counties, and of expressing his opinion. Certainly the opportunity is there and if it is not used effectively, then the federation and the individual share the responsibility!

Without question there is room for improvement in the federation, with stronger support, with more interest, with better financing it can do more and without doubt there is much to be done.

Whether the individual farmer realizes it or not he has the opportunity to exert influence on the federation, if necessary to remodel it, and finally have it do the things which he thinks needs to be done provided, of course, they are in the realms of possibility.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

Infrequently the opinion is expressed that the federation hasn't or doesn't do anything. Said another way this may mean that the person making the statement doesn't know of anything that it has done, but it probably adds up to the same thing anyway. If the statement is true then there is room for puzzlement as to why the farm people of the province have supported it in a financial way for over 20 years. Generally farmers are known to expect something in the way of value for their money, a fact which suggests that something must have been provided in the way of returns.

Going back over the past 19 years and looking at some of the major matters which the federation has been involved in we find the following:

(1) Originated and promoted the idea of rural electrification in this province.

(2) Originated and promoted the idea of a veterinary service policy.

(3) Originated and promoted the idea of a Farm Establishment Board for the province.

(4) Originated and promoted the idea of a provincial sire bonus policy.

(5) Carried on for three years a warble fly campaign.

(6) Developed and promoted the idea of temperature control equipment in the transport shed.

(7) Provided inexpensive accident insurance policy for members.

(8) Successfully requested reductions in gasoline tax.

(9) Requested the carrying out of a socio-economic study.

(10) In assisting the beef producers of the province in marketing matters.

While these are the more important matters the list could be extended and would cover hundreds of lesser items which the federation has concerned itself with.

DAIRY PRINCESS

In 1960 the province staged its first Dairy Princess competition, no contest was held last year, but once more the Dairymen's Association and the Junior Farmers Federation are co-operating in staging the contest.

July 20 at the Experimental Farm will see both a Junior Farmer's Field Day, and the selection of the Dairy Princess. Contestants must be in the 18 to 27 year bracket on or before first of January, 1962, and either married or single. Information and notices RE: Application will be appearing in due course.

LAMB PRICES

Producers of market lambs are advised that beginning on July 1, 1962 that lambs will be supported through a deficiency payment rather than by the offer to purchase method. Deficiency payments will be made if necessary to producers who must make application; such application to be supported by grading certificates and receipts from the packing plants. For this reason it is very important that producers retain copies of the statements received from the packers for their lambs as these may be valuable some time in the future.

GOOD HAY

In spite of the fact that the new meadows have failed to produce any worth while amount of clover this year there is still some really good hay in the province. Curiously the best of this hay is found on fields that have been growing hay for a long time. In this connection a number of facts seem to stand out (1) Land doesn't need to be reseeded in order to grow good hay (2) An application of manure every second would appear to insure good crops (3) Better quality hay can be grown on these permanent hay fields than on the newer meadows (4) Considerable expense can be saved on permanent hay fields through the saving of seed and cultivating.

COLDER

July has started off with mixed blessings — unusually cold weather—not very welcome but very welcome and important rainfall. Moisture supply should now be ample for possibly two weeks and probably is sufficient to guarantee a very good grain crop. Hay and pasture prospects are considerably improved and all in all crop prospects are good.

New Annan Plant Lands U.K. Order

Murray MacEwen, manager for the Seeman Bros. (Canada) Limited Processing plant at New Annan, reported yesterday that the local plant has obtained a larger than usual order for frozen french fries to be shipped to England within the next few days.

Mr. MacEwen stated that for the past several months a number of shipments have been made to that country, but none of them have been as large, and the order now in hand will make quite a dent in the plant's present stocks.

On the subject of refrigerator railroad cars, Mr. MacEwen said that so far the CNR has been very co-operative with the plant, and has managed to provide them with sufficient quantities of the mechanically refrigerated cars.

On one or two occasions, this type of car has been difficult to locate. There are few in Canada, he said, and they are frequently in heavy demand in Ontario and the west. To ship this type of product, Mr. MacEwen pointed, it is necessary to have cars which will maintain a temperature of zero or lower, and with the non - mechanical type of car this is not always possible.

THROUGH MONTREAL

Due to the company's distributor in England being located in London, he said that during the month of June, most shipments have to be made through the port of Montreal, as that is the only east coast port that handles refrigerated ships plying between this country and London.

He noted that his firm would prefer to have this type of shipping facility at Halifax, as it would mean a cut in transportations costs. At present, the bulk of the refrigerated ships plying between Halifax and England make their calls at Liverpool, and this means moving the cargo via rail to London.

WESTERN BRIEFS

ON VACATION

Miss Florence Profit and her brother, Kenneth Profit, Toronto, are spending their vacation in Alberton, guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Callaghan.

VISITED RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan MacArthur, with their two children, Debbie and Scot, Hartford, Conn., visited with the former's father, Edgar MacArthur and other relatives in Alberton on Wednesday.

TO MONCTON

Mrs. Charles Barrett, Alberton, is spending several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John McDougall, Moncton, N.B.

IS PATIENT

Mrs. George Williams, Alberton, is a patient in the Western Hospital.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Eldred Hutt, Alberton, is a patient in the Western Hospital.

AT PWC

Mrs. Andy Wells, Alberton, is attending summer school at Prince of Wales College.

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WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures issued by the weather office:

	Night	Day
Dawson	48	69
Vancouver	52	62
Victoria	53	57
Edmonton	41	65
Calgary	41	67
Regina	46	74
Winnipeg	54	84
Toronto	60	78
Ottawa	52	68
Montreal	50	65
Quebec	49	65
Fredericton	48	69
Saint John	47	—
Moncton	46	65
Halifax	47	53
Charlottetown	48	57
Sydney	47	52
Yarmouth	47	59
St. John's	45	59

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says little change in the weather picture is foreseen for today.

Regional forecasts:

Halifax and vicinity: South Shore; Annapolis Valley; Northern Nova Scotia; Eastern Shore; Lower Saint John River Valley: Cloudy with a few showers. Continuing very cool. Winds increasing to northeast 20. Low-high at Halifax 45 and 60, Yarmouth and Kentville 48 and 65, New Glasgow 48 and 60, Goshen 45 and 60, Fredericton 48 and 65, Saint John 45 and 65.

Cape Breton; Prince Edward Island; Eastern N.B. counties: Cloudy with a few showers in the morning. Continuing very cool. Winds diminishing in the morning to east 15 with gusts to 25. Low-high at Sydney 45 and 55, Charlottetown 50 and 60, Moncton 48 and 65.

Upper Saint John River Valley; Bay of Chaleur: Clearing this afternoon. Continuing very cool. Light winds. Low-high at Edmundston 45 and 65, Campbellton 48 and 65.

Bay of Fundy: Winds northeast 25. Cloudy with a few showers. Visibility 10 miles kowering in showers to 3 miles, in fog to near zero. Temperatures in the 50s.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2.01 a.m. and 1.22 p.m. At Rustico at 8.17 a.m. and 11.16 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 4.37 and sets at 7.32.

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