

Island News Page

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Island Farm Revenue Is Showing Increase

By NEIL MATHESON

Farm income in Prince Edward Island has been increasing in recent years, it was learned from the department of agriculture, through Nova Scotia farm spokesmen who are threatening dramatic action if something is not done to halt the decline there.

The Nova Scotia federation of agriculture threatens to have farmers block highways with their tractors, for example, or have them march to Halifax. The "tractors on the road" approach was used last year by Quebec farmers as a protest measure.

Figures for the complete period of 1965 were not available yesterday but comparable figures for the first nine months of the last three years indicate the earnings trend is on the upswing.

Official DBS (Dominion bureau of statistics) figures indicate that farm income in January through September 1965 amounted to \$30,299,000 and this is up sharply over the \$22,696,000 for the corresponding period of 1964. The 1963 figure for the same period was \$18,563,000. The totals in each case are for "total farm cash receipts".

The tremendous part which potatoes play in the overall farm cash receipts are indicated by the following figures:

In 1965 the estimated total potato revenue was \$15.7 million dollars. In 1964 the official DBS report said it was \$17.7 million and this was an all-time record for this province. The potato revenue in 1963 was \$10.3 million, in 1962 it was \$8.0 million and in 1961 it was \$7.5 million.

The estimate for the 1965 potato revenue is unofficial at the present time, though the figures came from the provincial department of agriculture. All other figures are from DBS.

Though official figures indicate more than 100,000 pounds of milk in four consecutive lactations.

Several other Holsteins have done that but Aagie is the only cow, the story says, that was ever made grand champion at a major show after completing a year's record of over 30,000 pounds of milk. She was grand champion at the Central Canada Exhibition in Ottawa in 1963 after producing 30,118 pounds of milk containing 1,062 pounds butterfat. The cow has a lifetime average of 173 percent for milk and 161 percent for fat. Aagie has won many grand championships since her owner Charles Naylor, Lancaster, Ontario.

Shaw, Vaughan Mull Trade Idea

Premier Walter R. Shaw and J. H. Vaughan, Halifax, N.S. discussed the idea of a free trade area between the Maritimes and New England area of the United States yesterday.

Mr. Vaughan is the member of the Nova Scotia Legislature for Halifax North and during the last sitting of that Legislature he raised the question of the proposed free trade area.

The Premier said that the government of Prince Edward Island would be "agreeable" to join with the governments of the other Atlantic provinces to investigate the proposal and ways of implementing it.

He pointed out that in the report of the Economic Council of Canada, headed by Dr. John Deutch, it was mentioned that special consideration would have to be given to certain areas of Canada in order for them to enjoy the same economic benefits and opportunities as the rich industrialized areas.

The Premier said he thought that a free trade agreement

might be one way to bring the Atlantic Area closer economically with Central Canada. He said there were a number of difficulties to be overcome, but he felt they could be mastered.

Of the fact that such an agreement would be an international one favoring only one section of the country, Premier Shaw said the same thing exists in the auto agreement between Canada and the U.S. The auto agreement favors the manufacturers of Ontario and has little effect in the rest of the country, Mr. Shaw concluded.

Death Occurs At Montague

MONTAGUE — The death of Michael Steele of Gasperaux occurred Feb. 6 at the Kings County Memorial Hospital in his 74th year.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John D. Steele and lived all his life as Gasperaux.

Surviving is one sister, Marie, and one brother, Angus, both at home.

Remains are resting at the Montague Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held this morning (Tuesday) at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, Sturgeon. Interment in the church cemetery.

Court Imposes Speeding Fines

Five men appeared before Magistrate A.J. Halam, QC, in city police court yesterday.

Ronald Frank Reeves, Southampton, charged with speeding, was fined \$20 and costs or 10 days.

Another city man, Francis Henry Prunty, also charged with speeding was fined \$13 and costs or five days.

James Cavanaugh, city, charged with disorderly conduct, was given a 30-day suspended sentence — commitment held pending good behavior.

George Hughes, city, arraigned on an assault charge, was remanded to today.

John Carson, city, arraigned on a drunk and disorderly charge, was also remanded to today.

Failed To Stop Given \$10 Fine

SUMMERSIDE — Melvin Collicott, Summerside, charged with failing to stop at a stop sign was fined \$10 and costs or 10 days when he appeared before Magistrate R. S. Hinton, QC, in town court yesterday.

A fine of \$20 and costs or 30 days was imposed upon a Miscouche resident for illegal possession of liquor.

These were the only two cases on the docket.

Project Meet Is Wednesday

GEORGETOWN — Officials of the Georgetown Centennial Committee announced over the weekend that activities regarding the 1967 centennial project are being stepped up in preparation to a start being made in the committee's project in early spring, and that the first meeting in the new drive for action will be held in the Town Hall, Wednesday night.

The committee is anxious that a large number of citizens attend this week's meeting, so that plans can be finalized on several aspects of the work and organizational work be proceeded with.

The ambitious project that the committee has set for itself is the task of proceeding with the reclaiming, grading and general beautification of Kent-Square to establish it as a combined scenic square, children's playground and picnic area.

A considerable amount of planning has already been done but the committee urgently needs supporters, not only for a possible enlargement of the committee's number, but to assist in many ways to assure that this project, which should be a great interest to all citizens, is carried forward in a manner that will insure its successful completion.

Organizations are urged to send representatives and individual citizens are urged to attend this meeting and lend their assistance.

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RECEIVES AWARD

Mrs. J.G. Dennis, (LEFT), executive director of the Canadian Cancer Society, presents Miss Gertrude Coady retiring director with a silver emblem of the Cancer Society last night at a meeting at the Confederation Centre. Also present at this meeting was George Pipber, national secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Cancer Society.

THIS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

Certified Potato Seed Pay Growers Dividends

By NEIL A. MATHESON

The tremendous part which the potato plays in the agricultural economy has been recognized for many years, but the figures for the past two years place that value far above anything which has been thought of in the past.

The \$17.7 million dollars estimated for 1964 by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics must be an all-time high, and the estimated \$15.7 million for 1965 — this estimate is subject to change — is a close second.

The Potato Producers meeting last week was largely attended, and it brought keen discussion. Sometimes the discussion was heated, and the odd insult was thrown across the hall at Birch Court.

The difference of opinion was as strong as it could possibly be, but one must recognize that the opinions were honest ones, at least most of them were.

The officially accepted way to clean up the file of the potato industry is to plant nothing but certified seed, or better — that means "certified" seed, "Foundation" which is the top grade.

But one man, for example, said he has had disease in his potatoes, but he cleared it up. He has no disease in his potatoes now, hasn't had any, in fact, for several years. And he has been growing tablestock, his own spuds. He'd like to keep on growing his own, for he knows they're disease free.

SCARED TO BUY

"I'm really scared I'll get Ring Rot if I go out and buy seed from a registered grower — it has happened to other people," he emphasized.

The official decision is that disease can best be controlled by insisting on planting nothing but certified or Foundation seed in any lots of one quarter acre or more. And that is what will be followed.

In the past there was a loophole. The minister of agriculture could issue a permit in special cases, for a man to plant tablestock. The minister told the meeting he would issue no further permits. I gather that the legislature may be asked to stamp out the permit possibility, though I don't know for sure.

The minister promised the man — he's the one I've been talking about previously — to give me the number of permits



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