

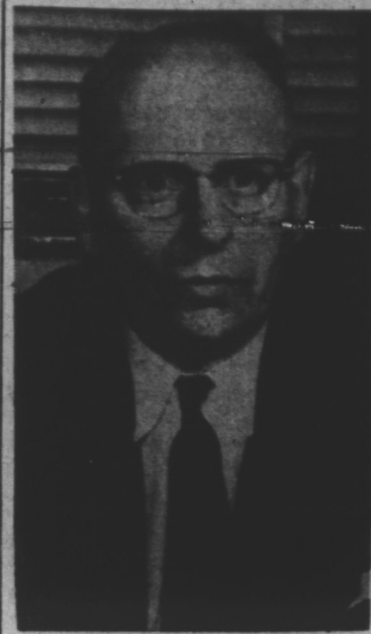
### P.E.I. Red Cross Campaign Is Scheduled To Begin Today

March is the month set aside in Canada and the U.S. for the annual Red Cross campaign which gets underway officially today. In this year's Golden Jubilee campaign, Prince Edward Island's objective is \$20,000.

In an interview, William Hayward, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Charlottetown, who is heading the 1959 campaign as provincial chairman, said that already many of last year's canvassers have signified their willingness to carry on again this year, and that new collectors are offering their services as well.

Mr. Hayward said that Foxley River, a small community in Prince County, had the honour of being the first to make returns for the 1959 appeal. Village Green, Grand Tracadie, French River Park Corner, all in Queen's County were close seconds to Foxley River. The enthusiasm displayed by the canvassers in these districts, argues well for the success of this year's undertaking, Mr. Hayward remarked.

An early contribution of a sizeable amount has been received from a lady who is particularly appreciative of sickroom equipment she has on loan through Red Cross Nursing Services, during her convalescence.



WILLIAM HAYWARD

This week, the special names committee in Charlottetown, headed by J.C. Montgomery and Fulton Pierce, as co-chairman, will be calling on business firms in the city.

### DISCUSS STABILIZATION

J. L. Dewar (centre) from Charlottetown, P.E.I., one of the representatives on the Advisory Committee of the Agricultural Stabilization Board, discussing stabilization programs with Hon. Douglas S. Harkness (left), federal Minister of Agriculture, and L. W. Pearsall, Board chairman, (right) during a recent meeting

### EDUCATIONAL HORIZON

#### Education Week Focuses Attention On P.E.I. Problems

Education Week is one week out of the fifty-two when a very special emphasis is placed upon education.

Its aims are:

1. To awaken a greater interest in the needs of education across Canada.  
2. To bring about an awareness that schools and education must keep up with changes that have taken place in our way of living since we were children.  
3. To provide an opportunity for constructive criticism and intelligent evaluation of modern education.

4. To have citizens realize that education is not solely the responsibility of the schools, but demands the closest cooperation among teachers, parents, clergy, business men and industrial workers.

5. And finally to turn the spotlight on our own weaknesses in the hope that our children in Prince Edward Island will not be deprived of an education no matter where they happen to be born.

This is not so in our province today. There are certain areas in our province where the education of the children is sadly neglected due largely to the lack of means of the people of the district to provide educational facilities. What is fair or just about a system of school finance whereby one rural district is able to spend \$170 yearly on each pupil while another rural district spends \$60? It is questionable whether this situation is caused by the latter district's inability to pay more or whether it is a sort of "what was good enough fifty years ago, is good enough now," attitude toward education but whatever the reason such discrepancies should not exist in Prince Edward Island.

#### FINANCE SURVEY

The writer was privileged to be a spectator in the Legislature last week when the Minister of Education, the Hon. Keir Clark, said in his address that a complete survey of school finance is to be undertaken this fall by Dr. H.E. LaZerte, Dean of Education, University of Manitoba. Surely this study, together with the proposed alleviation of inequalities in regard to financing education will meet with the hearty approval of all citizens as a step forward in education as one that is long overdue.

The Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation has been advocating such a survey for many years - as did also the Provincial Conference on Education held last November. I see here an opportunity for the children in the remote areas to have a chance.

The benefit to the boys and girls will depend in the final analysis, on the type of teacher that will carry on in the schools. A much used statement but one that still rings true - "without an intelligent, well-trained teacher in the school, all else will be in vain," so that a beautiful building with modern equipment is not a guarantee that the children will be educated, except as these things contribute to the physical well-being of the children. That angle, of course, must not be overlooked - a comfortable well equipped school has its advantages but the rate-payer's money will be wasted unless within that building there is a well educated and well trained teacher at the helm guiding the education of the children under her care.

The fact that we have not

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enough of the right type of teacher to supply our schools should cause us concern. According to statistics we should get an influx of approximately 200 teacher trainees to take care of the number who leave the profession for one reason or another each year. Instead, the average number who entered our Provincial Normal School for the last ten years was 57 - this year there are 36 in training - 36 to look after the approximate 200 vacancies that are liable to occur. At this rate we shall never get rid of the 100 plus permit teachers, misfits and those who are filling in because a teacher cannot be found. There is no need to gloss over the problem, it is with us and must be met.

Why aren't more young people entering the teaching profession in our province today? Many reasons could be given - suffice it to say there are many types of employment available today that did not exist twenty-five years ago. Business and industry, scientific research, the armed services, all these, are drawing our top-ranking high school and university graduates - almost everywhere one turns - work is available for educated young people - work that offers attractive beginning salaries and a promising future. Teaching in comparison rates a poor second choice.

WHAT FOUNDATION? Of course, if on Prince Edward Island, we have many who think as the person who expressed the view in one of this week's Guardians, that any one can teach the junior grades - then our efforts to secure qualified teachers in our schools is waste time.

Would that person, when building a house, put inferior material in the foundation and top it off with a first class roof? His building as he knows would be just as secure as the rotten beams in the foundation - so it is with teaching - the foundation must be well and truly laid. If poor teaching is to be endured and Heaven forbid - put the poor teachers at the top.

Standards of teaching from Grade 1 up must be of the best if the children are to follow through high school and university with any degree of success, we cannot afford weak places in the structure. In Prince Edward Island we have a core of excellent teachers but we haven't enough of them - we must have more, and to get more we must make the teaching profession more attractive to recruit and retain. Implementing a proper salary schedule is one of the best ways to do this. The beginning salary for all classes of our teachers is too low. Over 500 of our 840 teachers received, last year, a salary less than \$2,000. That, I think, tells its own story.

Is there money in our province to pay our teachers a better salary? We spent last year over three million dollars in liquor - the logical inference would be that

Plan To Extend War Veterans' Benefit Period

OTTAWA (CP)—A bill to extend by nearly three years the period in which Second World War veterans may obtain re-establishment credits was introduced in the Commons Friday by Veterans Minister Brooks.

The present cut-off date is Jan. 1, 1960. This is extended to Sept. 30, 1962, except for veterans discharged after Sept. 30, 1947. They have 15 years from their discharge to collect benefits.

The legislation makes a similar extension in the period during which veterans can repay re-establishment credits in order to get benefits under the Veterans Land Act.

The bill makes a series of other administrative changes, including one allowing payment of re-establishment credits to veterans who chose to take benefits under the Veterans Land Act but didn't get VLA benefits equivalent to what they would have received in re-establishment credits.

MOSTLY URBAN About 90 per cent of the population of the United Kingdom lives in towns and cities.

### AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

#### INFLATION AND THE FARMER

A great deal of concern both public and private is being expressed on the question of inflation. Everyone apparently deplores it but no one seems to re-lish the alternative, deflation. With respect to agriculture there are persons—and quite well-informed ones too—who argue that agriculture does not suffer due to inflation but rather benefits from it. Inflation of course destroys the value of money; it doesn't destroy the value of land, buildings, equipment etc. Where a farmer has undertaken long term obligations it may perhaps be easier for him to pay them with inflated dollars.

In Germany following the first great war inflation reached such a pitch that farmers paid off quite large mortgages by selling one cow.

However, at the present time in Canada we appear to have inflation and at the same time the farmer is not in a very good position. Why is this so? It is the result of inflation or is it the result of some other factor? Certainly if the price of what the farmer has to sell had kept pace with the price of what he has to buy, it might be argued that inflation is not hurting him. Certainly the relatively low prices of farm products are due in most

cases not to inflation but to over production. All of which appears to add up to the fact that over-production is denying the farmer the benefits which he has traditionally received as the result of inflation.

There are others who may also benefit from inflation, the urban person paying for a home and this is probably the largest investment that such people ever make, will likely find it easier to pay for that home in periods of inflation than might be the case if good hard dollars were the order of the day.

#### FEDERATION BRIEF

The brief presented to the members of the Legislature by the Federation has appeared in the press and readers can form their own conclusions on the subject material. More than the usual

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amount of time was spent this year in dealing with the recom-mendations and member of both the House and the delegation discussed them to considerable length. This opportunity is welcomed by the organization and might in future lead to something approaching a full scale debate on the brief.

Some two weeks ago the directors of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture met with the Prime Minister and the Cabinet for almost three hours and in addition also met with the party/caucuses of the different groups in the House of Commons. Generally there seems to be an increased awareness of the position of agriculture, an awareness which is increasing the attention bestowed on this industry not only by Government but by other sections of the economy as well.

FEDERATION MEETING  
A general public meeting of the Federation is planned for the night of March 17 at the Legion Hall in Charlottetown. The chief speaker will be Mr. David Kirk, secretary of the C.F.A. who will be making his first visit to this province. Mr. Kirk's knowledge of agriculture is held in high regard by those who know him and those who attend the meeting on March 17 can look forward to something special in the way of a contribution to placing farm problems in perspective. The balance of the program has not yet been arranged but announcement will be carried through the press and other media.

#### MARCH

We can now enter into March with its stronger sun, strong wind and blusters all verging towards the long Maritime spring. March and April are two long months and make a telling effect on feed supplies, even May, if the pasture season does not start at a reasonable time can be the straw that breaks the camel's back so far as the hay stack is concerned.

RUSSIAN 7 YEAR PLAN  
The Russians have unveiled a new seven year plan that seeks to boost agricultural production by at least 70 per cent.

The big push will be in grain production. A goal for 1956 production has been set at around 164 million tons. Besides boosting the output, farmers are being asked to concentrate on the most valuable hard wheat varieties and the best varieties of buckwheat and pulses.

HOG MIRACLE  
During the last three months of 1957 Canadians ate 104 thousand hogs per week. For the same per-

iod in 1958 the consumption went to 136 thousand and for December the amazing number of 153 thousand hogs per week went into domestic consumption—almost 50 thousand more per week than was the case in December of 1957. With greatly increased hog production this has been a very happy circumstance, otherwise the Government would hold a very great deal more than its present modest stock pile. Canadians along with eating high on the hog have in addition kept up to very satisfactory levels of beef consumption. A product not in a very favourable place with either pork or poultry.

#### U.S. FARM COSTS

It's going to cost at least \$6,500,000,000 to run the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the next fiscal year. This amounts to about eight cents out of every dollar the U.S. Government spends during fiscal 1960, which starts next July 1.

#### PLENTY OF COFFEE

There is an awful lot of coffee in Brazil and in the world. Latest estimates is that total coffee crop for 1958-59 will be 59.1 million bags, a record high production. The exportable portion of this is 52.1 million bags, 15 per cent above last year's availability. Weather has continued to be good for coffee growing and bumper crops are expected in many areas to cost at least \$6,500,000,000 to run the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the next fiscal year. This amounts to about eight cents out of every dollar the U.S. Government spends during fiscal 1960, which starts next July 1.

#### ECONOMY

The farmer is an operator who lives on the expense which he does not incur.

#### McLean Taken From Bell Is.

BELL ISLAND, Nfld. (CP)—Mayor Dr. Walter Templeton said Friday the transport department icebreaker McLean is badly needed to keep open a channel between here and the mainland.

He said his request to the department to keep the McLean here was turned down. The icebreaker left Thursday after breaking a path through ice-choked Bonavista Bay to deliver provisions to the island's 10,000 residents. Ferries have been unable to

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