

### St. Paul's Laymen's Association Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of St. Paul's Laymen's Association was held Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall with the president, Mr. T. D. DeBlois in the chair. There was a fairly large attendance. The Laymen of St. Mark's Anglican Church, Kensington, had been invited as guests, but due to road conditions were unable to make the trip.

Guests at the meeting were Constables J. T. Davis and W. F. Johnston of the R.C.M.P. and Mr. Norman Tregunno of the Halifax Seed Co.

A saxophone solo was given by Mr. Jack MacAndrew with Mr. Royston Mugford at the piano. A lively sing-song followed, led by Corporal Alex Green, accompanied by Roy Mugford at the piano, Jack MacAndrew and his saxophone, and George Wood and his trumpet.

The Ladies of the Parish Guild, under their convenor, Mrs. George Ives, were thanked by the president, for the very excellent meal they served.

The guest speaker, Mr. Walter R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, was introduced by the chairman, who remarked on Mr. Shaw's great capabilities and wide knowledge in the field of agriculture. Mr. DeBlois also mentioned the great honor Mr. Shaw had brought to Prince Edward Island in being selected to represent Canada in Agriculture at a Food Conference of thirty nations of the world at Sweden in June of this year.

Mr. Shaw gave a most informative address on Agricultural Economics in Canada, and dealt specifically with problems here on Prince Edward Island. He stated that sixty per cent of the people of Canada depended on Agriculture, and that if we did not have a healthy economic picture in the agricultural field, the whole economics of the country would be badly affected. He went on to point out that during the years 1944-1949 there was a perfect balance of trade between agriculture and industry — the farmers were receiving good prices for their products and in turn were big purchasers or customers of industry. However, said Mr. Shaw, that is not the case today, the boom is still on in industry, and the farmer on the other hand is receiving gradual lower prices for his products. Commercial feed prices are increasing, farm machinery is if anything higher than last year, yet the farmer must market his pork products at a lower price than last year, likewise eggs and poultry, and also all dairy products. If export markets and contracts continue as they are, Mr. Shaw went on, then the farmers of P.E.I. will have hundreds of thousands of dollars less revenue than last year from pork and dairy products, and this will certainly be felt in every business and profession on this Island, because the farmer is the best spender of money that there is.

Col. F. I. Andrew thanked the speaker on behalf of all those present, and extended an invitation to him to come back and speak to us again after he returns from Europe.

The president announced that a Corporate Communion for all Laymen would be held in St. Paul's Church, Sunday, April 16th, at 8.30 a.m. and urged all the Laymen to make a special effort to attend.

Mr. DeBlois gave notice that the next meeting, on May 2nd, would be the annual meeting of the Association. He appointed a nominating committee of Messrs. H. E. Miller, chairman, G. E. Ives, and G. E. Procter, to bring in a slate of officers for the 1950-51 season at the next meeting.

The meeting closed with Benediction by the Rector, Rev. J. T. Ibbott.

### Ford Motor Annual Report

Record production, sales and profits in 1949 were revealed in the annual report of Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, made public today.

The report showed total sales of \$212,036,801, as compared with \$168,288,888 in 1948, and with an average annual sales volume of \$83,173,018 in the 20-year period 1929-1948.

Net profit of \$17,256,762 on the all-time record sales volume was equal to \$10.40 per share, and 8.13 per cent of sales. The previous year's net profit of \$7,999,834 was equal to \$4.80 a share and 4.73 per cent of sales.

Production of 112,130 passenger cars and trucks topped the output for all previous years since the inception of the company in 1904.

The increase in sales volume was wholly attributable to improved sales in the Canadian market, the report stated. Canadian sales reached a value of \$182,077,638, or 85.8 per cent of the total, as compared with \$122,118,522, or 72.6 per cent of total sales in 1948. The value of export sales declined from \$46,170,386 in 1948 to \$29,958,963 in 1949.

The Canadian market absorbed 84.5 per cent of the Canadian-made cars and trucks sold by the company in 1949, as compared with 64 per cent in 1948 and 59.6 per cent in 1947. The combined total of 84,796 passenger cars and trucks sold by the company represented 85.7 per cent of all vehicles of Canadian and United States origin wholesaled in the Dominion during 1949, as against a comparable percentage of 26.8 in 1948.

The report stated that more Canadians bought Ford passenger cars in 1949 than any other make in any price class, and although the company's Mercury car had been introduced as recently as June, 1948, it moved into third place

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among all makes. Both Mercury and Monarch cars outsold all competing makes in their price group, and the company's Ford and Mercury trucks, with a combined total of 23,314 units, accounted for 33.9 per cent of all trucks of Canadian or United States origin sold in the Dominion. The total of passenger cars sold by the company, 65,464 units, compared with 36,544 in 1948 and 39,737 in 1947, and represented 36.6 per cent of all Canadian or United States makes sold in Canada.

In addition, Ford of Canada sold 3,920 passenger cars and 989 light commercial vehicles imported from Ford Motor Company of Dagenham, England. The company also sold in Canada 11,051 tractors, of which 10,585 were imported from the United States and 466 from England.



### MOUNT HERBERT YOUNG MARRIED GROUP

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Herbert Young Married Couples' Group was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Wood on Thursday evening, March 16th.

The meeting opened with a short scripture reading by Beryl Wood, followed by the group singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Rev. A. S. Weir then led in prayer. The discussion was on chapters 4 and 5 of St. Matthew's Gospel, after which the group joined in singing "Near the Cross." The devotional period was closed by the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr. Weir.

The business period opened with Evelyn Jenkins in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The roll call was answered by fourteen members. The discussion for next meeting will be on the sixth and seventh chapters of St. Matthew. It was moved and seconded that two dollars be given to the annual Red Cross collection. The collection amounted to one dollar and forty-five cents. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Mutch on Thursday, April 20.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

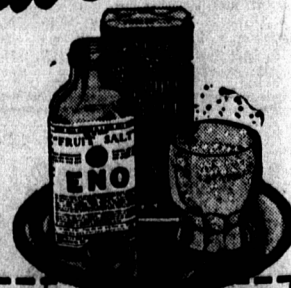
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