

A Feature For Every Friday

# Among The Farmers

## Federation Of Agriculture News

### School District Meetings

Arrangements have been completed and material is now being sent out to all secretaries of School District Federations for the meetings to be held on the night most suitable to each district next week. The Secretary and chairman have the responsibility of arranging the meeting but each member should endeavour to interest other members in having them turn out.

Among the matters that will be discussed are the Spanish Potato deal, a quota system of marketing potatoes, the improvement of cattle, and warble fly control.

Each Secretary is being supplied with material to provide information for an interesting discussion. Where there are Farm Forums in the community it would be alright to hold the meeting on Monday, December 18th which is Farm Forum Round-up night.

Before any policy is advocated by the P. E. I. Federation it must have the backing of members through the Province. The school district meeting is the place to discuss these matters and give the directors an idea as to what policies should be advocated.

### Producers' Share Of The Food Dollar

Farmers are usually quite interested and the consumers as well in the farmer's share of the consumer's food dollar. A wide variation exists in different products due to the amount of processing involved, expense of transportation, and bulk of the product, etc.

Out of each dollar that the consumer pays for the fluid milk the farmer gets fifty four cents; out of the butter dollar the farmer gets seventy-six cents; with beef the farmer's share is sixty-four cents; for each dollar spent for white bread eighteen cents actually goes to the farmer; for canned tomatoes the farmer's share is twenty cents; and for potatoes the farmer's share is almost exactly one-half; eggs return the farmer seventy-four cents out of each dollar spent by the consumer.

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are reasonably good for the immediate future.

### Canada's Farm Labour Force

P. E. I. is the only part of Canada where people are leaving the farm. On August 31, 1930, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics there were 85,000 fewer farm workers in Canada than during the previous year.

The available labour in other industries increased by 156,000. At the present time there are over three times as many workers employed in other services or industries as are employed in agriculture.

### Bush And Stump Killer

2,4-D is widely used at the present time as a selective weed killer. Recently there has been developed a new compound which when sprayed around the base of bushes and stumps prevent further growth. This compound is made up to 2,4-D plus 2,4,5-T and a mixture of oil, such a compound which would assist materially in helping the farmer prevent unwanted growth of small trees and also growth on cut over land which he desired to clear.

### Good Pastures

Good pastures have always been a sign of prosperous agriculture, so dairymen's interest in permanency, or the long-term view in farming, and must necessarily be based on sound conservation practices to survive. Continued or long-term production of any of the main farm crops, grain, vegetables, etc., is only possible in a rotation in which pastures and hay are included.

One of the best known methods to control erosion is to cover the soil with a grass sod, which not only provides the dairyman with one of nature's best and cheapest feeds, but builds up the soil at the same time. Well nourished crops giving maximum food value for man and beast are made possible from the organic matter and manures produced on the dairy farm, which also gives humanity one of its best foods—milk.

### Bacon Contract

The Hon. Mr. Gardiner's announcement that Britain is prepared to buy 130 million pounds of bacon in the coming year provides the industry with assurance of a market. However, the important question which apparently has to be settled is the price. Any reduction in the contract price without complementary increase in subsidy plus increase in freight rates and other costs would not likely produce great enthusiasm on the part of the hog producers. We feel that there is not much point in a government negotiating contracts unless it is prepared to provide inducement for their fulfillment. All in all prospects for producers of livestock products

### Christmas Trees And Pulp Wood

Many farmers with wood lots are supplementing their income by cutting Christmas trees and pulp wood. The well cared for wood lot can provide, if properly managed, a yearly source of income, fuel and lumber for home use.

### Potato Growing In Central Canada

There are indications that Maritime Potato Growers will in the future be meeting with increased competition from Ontario and Quebec.

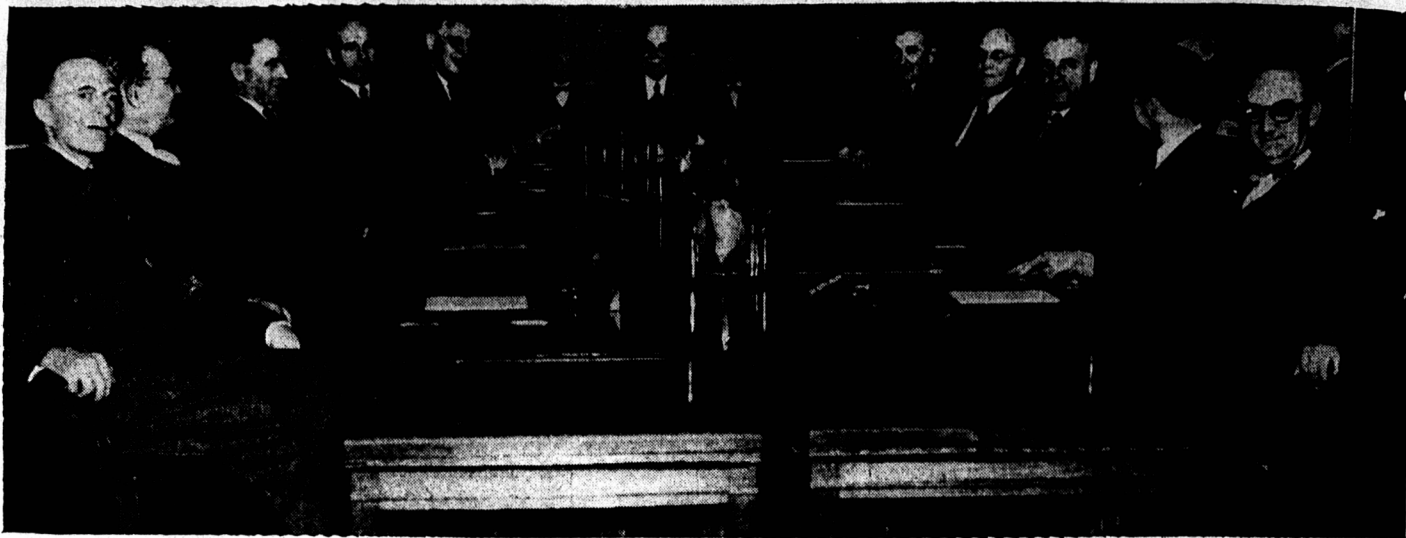
Lower transportation costs give Central Canada farmers a decided advantage over our farmers and the development of light resistant high producing varieties will be an advantage to many of our competitors.

### Reminder

The week of December 11th to 18th should be noted as the one during which District Federations of Agriculture are expected to meet and discuss farm problems.

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## Provincial And Federal Government Leaders At Ottawa



In a closed session in Ottawa from which press and public were barred, Canada's Federal and Provincial authorities discussed ways and means to revise the nation's tax system, and to improve the old-age pension plan now in operation. Seated, top, around the table, are: E. C. Man-

ning, Alta., left; Walter Jones, P.E.I.; D. C. Campbell; Man.; Angus Macdonald, N. S.; Leslie Frost, Ont.; Louis St. Laurent; Maurice Duplessis, Que.; J. B. McNair, N.B.; Herbert Anscombe, B.C.; Thomas Douglas, Sask; Joseph Smallwood, Nfld.

Newfoundland with tablestock. Price 40c per 75 lbs. delivered Montague. Few turnips going on vessels—30c per bus. at farm.

A summary of the situation would indicate that movement has been light over the past week. The domestic tablestock market was poor but shows signs of strengthening. More inquiry but with heat charges now net price to grower should be 40c per 75 lb. bag. Seed continues to move with boats loading at Souris, Charlottetown and Summerside.

## Market Report Farm Prices &

The following excerpts are from the weekly marketing report, prepared by Mr. S. C. Wright of the Provincial Department of Agriculture:

### Feeds

According to reports that we have received the feed market is more or less unsettled due to the critical Korean situation. No. 3 CW oats is quoted at \$2.96, and No. 1 feed oats at \$2.83 1-2, bulk, carlots delivered; No. 1 feed barley \$2.98 1-2; No. 2 feed barley \$2.89; No. 5 Northern wheat \$2.88 1-4. All prices carlots delivered. Oatcake meal is not offered at all and soyabean is quoted at \$4.28 1-2 in used jute bags at St. John. Prices here would be plus the freight from St. John to Charlottetown. Bran and shorts have both eased a little with bran being quoted at \$30.50 and shorts at \$31.50 in paper bags, carlots delivered.

### Dairying

The market report from Halifax under date of December 1st shows factory prices 59c f.o.b. Halifax with Local Jobbing at 6c. This is an increase of 1c per pound over the previous week.

Montreal price for butter No. 1 Solids—December 1st—57 1-4c; Toronto 57 1-4c to 57 1-2c on the same date.

Under date of December 1st also the price of butter in New Brunswick was quoted as follows:

Creameries to Wholesalers—one and two pound flats—58 1-2c. Wholesale to Retail Stores—one and two pound flats—60c.

Butter advanced in Charlottetown during the past week—1c per lb. The wholesale price at Charlottetown is now quoted at 58 1-2c with Local Jobbing at 6c.

The Agricultural Prices Support Board is holding thirty-three million pounds of butter as of December 1st and a similar amount is also in the hands of the trade. The method of buying butter from the Board is similar to that of last year but they are emphasizing the necessity of butter dealers selling through the regular channels only, to prevent any quantity getting into the hands of those who would be in a position to increase the price generally.

The Board believes there is sufficient butter available in Canada now to carry through until the production season, but if necessary, they will import butter to supply the trade. It is expected the Board will continue to sell butter at the present price of 57c delivered, but as time goes on price structure would be reviewed. It is the intention of the Board to supply the trade with its requirements of butter at a reasonable price until next spring.

### Livestock

Prices on all classes of livestock increased during the past week at both Moncton and Charlottetown. This strong trend is in line with stronger markets in both Montreal and Toronto. The following is the detail:

Hogs at Moncton: Grade A 29.75; B1 29.35. No. 1 sows 25.00; No. 2 24.00 hot dressed weight delivered. Hogs at Charlottetown: F.o.b. country points. Grade A 28.75; B1 28.35. No. 1 sows 24.00; No. 2 23.00.

Cattle at Moncton: F.o.b. country points. Steers: Choice 25.50; good 24.50; medium 23.00; common 17.00 to 20.00. Heifers: Choice 25.00; good 24.00; medium 22.50; common 16.00 to 20.00. Cows: Good 18.00; medium 17.00; common 16.00, canners and cutters 12.00 to 14.00. Bulls: Good 18.00; medium 17.00; common 15.00.

Cattle at Charlottetown: Delivered to plant. Steers: Choice 23.50; good 22.50; medium 22.00; common 18.00 to 18.00. Heifers: Choice 23.00; good 22.00; medium 21.50; common 15.00 to 18.00. Cows: Good 18.00; medium 16.00 to 17.00; common 15.00; canners 11.00 to 13.00; cutters 14.00. Bulls: Good 17.00; medium 16.00; common 14.00 to 15.00.

Calves at Moncton: F.o.b. country points. Choice 25.00; good veal 24.00; medium 23.00; common 20.00; grassers 17.00 to 18.00.

Calves at Charlottetown: Delivered. Choice veal 24.00; good 23.00; medium 22.00; common 19.00; grassers 16.00 to 17.00.

Sheep at Moncton: F.o.b. Good 12.00; down to 7.00 for common. Rail Grade 21.00 for a Grade.

Sheep at Charlottetown: Good

and choice 13.00 alive. Rail Grade 23.00 Grade A up to 30 lbs. Lambs at Moncton: F.o.b. Good and choice, alive, 24.00. Rail Grade 37.00 delivered for Grade A. Lambs at Charlottetown: Delivered, good and choice alive 22.50. Rail Grade 33.00 Grade A.

### Potatoes

The following are the details at various points in the Province: Tignish: No. 1 Sebago seed 38c per bus. at car. Small Sebagoes 55c per bus. at car. Tablestock Mountains 42c for 75 lbs. at car. O'Leary: Tablestock any variety 37c per bus. Sebago seed 37c per bus. on car.

Wellington: Very little tablestock moving. Price about 38c for 75 lbs. Sebago seed 60c per cwt. at barn.

Summerside: Tablestock all varieties 36c per bus. Sebago seed No. 1 40c per bus. Sebago smalls 50c per bus. Cobler smalls 40c per bus. Heavy movement to boats.

Borden Line: Green Mountain Seed and Tablestock 50c per 75 lb. bag delivered. Fair movement. Turnips 35c per bus.

Murray Harbour: Nothing moving in this area at present. Colville and Wiltshire: Movement light. Few seed Cobblers loading 35c per bus. delivered.

Charlottetown: Seed all varieties 36c per bulk bushel at shipping point. Tablestock 37c-38c per 75 lbs. bulk to grower at shipping point. Turnips 28c-30c bulk bushel delivered at car.

Kensington: Light movement, Tablestock 40c per bag. Seed 36c per bus.

Vernon River: Sebago and Mountain seed 60c per cwt. at farmer's yard. Tablestock Sebagoes and Mountains 40c-42c per 75 lbs. at

farmer's yard. Few cars turnips moving at 28c-30c per bushel to farmer.

Cardigan: Tablestock any variety 40c for 75 lbs. No seed moving. Turnips 28c-30c per bus. at farm.

Morell: No movement on tablestock or turnips. Few cars Cobler seed loading at 32c per bus. to farmer.

Souris: Tablestock 32c per bus. Katahdin and Cobler seed 33c-36c per bushel. Foundation A Sebagoes 40c per bus. Heavy movement to Government shed for boats. "Mary Sweeny" now loading 9,000 sacks seed 100's.

Elmira: No price and no movement on seed.

Montague: No seed moving. Loaded two small vessels for

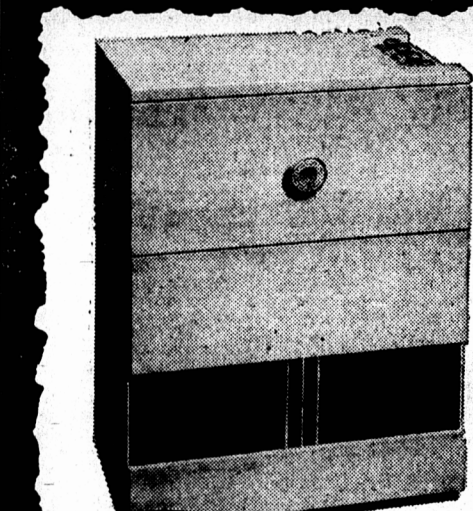
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