

FEDERATION NEWS LETTER

Report Advocates Some Farmers Should Move Into Other Fields

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR
 In 1963 the research firm of Hedlin-Menzies was commissioned to make a report on Eastern agriculture. We now have a copy of this report and as it hasn't been widely circulated possibly some reference to it may be in order.

Already the opening statement has had fairly wide circulation. "Approximately 50 per cent of the farmers in the study area, if provided with suitable alternative employment and the training required for it, could leave agriculture to the benefit of themselves and to the net gain of the remaining farm community and the national economy."

In plain language this statement means that nearly half of the farmers in the survey group would be better rewarded in some other employment and, in addition, that the remaining farmers would have a better opportunity of succeeding.

Again we quote, "Relatively few farmers in any of the study areas who owned less than 100

improved acres had achieved an economic operation." Again, "Almost half of the cash receipts of farmers making less than \$2,500.00 came from off-farm earnings and from such social payments as family allowance, old age pension, welfare payments and the like."

"Interviewers gained the impression that small, and low-income farmers feared mortgage debt. Evidence from the survey suggests that debt on the non-commercial farms has little prospect of so increasing production that profitable enterprises will result. In sharp contrast, on economic farms increased debt might be justified and readily serviced for well planned expansion.

That farmers are conscious of this is attested by the fact that, on balance a higher proportion of the high income farmers have debts. The standard of living on the 50 per cent non-commercial farms is currently very low. Production on these farms, while small and uneconomic contributes to and at times creates surplus production. This increases the need for price supports and farm subsidization."

The foregoing are random observations from a report that deals extensively with the economic factors related to low farm income. It should, of course, be pointed out that while economic considerations are the ones that will determine whether the farm lives or dies there are still social conditions and a way of life that are of importance to many people on non-commercial farms.

It should be pointed out that generally most agricultural policies designed to assist the farmer have had very little effect on the low income operator. It is here that the ARDA program can be really meaningful in re-organizing the low-income areas and in assisting people to improved income through activities which supplement farm income.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Political Forecast Is Seen Interesting

By NEIL A. MATHESON
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POLITICAL TALK was buzzing here this week with the announcement by Premier Walter Shaw of byelections early next month to fill vacancies in Fifth Prince and First Kings, but the most interesting proposal I heard suggests that Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell will retire on pension, that J. Watson MacNaught, MP for Prince County and Island member in the federal cabinet, will step into the Chief Justice's office, and that Alex Campbell, son of Chief Justice Campbell will move in as the Prince County representative in the House of Commons. Of course he would have to win the Liberal nomination first, but that should be easy, for he missed by a single vote getting the nomination last time from the same Mr. MacNaught.

He would then have to win election but the Liberals are fairly certain he could be elected, with his fine personality and family background, in a seat that has been traditionally Liberal since A. A. Lefebvre won it for the Tories in 1904, with the exception of the PC break from 1957 to 1963.

THIS POLITICAL forecast—it's not mine—makes sense, or nonsense, according to the way you look at it. Why, I asked the man who suggested it to me first, should the Chief Justice resign when he has more than five years to go—he will not be 70 until July of this year, and judges do not automatically retire until they are 72.

The other side of the picture, the rumor makers reply, is that it will pave the way for his capable young son to begin what could be a brilliant career in politics.

One thing the story does for me is to make it easier to understand why Transport Minister Pickersgill suggested at the Montague meeting in November that John Mullally would soon be the minister from P.E.I. "I'll be greatly surprised if he is not a member of the federal cabinet in the near future," said Mr. Pickersgill. At the time it was regarded as "most surprising" by veteran political observers who heard him, "that he should say something which seemed to be derogatory to Mr. MacNaught, a cabinet colleague. If the current prediction is correct, though, it could explain the Pickersgill statement."

IT EMBARRASSES me more than a little to discuss such an arrangement in case it is just as far off the beam, as I thought it was when I first heard the rumor. When I was in Ottawa from 1953 to 1957 nobody was more kind to me—nobody could be—than my friend the Chief Justice and his charming wife.

I don't want to embarrass my friends by going into details but this gives me my first opportunity to acknowledge publicly, and with deep appreciation, just how much their generous friendship meant to me in those years.

'Pacemaker' Speeds Heart Beat

"INSTANT BONE" to repair human bodies is now becoming available and within a few years man-made copies of almost every major organ in the human body could become commonplace. This is a paragraph from a press service story which tells of progress being made at a medical research centre in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Most of that, apparently, is still in the future, but noted progress is being made in human research which has already effected all but miraculous improvement.

I talked this week, for example, with a friend of mine, Mrs. Joe Rodd, Charlottetown whose heart beat has been stepped up to normal by a development of modern medical science. The pulse is now a steady 72 which is normal. It had been as low as 35, which caused medical experts to wonder how she kept moving around.

MRS. RODD, the former May MacGregor of Graham's Road, recently underwent surgery at Halifax where a "Pacemaker"—that's the technical term—was placed inside of her to such a way that it stimulates the heart beat. It is powered, I understand, by a tiny battery, and the result to date is all that could be hoped for. Mrs. Rodd looked and acted normally when Mrs. Matheson and I called on her a few days ago, and Mr. Rodd vouched for the improvement.

Prior to the surgery she had suffered from periodic "heart blocks" which caused her to black out. Sometimes she managed to get to a couch, or a chair, before she fell. Sometimes she just dropped onto the floor. Now that is gone. As I said, the results seem to be excellent at the present time.

THERE IS the possibility that the device may have to be replaced every five years, Mrs. Rodd told me; though that, apparently, is not a certainty as yet. It is just over four years since the device was first implanted as a standard method of treatment, so there is still something to be learned about it.

I am told that several other Island people have had a similar operation, but it is still unique enough, I believe, to be interesting. That's why I wanted to tell you about it.

Visitors Drop From The Sky

WE'VE HAD visitors arrive at the Matheson home in just about every kind of conveyance. They ranged from horse-drawn sleighs and snowshoes through just about every phase of modern motor vehicle development. But we were surprised last Saturday afternoon when a man came to our back door and told our daughter, "I just landed a plane in a field near your house, and I'd like to call my wife in Tryon."

It was Robert McEwaine, an experienced pilot who had been flying from the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia where he had been holding a series of services—he is a Gospel Church pastor—to his home in Tryon. He had flown through sleet most of the way from New Glasgow but hit freezing rain when he flew over Wood Islands. He followed the coastline until he reached Southport, then decided to land when he saw a long field below him.

By that time the plane had iced so much—there must have been nearly one-quarter of an inch all over it—that it was handling sluggishly and the pilot only had a tiny hole in the wind screen to look through.

That was definitely the first time that visitors dropped from the sky to call at our home.

Wedding Ring Is Returned

MRS. HENRY BOSWALL, Mt. Mellick told me an interesting story late last week. She is teaching in Ethel School now but last summer she had been working at the Metropolitan Store here. An American lady purchased a number of fancy caps and accessories one afternoon late in July. Mrs. Boswall, who wrapped the parcel carefully noted later that afternoon that her wedding ring was missing from her finger. The ring is loose for her and usually it is held in place by an engagement ring which fits snugly. That afternoon, however, Mrs. Boswall had taken off the engagement ring because she had a sore finger. That's how the wedding ring dropped from her hand.

All through the summer and autumn she often wondered just where she had lost it, as she never saw or heard anything about it. About one week before Christmas, though, she visited the Metropolitan Store and was asked by the manager if she had lost anything when she worked there last summer. Mrs. Boswall told him she had lost her wedding ring.

Inviting her up to the office, he showed her the ring which was hers. Here's the story of how it came to be there:

The American lady, Mrs. Daniel P. Doyle, 48 Annandale Terrace, Newport, Rhode Island, apparently had purchased the caps and accessories for Christmas gifts. She noticed the ring in the parcel when she opened it in the store's stock room for the Christmas season. She wrote to the store manager and enclosed the ring. That's how Mrs. Boswall received her treasured gold band, which probably brought more joy to her heart than any other gift could have done at that time.

Council Seeking Heart Pacemaker

By JOHN E. BIRD
 OTTAWA (CP)—A research program has been launched by the National Research Council in an attempt to develop a pacemaker to stimulate the beat of a damaged heart which would be operated by electricity produced naturally by the human body.

Pacemakers now in use to control a heart condition known as heart stoppage are operated by small batteries which are implanted in the body. Patients face an operation every five years or so for replacement of the battery.

Pacemakers are used on patients whose heart beat has slowed down to the point where the output of blood from the heart is not sufficient to maintain normal life. The condition can cause immobility or death.

A pacemaker consists of a transistor, operated by a battery, which is wired directly to the muscles of the heart. When the brain fails to produce a heart beat signal, the pacemaker generates a small electrical impulse which stimulates a heart beat.

The aim of the NRC program being conducted by the Division of Radio and Electrical Engineering is to produce a device which would convert chemical energy produced by the body to electrical energy. This energy would operate the transistor, eliminating the necessity of a battery being implanted in the body.

HAS SOME SUCCESS
 Great Z. Roy, an engineer with the division, said Tuesday in an interview that the program so far has had some success and some failures.

He said the device being tested contains two dissimilar metals such as zinc and gold or zinc and platinum. Implanting the device in the body and allowing the body salts to act on the two metals produces an electrical charge with a strength of one volt.

Mr. Roy said this voltage is sufficient to stimulate the beat of a dog's heart for 48 hours. After this, the heart builds up a resistance and the one volt charge no longer is sufficient to cause a heart beat.

This problem is not encountered with the use of a battery-operated pacemaker. The batteries produce nine volts which is more than enough to keep the heart beating at a healthy rate.

Mr. Roy said that to be successful the device must produce at least three volts.

B.C. Sales Set Record Despite Snow

By STEPHEN SCOTT
 VANCOUVER (CP)—Retail sales, one of the best indicators of an area's prosperity, appear to be increasing in British Columbia faster than in any other province.

In fact, not only have British Columbians got more money, they appeared determined to spend it last month.

Sales in December are believed to have broken records despite snow and Arctic sleet—almost established another record—that disrupted transportation in the province's main population centre of the lower mainland.

Ray Hunt, general manager of the Retail Merchants Association of B.C., said in an interview Wednesday he expects 1964 B.C. retail sales to exceed the \$2,000,000,000 mark for the first time. They could reach \$2,100,000,000.

Mr. Hunt said the sales increase should be between 10 and 11 per cent. Figures would not be available until next month.

SASKATCHEWAN LEADS

Oct 1 Saskatchewan was leading the country in sales in large part because farmers received early in the year large chunks of money for the sale of grain. But B.C. was expected to surpass the Prairie province by the end of the year.

The Maritimes were expected to have a good increase—perhaps the third highest in Canada—because of large capital investment during the year.

There was "no real doubt" that Canadian sales would reach \$20,000,000,000 for the first time. B.C.'s total sales would compare with Mr. Hunt's projection of about \$7,000,000,000 for Ontario—an increase of about six per cent and highest total amount in Canada.

HOLMAN'S STOREWIDE JANUARY DISCOUNT SALE

12 BIG DAYS

Monday, Jan. 4 - Saturday, Jan. 16

EVERY ITEM

in Holman's entire stock in Both Stores offered at DISCOUNTS AT 10% TO 50%

Here are some examples from our Building Dept.

BOTH STORES									
Save	Quantity	Item	Reg.	SALE	Save	Quantity	Item	Reg.	SALE
31%	5000 only	Floor Tile, vinyl asbestos			13%	180 sq.	Eastern Cedar Shingles, second clear grade sq.	9.98	8.67
	Each		.19	.13	12%	10,000 sq. ft.	Bevelled redwood siding ft.	.29	C sq. ft. 25.97
17%	50 sheets	4' x 8' arborite Sht.	22.95	18.97	18%	40 only	Ribbon Stripe Mahogany Doors 2'8" x 6'6" x 1 1/2" ea.	11.95	9.77
29%	20 only	Combination Aluminum Doors 2'8" x 6'8"	44.95	31.97	17%	20 only	Ribbon Stripe Mahogany doors 2'8" x 6'8" x 1 1/2" ea.	12.95	10.77
16%	500 only	Supercoated White 12 x 24 Ceiling Tile ea.	.31	hd. 25.97	33 1/2%	Entire stock of	Pine Mouldings		
15%	1000 only	Ceiling Tile 12 x 12 Fissuretex & Skylark pattern	.20	.17	23%	4 only	Thermopane Windows 48" x 60" ea.	34.50	64.97
13%	1000 only	Ceiling Tile 12 x 24 perforated white ea.	.38	hd. 32.97	18%	16 only	Cedar Exterior Doors 2'8" x 6'8" x 1 1/4" ea.	27.95	22.97
22%	400 sheets	Sheetrock 4' x 8' x 3/8"	2.39	1.87	17%	150 sq.	Asphalt 3-1 shingles—second grade sq.	8.98	7.47
25%	200 rolls	Fiberglass insulation 2" 100 sq. ft. per roll.	7.59	5.67	20%	12 only	Cedar Exterior Doors 2'8" x 6'8" x 1 1/4" ea.	32.95	26.37
25%	100 rolls	Fiberglass insulation 3" 70 square ft. per roll.	6.59	4.97	16%	65 sheets	Masonite tempered brown 4' x 8' sht.	4.39	3.67
26%	500 Sheets	Douglas Fir Plywood 5/16" x 4' x 8' standard grade Sht.	4.29	3.17	21%	100 sq.	3-1 Asphalt "First" Shingles 210 lb. per sq.	10.47	8.27
24%	400 sheets	Douglas Fir Plywood 5/16" x 4' x 8' Select grade. Sht.	5.19	3.97	25%	Entire stock of	light fixtures		
21%	283 sheets	Douglas Fir Plywood 1/4" x 4 x 8 good one side grade. Sht.	5.65	4.47	20%	38 only	Passage Locksets ea.	3.29	2.57
18%	100 sheets	Douglas Fir Plywood 5/8" x 4 x 8 Standard Grade Sht.	8.49	6.97	19%	21 only	Bathroom Locksets ea.	4.19	3.57
19%	100 sheets	Douglas Fir Plywood 3/4" x 4 x 8 good one side grade Sht.	13.39	10.97	20%	32 only	Closet Locksets ea.	2.98	2.57
14%	100 square	British Columbia Cedar Shingles No. 3 grade sq.	14.95	12.87	18%	17 only	Screen Doors 2'8" x 6'8"	13.39	10.57
16%	36 sheets	Prefinished Mahogany Plywood 1/4" x 4 x 8 Sht.	9.29	7.77	25%	18 only	Rural Mail Boxes	13.95	10.47
17%	45 sheets	Ranchwall Plywood 3/8" x 4 x 8 Sht.	7.79	6.47	25%	All Amerock	Cabinet Hardware in stock		
15%	100 sheets	Douglas Fir Plywood 3/8" x 4 x 8 good one side grade Sht.	8.98	7.67	20%	All Door	Chimes in stock		
20%	40 sheets	Barker Tile 4' x 8' Sht.	15.49	12.47	20%	56 sheets	Lauan prefinished Plywood 3/4" x 4' x 8'	6.19	4.97
14%	250 sheets	Insulboard 4' x 8' sht.	2.98	2.57	19%	150 bags	Pouring Wool 8 1/2 cu. ft. bag.	4.15	3.57
50%	83 sheets	Prefinished-Walnut Plywood 4' x 8' sht.	18.75	9.37	22%	168 sheets	Woodgrain Masonite 4' x 7' sht.	5.79	4.47
12%	15 only	Slab Doors, paint grade 2'6" x 6'6" x 1 1/2" ea.	9.39	8.27	15%	100 sheets	Sheetrock 3/8 x 4' x 7' sht.	1.98	1.67
15%	35 only	Slab Doors, paint grade 2'6" x 6'6" x 1 1/2" ea.	10.35	8.77	17%	100 sheets	Insulboard 4' x 10' sht.	3.79	3.17
					30%	500 bags	Portland Cement ea.	1.69	1.17
					18%	16 only	Combination Cedar Exterior Door 2'8" x 6'8" and 2'10" x 6'10"	27.95	22.97
					18%	3000 only	Shaw Builders Common Brick ea.	.11	hd. 8.97

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STORE HOURS	CHARLOTTETOWN STORE	SUMMERSIDE STORE
	Monday thru Thursday ... 9:00-5:30 Friday ... 9:00-9:30 Saturday ... 9:00-5:30	Monday thru Thursday ... 8:30-5:00 Friday ... 8:30-9:00 Saturday ... 8:30-12:00