

# Livestock, Poultry Value Decline Is Seen Really Serious Situation

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We have had the opportunity of examining volume two of the Coombes report on community development and entitled "The Plan." The report runs to one hundred and forty-three typed pages and deserves the study of people who are interested in a public way in this province. While not all the conclusions and recommendations will be agreed with by all readers nevertheless a high percentage of the report deserves objective consideration.

The section devoted to rural education is certainly worthy of study. Here are some quotations. "It is our conviction that the limited education—particularly vocational education—has contributed more to the economic ills of rural Prince Edward Island than has any other factor." Again, "Having only the barest essentials of former education, many Prince Edward Island farmers go through their chores, learning only from their experiences and those of their immediate forefathers."

The first paragraph needs to be sounded with trumpets and yet it is difficult to develop public interest in the situation. Perhaps our public people will not take the matter seriously until such time as farm parents accept the necessity of specialized education for future farmers.

The report points out that this province has no investment in an agricultural college and little in agricultural education and for this reason should consider the setting up of a system of scholarships to encourage promising young people in their education.

This sort of the report on education deserves the serious study of a special committee set up for the purpose.

**A POOR TRADE**  
A table in the Coombes Report sets comparative figures based on the census terms of 1951 and 1956 on the value of lands, buildings, machinery and equipment and for livestock and poultry. In 1951 the first items referred to were valued at sixty-four million and in 1956 at eight-nine million. We would surmise that most of this increase would be in machinery and equipment. However, a really serious situation is revealed in a decline for the value of livestock and poultry from twenty-three million dollars to seventeen million.

In plain English we seem to have traded off about six million dollars worth of livestock in order to pay for machinery and in many cases break-downs occur and service is required. Would it be unreasonable to expect that implement dealers should at this time of the year have at least close ton staff on duty during the evenings and not be closed down Saturdays at noon as in some cases? Feed mills which close their door at five o'clock on a Saturday afternoon (and with daylight time compounding the problem) are not overly concerned with providing the maximum in the way of service.

**POTATO PRICES**  
The recent upsurge of potato prices in some cases to the

heavy with machinery and equipment and short on livestock.

**RURAL, URBAN**  
The report under discussion in dealing with the development and importance of rural and urban people working together in dealing with development problems. With this as a desirable objective we are quite prepared to agree. However, our feeling is that something quite special in the way of an effort will be necessary to bring this Utopia about.

First of all our urban people haven't really displayed much interest in the farmer and farming problems. The interest where it does exist is usually of a business nature and equated with the idea of profit. The rural man on the other hand hasn't tended to have a great deal of confidence in the ideas which inspired urban interest in him. The solution of this problem is one which depends on (a) the farmer having a great deal more respect for his own calling and (b) The urban man developing more respect for the dignity of agriculture and (c) A mutual belief in the benefits of understanding each other and working together.

**SERVICE AVAILABILITY**  
This season of the year is one of great activity and urgency on the farm. Much of the operation depends on machinery and in many cases breakdowns occur and service is required. Would it be unreasonable to expect that implement dealers should at this time of the year have at least close ton staff on duty during the evenings and not be closed down Saturdays at noon as in some cases? Feed mills which close their door at five o'clock on a Saturday afternoon (and with daylight time compounding the problem) are not overly concerned with providing the maximum in the way of service.

**GAVE GROOM SANDAL**  
In ancient Egypt, the father handed one of the bride's sandals to the groom, signifying that she was henceforth in the latter's care.

# The Guardian



**SEIZED ARMS UNLOADED**

Nasau police and a British sailor unload contraband rifles, machine guns and other equipment seized by the British destroyer Decoy from a launch in the Bahamas. One of eight persons arrested for illegal possession of firearms was Manuel Ray, head of the Cuban Revolution-

ary Junta, who had vowed he would be fighting in Cuba by last May 20—or be dead. (AP Wirephoto)

## HANDICAPPED PIGEON

This pigeon is putting for good reason, it has a tin can caught on its leg. So far pigeon has resisted all efforts of bird lovers to catch it and release the can. Bird is able to fly despite impediment picked up presumably when it stepped in partly open can at dump in Brantford, Mass. (AP Wirephoto)

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## Suggests Economics Is Cause Of Strife

By RAY DICK  
TORONTO (CP)—Rev. Hugh A. MacMillan, new moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, believes the real problem in strife-torn Southeast Asia is "people and people, not communism and democracy."  
A missionary on Formosa for most of 38 years and now retired in Toronto, Dr. MacMillan was elected to the church's highest post Wednesday at the opening of the 90th Presbyterian General Assembly. He succeeds Dr. Harry Lennox of Vancouver.  
In an interview following his election, the 72-year-old native

of Lucknow, Ont., said the situation in Southeast Asia can't be studied from a Canadian point of view.  
"In Canada about 85 per cent of the people are nominally Christian. It's vice versa over there."  
**ECONOMICS A FACTOR**  
He suggested economics is a basic underlying cause of strife in Asia. The people have been divided into have and have-not categories.  
Asked about church unions and other current topics in Canada, Dr. MacMillan said he would have to "find out what people are saying."  
"I am a stranger to Canada. I tend to think in the oriental pattern."  
Dr. MacMillan did say, however, that he thought the biggest problem facing Westerners is that they must realize that everybody is living in one world. The wealth of the West must be shared with the East.  
**WENT TO FORMOSA**  
Dr. MacMillan and his wife went to Formosa in 1924 as missionaries.  
As a representative of the Canadian Red Cross and Canadian aid to China, Dr. MacMillan was one of the last foreigners to leave Shanghai when the Communists moved in.  
After his retirement two years ago, the YMCA sent Dr. MacMillan back to Taipei on a different mission. He hoped to set up Canada House, a university student hostel. He returned to Canada about a year ago.  
Delegates to the assembly will discuss topics ranging from the church's attitude on birth control, divorce and remarriage to church union.

## House Briefs

**OTTAWA (CP)**—Robert Muir (PC—Cape Breton North and Victoria) asked in the Commons whether the CBC has adopted the Maple Leaf Forever as the national anthem. He said the CBC radio station in Sydney played the song recently on a broadcast that started. The question was ruled out of order.  
**Prime Minister Pearson** told Thomas M. Bell (PC—Saint John's—Pictou) in the Commons Tuesday he will be passed by Parliament at an early date. The measure was passed by the Senate and given first reading in the Commons Monday. Mr. Bell said the bill is non-controversial and the summer tourist season was beginning.  
**Postmaster - General Jack Nicholson** told H. Russell MacEwan (PC—Pictou) in the Commons Tuesday he will look into a drop in housing construction in the Atlantic Provinces. The government reported recently that 1964 housing starts are 23 per cent below the level at the same time last year in the Atlantic region.  
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