

# Computer May Find Income Tax Frauds

By STEWART MACLEOD  
OTTAWA (CP)—The income tax evader who doctors the figures on his T4 slip is going to fall into the clutches of a computer.

The day will soon be over when a taxpayer can carefully erase the income figure from his T4 slip—issued to him by his employer—and just as carefully type in a lower figure before submitting it to the revenue department along with a claim for a tax rebate.

There always has been a reasonable chance that the evader could successfully pull it off through the system won't be checked until the computers weigh spot checks, and has thereby nabbed some of the offenders, but it has been physically impossible to check them all.

Now the computer is going to

come into the act, and by 1965 every T4 slip submitted by a taxpayer will be checked against a copy of the slip submitted by his employer. The machine, known affectionately in the department as the Monitor, will cough back any reverse slips issued in his name by any company.

**CHEATING FREQUENT**  
The practice of doctoring T4 slips has been described by a department official as a "fairly frequent among certain people."

Just how much revenue is lost through the system won't be known until the computers weigh it out.

The new checking system will be in full use when the department begins collecting contributions for the Canada Pension

Plan—a monumental chore that could become a nightmare with any doctored T4 slips. Over 6,500,000 taxpayers file returns with the department each year.

The United States is believed to be the only other country that has a system whereby employer and employee slips can be compared by machines.

The computer at the taxation data centre is already used for processing individual returns, rejecting those that don't arrive at the correct tax future.

**SEALS HUNTED**  
FARNE ISLANDS, Scotland (CP)—More than 30 young grey seals from this island's 3,600 seal population will be specially selected and shot in December by an expert. The seals have been damaging Scottish fishermen's nets.

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## FEDERATION NEWSLETTER Cattlemen Given Information On Grading, Yield And Typcs

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR  
The first of the three county meetings is now over and while the attendance wasn't large at O'Leary it was nevertheless, in our opinion, an interesting one for those in attendance.

We think Glen Cotton the Beef Fieldman had information of real value for cattlemen. Certainly the speaker made it abundantly clear that the farmer who sells cattle infrequently is in a difficult position with respect to knowing about grades, yields and type. We see a place for much wider use of Mr. Cotton's abilities in public meetings.

Albert Phillips of the Farm Credit Corporation had information of value with respect to policies of the corporation and the new Farm Syndicate Plan. We see a place for farmers acquiring more information on the policies of the corporation.

Next making his debut in western Prince was Rudy Dalenbach the newly arrived Rural Development Officer for ARDA. Mr. Dalenbach is a farmer himself and we predict that he will get along well with farmers. He understands farmers' problems, he speaks their language and he knows what is really going on. We see real results from the new official and

the people of Prince County working together.

The President of the Federation Mr. MacFarlane gave a concise review of Federation activities during the past year. Explanation was made with respect to changes in the Freight Assistance Policy on Western grain and what may possibly be developing in the way of change.

Through a combination of luck and other factors the O'Leary meeting seemed to bring together a combination of speakers that had subjects of current interest to the audience.

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**POTATO PRICES**  
Recent quotations from Presque Isle, Maine put potato prices at from \$4 to \$5 per barrel. The highest quotation at this time of the year for some time. The strength in the potato market is certainly being reflected generally in island growers with their high prices for their product, at doing very well.

of this nature. Writers have used phrases such as poor but honest, poor but clean, poor but industrious in conveying the idea that in spite of poverty it was possible for people to live quite very good qualities and standards. It is perhaps we should not disagree.

However, there is not much to be said in defence of either concealing poverty or trying to make ourselves believe that we are wondrous when such isn't the case.

After many decades of concealing the truth of the situation it has recently been revealed that many people in the Maritimes are, statistically at least, considered to be poor. While there may be disagreement on the form because we suspect that many of the "poor" have acquired good bank accounts nevertheless the situation is out in the open and useful steps may ensue in the war on poverty.

One group that has displayed marked reluctance in recognizing the existence of the poor has been our politicians. Political and human nature, both being what they are, possibly those who govern us can be excused for attempting to convince us that we are all prospering and doing very well indeed.

Many of us have known of the existence of the poor, we have seen them, we have known that everybody knows it, at least everyone that reads, and possibly since the 1930s we have seen an all out attack on the conditions that have made life far more rewarding for many individuals and an understanding of the effect of rapid change.

Whether they were in favour of the small or larger farm operation, all the Forums agreed the successful farmer must be efficient in order to survive. He must keep abreast of the times. He must take advantage of the services provided by those working in the interest of agriculture. He must see that his farm organization and community groups are concerned with his problems and will secure for him markets for his products, at the highest possible price.

With the extra money produced by last year's good prices added to this fall's potato industry is certainly making a real cash contribution to the economy of the province.

**BUTTER PRODUCTION**  
Butter production in the present time is almost identical with last year's figure running around \$2,000,000 per week. If it can be assumed that cattle were stable in better condition this year ago and that the quality of the feed also better then the conclusion might be arrived at that we don't have as many milk cows or they are not producing as well. Curiously cows don't seem to produce well when potato prices are good, how the cows know we have no way of telling.

We have notice of the 68th annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture on Dec. 28, 30. During the program Dr. Kirk Executive Secretary of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture will discuss "Farmer's Income Problem."

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# ACROSS THE ISLAND

## Hospital Gives Communal Material

By NEIL A. MATHESON  
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"ACROSS THE ISLAND" is originating this week from the Prince Edward Island Hospital where I am enjoying a really good rest and recuperation. A good rest and recuperation is also taking tests and making observations in an effort to get certain information that seems to be of interest to the machine is to continue to function efficiently.

I landed here Saturday night and I felt pretty rotten. Two days later I felt fairly normal again. Though there are problems that have to be ironed out for the future. If the result is an good for me as my medical advisor expects, I will be able to describe the information that seems to be of interest to the machine is to continue to function efficiently.

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There is so much I scarcely know where to start, but to me at least, it is mostly good; some of it is extra special. Let me explain.

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## Joe Rodd To The Rescue

Long-time friend Joe Rodd, proprietor of Toombs Music Store, didn't happen to have anything suitable in his store. But he had a good idea of what I needed. He made one up, so promptly hiked home and got it. A few minutes later the ladies Wally and Lee Ward who live almost opposite the hospital, sent me a note saying they had a transistor radio for me. No semi-portables were available so I was bedded down and had to make do with a transistor radio. I saw Captain Theodore Dicks, Georgetown; the other Georgetowners, Charlottetown. A few minutes later Mrs. Garnham came in with his book which was out of the state they had to know? Mr. Garnham wanted to share his treat with Capt. Dicks and myself.

I'd just love some ice cream," I told my new friend, "but I am here for a diet check, so I have to refuse with thanks."

A short time later Mrs. Stan Hurry, North River came in to tell me that my long-time friend Mrs. Jack Spencer "is in the ward next to you and that means she's not completely recovered. She worked then in the office for Nelson Raftery in this city.

Most of you know her perhaps, as the little lady who was so horribly beaten when she worked through the night shift of irresponsible assailants. (The case is now before the courts, so I cannot comment further at this time.)

I was amazed to find that I had received 300—that's right, three hundred and fifty—letters and cards since she entered the hospital. I doubt very seriously if any patient that ever came to this hospital has ever before received such a flood of greetings, pouring out sympathy for the lady, contempt for her assailants and best wishes for her recovery. I was glad that my own message was one of them.

Jack and Elizabeth Spencer worked mainly hard to pay for the farm market garden—Jack did eight years ago. Here is one small example. In their early years the farm they often worked through the night shift on Tuesday and Friday. They shelled peas by hand, they prepared greens in bunches so they got many other things ready. Then they slept for a couple of hours, before they started preparing their produce for market the next morning at the old Market Building, where the Confederation Memorial Buildings now sprang across what was once a square reserved for farmers and their wives to buy their vegetables and other available foods direct from the farmers.

## Hardworking Combination

But the part that impressed me most, perhaps, was that those two industrious people, cut dandelion greens—before the dandelion leaves were big enough for greens for table use, as spinach is used now. To me, at least, that is an example of the tremendous concentration of effort that goes into an effort to pay for the farm on which they had only enough to make a comparatively small down payment, when they purchased it. They must have been very hard workers.

I mentioned Capt Dicks earlier, and I had hoped I might have energy and space to tell you something about this colorful member of a sea-faring family that saw six weeks' duty for their masters' certificates, after their father and his 20-year old son and daughter were drowned when they had in and they went down with it. But the story which I gleaned from many chats with the splendid gentleman of 90 years, must await another column.

Before I drop it, though, I want to say that we were really thrilled when Ward E when the hospital people produced an attractive birthday cake for the Captain on Monday. There were nine candles—one for each 10 years of his eventful life.

My story, when I write it will take you through the Captain's boyhood from the time he went to sea with his father when he was a lad of 12, through service as a Skipper in the First Great War, and many additional experiences. They'll include inaugurating the Wood Islands-Caribou service, a turn on the Jordan-Tormentine run, a period in the old Maritime-Fort Havens ferry and the run from North Sydney to Newfoundland.

Already I'm nearing the end of this column, and there's so much to tell you about.

Here's one for those people who like to talk about the power of suggestion. A few hours before I typed this column, a nurse left on my bedside table a small glass of liquid for me to drink. I was out of the room the time. The next morning, when I awoke, the glass reminded me of a certain whitish colored, milky looking medicinal preparation that is sometimes useful when the patient has been as active physically as I have been, and shifts to the lay life I am living here this week.

With that thought in mind, I downed a glass of white liquid, I then grabbed another glass of water and gargled the "unpleasant" taste from my mouth, with suitable grimaces. Several glasses of water followed before I was finally satisfied that the "unpleasant" taste had been removed.

## I Imagine My Surprise

Imagine my surprise several hours later to learn from my friend, the nurse, that she had left a glass of milk for me to drink. I really like milk. Normally I don't drink any glass after another. So why did I find this glass of milk so distasteful, or why did I think it did?

Well, that's one I leave for you to figure out for yourselves.

When I came in here Saturday evening, the only bed available was in Ward 5. So I put in there. The first night I had a comfortable semi-private room. After just one day with my new friends I called a senior nurse Monday morning, and asked her to see that my request was cancelled. I could wait no better companions than these genial chaps with whom I share the three-bed ward.

The hospital here is filled to its present occupied bed capacity. There are many I met on my first stroll down the first floor corridor. They include Roy Hines, Edward Quinlan, St. Peters, Mrs. Horace Smith, Skippy Curran—hockey fans will know this young man—my cousin Mrs. Margaret MacDonald and Elby Ford, all of Charlottetown. And there's Mrs. Christine Burdett from Cavendish, another cousin I bumped into on that same corridor. I've already mentioned Mrs. Spencer and Edward Quigley, St. Peters.

Come to think of it, Christine dropped in to see me Saturday night a few hours after I arrived. There's Matheson blood in her, and the clan members are classish as you might expect. There are so many people I should like to mention and dozens of titles of courtesy. But I don't dare start mentioning names, for I'd be sure to leave some people out.

But I do have to mention Neil MacLean and his office staff, for making a typewriter and office space available, so I could type out this column.

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**PISQUID EAST**  
Montreal and the U.S.A. to spend the winter months.

Mrs. Harold Jay, Mrs. Floyd Jay and son Glenn were visitors in Charlottetown on Charlottetown Wednesday.

Joseph McCarthy, St. Teresa's who received serious burns in saving his house from fire, is now a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Edgar Birt was a visitor in Charlottetown Wednesday. Mrs. Walker Currie left recently for Kenneth Jay.

Mrs. Levi Jay was a recent visitor in Charlottetown.

Glady's Birt was hostess to the ladies of the Pisquid East Wednesday night with a good attendance.

When routine business was completed a game of bridge was put on by Mrs. Alton Jay won by Glady's Birt. A lunch was served by Mrs. Birt, assisted by Mrs. Walker Currie left recently for Kenneth Jay.