

# Among The Farmers

Federation Of Agriculture News

Mr. Trainor Passes Agricultural Representatives

It is with deep regret that all those closely associated with the organizations and Co-operative movement in this Province, and indeed in Canada, last week mourned the death of Mr. J. J. Trainor, one of the organizers of the Federation of Agriculture, and was active in its guiding hand as President from 1943 to 1947 and during that time was the Maritime member of the Canadian Federation Executive. Mr. Trainor not only gave to the farmers of the Province his time and energy at meetings and conferences, but spent a great deal of time working on local problems. He was a strong supporter of the Credit Union movement. Farm Forum, organized marketing, and all youth training programs. Actually, the first president of the Island Federation was Captain John L. Zeigler, then Mr. Trainor, John L. Profit, Louis O'Connor, R. A. Yeo, and at present R. Charles Macdonald. All of those men, and a great many more, who served on committees and directorates and worked closely with Mr. Trainor, will find his widow and family and their sincere sympathy and their appreciation of the privilege of having worked with such a great and sincere man.

## The Season For Wool

At this season of the year the attention of the sheep producers of the Province is directed toward the shearing of the sheep and the preparing of the wool for market. In days gone by this was a job that the women of the household usually did. The wool was washed, spread out for a few days to dry, and the nicely bleached product was then packed up, taken to the carding mills that were very plentiful, and there prepared for home spinning and manufacturing. It is a home spun woolen blanket, and other materials, which the older homes plentifully supplied. A proportion, of course, went into sales to the trade. In as much as the Province supported in these days around 125,000 or 130,000 sheep the wool trade was of very substantial importance. Now we are down to around 25,000 or 25,000 head of sheep the process of shearing and wool preparation is not such a large item. Nevertheless, wool is still an important economic asset in the Province. Home washing of wool has been dispensed with and wool is now sold in the raw fleece to the trade. Good marketing practices require that each fleece be baled separately and forwarded to their trade or the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers for grading and sale. There is no grading that care in the feeding of sheep, and protecting the fleeces from burdocks, seeds, and other foreign materials, will bring added premiums to the sheep producer. In addition careful preparation of the fleece for market, and selling through recognized agencies, will add further revenue to the producer.

## A Broad Objective

As a broad objective for the Federation, the following was set out by the president in 1940: "It is hoped that through the Federation of Agriculture the farmers of Canada will have officials equipped to represent them in all places and at all conferences where policies affecting agriculture are being formulated. The organization should be in a position to watch all legislation; to present briefs before all commissions where agriculture's interests are at stake; to watch markets both at home and abroad and interpret statistics; to advise governments when contracts are being entered into for farm products, when trade agreements are under negotiation; when quotas on farm products are being set, when exchange rates are to be controlled and when general production, marketing or export programs are under consideration; to recommend representatives to boards, commissions or enquiries when agriculture should be represented and to keep businessmen, the press, governments and the people generally informed on farm problems and farm policies."

## LONDON, (CP)—Guests invited to the joint Coronation ball and 21st birthday of the Maple Leaf Club here June 11 include Prime Minister St. Laurent and his wife, and two former governors-general and their wives—the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice, and Earl and Countess Alexander.

# THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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ANNUAL FLOWER PLANTS on sale, May 23rd to July 10th. Ernest H. Burke, Southport.

KINDLY REMEMBER the annual Alexandra Rose sale, Royal Edward Chapter, I.O.D.E., Saturday morning, May 23rd.

JUST RECEIVED large shipment of outdoor furniture including lawn swings, chairs and chaise lounges. Simpsons-Sears, Charlottetown Store.

POWNAL UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE. - Sunday, May 24th. A. M. Millview. Song Service at Pownal at 7 P.M. Rev. T. R. Goudge, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Belfast. - Sunday, May 24th. Sunday School 10 A. M. Service 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. James Heathwood, M. A. Minister.

BONSHAW UNITED CHURCH. - Special music at the regular Sunday evening service at Bonshaw United Church, will include selections by the Bonshaw Male Quartet and the choir. Visitors are invited to worship with us on Sunday.

CRAPAUD, SPRINGFIELD and Long Creek Parish. Services for Sunday, May 24th, 1953. Whit-sunday. St. Elizabeth's Church, Springfield 11:00 A. M. Morning Prayer. St. Thomas' Church, Long Creek 3:00 P. M. Evening Prayer. St. John's Church, Crapaud, 7:30 P. M. Evening Prayer. Rev. George R. F. Ebsary, Rector.

TRYON-BONSHAW GROUP OF UNITED BAPTIST CHURCHES. - Church Services Notices. On Sunday May 24th, Bonshaw 11:00 A. M. Westmoreland, Sunday School 2:00 P. M. Public Worship 3:00 P. M. Tryon, Sunday School 10:45 A. M. Public Worship 7:30 P. M. Rev. W. G. Killam, Pastor.

WINSLOE PASTORAL CHARGE. The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, May 24th. Highfield 11 A. M. Winsloe North 3 P. M. Winsloe South 7:30 P. M. These services will be conducted by Rev. Howard Christie, B. A. Sacramento will be dispensed. Sunday School will be conducted at all sections as announced. Heber H. Hardy, Presby. Supply.

CORNWALL UNITED CHURCH. Services May 24th, will be as follows: Cornwall at 11:00 A. M. New Dominion at 3:00 P. M. Kingston at 7:30 P. M. Special musical program at Kingston when the Charlottetown Alpha Y's men's chorus will sing. Everyone welcome. Sunday Schools meet as follows: Cornwall at 10:00. New Dominion at 2:00. Kingston at 10:30. Rev. A. S. Weir, Minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. - Marshfield Charge. Services next Lord's Day are as follows: Mount Stewart 11 A. M. Harrington 3 P. M. Marshfield 7:30 P. M. Rev. Lee MacNaughton will conduct all services. Rev. Donald Nicholson, Interim Moderator.

ST. PETER'S BAY PASTORAL CHARGE. - The United Church of Canada. Services for Sunday, May 24th (Rural Life Observance). Greenwich, Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Service, 11:00 A. M. Marie Sunday School 2:00 P. M. Service, 3:00 P. M. St. Peter's Sunday School 11:00 A. M. Service 7:30 P. M. At the afternoon service, the speaker will be the Rev. E. H. Bell, of Kingsboro. Rev. Russell A. MacLeod, Minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. - Central Parish. Services next Lord's Day are as follows: Canoe Cove 11 A. M. Sunday School 10 A. M. Nine Mile Creek Sunday School 11 A. M. Churchill 3 P. M. Clyde River. At the annual Missionary Thank-offering service 7:30 P. M. Special music. Sunday School 10:30 A. M. Rev. Donald Nicholson, Minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. - Brookfield Charge. The hours of service for Sunday, May 24th, are as follows—Glasgow Road 11 A. M. Brookfield 3 P. M. Hartsville 7:30 P. M. Mr. Lawrence Plakin will conduct the services. Everyone welcome.

ENGAGEMENT. - Mr. and Mrs. Heath Howatt, Tryon, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessie Fernie to Donald Alastair, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Vern MacLeod, Albany. Marriage to take place in June.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND services May 24th conducted by Rev. Alastair Johnston: Murray River 11:00 a.m.; Kinross 3:00 p.m.; Birch Hill 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Mr. Wm. Underhay, Anxyle Shore 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. H. Bishop, minister.

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# Co-Operative Journeys Down Through The Years

By J. A. Gillies, Charlottetown (Continued from Wednesday)

The following chapter will commence a review of the final of three outstanding co-operating marketing associations, initiated to serve the rural interests of farmers, and operating during the past few decades, with exceptions and reservations. The Prince Edward Island Co-operative Livestock Marketing Board came into action in the early twenties of this century, as an off-set measure to serve the Island hog industry and farmers engaged therein, from inevitable disaster. Organization was based on the principles that had carried the Egg and Poultry Association operations along so successfully until that time and under joint Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture sponsoring and leadership and with producer approval and collaboration.

Previously, and up until then, Prince Edward Island had been recognized as a prolific hog producing area but owing to its isolated location and lack of producer facilities, to take advantage of transport connection with the adjacent and more remote livestock assembly centres of the writing producers had become victims to a vicious trading system, that extracted as much as forty-five per cent margin or more of delivered value, as compensation for the marketing service they rendered.

Much of the hog production was turned over to local packing plants, a portion of which was slaughtered, up to plant capacity or immediate requirements; what remained was reloaded in their natural garb and railed to the larger Upper Canada consuming centres, at the expense of the primary producer, and with an unknown margin of profit to the trade manipulators. Another portion of the annual increase was slaughtered on the farm and deposited with the local merchant on "Book Account" that had accumulated during the "financial depression" season, but at a price based upon the acquisition rates set by specialized traders.

## IN MEMORIAM

WARREN R. VESSEY

The community of York, relatives and friends elsewhere were saddened on March 27th to hear of the death of one of our elderly and respected residents in the person of Warren R. Vessey, son of the late Richard Vessey and Margaret Hardy. He was a few weeks short of his 78th birthday. The late Mr. Vessey was a man of good Christian principles, honorable and upright in all his dealings, ever willing to contribute to the church and everything for the betterment of the community where he had lived all his life. Although disabled for a number of years he was interested in his home where he had loving care and kindness and all that could be done to alleviate his suffering.

On December 12th, 1900, he married Hattie J. Brown who predeceased him by 17 months, which was quite a shock to him in his condition. From this union was born five sons and one daughter, namely, Leigh at home; Claude, Tryon; Ivan, proprietor Vessey's Tire Shop, Charlottetown; Stanley, with Central Creameries, Charlottetown. One son, Reginald B. Johnston, one son, Margaret Elizabeth, predeceased them some years ago. Also surviving are a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom he dearly loved. Surviving also are the following brothers, Amby, Ottawa; Milton, Archie and Horace, York.

The funeral service was held on March 29th with a short service at the home, followed by service in York United Church. Service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. M. Sproule, who frequently visited him in his illness. A very impressive sermon was preached from the text, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God believe also in Me." The hymns sung were, "Jesus Lover Of My Soul" and "Safe In the arms of Jesus."

The floral tributes were numerous as an indication of respect. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in the family plot in York cemetery. The pall-bearers were Elmer Brown, Peter Proude, Stanley Hardy, Minto Foster, Harry Lewis and Raymond Vessey.

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to a pig bigger and bigger, until at five months and a few days of age, an accommodating neighbor conveyed the huge bulk, from which the kind old soul that mothered it, was really loath to part, to the station, where it weighed three hundred and twenty-five pounds on the hoof. The shipper was declared the champion producer of the day, and jokingly enjoyed the distinction, for many a day thereafter.

Hog production in Canada was on the increase, although the Maritimes were still a deficiency area, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, and were obliged to import substantial quantities, to meet local requirements.

But Western Canada was rapidly adopting the medium of hog raising, to dispose of huge quantities of lower grade grain otherwise unmarketable, and not yet having acquired the initiative of exporting to other Provinces for livestock feeding purposes. Thus herself in the position of having an amassed annual surplus of pork and pork products, way beyond her capacity to consume. The Maritimes became a dumping ground for more than could be absorbed, even at the stripped price at which it was offered, with Island farmers the chief victims in the drama.

The situation became a Government problem, local and Federal, and nothing short of export beyond Canadian borders could offer a solution. Great Britain seemed to be the only logical outlet, and did offer a promise, but only on the basis of catering to a very select and exclusive bacon and ham trade known as a "Wiltshire Side" product.


There was no alternative, and Canada was obliged to revamp and remodel her entire hog raising program, in order to participate in this apparently only available relief. Ireland, Denmark and other European countries were the present source of supply, and through long experience had developed a product of extreme excellence, to which standard Canada must needs measure up, in order to enjoy to maximum, the benefit from this trade. This then was the commencement of a hog grading program in Canada, and origin of an expanded industry, of which we are so justifiably talkative today.

(To be continued)

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I recall an occasion when an early Fall shipment of live hogs was being assembled for export by a trader, preceding the arrival of weather cold enough for slaughtering. An elderly lady, a widow living alone on a farm in the community, had a pig to go. It was her sole effort in pig raising that season. She had a cow that gave plenty of milk from abundant barn lot and orchard pasturage. She had no dog nor other constant companion, so the weaner fared sumptuously from pantry and table discards and the milk, when relieved of its cream.

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