

Unseasonable Weather Hits Farmers And Fishermen

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR

Another week has passed without any change in the pattern of drought, cold and high winds. When it is considered that in parts of the province there has been no real rainfall during April and May and that due to winds evaporation has been very high the conclusion can not be escaped that the situation is becoming serious.

Monday, May 24 was one of the few times that we can recall soil drifting in this province. This wasn't drifting associated with cultivation, but the wind was actually picking up clouds of dust and carrying it over the countryside. Operators of farm equipment were traveling in a cloud of dust and this, of course, went far and wide.

The unseasonable weather has its effects not only on the farm but on the fisherman who has had to contend with ice, cold and high winds. Last Sunday evening there was still ice to be seen off the Eastern coast of the province. Fortunately, by such fires haven't become a problem. The bush is under dry, if fires were to get underway with no greenery to help hold them in check, the results could be serious.

Our most important requirement at the moment — rain and warmth.

POTATO MATTERS

The farmer who grows potatoes

such is not likely to be the case. This week potato growers are having the opportunity of exerting influence on their potato destiny through electing members to the Potato Board. True, this Board cannot perform miracles but it can do much to guide and influence the future of an industry which is of great value to the province.

Drifting on a calm and sunny sea may be safe and pleasant but the story is different when the going gets rough, then the prudent operator sees that all is in good order about his ship. In the case of the potato industry this means paying attention to marketing, quality, advertising and disease control.

As this letter is being written before any of the meetings are held we cannot comment on attendance or results. A number of factors are working against good attendance, the very busy season, the prosperous condition of the industry and the apathy evident at the time of the plebiscite.

FOOD, UNLIMITED
We live in an age and in a land of abundance. Abundance of material things generally, and of food in particular. While all may not have the best food or as much as they would like there is no real concern ever with people going hungry because the food isn't available. Our farms, our wholesale ware-

houses and our retail stores are bulging with good food available generally at reasonable prices, indeed at prices which are low in relation to earning power and the cost of other commodities.

Much of this food abundance is the result of having adequate arable land and a sufficient number of farm people to work it. Canada has never had any real concern on the score of its food supply, the population has taken it for granted that food would be available. Recently while there is no concern evident some thought is being given to the possibility that we might not continue in this happy position. Due to the apparently greater rewards in other occupations and difficulties on the farm, people have been leaving agriculture by the thousands. In addition, the population is increasing this together with high earnings keeps the demand for food strong.

We do not foresee any serious shortage in the food basket but the age appears to be at an end in Canada when a cheap food position in 63 and 64 has been twice blessed and has reaped a just reward for his industry and courage. In the past there have been tough years and it would be nice to believe that there won't be similar ones in the future but they based on exploitation of farm land and farm workers can be expected to continue. With fewer farmers and increasing farm costs the consumer may soon expect the food bill to take on more importance in the budget.

SUCCESS OR FAILURE
Recently the Hon. Harry Hays, Minister of Agriculture in speaking to the Alberta Chamber of Commerce had the following to say.

"In some farm quarters, for example, there seems to be a feeling that there is something almost holy in the idea of a farm. You'd almost think, to listen to some of these people, that there was something sinful about success in farming — that the quarter-section man already has a place assured in paradise while the man on a section may have a little trouble at the gates.

"The view has also been expressed in some quarters — agricultural and otherwise — that I don't understand the problems of the average farmer because I've been blessed with more-than-average success in agriculture. I don't agree with those views. I don't think failure gives a person a monopoly on wisdom any more than success does. My whole life has been spent in agriculture. I grew up on a family farm and I think I

appreciate as much as anyone else the place of the family farm in our society. But the successful family business has had to grow bigger to survive during the last few years and it will probably have to grow still bigger. This is an economic fact which no government and no farm organization's political agitation is going to be able to change."

JUNE
Generally the month of June is associated with two rather unrelated matters, grass and weddings. Perhaps the only possible association would be the grass widows which sometimes resulted from the weddings.

However, it is not the intention to discuss the romantic aspects of June but rather to point out the significance of the month as a fresh start in the farm year. Here again, of course, the interest is more for the livestock man whose flocks and herds on being released from pen and barn release the owner from the task of carrying and cleaning typical of the winter season. In a sense grass is nature's universal miracle, it is found in all countries, in all climates, in practically all zones and makes a tremendous contribution to the welfare of man.

SYRUP IS STRONG

It takes 30 to 35 gallons of maple tree sap to make one gallon of maple syrup.

British Jurist Is Impressed With Papers' Care For Truth

By HAROLD MORRISON

LONDON (CP)—Lord Shawcross, a distinguished British jurist, said here he generally is impressed with the care taken by newspapers to prevent publication of anything untrue.

And where the law shows doubt as to what can be published, he said he would urge publishers to take their courage in both hands and heed the famous advice—"publish and be damned."

But Shawcross, chairman of the 1961-62 royal commission on the press, suggested there should be certain reservations about what could be published. For example, he told the International Press Institute, some countries—including perhaps both the United States and Communist countries—follow a pattern where "trial by newspaper" has gone too far.

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This could lessen the possibility of a fair trial. Shawcross told the 14th general assembly of the institute attended by 250 leading newspaper men from 32 non-Communist countries. He equally criticized the swing in the other direction, picking Scotland where, he said, the lord justice-general seems to have ruled that "all criminal investigation and all interrogation of possible witnesses must be done exclusively by the criminal authorities and the result must only be published to the world when the ultimate trial takes place."

That kind of rule "would be hardly tolerated" in England where newspaper reporters can engage in criminal investigation and question possible witnesses. Otherwise many matters of public concern might never come to light, Shawcross said.

ALLIED TROOPS PARADE

BERLIN (AP)—Nearly 30,000 West Berliners turned out Saturday to watch U.S., British and French troops parade in celebration of Allied Forces Day.

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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Mont Carmel Student Heads Oxford Union

By NEIL A. MATHESON, Provincial-Farm Editor

HUNTING INTERESTING column stories is something one never escapes, not even on vacation. Last week I had an unusually interesting time in Maine chasing down an Island story—I'll tell you about it next week. But last Monday I called at the Mont Carmel home of Frederic J. Arseneault, the brilliant student who has been elected president of the Students' Union of Oxford University which comprises 35 colleges in all.

I talked with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Arseneault on my way back from a vacation visit to our friends the Barbour-Gordons, Rose and Sophie, in Alma.

Two dozen of the 35 Oxford colleges were represented at the meeting to elect their union president and Frederic received the support of 16 of them. To win such an outstanding honor at all is a most unusual feat. To get that type of support is even more praiseworthy.

MANY BRILLIANT students have sought the union presidency in vain. The presidency of the union is often regarded as a stamp of distinction that marks a man for future greatness.

Frederic had just returned from a trip to Russia when I talked with his parents. A long letter told something of his experiences. He was one of the 30 students on the tour and he did most of the communicating with the Russians. They couldn't speak Russian and most of them had no English, so they compromised and conversed in French. He's perfectly bilingual.

Skipped 3 Grades At Mont Carmel

THE ARSENAULT boy skipped three grades in the local school at Mont Carmel, his uncle Antoine Richard told me when I called at his modern store. And he graduated cum laude (with distinction) from the University of Moncton which was a result of the federation of St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, N.B.; L'College du Sacre-Coeur, at Bathurst and L'College St. Louis at Edmundston, N.B.

He tried for the presidency of his class at St. Joseph's University and missed, though he received 100 out of 240 votes, but he did make his goal later when he was chosen to head the Maritime Federation of Students.

A keen debater, the Mont Carmel boy won the debating trophy for the University of Moncton.

Now 21, Frederic has spoken in several countries. He talked to a group of Russian students in Moscow, for example, and told them about the national union students in England. He has also spoken in Scotland, among other places. He is now working on his Master's degree and is studying philosophy and political science.

Rhodes Scholarship Winner

FRED, WHO used to report for The Guardian, before he left this province, will complete his studies at Oxford in June 1966. He won the Rhodes Scholarship for New Brunswick and P.E.I. for a two-year period, and got a one year's extension, his father told me. The available funds look after college expenses and provide for travel expenses as well.

Not surprisingly, Fred Arseneault won the Gold Medal for "service" at Moncton in his graduating year. He had been active in many phases of University extra-curricular work.

I liked his story of the social night he and his fellow English students spent in Moscow with Russian students. "We couldn't sing in Russian and they couldn't sing in English, so we compromised and sang Alouette in French," he told his parents. And practically everyone knows and loves that lively French song.

THEY MADE some wild, wonderful and completely impossible claims for patent medicine in earlier days. Looking through a paper of 1890 last week, I was hunting at the time for information on an Islander whose career interested me—I found a statement that a certain "Liquid Food" would cure paralysis.

The story said that six sisters—they were young girls—gradually lost the use of their limbs, but the liquid food cured them.

One girl could walk about the yard and go upstairs alone at the end of the seventh week of treatment, the story said. By the end of the eighth week the girl's color had improved, her eyes were bright and clear and she "was much more cheerful".

Another sister was able to stand alone at the end of the eighth week, and could manage the stairs alone at the end of eleven weeks of treatment.

Mrs. Spencer Is Back Again

I RECEIVED a most pleasant surprise on Tuesday when a voice called to me as I passed the Grafton Street spot where Mrs. John Spencer used to have her vegetable stand, before she was so horribly beaten late last year.

When I turned and saw it was the little lady I know as Lizzie Spencer, I could scarcely believe my eyes. It's the same courage and determination I saw as I watched her painfully try to walk with a stroller in the hospital last December, that's driving her now to resume her business, though she's still far from well.

"I wouldn't be alive today if it hadn't been for the Mounties," this brave and plucky lady told me, though she wouldn't go into details. I was so glad to see her back at her stand, I didn't press her for the reason.

Stone Cannon Ball Is Found

BYRON BURNS, well known Charlottetown jeweler brought me a perfectly round stone yesterday he believes may have been used as a cannon ball at one time. It was found near Abney on the south coast of the Island by Angus MacNeill of Murray Harbor. It is just over four inches in diameter and weighs three pounds, 10 ounces. Mr. Burns believes that it was back in the 14th or 15th century that stone was used to make cannon balls. We're wondering if any reader can add to our information. The stone is grey but it looks very much like sandstone.

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