

Better Education's Big Need, State Set For Severe Winter?

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR

Last week the press reported that what appeared to be quite unrelated items but which may nevertheless have an important bearing on each other. First the Hon. Minister of Highways in a provincial statement announced that on October 31 he dismissed himself by damaging over \$400,000 of signs. The government wasn't confined to government signs; a figure four sign which had been on the highway was destroyed by the same party.

Next the Hon. Mr. Sauve in speaking to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture referred to Kings County as one of the rural areas in Canada in need of special attention in a rehabilitation program.

Perhaps there is no connection in these two items but I suspect that the mental attitude which led to the destruction of public property is not very good material for the promotion of really progressive attitudes to work and development.

While the destruction of property is to be deplored nevertheless if society were doing an adequate job in training and educating its citizens the destruction couldn't occur. It would be easy to continue moralizing in this connection but we are forced to

conclude that correction will come from better education with resulting better citizens and it will probably take more than a GRIM REMINDER.

The past ten days have produced the winter which is not particularly heavy. Last week's quite heavy snowfall over \$400,000 of signs is a reminder of the time of year — and this year's record low temperature was achieved by the other parties.

However, this doesn't necessarily mean that winter will be with a more civilized version than has been the case for the past few years. Regardless of how it is viewed the island winter at its best rarely rates any prize.

Through the country it is the time for setting on storm windows, putting up snow sheds, setting fuel, tightening up the buildings, storing machinery and making good use of the occasional favourable day to combine grain, finish plowing, store turpentine, pick up extra all which presents some difficulty in a day with only about half the daylight hours of June.

WORK DIFFICULTIES

While 1964 has produced very fine crops it has been a season

In many parts of the world farmers in Canada believe that it is impossible to have complete freedom and prosperity in agriculture at the same time. Without some form of agricultural discipline the industry will continue in a poor position to compete with other more highly organized sections of the economy.

ALMADE

Almost exactly ten years ago a group of potato growers waited in the Premier's Matheson requesting that the horns be knocked off the Potato Marketing Board. The group represented a newly formed organization known as the Potato Producers. Curiously this demand, if our memory serves correctly, followed a plebiscite which had supported the Potato Board.

However, this is history and the intervening ten years the potato industry has accomplished very little in the way of constructive organization. If the fates are kind it may possibly be able to continue in this path, possibly for it might be better with a more organized approach to its problems.

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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Island's Historians Are Awarded Honors

By NEIL A. MATHESON Provincial-Farm Editor

HISTORIANS from this province have made a most unusual show of appreciation this year, as the people who are associated with the American Association for State and Local History.

Find now that while I was in Halifax covering the Atlantic Winter Fair, Rev. Dr. Francis Bolger of St. Dunstan's University had won recognition from those people, and the item was given publicity in this paper.

Since then I have learned that two other Charlottetown men have won recognition from this organization.

They are Lorrie C. Callbeck, research officer at the Experimental Farm here, and Dr. Gordon Lea, one of the city's best known physicians.

Lorrie was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for his book "The Cradle of Confederation" which records many interesting episodes of this province's colorful past.

DR. LEA was awarded the Certificate of Commendation for his book "The Practice of Medicine in Prince Edward Island" which features careful research that recalls some of the colorful early medical experiences of this province.

Incidentally, Mr. Callbeck who has had many scientific papers published in Canada and the U.S. on his studies of plant diseases, has received an honorary doctorate from the agricultural attaché to the Belgian embassy in Washington. This man writes to me:

"Since I know your province a little, and am familiar with the story of the Acadians, Anne of Green Gables, etc., I took some pleasure in acquiring myself in the history of your province. Because the history of your province is principally based on the intermingling of two cultures, the Anglo-Saxon and the French, it has come to my mind that perhaps you might be some day interested in the publication of a French version of your book. If this is the case, I would be glad and honored to translate the text of your book into French."

Work Translated Into Spanish

Translation into a second language would be nothing new to Mr. Callbeck. His scientific booklet "20 years with potatoes" was translated into Spanish by the government of Argentina so people of that country could benefit from the knowledge it contained.

Technically Mr. Callbeck is a phyto-pathologist, which is the saying was that he is a plant-pathologist; the word "Phyto" is Greek for plant.

Butter Survey Is Interesting

I MUST clear up some unfinished business. I left the butter situation with Lincoln Dewar rather than in the article when I wrote the early-November column in Halifax.

Mr. Dewar — he's the national chairman of the Dairy Foods Service Bureau — tells that a nationwide survey indicates that those who do not use butter regularly give the following reasons:

- Some 55.8 percent find it too expensive, 26.9 percent avoid it for its cholesterol or other undesirable qualities, 15.5 do not like the taste, 12.2 percent feel that butter is too rich.
- Other spreads are better for you! — is the reaction of 8.2 percent, and a combination of other reasons accounted for the other 8.6 percent.
- The total percentages add up to more than 100, but I am told this was caused by the manner in which the questions were answered. Some gave more than one reason for their opinions.

Grand Champion Corrections

HERE'S a correction on two items referred to in news reports earlier. While exulting with Keith Bonwell and Son, Bryce of Victoria on the grand championship victory at the Royal Winter Fair of the Lealands Royal Margaret they bred on their farm, I forgot the victory Dan Jewell of East Wiltshire had won a few years ago with his Chestnut Royal Technicolor.

As a result I went all the way back to Edison R. Mutch and his victory in 1952. I believe it was, with his Jester's Standard Dreamer, and I termed that the last time an Island exhibitor had won Royal grand championship with an animal he had bred himself.

MR. JEWELL did it just a few years ago, when C.E. Technicolor went to the grand championship circle in the Dual Purpose Shorthorn ring. He was out of the grand Jewell cow, Missy Snowdrop, one of the better cows of her breed to come this way for a long time.

And that reminds me that a story I wrote on the fall fair recently, rebuked my friends, Eric Cole and his son, one of the grand championship their bull, Pattee Superior, won at Charlottetown in August in the Gurnsey ring. Superior was bred by Eric Harry Reed. Royalty was full value for his grand. He died defeated at that time the bull that was his own earlier this month.

I understand this bull is being suggested as a nomination for All Canadian consideration. He is a son of Mr. Harry's cow, Pattee Sylvia's Pige.

First SPF Pigs On Island

ANDREW WELLS, Alberton was one of the many people I visited on my SPF trip to Western Prince. I visited Andy to have a look at his SPF pigs he purchased entirely the year from the Oronago Laborer-owned people, and I found his stock in good shape, and the owner pretty well satisfied with the progress he has made to date with the 16 cross bred sows that had been delivered originally by Cassearian selection.

I also learned that perhaps 100 additional pigs are being delivered to the Wells farm which is to be a depot for the Ontario based firm that is specializing in the SPF pigs, a technical term which means they are free from swine vesicular disease and infectious rhinitis, or as nearly free from two diseases as it is possible to make animals at the present time.

The pigs at the Wells farm were still free of worms when I visited there and Andy was satisfied with the venture, as he was able to sell his weaner pigs at a premium. I understand that at least one other Island man is bringing in some of the SPF pigs, but Andy was the pioneer in this province. That's why I selected him for special mention.

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