

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

THE ROYAL
The Royal Winter Fair may be described as agriculture with its very best clothes on and polished up to the limit in every respect. The attractions run all the way from small samples of grain to magnificent four horse hitchers. The perfection of the world championship samples of oats, barley and wheat are a very great contrast to the run of the mill variety. The four horse teams carrying harness probably worth in the vicinity of \$5,000,000 is a sight to inspire anyone interested in livestock.

Any exhibit which wins at the Royal, indeed any that gets in the money, must be of very high quality and be backed by a great deal of planning and skill. The number of attractions is very great. The commercial people display great originality in the use of devices to attract attention. The variety of machinery and farm supplies is very wide. The finest automobiles, fashion shows, the flower show, livestock auctions, the horse show with its international flavour and patronized by the elite of Toronto, the hot dog stands, devices to grow hair on bald head and to keep steam off windshields, status in butter, the visiting among livestock people with straw bales for chairs, the P.E.I. potato booth, the Alberta booth with its supply of free cans for Albertans all help to make the Royal.

Visitors from every province in Canada are present, probably the most interested group being the representatives from the 4-H Clubs many of whom are making their first trip to Central Canada. The cancellation of the Maritime Winter Fair probably encouraged much greater than the usual attendance from the seaside provinces that has been the case formerly. Certainly Islanders were present in greater number than usual.

OTTAWA CONFERENCE
This week's important function on the farm scene nationally was of course the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference in Ottawa. Attendance is made up of Ministers of Agriculture and their Deputies, representatives of the two main farm organizations and a wide variety of civil servants. The Conference opens with a statement by the Federal Minister followed by a more detailed analysis by the deputy minister of farm conditions. Next the Federation of Agriculture presents a statement and it is followed by that of the Inter-provincial Farm Unity Council, provincial Farm Unity Council.

Generally the Provincial ministers make statements but this year they were characterized for the most part by unusual modesty. The farm organizations apparently though having made their statements there was no point in elaborating on them unless questions arose. All in all the first day was not a startling demonstration of farm policy making. The conclusion of the conference when the farm organization delegates and ministers and deputies meet together is not open to the public or the press and reports on it are therefore not available.

FAMILY FARM
The Canadian Federation of Agriculture told the Federal-Provincial Agricultural Conference that the long-term objective of agriculture in Canada should be the "development of rural communities based upon the maintenance of the family farm." "Contrary to what some would have us to believe," said subsidization of inefficiency.

"We'd think that the self-employed individual farmer-owner can continue for the future to be by far the most representative type of farmer. He can be efficient without a huge scale of operators. He can have a decent standard of living without being rich. He can be productively occupied without being an employee. However, the national farm organization went on to say that in pursuing this objective a considerable amount of planning would have to be done. "We will have to consciously strive, by appropriate policies and programs, to encourage a good pattern of land settlement, and discourage less desirable patterns. We must make it possible for the family farmer to acquire the land and capital he needs, and to market what he produces in an efficient and orderly fashion."

EDUCATION
Most people believe in education but there is far from general agreement on what it should consist of. Generally island farm people have made a commendable attempt to provide education for sections of the population which goes into business or the professions. It has been taken for granted that Doctors, lawyers the clergy and teachers and perhaps to a lesser extent business people should be well trained.

There has been, however, a very serious blind spot in the system, a blind spot which manifests itself in almost complete disregard of the importance of education for those who will be the farmers of the future. There may have been a day when the farmer could succeed with a minimum of academic and vocational training, it is now a thing of the past. How much longer can the agricultural future of the province be insured without more attention being paid by rural people and educators to the importance of education for farming.

DEPENDENTS
Normally the family consists of the parents and children, this is almost the universal pattern in urban society. The rural family may and in many cases does extend itself to include the members of two or more generations. In condition it is much more likely to include some per-

son or persons who are dependent either mentally or physically. Apparently this addition varies in the rural society of the different provinces.

Among the Ontario farm population one family out of four will include person other than the parents of children, but in the Maritimes the ratio is one out of two. This situation does not necessarily indicate added responsibility for the Maritime family as in some circumstances social services such as old age pensions contribute to the total income.

MARITIME UNITY
On November 9 the Farm Forums discussed the necessity and value of Maritime Unity, generally it was agreed to be impractical to have only one government but suggestions appeared for some much closer working together on government levels in such departments as education, fisheries and tourism. One Forum advanced the idea of having a Maritime commissioner of Education with a deputy under him in each province. A majority of the forums agreed that real Maritime Unity was possible without a merger of the three provinces.

MORE STATE CONTROL
CANBERRA (Reuters) — The constitutional review committee Thursday recommended that the federal government should take on new powers to give it sweeping control of Australia's economy. The committee recommended federal control over capital issues, the borrowing of money by corporations, time payments, and interest rates.

SMALL FISH
Sprats are smaller members of the herring species, found in British and Norwegian waters.

Unseating Try Is Resisted

TORONTO (CP)—The management of Arcan Corporation Ltd. Friday withstood a determined effort to unseat it at a meeting of company shareholders.

After a two-hour restrained but edgy debate — with tempers barely below the exploding point — the meeting elected the management's slate of directors to the five-man board.

Robert A. Armstrong, president, told the meeting an unknown man claiming to own 18,000 shares had telephoned him Thursday, stating that "two gangsters are up from the States."

The unknown voice, Mr. Armstrong added, had said D. Phillip Owen, vice-president, had better not show up at Friday's meeting, and that if Mr. Armstrong appeared with Mr. Owen, both would be shot.

Mr. Armstrong—with Mr. Owen sitting near him—then told the meeting that a uniformed constable was present. The meeting would be run in an orderly manner, and anyone who did not conform to the rules would be ejected.

The meeting closed with Edward M. Garlock, New York lawyer, on his feet. Mr. Armstrong told him he was out of order, then ignored him and asked for a motion to adjourn, which was moved and passed, with Mr. Garlock still attempting to be heard.

Suicide Pistol Used Before

WASHINGTON (AP) — The pistol used by Povl Bang-Jensen in what New York police called an obvious suicide, had been used in a suicide in Washington.

This was disclosed Friday when New York police asked Washington for information about the .25-calibre automatic found beside the body of the deceased United Nations official near a New York bridge path Thursday.

The records show that the pistol subsequently was claimed by its owner—not identified by Washington police and later sold to a gun shop.

CIRCULATE PETITION
MONTREAL (CP)—A group of McGill University professors is circulating a petition asking Canada to work for a permanent ban on the testing and production of nuclear weapons. The petition, being passed from department to department says the problems of international control and inspection of nuclear weapons production can be solved if there is a sincere desire for agreement.

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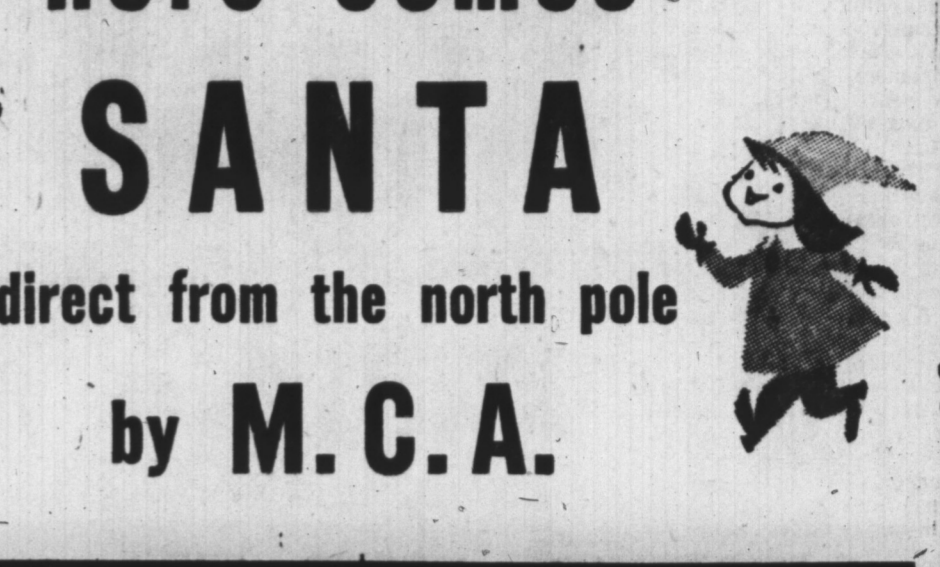
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SANTA arrives Charlottetown
Airport at 1.20 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2nd

His Worship Mayor Edwin C. Johnstone will officially welcome Santa. Santa will be pleased to greet all his little friends at the Airport—and then will go to his own Toyland at Holman's by the following route:

SANTA'S CHARLOTTETOWN ROUTE

Santa leaves Airport down Brackley Point Road to Foodland Parking Lot where he will stay for a few minutes, then down St. Peter's Road to Palmer's Lane along Palmer's Lane to Mount Edward Road, then across Laphorn Avenue and Gerald St. to Elm Ave., along Elm Ave. to Douglas St. and Highland Ave. to North River Road to Brighton Road to Euston St. to Pownal St., to Kent St. to Holman's.

First he will have a rest and a bite to eat, and then he will be in Toyland at approximately 3:00 P.M. to greet his little friends, and—just imagine—he will be there to see you every day from 2:30 to 4:30—until December 18th.

SANTA arrives Summerside
Airport at 12.40 P.M.
TUESDAY, DEC. 1st

The officer commanding R.C.A.F. Station and His Worship Mayor W. A. Currie will officially welcome Santa. Santa will be pleased to greet all his little friends at the Airport and then will go to his own Toyland at Holman's by the following route:—

SANTA'S SUMMERSIDE ROUTE

Santa leaves Airport and then proceeds through Slemom Park stopping at school for a brief period, then to St. Eleanor's, through to Summerside, going in Notre Dame St., to Central St., turning north on Central St. to Schurman Avenue, down Schurman Ave. to Summer St. turning east on Beatty St. to Granville, south to Green St., west to Summer St., down Summer to Notre-Dame, east to Harvard to Eustane, to Water St. and then to Holman's.

First he will have a rest and a bite to eat and then he will be in Toyland at approximately 3:00 P.M., to chat with his little friends, and—Just Imagine—he will be there to see you every day from 2:30 to 4:30 until December 18th.

All CHILDREN greeting SANTA at the AIRPORT MUST be accompanied by ADULTS!!

HOLMAN'S CHRISTMAS HOURS

(please clip for future reference)

as listed below HOLMAN'S stores will remain opens as follows:—

Date	Day	Charlottetown	Summerside
Dec. 5th	SAT.	5 P.M.	5 P.M.
Dec. 7th	MON.	5 P.M.	5 P.M.
Dec. 8th	TUES.	5 P.M.	5 P.M.
Dec. 9th	*WED.	*9 P.M.	*5 P.M.
Dec. 10th	THURS.	5 P.M.	5 P.M.
Dec. 11th	*FRI.	*9 P.M.	*9 P.M.
Dec. 12th	SAT.	5 P.M.	5 P.M.
Dec. 14th	*MON.	*9 P.M.	*5 P.M.
Dec. 16th	*TUES.	*9 P.M.	*5 P.M.
Dec. 15th	*WED.	*9 P.M.	*5 P.M.
Dec. 17th	*THURS.	*9 P.M.	*5 P.M.
Dec. 18th	*FRI.	*9 P.M.	*9 P.M.
Dec. 19th	*SAT.	*9 P.M.	*9 P.M.
Dec. 21st	*MON.	*9 P.M.	*9 P.M.
Dec. 22nd	*TUES.	*9 P.M.	*9 P.M.
Dec. 23rd	*WED.	*9 P.M.	*9 P.M.
Dec. 24th	THURS.	5 P.M.	5 P.M.

* Denotes night openings.