

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

HAY DISASTER

It is impossible to place any accurate value on the loss caused by unfavorable hay-making weather during the month of July. July is hay-making month and more and more farmers have been trying to get the job over with an earlier date. However, August 1 sees a large part of the crop yet to be saved, a part which with fine weather will mature very rapidly and lower in feeding value correspondingly. Much of the early cut hay has been seriously damaged, some of it completely ruined, all talk it may appear that nearly one-half the feeding value which would have been present with favourable weather has been lost. As compensation the showers have provided excellent pastures, although the late harvesting of hay will decrease the after-growth available.

In spite of modern science and modern equipment hay-making is to all farmers still a baffling operation, science and modern systems are of little help if the weather does not co-operate and in many cases modern machinery leads the farmer to take chances in cutting larger acreages than would otherwise be the case under older systems.

PORT ARTHUR MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture met at Port Arthur for three days last week and considered a lengthy agenda ranging over a wide range of topics. Of great interest was the report of the three year old policy committee now discharged dealing with research, education and extension, immigration, co-operation and market-

boards. The report on education was an excellent piece of work and one which in itself justifies the appointment of a policy committee. The education report ranges over the whole field of education from the primary grades to the of providing scholarships for study in Europe for graduates in agriculture. Recommended as basic was the need that every farm girl or boy to be provided with grade ten education plus two years of vocational training. The report suggested the need for a non-governmental Agricultural Research Foundation for obtaining and spending money for research—especially in the poorly developed fields of economic and social studies. The report took the view that a much greater part of agriculture extension should be centered in colleges and universities, this belief comes from the fact that much of the knowledge should be spread which originates at the agricultural colleges. The report pointed out that there is a dangerously small number of new graduates in agriculture and recommended that more under graduate scholarships be established.

LAND USE

In this country it has been a generally accepted idea that possession of land entitled the owner to do with it pretty much as he pleased. This idea we regard as one of our private rights and freedoms. In England which has always been as a strong hold of personal and democratic freedom it is interesting to note that since 1947 a 100 farm owners including a titled lad and 276 tenants have been evicted because their farming did not measure up to a minimum standards. In North America land has always been plentiful, rarely ever was scarcity a problem but the population is increasing rapidly and that fact doubled with the marked decline in productivity, activity and fertility of large areas. Indicate that even in North America we may be approaching a time when land use and conservation will not remain entirely the responsibility of the private citizen.

The recent Canadian Federation of Agriculture meeting decided that soil and conservation was of sufficient importance to merit a place of importance at the 1957 annual meeting and it was agreed that each province would report by November 1 to the national office on this question with particular attention being paid to any policies in effect and tending to improve conservation practices. We do not think there is any farmer who wishes to be ordered what to grow or what to use to make of his land, if this position is to be protected for the future, then land use and conservation must become a matter of concern to and received attention from farmers generally.

GRADING STANDARDS

Grading is established for two main purposes first being to ensure the producer of a good product will receive more money for it than one who markets a poor one. Secondly the consumer has a right to know the quality of the product and to receive the protection of an independent grade. There is a wide variation in the ease with which grades may be applied and carried over to the consumer, for instance fruit and eggs which require very little processing tend themselves to this sort of treatment, but livestock which may be graded either in the live or carcass form present some difficulty in relating such grades to the ultimate product. The recent Canadian Federation of Agriculture meeting discussed at some length the problem of both cattle and hog grading. For some years a new system of grades for hogs has been under consideration and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture now states that the time has arrived when active steps



CAPT. TITCOMBE

To Conduct S. A. Services

Senior Capt. Leslie Titcombe and Mrs. Titcombe of the Salvation Army accompanied by their sons Gerald and David, arrived in Charlottetown on Wednesday night to remain on vacation for two weeks.

Captain and Mrs. Titcombe were in charge of the Salvation corps here from October 1951 until June 1954 when they were transferred to Lippincott Corps, Toronto. On period, they will be transferred to Kingston, Ont.

The very welcome visitors will be in charge of the services at the Salvation Army on Sunday. They are guests of Miss Bertha White, 49 Reserve St.

should be taken to acquaint the hog producer in all provinces with what is suggested in order that he may come to a decision upon the advantage or otherwise rearing. With beef the problem is somewhat different as cattle are for the most part bought from the farmer on their apparent live quality. In packing plants government grades may be applied to the carcasses and settlement may be made to the farmer on these basis. For some years it has been the standard practice to mark the red and blue ribbon on the top grades of beef. The other classification known as commercial has not been branded but is one for which the consumer is showing preference hence the suggestions of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture that the better quality carcasses in the C grade be marked with a brown ribbon and designated in such a manner as to indicate to the consumer that here is a really good product rather than one which is inferior.

POTATO INDUSTRY

Professor Norman H. Moase, Department of Economics and Sociology, Acadia University will be commencing around the middle of August a study of the potato industry and potato marketing in this province. Professor Moase is an economist of note and his observation upon the potato industry should be of an impartial and objective nature and form a study of both interest and value.

IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS

Visitors to the Federation of Agriculture on Wednesday was a team of Immigration officials members of which will be proceeding to various European posts. Usually the office is visited about five or six times a year by such teams interested in obtaining information on Island conditions and Island prospects for immigrants. Members of these teams are expected to be able to give information to prospective settlers on various parts of the country.

TRANSPLANT LIVESTOCK

One thousand head of cattle are to be sent from Australia to New Guinea to try to start a cattle industry there.

40th Wedding Is Celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pratt, Quincy, Mass., were given a surprise party in Hartsville Hall by the Presbyterian Church and Missionary Society, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

They were ushered to the front of the hall by Mrs. John Nicholson and Mr. John A. MacInnis. Little Miss Beverly Ann Hallwell presented Mrs. Pratt with a bouquet of flowers. An address was read by Mrs. John A. MacInnis. Mrs. Norman MacDonald presented the couple with a beautiful picture of the birches, Alexandra, Prince Edward Island, while they were showered with confetti by Mrs. John MacLennan. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt were married in Quincy, Mass. and have five children: Mrs. Kathryn Green, Mrs. Mary Simpson, Mrs. Ruth Sibbald, Mrs. Dorothy Pratt and one son Edward, Pratt Jr. and twelve grand children, all of Quincy.

Mr. Pratt and his son are in the Power Burner Installations Sales and service business. Mr. Pratt thanked every one for their kindness and a very enjoyable evening was spent in singing. This was led by Mr. MacLean, Student pastor.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the missionary Society. The gathering ended by singing "Blest be the tie that binds". Here is the address delivered to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pratt Hartsville, P.E.I., July 17, 1956. Dear Friends:

We have gathered here tonight on the occasion of your fortieth anniversary to let you know in some small way just how much we appreciate your help in our community efforts and more especially in the church.

We have come to look forward to your return with pleasant anticipation as we do to the song-birds and the flowers of spring-time.

You, Mr. Pratt, are always most willing to help in the service of our church. Your genial partner for song for which we are always grateful, and no one can measure how much good is done in this form of service. Not only in this way but financially as well, you have done much in the support of our church. Your genial partner no doubt, has been an inspiration to you always, and undoubtedly has strong ties with the Land of her Birth.

Many of us have enjoyed the hospitality of your home both in Quincy and here on P.E.I.

In closing, we ask you to accept this small gift as a token of our esteem and appreciation. It is our wish that you will enjoy many more happy years together, and we shall always look forward to your return to P.E.I.

Signed on behalf of your friends of Hartsville Church.

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- Dance Millview Hall Friday, August 3.
- Dance Elliottvale School, Friday August 3rd.
- Horse Races at Hazelbrook, August 4th, 2 o'clock.
- Annual lobster supper, St. Mark's Parish, Lot 7, August 14.
- Ice Cream Festival at Bethel School, Saturday evening, August 4th.
- Dancing at the White Spot every Friday night. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- Jean's Snack Bar, Fredericton, closing for holidays, August 4th to 11th.
- Regular dance at Gordon Lodge every Friday night. Weatherlies Orchestra.
- Chicken Supper, Bazaar and Dance, South Rustico, Wednesday, August 8th.
- Square dance in Darnley Hall, Saturday night. Sponsored by Darnley W.I.
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GETTING DIPLOMATIC POST

VIENNA, Austria (Reuters)—Radio Budapest said Thursday that Janos Boldocky, dismissed Hungarian foreign minister, soon will be given a diplomatic post abroad. Boldocky was replaced in a governmental reshuffle July 30 by Imre Horvath, a veteran Communist. Horvath's appointment was announced 12 days after Erno Geroe took over as chief of the Hungarian Communist party from former Stalinist Matyas Rakosi.

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