

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

# Resolutions Are Given Overhaul By Meeting

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The more contentious resolutions were the ones that suggested or appeared to suggest curtailment of freedom on the part of the farmer. For instance the suggestion that land use policies which might be devised to encourage people to sell land and others to buy it got pretty rough handling. Similarly a resolution suggesting that there was need of regulation on terms and conditions relating to the purchase of farm machinery was given a manicuring.

In some cases the discussion may have missed the main point, but it did serve to establish the basic concern of people

that their freedom may be tampered with.

However, there is evidence that farm people are beginning to realize that even though they own the title to land there is a danger of other people making demands with respect to land use and putting themselves in a position to enforce them. Certainly we have observed that if anyone took the same liberties with urban property that they feel free to take with rural property, the police would be promptly called.

Under the heading of drought assistance the Federation will ask the Minister of Agriculture to make a survey of the feed situation in the province and it is suggested that the Federation Executive work with the Minister in carrying out an effective program of assistance for livestock farmers in serious need of feed.

The meeting agreed without any argument that there was need of a cleaning up policy in the application of sales tax on items related to farm production.

The opinion was expressed that the sales tax administrators have two responsibilities — to collect all the legal sales tax but also to see that they do not collect any to which they are not entitled.

**POTATO MATTERS**

Many people have known for some time that the potato industry has a disease problem, generally there has been a minimum of publicity in this connection. Probably more serious than the disease is the attitude of many growers who either disregard the problem or believe it can be dealt with without taking measures that will cause inconvenience or hardship.

It was once said that war was too serious a matter to leave to the Generals. Is this matter too serious to leave to the potato growers? Is it safe to leave the solving of this problem to the possibility of the growers agreeing among themselves to accept the regulations which are the price of a complete clean-up. We would predict that unless very soon there is some concrete evidence of the latter that the decision will be taken out of the hands of the growers and a gelatinous policy applied by public authority.

The potato industry is of far too great importance to this province to allow its future to be jeopardized by the inability or the unwillingness of the industry to set its house in order.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

## Educated Pussy Cat Brushes Own Teeth

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I HAVE an unusual story today. Just to make sure you'll believe it, I direct your attention to the picture on page 1 of this edition.

It was last summer that Ralph Cameron told me about an unusual cat in the home of Stems Webster, who is Chief of Police in Charlottetown.

The cat is a warm friend of "Picky" Webster, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Webster. The cat brushes its teeth in the bath room, when "Picky" does, I was told.

I've had some unusual stories in this column in the last five years. Some of them have caused challenges concerning their truth. So I decided to get the picture of this cat actually brushing its teeth, before I'd use the item here.

The cat's name is "Archie", even though it's a female.

Our photographer tried to get the picture for me, but "Archie" wouldn't perform, with a stranger looking on. So I took my camera to the Websters a few days ago, set it up properly, and left it for the members of the family to get the picture.

"Archie" does brush her teeth, I saw her do so myself. Her special brush is on the right side of the tooth-brush holder in the bathroom. In the picture you'll see her with her mouth against the brush; which she is holding solidly with her paw.

The cat actually opens her lips, so the brush will be against her teeth, as she moves her head up and down to establish the brushing motion.

## Cat Dislikes Bass Notes

The cat sits on the side of the piano while "Picky" plays the instrument. But she doesn't like bass notes. When her mistress plays the bass notes, to tease her, the cat will slump her body down lengthwise, so she's covering those disliked bass keys.

"Archie" has one special Chesterfield chair she regards as her own. When a visitor comes in and occupies that chair, the unusual cat will do everything possible to get her chair back.

But "Picky" is her special friend. If the girl is away for a weekend, the cat mopes around the house and refuses to eat. The cat follows her young mistress around like a dog would, Mrs. Webster tells me.

A cat naturally dislikes water, but "Archie" jumped into the tub one day while the young lady was taking a bath. And it didn't scramble out either, Mrs. Webster told me.

There are other unusual things about this cat that's part Persian—its mother came from Fredericton—but I've said enough, I suggest to establish "Archie" as a most unusual pet.

## Foxes Taken From Den In Ground

A COLUMN on old fox days some time ago brought a letter from Mrs. Laura M. Green, Albany suggesting her brother, Grattan Noonan, had an interesting old story on early foxes.

Last Saturday evening I visited the Albany area after the annual meeting of the Short-horn breeders was concluded, and I talked with Mrs. Green and Mr. Noonan.

Mr. Noonan couldn't definitely establish the date for foxes but it was sometime prior to the successful ranching of foxes by Charles Dalton and William Oulton. And that was in the earlier years of the century.

Joseph Noonan—he would be the father of Grattan and Mrs. Green—went back to the field for his cows one evening, only to find they had broken into the woods. As he searched for his cattle, Mr. Noonan came upon a fox den which was under an old tree.

I like the story on the method he used to get the foxes out, and particularly the makeshift method he devised to carry the animals home.

THERE WERE three black foxes and one grey one, his son told me. Incidentally he sold the four foxes to Charlie Dalton for \$70. That would be a fairly big sum of money at the time, though it was peanuts compared to the prices foxes reached some years later.

To get the foxes out of the den Mr. Noonan cut a stick from a tree, took his pocket knife and cut notches, or splinters, along the side of it. Then he thrust the stick into the hole and by twisting the stick against the body of a fox he got it tangled in the fur so he could pull them out one by one.

Then he faced the problem of how to carry them home. Apparently the man was in his shirt sleeves, so he took off his pants, tied the legs at the bottom with a piece of string, and carried the foxes home in the legs of the trousers.

## St. Peter's Bridge Old Football

One of the first memories I have of the Provincial Legislative concerns the perennial political arguments I heard about the St. Peter's Bridge. Imagine my surprise then, as I picked up a copy of The Daily Patriot of November 26, 1887 and found the famous old structure was featured on the front page even in that early year.

A letter to the editor of that date charged the government with "dumping loads of large stones in the holes, which owing to the yielding character of the brush on which they are placed cannot be broken but stand out in bold relief in the midst of a sea of mud."

Apparently the bridge was built originally by the Conservatives—the district was represented by W. W. Sullivan, later Premier of the Province—but this letter was by a Liberal who hadn't the courage to sign his name, and he berated Mr. Sullivan—he was later Sir Wilfred Sullivan—and all the other Tories in robust fashion.

The travelling surface, this letter writer charged, was so bad that "travelling on foot is entirely suspended.... and to get across with a horse one has to risk the danger of falling through at almost every step, not to mention the probability of getting stuck in the mud." Methinks the man was exaggerating a bit when he suggested a horse would get stuck in the mud. As I read the lengthy letter through, I found even by his version, the mud was only a foot deep.

## Merchants Bank Declared Dividend

ON the same front page was a notice revealing that The Merchants Bank of P.E.I. had declared a dividend at the rate of eight per cent per annum on the capital stock. The cashier at the time was F. Mitchell.

Goff Brothers were advertising winter boots and overshoes that would protect the feet from "mud, water, slush and gold." The advertising did not bother to explain why feet would need protection from gold.

Directly below was an advertisement by D. A. Bruce proclaiming: "We indulge in neither Brag, Blow or Bluster"—the words were in large, black face type—"but tell sterling truths about sterling goods." The reference was to overcoats, fur coats, in goat and Persian lamb.

Also on the front page was the news that Inkerman House, formerly owned by the Hon. Col. Grey was for sale or rent. This was the man who was one of the Fathers of Confederation, and the house in question is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. "Jock" Lawson.

Harris and Stewart, London House were "clearing out the entire stock of dry goods clothing, carpets, etc.... at sacrifice prices."

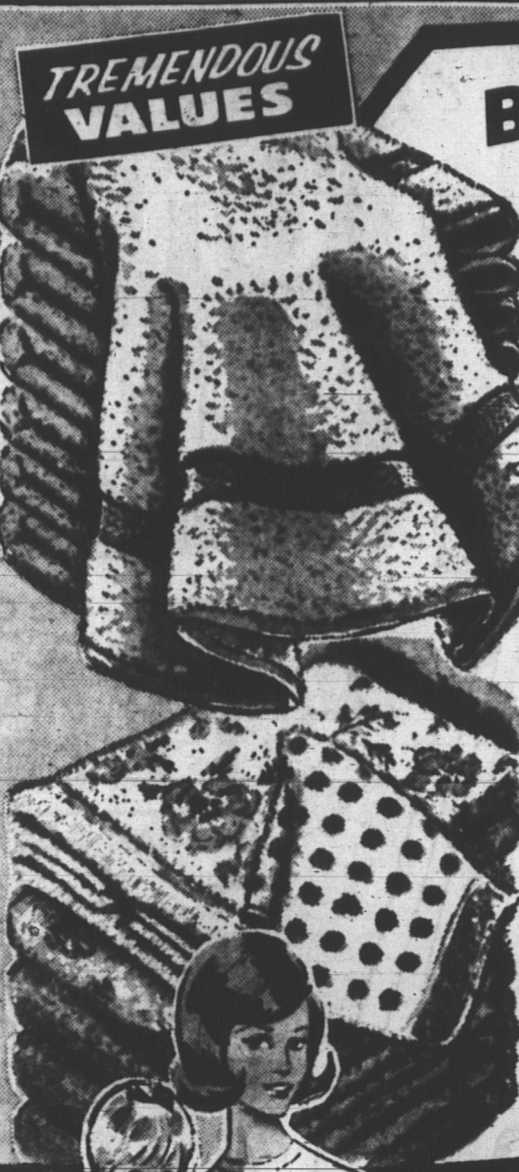
On the same page Beer Brothers were advertising their entire stock worth \$50,000, "thrown on the market at bankrupt prices."

The old copy of the Patriot came to me from Mrs. Wendell Vessey, 77 Upper Prince Street.

# WOOLWORTH'S

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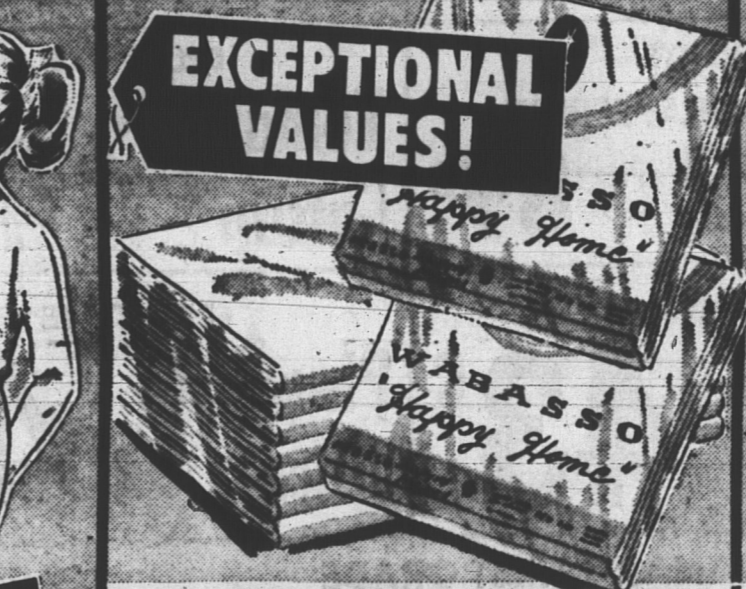


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