

Among The Farmers

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES

In its simplest form democracy is a system which permits people to govern themselves. In actual practice there may be many major or minor deviations from the main principle. Democratic government is not a simple form of Government. In actual practice it requires individuals to affiliate themselves with large numbers of organizations which are not governmental in nature. Any state, to govern itself effectively, requires something more than a Premier, Ministers of the Crown, Members of Parliament and Senators. There must be in addition other groups, some of which may be entirely voluntary in nature; others may impose restrictions upon their members. Inherent and common to and certainly necessary in all the various political parties, cabinets, boards of directors, marketing boards, executives and committees, is a rule that the decision of policy arrived at must be supported publicly by all involved. While members of such groups may in private disagree with and be opposed to the policy in its formation, nevertheless when that policy is agreed upon by the majority there is no alternative but for the individual to support it publicly or resign his position.

THE CONSUMER DECIDES

Mrs. Renee Vautelet, National President of the Canadian Association of Consumers, in the February issue of the CAC Bulletin points out that city dwellers often forget that unconsciously they contribute their share to the rising costs of farm products. In farmer-consumer relations, says Mrs. Vautelet, consumers hold a blind and perilous power. The power to decide by their chance tastes in buying where our manpower will find it most profitable to work... and what it will pay Canada most to produce, radios or bread? Milk or motorcars? Plywood for homes? Soft drinks... or milk? This is the choice consumers make each time they shop, she points out. For one industry... say a television factory or a dairy... say a dairy farm... for its manpower only through our greater readiness to buy more of and pay more for what the winning industry produces. "The refrigerator on your street alone may have siphoned ten men away from the farm, where cows who won't keep union hours are losing out to factories that will. This is one factor behind rising milk prices. Only by making it more rewarding for men to produce food than gadgets can we turn back the tide now rapidly emptying our farms of their labor. To want cheap necessities is human. But is it wise," says Mrs. Vautelet.

POTATO TARIFFS

Communications from Federal ministers to the Provincial Legislature referring to the resolution passed on potato tariffs convey the impression that the competition from American grown potatoes is not of a permanent nature and only occurs in abnormal conditions. It would indeed be fortunate if this belief were true but unhappily there is good reason for believing that such is not the case. Modern transportation makes it much easier for the State of Maine to move potatoes into Canada and also expose Maine to added competition in American markets. These two factors together will effect the situation that the competition in surplus years, in normal years, and as this season has proven, in years that are subnormal.

The tariff arrangement on or about 1895 which gave American potatoes practically free entry into Canada appeared to be at that time an innocent and harmless agreement which has taken almost twenty years to make evident its real significance. It has also been suggested in some quarters that the problems of the potato industry could be solved by free trade between the two countries. This is also questionable.

tionable. At the moment, American potatoes are coming into Canada duty free — a state of affairs which is certainly lowering the price to Maritime producers to a marked extent. On the other hand, the United States is purchasing from Canada for the most part seed potatoes of high quality, which command a certain premium for this reason. It can be argued with some justice that the duty which we pay into the United States is not a serious handicap as a free entry accorded American potatoes. We would suggest that from the Maritime standpoint the most equitable arrangement would be for tariffs to be at the same rate for the two countries and at a figure somewhat lower than 37½%. Quotas could be eliminated as well.

EXCHANGE WITH RUSSIA

The press is our authority for the statement that Russia would like to send farmers to the United States to study American methods in agriculture and would be prepared to receive American farmers as observers. We think the idea is a good one and if acted upon generally might do as much or as little to promote harmony and understanding between the two countries than much of the negotiating that is carried on at higher levels. In fact if diplomacy and prosecution of wars were left in the hands of farmers the making of war might suffer a marked decline, as the average farmer would want to take time out for more necessary operations of seeding and harvesting.

APRIL — A BUSY MONTH

Our farm experience leads us to believe that April is one of the busiest months of the year on the farm. To the normal work carrying on for livestock, preparing produce for market is added the preparation of fire wood for the next winter; preparing of machinery; cleaning of seed grain; repairing of fences and the innumerable tasks which must be carried out before cropping starts. The work that is made of April may very often decide how smoothly the work goes through the whole season.

FARM FORUM CONCLUDES

Monday evening March 21st will see the last regular discussion meeting of the farm forum groups in the Province. The topic for the evening is one in which the public is generally interested, "Safety on the Highway". "What can be done to reduce the tragic accident toll?" Possibly there are few, if any, perfect drivers. No doubt many of us are not as good as we think we ought to be. Driving is like many other things, there is more that we can all learn.

Farm forum discussions have been of greater than usual interest this season. The topics were apparently selected with care and good judgment. The result would appear to be a worthwhile contribution to the knowledge of farm forum members in general on wide variety questions.

PALGRAVE'S TREASURY

PARKSTONE, Eng. (Reuters)—Rev. Francis M. Palgrave, once a missionary among the Indians of the Canadian far north, left £46,791 in his will published Saturday. He died Jan. 15, aged 90, son of Francis Turner Palgrave, editor of the famous anthology of poetry known as "Palgrave's golden treasury."

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ORWELL — VERNON UNITED CHURCH. — Rev. John M. Sheen, Minister. Orwell 11 a. m. Cherry Valley 2.30 p. m. Vernon River 7.30 p. m.

CORNWALL UNITED CHURCH. Rev. A. S. Weir, D. D., Minister. Services March 20th, are expected to be as follows: Cornwall 7.30 a. m. Sunday School 11.0 a. m. If roads are fit, Kingston 11.00 a. m. and New Dominion 3.00 p. m.

COVEHEAD PASTORAL CHARGE. — United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, March 20th. Stanhope 11 a. m. Covehead 2.30 p. m. West Covehead 7.30 p. m. Rev. Norman Green.

HAMPTON PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, March 20th. Stanley Bridge 11 a. m. DeSable 3 p. m. Victoria 7.30 p. m. Rev. R. H. Baxter, Minister.

CAVENDISH UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA. — Services Sunday, March 20th. Rustico 3 p. m. Rev. F. W. Sawdon, Minister.

MARSHFIELD PASTORAL CHARGE. — The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Friday, 8 p. m. Marshfield Preparatory Service, Sunday, March 20th, 11 a. m. Marshfield, Sacrament of Lord's Supper, 3.00 p. m. Harrington, 7.30 p. m. Mount Stewart. Everyone welcome. Rev. Lee M. MacNaughton, B. A., Minister.

HAZELBROOK—CROSS ROADS—ALEXANDRA. — Services for Sunday, March 20th. Hazelbrook 11 a. m. Cross Roads 3 p. m. Alexandra 7.30 p. m. All are welcome to these services. Rev. C. E. Armstrong, Minister.

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LISTEN TO MR. J. GORDON MacDONALD discuss Red Cross Disaster Services CFCY tonight at 7.00.

NORTH RIVER UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH. — Services for Long Creek 11 a. m. Clyde River 3 p. m. Kingston 7.30 p. m. Rev. Owen Cochran.

HEAR MAJOR ANDREW MacRAE of Winsloe 3rd Queens Conservative Candidate speaking on CFCY's Provincial Affairs Broadcast, Saturday 7.15 p. m.

YORK PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Minister: Rev. J. M. Sproule. Sunday, March 20th, 1955. 11.00 a. m. Central. 2.30 p. m. Pleasant Grove. 7.30 p. m. York.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Canada, Central Parish. Services next Lord's day are as follows: Canoe Cove 11 a. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Churchill 3 p. m. Clyde River 7.30 p. m. Rev. Donald Nicholson, Minister.

POWNAI UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE. — Services Sunday, March 20th. Bunbury at 11 a. m. Mount Herbert at 2.30 p. m. Pownal at 7 p. m. Pownal Sunday School at 10.45 a. m. Millview Sunday School at 11 o'clock. Rev. T. R. Goudge, Minister.

HUNTER RIVER PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Services on Sunday, March 20th, as follows: North Wiltshire 11 a. m. Wheatley River 3 p. m. Hunter River 7.30 p. m. Rev. C. R. Moase, B. A., D. D., Minister.

PARCEL BOMB EXPLODES BERLIN (Reuters) — A parcel addressed to the Berlin chairman of the Free Democratic party exploded here Thursday injuring two typists, police announced. The parcel was sent to Hubert Schwenicke at his office in the Siemens Electrical Works, of which he is a director. It exploded when the typists were unwrapping it.

To Organize French-Canadian Businessmen

MONTREAL, (CP) — A special advisory board of French-Canadian businessmen has been organized to co-operate with the executive council of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, it was announced Thursday. The board, headed by Yvon R. Tasse of Quebec, will draw its 21 members from several Canadian provinces. "The formation of this committee is another step on the part of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to continually broaden the national character of its role as the representative of Canada's businessmen," Mr. Tasse said in a statement. Meetings will be held alternately in Montreal and Quebec City and from time to time in other parts of the country, the announcement said.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of a dear Husband and Father
JOHN A. MacLEAN
who passed away March 18th, 1953.
Once again we pay our tribute,
To the one we loved so dear,
Though we know you can't be with us,
Still we wish you were here.
Ever Remembered by Wife and Family.

In loving memory of a dear Husband and Daddy, Charles Ross, Roseberry, who passed away on March 18th, 1954.
"Your life is a beautiful memory,
Your death our silent grief."
Always Remembered by Annie, Robert, Angus and Diane.

In loving memory of J. Charles Ross, who passed away March 18, 1954.
Always a smile, never a frown
Always a hand, when someone was down.
There wasn't a thing too big or too small,
That he wouldn't try to do for us all.
Treasured memories are all we have left,
Of a life we loved, and will never forget.
Lovingly Remembered by Albert and Elaine.

Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank

We And Our Neighbors

"Backward, Turn Backward!"
I wonder if our greater insight into human behavior accounts for the loss of appeal in this favorite of the past:
"Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight."
Make me a child again just for tonight! (Elizabeth Allen—1832-1911). The poet wants to be a child, a very small child, cradled in her mother's arms because as she goes on to say, she is "so weary of toil and of tears."
To this the modern psychologist would urge, (indirectly of course—individuals must decide for themselves!) "Now, now, my dear, you'll never cope with your 'toil' or manage your 'tears' by becoming a child again—by using the mechanism of regression!"
"Regression," says one psychologist (Kaplan) "is the process of relieving anxiety by falling back upon the thoughts, feeling or behavior which worked successfully during an earlier period in life."
And it is quite plain that the poetess above longs to do as she did when a child—give vent to tears and fly to her mother's arms whenever she met with a difficult situation!
We all "regress" to some extent in the face of an extremely painful situation. And a prolonged illness finds us willing to be "babied." Sometimes those who have felt the lack of attention, be- fore unconsciously extend the sick period.

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Through her difficulties, she uses the childhood pattern of running to mother who "will fix everything." In other words, she "regresses".
But the commonest use of regression is by the child himself. Most young mothers nowadays are prepared for signs of regression in an older child when there is a new baby in the family. Infantile habits given up months ago may show themselves once more. Trouble in the family may also cause the child to slip back into earlier ways of behaving.
Though the tendency to regress is common to all children, psychiatrists believe that children from a loving and secure home gradually outgrow this tendency. But children who are pushed too hard to conform to adult standards, or over-protected children who are not allowed or encouraged to develop initiative and self-confidence, resort to regression (they have temper tantrums, cry, complain, blame others, etc.) even as adults when the going gets rough.

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