

Soil Conservation And Related Problems

Excerpts from a Report by the Prince Edward Island Branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

REMEDIATION MEASURES

It is evident that, if economic conditions in Prince Edward Island are to be improved, or even maintained at their present level, steps will have to be taken to conserve and increase the productive capacity of much of our warm land. In addition, ways and means must be found whereby our marginal land will be utilized to produce crops for which it is best suited.

Some improvement may be brought about by the direct action of government agencies, but most must be achieved by the sustained effort of the owners themselves. In furthering this effort, valuable assistance can be given by those who have studied many of the factors affecting this problem — such factors as the judicious use of manure and commercial fertilizers, the importance of humus and lime prevention of erosion, management of farm woodlots, reforestation, rotations as they affect soil fertility, control of weeds, and conservation of fish and game.

It must be realized that, owing to existing conditions and the nature of the problem, progress may be slow; that of the total land area of the Province, 84 per cent is privately owned and that reclamation is impossible. Farmers and the public in general must be shown the necessity of concerted action. Before this can be done effectively, specific information as to the location, extent and present condition of the various types of land must be obtained.

This information can be gained only by extensive surveys sponsored by government agencies. As already stated in part, this knowledge of actual conditions is necessary before any educational campaign or remedial government measures will receive the support of public opinion.

The following suggestions are made in the hope that they may lead to a better understanding of the problems involved in a production and conservation programme.

Prevention of Erosion

Permanent pasture, where it can be used to advantage, offers one of the cheapest and best methods of preventing erosion and maintaining fertility on moderate to steep slopes if lack of moisture and nature of the soil are not limiting factors. It is especially suitable if the location provides shade and water. A good sod should be established by the use of commercial fertilizer or light dressings of manure. To establish a sod on droughty land is difficult and expensive.

In many instances a system of strip-cropping, modified to suit conditions, may be conducted on sloping land without adding much to the cost for labor. By this system, in which strips of cultivated land running parallel to the slope are alternated with strips of sod, the amount of erosion by water is greatly reduced. When the cultivated crop is roots or potatoes, water from showers is caught between the drills and conserved.

On the other hand, where the drills cross a small valley or depression they may conduct water to the depression and cause a serious washout.

A good sod provides one of the best forms of protection for cultivated land, and by absorbing rain, lessens the loss from run-off.

When drills of potatoes or roots extend up and down a slope, a serious loss of surface soil may be caused by heavy thunder showers following a dry period.

Three Seats Lost

Sweden: Three of eight Red seats in the Lower House of the Swedish Parliament have been lost and the Communist popular vote now is only 3.5 per cent of the total.

Switzerland: Communist voting strength stands at 30,000 compared with a high of 50,000.

Austria-Germany: No Red-held seats in the West German Parliament and "no real support" gained in Austria.

Netherlands: Reds slumped to their lowest level since 1937 in 1952 elections.

Belgium: Total Red vote at its lowest since 1932.

Luxembourg: 1951 elections cost the Reds 12 of 23 legislative seats they once held.

LOWER NEWTOWN W. I.

The monthly meeting of the Lower Newtown Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Herman MacDougall on February 16 with eight members and four visitors present.

Letters were read and reports of committees were then heard. It was decided that school bell, furniture polish and window shade be bought for school.

New committees appointed were as follows: sick, Mrs. Monty MacEachern and Mrs. David Gillis; school, Mrs. Bennett Gillis and Mrs. Monty Griffin; program, Mrs. Charles MacEachern and Mrs. Aubrey MacLellan; lunch, Mrs. Herman MacDougall and Mrs. Monty Griffin.

It was decided to hold a card game on February 18. Collection amounted to \$1.45. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. A. MacLellan when roll call will be answered by an exchange of recipes.

A contest put on by Mrs. M. MacEachern was won by Mrs. Edison MacLean and one put on by Mrs. Eunice Ross was won by Mrs. C. MacEachern and Mrs. D. Gillis.

MARCH MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Lower Newtown Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Aubrey MacLellan on March 16 with eight members and three visitors present.

Several letters were read. It was decided that \$8 be given to the Red Cross and a gift be given to Dr. MacDonald. The convener of citizenship read a letter concerning education. Sale of remnants amounted to \$5.90. Reports of committees were heard. It was agreed that the secretary buy broom and paper towel dispenser.

New committees appointed were as follows: school, Mrs. Aubrey MacLellan and Mrs. M. Griffin; sick, Mrs. J. Nicholson and Mrs. D. J. MacKenzie; program, Mrs. B. Gillis and Mrs. D. Gillis; lunch, Mrs. Earl Gay and Mrs. J. Griffin. Collection amounted to \$1.12 and one new member paid her fee.

Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Charles MacEachern when roll call will be answered by a housecleaning hint. Contests put on by Mrs. Charles MacEachern were won by Mrs. David Gillis and Miss Miriam Gillis, and one put on by Mrs. Aubrey MacLellan was won by Mrs. Charles MacEachern.

BEETLES ON FLAGSHIP

PORTSMOUTH, England, (CP)—Lord Nelson's famous flagship the Victory, long preserved at a berth here, is being fumigated in an attempt to destroy "death-watch beetles" eating into the timbers.

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RESERVE April 20th for style show in Fabric and Wallpaper, sponsored by Hillsboro Chapter I.O.D.E. 8:15, Clover Club. Tickets 50 cents.

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HEAR D. C. MONROE, Director, School of Teachers, MacDonal College, this evening in P. W. College. Topic—"Teachers for our Times." Vocal selections, Mr. Raouf Raymond. 7.30 P. M.

Personals

Mrs. Frank Gregory returned to her home Thursday following two-weeks treatment in the P. E. I. Hospital.

The many friends of Miss Dora Somers, Charlottetown, are sorry to learn that she has entered the Prince Edward Island Hospital. All wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Alex Scott and Mrs. John B. Andrew have returned from a pleasant vacation in Halifax, during the Easter holidays. They were guests of Miss Marjorie Scott, Preston St.

Mr. Allison MacMillan of Fairview, who has for some months been a patient at the Prince Edward Island Hospital, leaves this morning for Halifax where he will receive further treatment at the Camp Hill Military Hospital.

Mr. Percy McKenna who has been receiving treatment in the Charlottetown Hospital, is much improved, and his many friends are pleased to learn that he will be returning to his home in Waterville, Pownal, later in the week.

CLYDE RIVER SCHOOL (March Honor Roll)

Grade VIII—Anna Young, Betty Bellman, Elmer MacKinnon.

Grade VII—Gail Hyde, David Young.

Grade VI (A)—Byron Murray, Donnie McInnis, Shirley Hyde.

Grade VI (B)—Anna MacNevin, Edith Bellman.

Grade V—Annie Boyle.

Grade IV (A)—Carol Gillespie, Andrew MacKinnon.

Grade IV (B)—Donna Beer, Freddie Beer, Elizabeth Cameron, equal.

Grade III (A)—Alberta MacNevin, Christine Young, Alden Scott.

Grade III (B)—Hilda Dixon, Angus Cameron.

Highest average: Hilda Dixon, 86%; Donna Beer, 86%.

John Trowsdale, teacher.

New Annan Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall and daughter Marjorie were recent visitors to Summerside.

Mrs. Albert Moase visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cairns, Summerside East, on Tuesday.

Miss Ellie Gillis and Mr. Daniel Gillis spent the week-end with Mr. Williams Heggarty.

Many friends of Mr. Harold Moase will be pleased to know that he was able to return to his home from Prince County Hospital where he underwent an appendicitis operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gallant and two children of Summerside, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Lambe and little son John, of Summerfield, Mrs. James Mill and Donna of Kensington were visitors during the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis.

Mrs. Charles Waugh was hostess for the April meeting of the New Annan Women's Institute. Roll call was responded to by 13 members, giving an article for an auction. Correspondence consisted of "Thank you" letters, a letter from convener of Agriculture, a check for the Government grant, and Homer-Warren regarding seeds and cards. Robin Hood cook-books were received and given out to members who had ordered them. Sick committee reported one call made and fruit taken. School committee had bought necessary articles for the school. It was decided to give \$10 to the linen fund of Prince County Hospital. Three members volunteered to collect for the Red Cross. Two bottles of Cod Liver Oil capsules were sent to the school for free distribution to the pupils. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Olive Waite with Mrs. John McInnis and Mrs. Arthur Wright on lunch committee. Roll call will be an exchange of seeds or plants. New school committee are Mrs. Stewart Moase; sick committee, Mrs. Delbert Rayner and Mrs. Robert Moase; program committee Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. Richard Wall. A reading and a contest were put on by the program committee, followed by an auction with Mrs. Olive Waite as auctioneer, which brought in the sum of \$10. Collection amounted to \$1.35.

TRIP TO CANADA

AUCKLAND, N.Z., (CP)—Twenty young New Zealanders have been invited to spend a month in Canada as guests of the Commonwealth youth movement, in connection with next summer's Empire games at Vancouver. Founder of the movement, Major F. J. New, said here that all expenses would be paid except transport to Canada.

NATIVE BIBLE

LONDON, (CP)—Some 20,000,000 Africans will receive a new Swahili translation of the Bible from the British and Foreign Bible Society.

TOWN TAXI—Dial 5670.

EASTER TEA, St. Joseph's Sodality Hall, Wednesday, April 21st, 4 to 6 p.m.

CHARLOTTETOWN FREE Dispensary, Annual Collection this week.

VISIT HI-STYLE MILLINERY, 163½ Great George Street. Every style Hi-style.

SERVICE TO SICK, Dial 5132, Cantwell's Pharmacy, next to Gloria.

ANNUAL MEETING of the Charlottetown Free Dispensary at City Hall, April 22nd, at 8 p.m. Public cordially invited.

"WE TREAT THE SICK WELL", Giggey's Pharmacy, next Stewart's Bakery.

HEAR the Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan speak on the Charlottetown Free Dispensary, over CFCY, between 6.45 and 7 p.m., April 20th.

NOW IS THE time to start thinking about your entry in the Rural Beautification contests. Complete details of this year's competition will appear soon.

RETURNS HOME — Mrs. Gordon McQuillan has returned to New York after being called home owing to the illness of her mother, Mrs. A. Egan.

YOU'LL THRILL to the lilt of the waltz-time music of the old Danube, at the Y's Men's Show, April 26, 27, 28th. Gorgeous girls and handsome (?) men in colorful costumes and tuneful music. Get tickets now.

Native Islander Dies In Massachusetts

ABINGTON, April 9—Mr. John W. Mellish, 84, North Abington, Mass., died yesterday at his home after a long illness. Born on Prince Edward Island, son of Albert and Annabelle (Campbell) Mellish, he had lived in Abington for 11 years, coming from Quincy.

Mr. Mellish, a retired stationary engineer, had worked for the A. T. Stearns Lumber Company of Newport for 25 years and the Statler Hotel in Boston for several years. He was a member of the Joseph Webb Masonic Lodge of Boston and the Engineers Blue Room Club of Boston.

He leaves his wife, Priscilla (Hauman) Mellish; two sons, Chester H. of Hingham and the Rev. William S. Mellish of Chicago; a daughter, Mrs. Luther Bennett of Hingham; a sister, Miss Mary Mellish of Brookline; a brother, Albert of Prince Edward Island; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

KELLY'S CROSS SCHOOL (March Report)

Grade IX — 1. Ralph McQuaid; 2. Wendell McDonald; 3. Monica McQuaid.

Grade VIII — 1. Earl Molyneux; 2. Joseph Kelly.

Grade VII — 1. Clifford McDonald.

Grade VI — 1. Desmond Curley; 2. Margaret Roberts; 3. Jerome Monaghan.

Grade V — 1. Kenneth Curley; 2. Theresa Monaghan; 3. William McQuaid.

Grade IV — 1. Patricia Kelly; 2. Jimmy Nates.

Grade III — 1. Janet Waddell; 2. Gemma Murphy; 3. Leonard Smith.

Grade II — 1. Desmond Nantes; 2. Bertha McQuaid.

Grade I — 1. Louis Bradley; 2. Ann Curley; 3. Ann Curley; 4. Ann Curley; 5. Ann Curley.

Highest average in Senior grades — Desmond Curley 95 per cent.

Highest average in Junior grades: Louis Bradley, Paula Nantes 97 per cent.

Perfect attendance for month — Monica McQuaid, Patricia Kelly, Jimmy Nates, Janet Waddell, Louis Bradley, Ann Curley, Paula Nantes, Donnie Waddell.

Teacher: Colette Matters.

UNION ROAD W.M.S.

The April meeting of the Union Road W.M.S., met at the home of Mrs. Harold Yeo on April 5. Theme for the month was "New Life Through Love." Meeting opened by singing "Holy Holy Holy," followed with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Mrs. John Ashley gave a Temperance reading entitled "Alcohol and Road Traffic." Hymn, "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross," which was followed by sentence prayers. Roll call was answered by 11 members and one visitor present.

Mrs. Everett Lamont presented the Christian Stewardship reading. Mrs. Brent MacMillan and Mrs. Keith Bryenton were appointed to visit the sick and shut-ins. A letter of thanks was read from an elderly shut-in for fruit and dainties received. For the program Mrs. Harold Yeo gave a reading entitled, "The Easter Lily." Mrs. Everett Lamont read "Sissy Elston's Easter Opening." Program committee for next meeting are Mrs. Stirling Yeo and Mrs. B. C. Hardy. Easter thank-offering amounted to \$9.25. Closing hymn, "Work For The Night Is Coming" was followed by Benediction.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour spent.

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It has been in service in Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens and most of the larger centres of those Provinces. This year it invades the Maritimes, and will be seen in about ten of the chief cities beginning at Fredericton.

The circus carries sixty people, and its own band. Its staff comprises stars of the circus world, who provide thrilling and exciting acts.

The animal acts are supplied by elephants, lions, horses, ponies, dogs and monkeys.

The circus will come here from Moncton, where it has a three day stop. It has its own truck and auto service.

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Soviets Making Intense Efforts To Win Friends

By Tom Whitney (Associated Press Foreign Staff) The Soviets are making intense efforts these days to win an international popularity contest.

The Russians are engaged in a well-planned campaign to win friends and influence people in the non-Communist world, Western Europe in particular. And news reports from many countries indicate they are having some success.

It's not apparently intended to convert people to communism particularly. It's purely and simply designed to convince the public in non-Communist countries that Russia is friendly, that Russians are friendly, and that Russia's intentions towards them are peaceful.

Take just one outstanding example of what happens to be going on right now:

The famous French theatre, the Comedie Francaise, is in the Soviet Union putting on plays from its Parisian repertoire.

The reception shown this foreign theatrical group, to put it mildly, has been spectacular. Ticket offices have been mobbed. Reviews and articles in the Soviet press on the French troupe have been enthusiastic and most cordial.

Other Friendly Moves

And the visit of the Comedie Francaise is just one individual item in a big list of things the Russians are doing to demonstrate their friendliness.

The Soviet Red Cross recently made a contribution for relief of victims in a flood disaster in Afghanistan. A team of Soviet chess stars has been playing matches against teams in Argentina and Uruguay. A Soviet weight lifters' team has been visiting Egypt to compete with Egyptian athletes. A large troupe of Soviet ballet stars has been visiting several Western European countries including The Netherlands and England.

And the Russians involved in entertaining foreign guests in Russia or in making friendship visits abroad all ooze cordiality and friendliness.

This sort of thing is having