

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

MCA Maintenance Branch Seeking More Skilled Labor

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CHILDREN'S skating today 4 to 5:30. The Forum. MRS. JOHNSTON'S LADIES' WEAR - Special Sale.

REGIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL - see "Ladies in Retirement", February 12th. Tickets at Hughes Drug and Abegweit Gift Court.

HOME MADE bread and cake at Holman's Friday afternoon, Feb. 8th. Auspices of Marshfield Presbyterian Ladies' Aid.

FIREMEN CALLED - Smoke of undetermined origin at the Charlottetown Curling Club called out the City Fire Department yesterday afternoon. No damage was reported.

POLICE COURT - Two men charged with being drunk and incapable were arraigned before the Stipendiary Magistrate at the City Police Court yesterday, both were sentenced to \$5 and costs or 5 days. A man charged with breaking and entering with intent, pleaded guilty and the case was remanded one week.

SAD NEWS RECEIVED - Mr. Edison Easter of North Wiltshire, P. E. I., has received the sad news of the death of his brother, Samuel S. Easter formerly of North Wiltshire but late of Victoria, B. C. He suffered several strokes and became partially paralyzed before death took place on January 2nd. He leaves to survive two sons and one daughter, Rev. Ralph Easter, Victoria, B. C., Herbert Easter, Sudbury, Ont., and Mrs. Robert Currie, Elora, Ont. Mr. Easter was 84 years of age. Interment took place in the family plot at Royal Oak Burial Park.

HEALTH WEEK - The boys and girls in the Charlottetown schools are learning that the right foods must be eaten every day in order to have good healthy teeth. During National Health Week Dr. B. J. O'Meara, Director of Dental Public Health, is showing two instructive films on dental health while Miss Hazel Roland, Director of the Nutrition Division talks to the children about the importance of less sweets and more good nourishing foods. In keeping with this program the grocery stores and restaurants are cooperating in the adult field posters and exhibits based on Canada's Food Rules.

ZION Y.P.S. - The regular weekly meeting of Zion Y.P.S. was held on Tuesday evening, February 5th. The devotional period was led by Kathleen MacFadyen. Freddie Hickson read the Scripture lesson and Jean MacLean led in prayer. Hymns sung were "The Great Physician Now is Near" and "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee." The devotions closed by repeating the "Lord's Prayer" in unison. The president presided over the business part of the meeting and Kay Garnum led the Study period. The meeting then adjourned to the lower hall for several enjoyable games.

Y'S MEN'S MEETING - The Centennial Y's Men's Club held

Addresses Meeting Of Service Clubs On Churchill Visit

"Her Majesty, The Queen." For the first time in over half a century the toast which was so familiar for 67 years was heard again in Prince Edward Island last night. It came as members of the Rotary and Kinsmen Clubs held a joint meeting last night at the Charlottetown to hear a speech by Mr. A. C. Hall, Deputy Director of the United Kingdom Office of the High Commissioner's Office, Ottawa.

Mr. Hall varied greatly from the prepared text of his speech "The United Kingdom - Canada - United States Triangle in 1962." He stated that the sudden change of circumstances of the day, the death of His Majesty King George Sixth, compelled changes. Instead the speaker relied on recent remarks of Prime Minister Winston Churchill to convey the message. He spoke of what he termed Mr. Churchill's "prescience" during his speech at Ottawa last month. At that time the British leader said, "We have a truly beloved King. In constitutional duty he is faultless. In physical and moral courage he is an example to all his peoples. We are proud to pay him our tribute; and this is no formal salute of loyalty but an expression of our deepest natural feelings."

Crises in Egypt The speaker mentioned the differences with Egypt over the Suez Canal and stated of the problem that "The Suez Canal is one which we considered, and still consider, to be a burden which we should not bear alone." He added that Great Britain had no imperialistic designs on Egypt at all.

Briefly referring to conditions behind the Iron Curtain he said that during his service in Russia he had married a Russian girl. "I am still waiting for the curtain to be lifted so she and our children may join me again." Mr. Hall told of how Mr. Churchill was impressed with what he saw in Canada. "The richness of the life here compared with the grinding austerity of Britain; the foodshops bursting with every commodity nature and man produce; the sleek automobiles; the guns AND butter." The Deputy Director also remarked that we can only guess at what was in Mr. Churchill's mind when he stated of the two great wars of this century that they had turned the economic balance of power from the Old World to the New, and that that turning of the balance had given Canada a "sacred mission to discharge."

Important Stage Mr. Hall said it was his belief that the Washington and Ottawa talks marked a new and vitally important stage in the relations

Research Continued In Plant Pathology

The results of field studies concerning with varietal resistance to potato verticillium wilt were given by members of the staff of the Charlottetown Laboratory of Plant Pathology Science Service before the Agricultural Council in conference here yesterday. Healthy seed of 26 varieties and seedlings was planted in soil harboring the verticillium organism.

Stock under test includes many promising blight resistant seedlings, some of which may be adopted on a commercial scale if they survive further screening tests, the report noted. The Houma variety and a scab resistant seedling showed high resistance to the wilt, while high susceptibility was noted in the varieties Sebago, Canso, Kennebec, Pontiac and certain blight resistant seedlings. To common storage rot, high susceptibility was noted in the varieties Sebago, Keswick, Chipewas and in the blight resistant seedlings 426 and 428. No serious susceptibility to this condition was found in Irish Cobblers, Houma and in seedlings 4519, 424 and 422. The Sebago has proven highly resistant to F. coeruleum decay and the Irish Cobbler possesses moderate susceptibility to this organism.

The report notes that an apparent deficiency of the element molybdenum in cauliflower has appeared on two market garden areas near Charlottetown. Plants on these areas show the typical "whiptail" appearance that has been shown to be associated with this deficiency in other places, particularly Great Britain and Australia.

Treatment results, reviewed in the report, support the conclusions of other workers that liming renders the molybdenum in the soil more available to plants and that the deficiency can be remedied by applying sodium molybdate with the fertilizer.

Potato Fungicides

Reference is made to five potato fungicides tested during the year under a co-operative project at Ladner, B.C., Deschambault and Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere, Quebec, Fredericton, N.B., and Charlottetown. Bordeaux mixture gave greatest protection against late blight on the foliage.

Five fungicides were included in the screening test at Charlottetown. Under the severe epiphytotic that prevailed only Perenox showed good foliage control; the others failed early in the season to protect the plants. A survey conducted in the Province during 1951 showed that 13.3 per cent of the growers used no fungicide and that many of those who sprayed or dusted applied fewer treatments than were necessary to afford adequate protection. Data collected at Charlottetown for several years show that the investment in fungicides is manifoldly returned to the grower.

In the test plots in 1951, the report notes, it cost \$7.06 per acre for the copper sulphate and lime required to apply Bordeaux mixture through the season. The increased yield of Number 1 tubers over the untreated plots was 77.7 bushels per acre. These potatoes are worth \$2.00 per bushel or \$156.40 for the total increased yield. In this case \$22.04 was returned for each dollar invested in fungicides. The mean return per dollar invested in Bordeaux during the 5-year period 1937-1941 was \$24.84.

The report notes that the Charlottetown Laboratory has entered its thirty-sixth year of public service in the interests of agricultural, the main field of research being concerned with diseases of field crops and potatoes. The fire which destroyed the Laboratory building in January, 1931, proved a disaster but plans took shape immediately at Headquarters level to replace the physical losses by a modern science service building which will be made available during the present year.

Members of the Laboratory staff are Messrs. R. E. Hurst, G. W. Ayers, L. C. Calbeck, D. B. Robinson and J. E. Campbell.

Potato Shipments

Continued from page 1 Provincial Department of Agriculture that grocers' bins of bulk potatoes and small packages sold should be marked with grade and variety and thus give the purchaser an opportunity to purchase the grade desired. We hope when this is enacted that further improvement in grade and quality will be noted. "In the past three years we have noted a steady increase in market preference for potatoes packed in 10-lb. and 15-lb. packages. Great care in packing those packages is necessary and we have had meetings with shippers, loaders and warehouse men which have resulted in a marked improvement in grade and uniformity of size."

Turnips

During the year maggot injury caused untold damage and loss to the turnip grower, and while great care was exercised in the inspection service, many affected specimens passed notice and went forth to further impair the Island markets, which are quite limited.

Stressing the seriousness of this pest, Mr. Shaw went on to say: "Many farmers are not aware of the seriousness of this injury and they feel they should be allowed to grade and ship, providing the outward appearance of the turnip is not marred to any great extent. This is a grave mistake, and we think it will become necessary to demand a warehouse pack."

"The shipments from the 1950 crop amounted to 1,511,200 bushels, as compared to 680,800 bushels from our 1950 crop. Last year to December 31st, 456,200 bushels were shipped, and from our knowledge of the present holdings of shipping stock, movement for the remainder of the season will be rather light."

Strawberries

The acreage has increased in the past ten years from less than fifty acres to over three hundred acres. Due to unfavourable weather conditions and a late June frost, the average yield per acre was below that of previous years. A good market was maintained due to preserving, canning and cold storage accommodation which was available and protected the grower at the peak of picking from being forced to accept below - cost - of - production prices.

Three Strawberry Associations

Local Procedure Following Death Of King Geo. V Recalled

It is recalled locally that in 1936 following the death of King George V the Lieutenant Governor was sworn in four days after his death with the day after that being sworn by the Provincial Cabinet. The Proclamation regarding the Coronation was issued on January 24, 1936.

There was a gun salute, 21 guns fired on the day of the proclamation, and another of 70 one-minute guns fired on the day of the funeral. The latter salute was fired one gun for each year of his age. This was done by special instructions from the Department of National Defence at Ottawa. Under regulations on the death of a sovereign all flags will be flown at half-mast with the exception of the day on which the proclamation of a new Sovereign is made when they will fly at full staff from 8 a. m. until sundown.

have been organized and they deserve credit for their enterprise and efficiency in handling the business. 35,000 lbs. were shipped by truck (fresh). 75,000 lbs. were shipped by rail (frozen). 400,000 lbs. for home consumption. 150,000 lbs. processed (preserved, canned and frozen).

A conservative estimate of value of the 1951 crop would be \$150,000.

Blueberries

Neither the yield nor price equalled that of the previous year. 6,000 cases were canned and 480,000 lbs. were frozen. Pickers received seven to nine cents per pound. Shipments of frozen berries were made to Montreal and Boston markets. The value of this product is estimated at \$50,000, while the 1950 crop was over \$100,000.00.

The Department of Industry and Natural Resources has undertaken a program of burning, spraying, fertilizing and cultivating. This will tend to increase the value and the quality of this product.

In cucumbers the yield exceeded that of the two previous years but blight caused a considerable loss. 1,260,000 lbs. were delivered to the Mathews-Wells plant, realizing approximately \$30,000. A new variety of blight resistant seed will be supplied to the growers next season.

Canned Vegetables

Three hundred cases of beets and 1,000 cases of waxed beans were canned, with the quality choice and the financial results encouraging.

"There can be little doubt that the canning of vegetables will be increased next season. In cranberries the yield was fair and the market demand light. In addition to the amount used in this Province, 44,000 pounds were processed into jellied cranberries.

The increase in yield of honey from 46,000 lbs. in 1950 to 72,000 lbs. in 1951 was no doubt due to more favourable weather conditions and an abundant crop of clover. The value of this crop approximates \$12,000.

"We are especially interested in the progress made in the canning of fruit and vegetables," Mr. Shaw stated. "Eleven registered canneries operated during the canning season and although the total pack is small compared with large canneries, special attention is given to the quality of stock packed, resulting in the Island canned product being second to none offered for sale and if good quality is maintained, at an early date P. E. Island products will replace much of the canned goods now offered for sale in this Province."

HEALTH METHOD

It is estimated that about 65 per cent of milk sold in Canada for human consumption is pasteurized.

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