

# Nova Scotia Minister Has Praise For Federations

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR

Recently in speaking to the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture the Honourable I.W. Akerley, Minister of Agriculture included in his remarks a statement re the Federation which will, we believe, bear repeating.

"The Department has never tried to hide the fact that it has worked through the Federation," said Mr. Akerley, "and this is the way it will continue to operate in the future regardless of who occupies the Minister's chair. After all, you who are gathered here are supposed to represent the agricultural community of Nova Scotia. Your organization provided the Department with its only opportunity of working through an organized group. It would be impossible for any Department to do effective work any other way. How in the world could any Department work with 12,000 farmers individually? There is a way, however, in which the 12,000 farmers can be approached, and that is through their own organization....

"I think it only well and fit-

ing that local organizations should have an opportunity of expressing themselves. After all, we live in what we regard as a democracy, and that's how we in the democracies build better, and bigger, and more influential organizations....

"Perhaps the time has come, Mr. Chairman, when the membership of the Federation should take a long close look at what the Federation is supposed to do. It should take a look at the leadership which the Federation is expected to provide. And, it might be well, at the same time, to look at the money they expect to carry the ball for them. Can the job which the farmers of this province want done be done for the kind of money which is now being contributed? If it can, all well and good. On the other hand, if adequate financial support is not being provided and if it is not readily available, then is not organization—or, in fact, as in any organization that I ever have had anything to do with—can only do half the job, or that

portion of the job its funds enable it to do...."

**BUTTER IS UP**

The announcement by the Federal Minister of Agriculture that the Stabilization Board's selling price for butter had been increased by two cents a pound is another piece of evidence that dairy prices are trending upward. In fact, the opinion is fairly strong that the industry is headed for \$4.00 milk. In fact, there is a body of opinion which takes the view that if there is not \$4.00 milk, there is not going to be milk. In any event even a modest increase at this time of the year will be very welcome. What the producer will be looking forward to now will be a new dairy policy as of April 1, 1966.

**TV AND RADIO**

Two programs which we would draw to the attention of the farming public are "Agriculture Sixty-six" being produced by the Provincial Department of Agriculture on Tuesday evening. This is a new adventure in extension and reaction to the first two programs has been favourable. So we would remind viewers that the province has its own agricultural TV program on Tuesday evenings.

Another program a radio effort is a replacement for Farm Radio Forum and is broadcast at 9:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. Next Monday, January 17th the program will be dealing with

## ACROSS THE ISLAND

### Strange 'Visions' Prove Interesting

By NEIL A. MATHESON  
Provincial-Farm Editor

"There is a man who walks between the tracks on a slight curve. Be very careful for 'Thou Shalt Not Kill'."

This cryptic message, written in a beautiful hand, was found on the tracks at Georgetown one morning back in 1942, by a train crew that included Alf Egan and several others including Conductor Arthur Coffin, and Tom Irving.

The train crew members talked about the message through most of the day, every time they had a few minutes to think about it. Later that afternoon they learned that a Tignish man, Austin MacDonald, had been killed by a railroad engine at Borden.

When they arrived back in Georgetown that evening they learned that Madeline Hillehey had written the message and laid it on the sill of the baggage car. She had foreseen that someone was to be killed that day somewhere on the railroad—she couldn't tell the location—and had written the warning in hope that this particular train crew would be on the watch for "a man who walks between the tracks on a slight curve."

"I had a vision", she told the trainmen.

Mr. Egan and his fellow trainmen were naturally impressed. They talked about the strange fact that this woman had seen the man killed in her "vision". But George Ryan was not impressed at all, not when he heard the "vision" was seen by Madeline Hillehey.

### Vision Told Of Loss Of Simcoe

MR. RYAN who was a conductor in the days I knew him, recalled that Madeline Hillehey, an excellent cook, had kept a boarding house back in 1917. The date Mr. Ryan remembered was an October day.

The boarders were reading The Patriot—most people in Georgetown took it at the time, a home-town man, Reuben MacDonald, was on the staff, he was later editor and publisher.

Suddenly Madeline Hillehey exclaimed: "Isn't that terrible! Captain William Senechaugh and the Simcoes are lost with all of her crew."

Immediately the rest of the readers turned back to the front page. There was nothing there about the Simcoes being lost. They turned to the inside page used mostly for late news. There was nothing there either.

One of the readers returned to the landlady "There's nothing in the Patriot about the Simcoes, at least I can't see anything," as the others nodded assent.

Which brought the calm reply from the Hillehey lady, as George Ryan recalled "It's not in the Patriot tonight, but it will be there tomorrow." And it was there the next day just as the woman had said it would be, Mr. Ryan told Mr. Egan, and the other trainmen to whom he was talking.

### City Lady "Saw" Kitchener Drown

MARION MACMILLAN, Charlottetown was a fellow employee at the Patriot Office when it was operating from Richmond Street. She tells me a fascinatingly interesting story about her grandmother, Mrs. Hector C. Macmillan—her maiden name was Isabel Fraser, and she came from Wood Islands.

It was back in the days of the First Great War and Mrs. Macmillan was sitting one night looking into the fireplace at her home in Charlottetown. Suddenly she exclaimed "Look, it's Lord Kitchener, and he's in the water." A minute or so later she said "He's drowning." That was in June of 1914.

Sure enough the wire news next day carried the news that Lord Kitchener was lost at sea.

Kitchener was a Field Marshal at the time and regarded as most important to Britain's part in the war. He was being sent to Russia at the request of the Tsar. He was to travel from Scapa Flow to Archangel in Russia. He was travelling on the battle cruiser "Hampshire" and it struck a mine and was lost with nearly all aboard.

Mrs. Macmillan had "seen" the sinking and had even identified Lord Kitchener as she peered into the flames in the fireplace.

MARION ALSO tells me that her grandfather had been a carpenter for many years. Later he was an engineer for the provincial department of highways. This meant that he was often away for days at a time.

But his wife would always know when he was to return, though she never received any message from him. Grandmother Macmillan would get up, often in the middle of the night, to make a cup-of-tea and provide a meal for her returning husband. She always knew when her Hector was to return, I was told.

### Rule-Of-The Road Note Is Wrong

REMEMBER WHEN the rule-of-the-road required Island people to drive to the left when meeting oncoming traffic? I had a bit in this column about it several years ago. Well there are still some people who do not know that has been changed long since.

Wendell MacKay, manager of the Island Development Company loaned me this week a little diary-booklet put out by the Bosch people. Their headquarters is in Stuttgart, Germany but they have many distributors across Canada.

Their tidy little booklet informs the world that "Drive to the right, pass on the left" applies to many countries—they are listed in detail—including Canada. But they warn their readers that it does not apply in Prince Edward Island.

### Colorful Character Was Island Born

BRUCE JACKSON, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario is seeking information on Alexander A. McSween who he believes was born in the Charlottetown area back in the 1840s.

Mr. McSween trained for the Presbyterian ministry in this Province, studied law in St. Louis—hung out his shingle in Kansas, moved to Lincoln, New Mexico where he became involved in ranching and mercantile pursuits.

"His claim to fame in the annals of the American west is that he was leader of a faction in one of the most infamous cattle wars of the 1870s," Mr. Jackson reports.

That was "the Lincoln County War which also involved ranching baron John Chisum, gunman Billy the Kid, lawyer Pat Garrett and statesman-author General Lew Wallace."

Mr. Jackson would appreciate any information he can obtain on this colorful character Alexander A. McSween. If any reader can point the way to some knowledge of this man, I'll be glad to pass it on to Mr. Jackson who is reservations officer at McMaster University.

water as an important asset in the Canadian economy. Discussion will be our relationship with the United States in the handling of water on an international basis.

On January 24th the contribution of agriculture to the economy of Canada will be dealt with.

On January 31st a topic on Canada's farm organizations and the position of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture as a farmer's parliament.

**HAY OR DAIRY RATION**

"If the price you have to pay to feed straw and additional grain to your dairy cattle this winter.

"It takes about 30 pounds of good quality dairy ration to make the same amount of milk that will be produced by 100 pounds of 'fair' quality hay. Assuming an average retail price of \$3.70 per cwt. for dairy ration, this means that 100 pounds of hay may be replaced by \$1.41 worth of dairy ration, or a ton of hay by \$26.20 worth of dairy ration. The dairyman has to pay more than \$26.20 a ton for this hay; he will be further ahead to reduce his hay feeding and use more dairy ration.

The 'fair' quality hay referred to would test around 40 per cent TDN and was probably cut at the end of June or in early July. If we take a 'good' quality hay, cut around the 20th of June and testing 50 per cent TDN, it will require \$2 pounds of dairy ration to give the same amount of milk as 100 pounds of this hay. Working it out in the same manner, this hay has a value of \$37.40 per ton.

The moral—if you have to pay over \$30.00 a ton of hay, make sure that it is of pretty good quality. Otherwise, it may be

more economical to go to a heavier feeding of dairy ration."

**CFA CONVENTION**

Next week the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is holding its annual meeting at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

In a country as extended as Canada and in an agriculture so varied there is bound to be a pattern of light and shadow. In some areas, climatically speaking, things have been very good indeed during the past year in others they have been very different. The grain people of Western Canada have been able to make a great contribution through exports to our economy thus raising the value of the industry in the minds of many people.

Hog producers are riding on about the highest crest of the wave in many years but cattle people in many areas have been plagued with feed shortages and fire-sale prices.

Dairying in many parts of Canada the economic sheet anchor is beginning to show signs of moving towards a better economic plane. Our guess would be that the many problems to be

## Police Quiz Six Suspects

MONTREAL (CP)—Police in suburban Greenfield Park on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River from Montreal, questioned six suspects in connection with a \$15,000 bank holdup in the suburb Monday.

The six—three men and three women—were taken into custody in a series of raids in city and

suburban areas Monday night. Raiding officers from Montreal and Greenfield Park, where the holdup of a Toronto-Dominion Bank branch in a shopping centre led to a running gun-battle, also discovered an arsenal of small arms, hoods, masks and other equipment.

One of the three men arrested in Montreal and turned over to Greenfield Park police for questioning in connection with the robbery was walking on crutches.

Police said the second of two getaway cars was found in Lafleche, badly damaged after hitting a hydro pole.

**MAKE HOLE IN TWO**

TOKYO (AP)—After Prime Minister Eisaku Sato suggested government workers give up weekday golf, chief cabinet secretary Tomisaburo Hashimoto followed up. He said golf should be encouraged on Sundays—as part of a posture-improvement campaign.

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**ZAKEMS**

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## RURAL CHURCHES

**KINGS**

GEORGETOWN Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Sunday, Jan. 23, Mattins 11 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Rev. J. Stephen Sherren, Priest-in-charge.

UPTON Gospel Chapel. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Gospel Service 7:30 p.m.

GEORGETOWN BAPTIST Church. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Gospel Service 7:30 p.m. Rev. Earle Smith, pastor.

MONTAGUE Baptist Pastorate. Rev. A.G.J. Steeves, M.A., B.Ed., B.D. Minister. Sunday Jan. 23, Montague: Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.

Evenings 7:30 p.m. Murray River: Sunday School 2 p.m. Worship 3 p.m. Murray Harbor: Sunday School 1 p.m. Worship 2 p.m. Sturgeon: Sunday School 2 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m.

MONTAGUE Bible Chapel. The Lord's Supper 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

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