

Game Management Area Has Many Advantages

By JACK M-ANDREW
Like the man said, "If you stick your chin out, somebody is pretty likely to take a swipe at it," and that's one of the built-in hazards of being a columnist.

I'm referring in this case to a letter appearing in the Letters-to-the-Editor column of this newspaper on Wednesday, which commented on some of the information carried in this column last week. That was the one where I discussed the game management area being set up by the Provincial Wildlife Service out at Glenfinnan.

The writer identifies himself only as "Resident Landowner" for reasons best known to himself, and starts off his piece by asking whether I have been appointed the 11th member of the Executive Council or "just a spokesman."

I'm happy to assure the gentleman that I am neither. I have checked with the Premier's office and apparently they are not planning to swear me into that high office now or in the future, nor do they feel that another government spokesman is required.

If my credentials are of interest, you might say that I am merely interested in the outdoors, and in hunting and fishing, and the purpose of this column is to report and in this general area. The views expressed here can be regarded as being politically independent, and offered for the sole purpose of putting forth factual information so that the public can intelligently make up its mind on programs and policies affecting the conservation of our wildlife resources.

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POINTS RAISED
Now, if that 'takes care of that,' "Resident Landowner" does raise some interesting points in his letter which bear explanation and clarification.

The writer terms the parcel of land to be used by the Fish and Wildlife Department as a game management area as "one of the finest farms on Prince Edward Island." Since I'm an agriculturist and couldn't tell a good piece of land from the back side of a barn, what he says may have been true at some time in the past. However, the facts are that this piece of land had not been farmed for a number of years when it was purchased by the department. It had lain fallow much of it had grown up in woodlot and scrub alder, and it was being entirely neglected for agricultural purposes except to graze a few cattle.

The land was actually purchased a couple of years ago with funds provided by the ARDA program, but it was not until last week that the legislation was completed to make it a wildlife management area and a pilot project.

Now there is a point here which bears some explaining. The ARDA program has long been thought to be only the concern of agriculture. This, however, is just not so. One of the major concerns of ARDA is to acquire lands which are not being utilized for productive farming and put them to other uses. Actually, by definition and philosophy, ARDA is an all-embracing program designed to include

all resources, and the intent is to make best use of them for the general welfare and betterment of all citizens.

I would be the first to agree that to utilize good working Island farms as wildlife preserves would be ridiculous, and I doubt very much if you could convince ARDA to part with funds for that purpose.

RECLAIMING LAND
As far as the Glenfinnan management area is concerned, the intent of the Wildlife Service is to try to reclaim the land that has not been utilized for a number of years, but some of it is in a state of cultivation, and at the same time preserve the non-arable land as cover for the pheasants to be stocked there.

By doing so, the department hopes to develop a pilot project to demonstrate the compatibility of productive agriculture and game management. Crops will be raised, possibly on a share crop basis, and the funds from their sale will be used to at least partially support the project.

I think it should be understood that the Fish and Wildlife Service and those who support its programs are not working against the farmers of this province. Instead, they are seeking ways and means whereby both parties can work to their mutual advantage. For the hunter and fisherman, it's a recreational outlet. For the farmer it's a possible way for him to increase the value of his land by getting a little cash money for a resource which he

harbours within the borders of his property.

OYSTER LEASES
The correspondent also raises a question about the future of oyster leases along the shoreline which borders the property, and the effect the project will have on oyster fishermen. The answer is pretty simple. Nothing will affect the leases or the fishermen. The access route to the shoreline which runs through the area will be open to them just as it was in the past, and they can fish oysters to their hearts' and pocketbooks' content.

The writers also question the use of the taxpayers' money on such a project. Well, the taxpayer's money is spent on a multitude of projects, and the Glenfinnan Game Management Area is one of the least in terms of dollars.

It's my feeling that the present government or any other

Money And Loud Mouth Win, Vancouver Mayor-Elect Says

VANCOUVER (CP)—Thomas John Campbell, millionaire lawyer and real estate developer who learned quickly how to make headlines and polish his playboy image, is the new mayor of Vancouver. At 39, he's also the city's youngest mayor. "Imagine it, a kid out of the east end getting to be mayor of Vancouver," said the longshot candidate who burst on the political scene six years ago. "I guess all it takes is a lot of money and a loud mouth."

Mr. Campbell, running as an independent candidate, swept the east side working men's area and penetrated parts of the west end, considered a stronghold of incumbent Bill Rathie who had been mayor for four years.

The new mayor by a margin of slightly more than 1,200 votes—promptly proclaimed himself "Tom the responsible leader of the second biggest business in B.C." He also promised a calm approach to his new job as opposed to his tempestuous four-year career as alderman.

"That playboy image got me elected mayor, but it is going. I am the serious mayor of Vancouver who is going to try to be one of Vancouver's better mayors."

Vancouver, the country's third-largest city, first became aware of the colorful Campbell when he took a run at the mayoralty in 1960 because of city hall delays in one of his real estate projects. He made it to council in the 1962 aldermanic elections.

Mr. Campbell worked his way through University of British Columbia as a mechanic, life guard and seller of Christmas

trees, although his family had the money to pay his way. Three years after he graduated in law, he started in construction and real estate. He was 28 when he made his first million dollars.

When he was elected to council, he quickly established a reputation as a newsworthy type. He threatened to sue the city at his first council meeting. He threatened to hold press conferences to reveal what went on in secret council sessions. He spoke about defying council's orders to tear down old buildings of his judged to be eyesores. He charged police with involvement in criminal activities.

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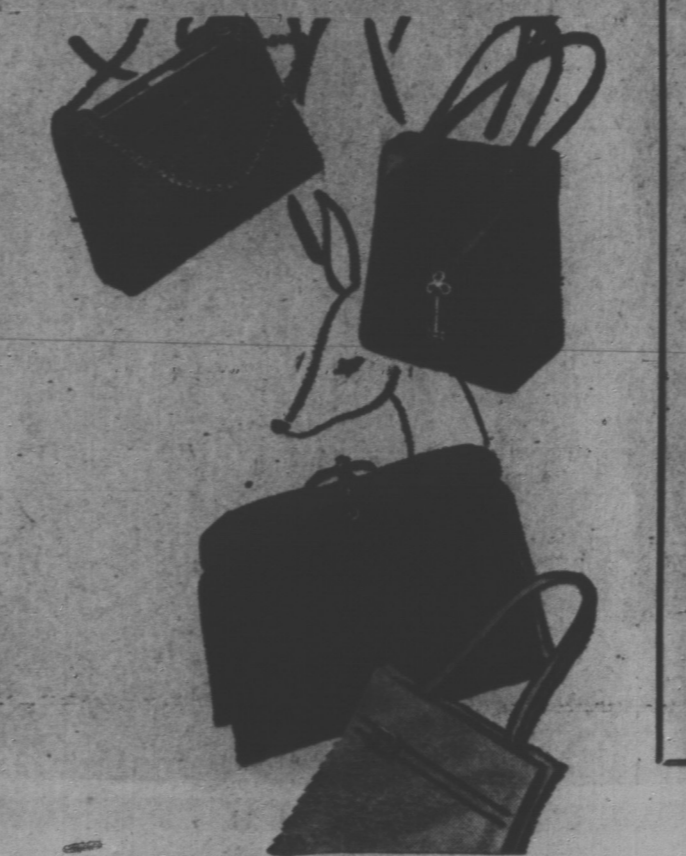
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