

PUBLIC FORUM

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and had it operating as long, we would not have to go begging for all kinds of schemes to finance our crops. We would not have the bank loans that we have today. We would have, instead, a bank account, on which we could write a cheque to pay our farm expenses. We would be paying cash to our merchants, our butchers, our garage-men, our blacksmiths, our doctors, our hospitals, etc. Some opponents of the Marketing Board say what would we do for our fertilizer? Where did the dealers get the money in the first place? One thing we farmers must get away from as quickly as possible, and that is doing all the work, and paying all the expenses of producing potatoes, then, every year, being compelled to place them in the market below cost of production. In order to get away from this awkward situation, we must become highly organized like the Dealers Association, and every other organization we do business with.

The banks, trust companies, all manufacturing concerns have their head offices to guide and direct their branches in their businesses in general. We too should have a head office to guide and direct those people who handle our farm products, and see to it that our farmers receive more money in the future than they have in the past.

The farmers of Western Canada went down for the count of nine, when the Wheat Pool came into existence, and look at their prosperity today. They were told all kinds of fairy tales when they tried to organize a Wheat Pool. They were told what we farmers are being told today, that importing countries would not wish to deal with a wheat pool, and they would then lose their world market.

However, the very opposite proved true. Under the old system farmers of Western Canada received as low as 19 cents per bushel for wheat and 11 cents per bushel for oats, and it cost them at that time 7 cents per bushel to thrash. Since the Wheat Pool was put into operation, farmers of Western Canada have averaged between one and two dollars a bushel for their wheat. Let us follow the Western lead and give the Potato Pool the same opportunity to serve us. We must also have a Central Selling Agency otherwise we will have no control over our own business. We will have just another "dealership" with approximately 75 dealers against us, as they are today.

A great fuss has been made about the financial statements of the Marketing Board, and these statements have been published in the papers for the years 1951, '52 and '53, and what can be found wrong with them? I would like to point out that Mr. Simmonds of Simmonds and MacFarlane, president of the Dealers Association, takes thousands of bushels of potatoes from the farmers and sells them thousands of tons of fertilizer. And Mr. Scates is a fertilizer dealer in fertilizer. Would they oblige us by publishing their financial statements for the years 1951, '52 and '53?

Much has been made of the \$60,000 salary paid Mr. Donald A. MacDonald. It would be interesting to know what Mr. Simmonds and Mr. Scates receive annually from their transactions with farmers. Mr. E. D. Reid, according to the paper, at one of the meetings held recently stated, "If you are going to have a successful Pool, you've got to have 75 percent behind you, if the Government of P.E.I. does not see this I do. A simple majority is no good, when we are trying to win the vote for the opponents of the Pool, before the vote is taken? Does he hope to persuade the Government to handicap the supporters of the Pool and Central Selling Agency? A simple majority is sufficient to elect a candidate in an election. Why should not the same regulations apply?"

Mr. Reid added, "When freedom is at stake, does he mean freedom for the dealers, or freedom for something else? Mr. Reid, according to the press, also stated that Mr. MacDonald is a dangerous man. This is a hard statement to make about anybody. Does Mr. Reid mean that he is dangerous to the dealers, or what? The propaganda used against Mr. MacDonald is shameful, to say the least. If we are Christians, as most of us profess to be, we should ignore the type of propaganda making the rounds in this part of the Province. Do not forget that:

OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

LOOK, TWIGGS! I'VE KEPT MY PAINTING COVERED TO SUPPRESS THE CRUDE JOKES OF THE OTHER BOARDERS - BUT I KNOW YOU'RE A GENTLEMAN OF TACT AND CULTURE SO I'M GIVING YOU A TREAT - HARRY RUMPH! - IT'S READY FOR THE FINISHING TOUCHES!

YOU'VE GOT ME CORNERED IN THE CORRAL WITH THAT "TACT AND CULTURE" LABEL, MAJOR! BUT I WILL SAY IT STANDS OUT LIKE A BEAVER'S TEETH!

NO UN-CULTURED REMARKS, PLEASE!

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Young Women's Guild Meeting

...Mrs. Malcolm MacKenzie presided at the regular meeting of the Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montague, Monday evening, Nov. 1, in the church hall. There were twelve members present. The meeting opened with the hymn "Holy Spirit Truth Divine." The scripture was read by Mrs. Leland Nelson and Mrs. S. D. Reid gave the prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Claude Nicholson, and were approved as read. Mrs. Bob Murray reported for the visiting committee. The sympathy of the members was expressed for Mrs. Colin MacDougall in her recent bereavement.

The financial report was read by the treasurer, Mrs. Byron Stewart, who also reported on the sale of fancy work at the annual church supper last week. Funds were discussed for having a sale of food and fancy work early in December.

Mrs. James Shaw, Mrs. Leland Nelson and Mrs. Leon Johnstone were appointed on the nominating committee to report at the December meeting. The meeting was closed with the hymn "Sweet Is The Solenn Voice," and the Mizpah benediction.

A social hour was enjoyed following the meeting and lunch was served by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Roy Clow.

the company, and I must admit it was extremely cold. I will not Mr. McIsaac recall a conversation last spring when pressure was on us by our farmers to tomers to move their crop? In the conversation I estimated that we would be required to move from each of the locations and after discussion was given some encouragement by receiving a few orders. However, Mr. McIsaac excluded from the orders and when I pressed for some relief in that area I was told, "Do not worry about that section, the farmers there did not support the pool, but they worry about their own potatoes." Who, Sir, was struggling in the interest of the farmers in that instance?

Mr. McIsaac is well aware of the correspondence I referred to and questioned why the Board had not called a meeting to discuss it. The correspondence is not of any trivial nature, as my attempt to imply. It deals with a suggested "agreement with Ottawa" which would establish the initial per bushel payment the growers may be forced to accept. This information has not been released to the public and Mr. McIsaac intimated at Wellington that Ottawa did not want to enter into any definite agreement until the present issue is concluded. November 11th, will be a fine time to tell the growers, "We have signed an agreement with Ottawa whereby you will get 40 cents per bushel cold cash." That is not what any farmer we have talked with wants. They want, as does one of my "as sociates at Wellington, to be in a position to come into the office when they get the last bag off the truck and get their \$10 "hot cash" for a car load; not wait until they may be permitted to load a few bags in a car (quite possible under Section 28 of the original scheme presented August 7th.)

When it was nearing the end of the season I explained to Mr. McIsaac the difficulty of keeping grower's lots separate, etc., and he agreed to the suggested procedure whereby we would report the grower's potatoes in the company's name. By doing so we were able to pay the customer immediately with "hot" cash, cash that the company was borrowing and on which it was paying interest. That in my opinion was a practical procedure. I believe he will agree that we were working in the interests of the farmer in that instance at least. Now if Mr. McIsaac still has access to the Selling Agency files and examines them he will find that from June 2nd to June 30th, inclusive the company shipped 60 cars of potatoes, all of which were reported in the name of the company. A total of 45,204 bushels. Very few of these were grown by the company. Now sir, is that "A small quantity"?

I have not taken the time to check the accuracy of Mr. McIsaac's published figures, but the market is good and I haven't got the time—but I will agree with his own words, "the growers" shippers received cold cash." Very true, sir. We received a cheque from the Selling Agency on September 27th. In an envelope stamped September 22nd, the cheque being dated August 25th, and in payment of potatoes, in this case grown by the company, that were shipped April 13th. It took 167 days for the "cold cash" to reach

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...FANTY SALE Nov. 6, T. M. Llewellyn's store, Montague. Auctioneers Rebekah Lodge.

...THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA—Murray Harbour Charge Minister, Rev. H. C. Macdougall, B. A., E. D. Murray River 11 a. m., Little Sands 2:30 p. m., Belle River 4:00 p. m., Murray Harbour 7:30 p. m.

...GEORGETOWN PASTORAL CHARGE—United Church of Canada. Services for November 7th, 11 a. m., Sturgeon. 10 a. m., Sunday School, Sturgeon. 2:30 p. m., Milltown Cross. 7 p. m., Georgetown. Male Choir. Monday, 7 p. m., Men's Association. Speaker, Hon. Earle MacDonald, Charlottetown. Rev. W. A. Patterson, Minister.

...CHURCH OF Christ, the Lord's Day, Nov. 7th. At Montague, 10:00 a. m., Bible school for all ages. 11:00 a. m., the Lord's Supper and preaching service. At Murray River, 11:00 a. m., Bible school and the Lord's Supper. At Murray Harbour, 6 p. m., Bible school and the Lord's Supper. Combined Evangelistic meeting at the Murray Harbour Church at 7:30 p. m. First service of the two week Evangelistic campaign. Ralph Whitrow of Big River, Sask., preaching. "Bill" Weale of Summerside leading the singing. Everyone welcome to these services. Kenneth T. Norris, Evangelist.

...ST. PETER'S BAY PASTORAL CHARGE—The United Church of Canada. Services for Sunday, November 7th. Gospel service at 11:00 a. m. St. Peter's Service at 3:00 p. m. Marie, Sunday School at 6:30 p. m. Service at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Russell A. MacLeod, Minister.

...MONTAGUE United Baptist pastorate, Rev. Rowland G. Hill, pastor. 9:45 Montague Sunday school; 10:00 Sturgeon Sunday school; 11:00 Montague service; 2:00 Murray Harbour Sunday school; 3:00 Murray River Sunday school; 7:30 Sturgeon service followed by communion. Prayer meeting as usual.

...PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacLeod, Mrs. Anna MacLennan and Mr. and Mrs. John McKinnon, Brookline, left recently for Rumford, Maine and Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. George MacNichol, Dartmouth, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clair, Montague.

First hospital for children on the North American continent, the Hospital for Sick Children at Toronto opened in 1878.

A. A. MOSHER MEAT MARKET MONTAGUE

CHOICE STEER BEEF

- STEAK, any kind, per lb. 50c
HAMBURG, per lb. 30c
SHOULDER ROAST, per lb. 39c
RIB ROAST, per lb. 45c
BOIL or STEW MEAT, per lb. 30c
SLICED BACON, (lean), per lb. 50c
PORK LOIN CHOPS (lean), per lb. .. 55c
SUPERIOR SAUSAGE, per lb. 45c
FRESH PORK BUTT, per lb. 45c
BOLOGNA, per lb. 30c
CORNED BEEF, per lb. 30c
CHICKEN, per lb. 38c

ABOVE PRICES WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

HOOLEY MEN'S WEAR MONTAGUE

WITH COLD WEATHER JUST AROUND THE CORNER DROP IN AT HOOLEY'S AND PREPARE FOR WINTER

- Men's Combination Underwear, short sleeves, long legs, Stanfields \$2.95
Men's Combination Underwear, medium weight, long sleeves, long legs, Stanfields \$3.50
Men's All Wool Stanfields, blue label Combinations \$7.50
Men's All Wool Stanfields, red label Combinations \$6.95
Men's All Wool Medium Weight Combinations, Stanfields \$8.00-\$9.50
Many other types and weights to suit everyone ranging from \$2.95 to \$11.95
Men's Heavy Jumbo Wool Sweaters, from 6.95 to \$10.95
Men's Pullover Sweaters from \$3.95 to \$9.95
Men's Heavy Winter Work Shirts, plaids and plain shades from \$2.75 to \$4.95

We have one of the finest ranges of men's and boys' Winter Jackets, such as Station Wagon Coats, Surcoats, Bomber Jackets, and a variety of the latest in wool meltons and plaid in the new fall style. All are selling at lowest possible prices. Men's Suits ranging from as low as \$25.00 to \$69.50 Call and see our new fall patterns and styles. Men's Zip in lined Gabardines from as low as \$22.50 to \$37.50 as Men's Unlined Gabardine Topcoats from \$22.50 to \$57.50 It pays to buy the best and we have it.

SPECIAL DINNERS ON SUNDAY

Special Sunday Dinners will be served in The Bison "Rainbow" Dining Room, Montague, every Sunday for the rest of the season. TURKEY or CHICKEN with all the trimmings Adults \$1.25 - Children 75c Dinner served from 4 to 7 Parties driving through may call and make reservations

THE BISON RESTAURANT

Five Alberta Families Honored

EDMONTON, (CP)—Five families which have tilled Alberta soil a total of 161 years were proclaimed the province's 1954 master farm families Thursday. Each will receive \$1,000, an engraved plaque and a nameplate for the farmstead entrance.

Announcing the awards, Agriculture Minister Halmarst said the five families have followed the principles of the master farming program—"Good farming, right living and clear thinking."

Honored were the families of Martin Arndt, Barrhead; Harlie H. Conrad, Clairmont; Adam Buyer, Carbon; William Storch, Garden Plains and Ansel King, High River.

A total of 32 families was nominated for the awards.

CAPITOL NOW SHOWING "KILLER LEOPARD"

Starring Johnny Sheffield as Bomba "GUNFIGHTERS OF N.W." Chapter 15 - Last Chapter

PRINCE EDWARD THE GREATEST MOTION PICTURE EVER MADE...

Now—more glorious, more breath-taking ON OUR GREAT WIDE-VISION SCREEN!

TO-DAY SATURDAY

FULL LENGTH! UNCHANGED! DAVID O. SELZNICK'S Production of MARGARET MITCHELL'S Story of the Old South "GONE WITH THE WIND" Technicolor CLARK GABLE, VIVIAN LEIGH LESLIE HOWARD OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND

2 SHOWS 2:00 and 7:30 PRICES: Mat. 25c and 50c; Evening 35c and 75c

FUNNIER THAN EVER ON WIDE SCREEN! MIDNIGHT JAMBOREE SHOW TO-NIGHT AT 11:30 P.M.

BUD and LOU ARE FEUDIN' McCOY'S!

BUD ABBOTT and LOU COSTELLO "COMIN' ROUND THE MOUNTAIN"

PRINCE EDWARD

MAYFAIR THEATRE MURRAY RIVER, NOV. 4-5-6—TIME 8 P.M. THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY WARNER BROS. FIRST PRODUCTION IN

CINEMASCOPE THE COMMAND

IN WARNERCOLOR and STEREPHONIC SOUND "THE COMMAND" GUY MADISON - JOAN WELDON - JAMES WHITMORE - RUSSELL HOOVER

Please note change in show time Also there will be one show only on Saturday at 8 P.M.

YEO THEATRE MONTAGUE

FRIDAY-SATURDAY—5 & 6—ADM. 40-55c With Tax BOTANY BAY Color—Alan Ladd - James Mason - Patricia Medina