

# Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

## Agricultural Meetings

During the past week four important meetings of agricultural organizations were held at Charlottetown, namely, the Dairywomen's Association, the Sheep Breeders' Association, the Central Farmers' Institute, and a special meeting of the Federation of Agriculture.

It is pleasing throughout were well attended, and the discussions were all hinged around problems of great importance to farm people. Reports were presented from the various organizations which indicated increased appreciation of problems affecting the various industries. Very full statements had been issued regarding the details of the most interesting discussions involved the production and sale of grass silage. At both the Dairywomen's and Farmers' Institute Conference a comprehensive outline was given regarding this comparatively new technique in the saving of animal foods. An examination and survey of silage production throughout Prince Edward Island in the various forms of upright, surface, and trench silage have recently been made by a committee composed of members of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the Experimental Farm.

In addition the experiences with grass silage at Falconwood Farm, and the Experimental Station, were outlined by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and Mr. Robert Parent, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm. It was generally admitted that grass silage is an important asset to the health and economic feeding particularly of the dairy cow. It was indicated, however, that properly saved silage is still an important factor in feeding, and must be utilized in connection with grass silage. Unfortunately there is still a vast improvement to be made in the saving of hay; that is, hay must be cut at the proper time, and saved in the proper way to conserve its full feeding value.

In the production of grass silage it was pointed out that there are a number of things that are basic in silage making. (1) A properly constructed silo. (2) Cutting the grass at the proper stage of growth. (3) The correct procedure in filling the silo. (4) Good drainage. (5) Correct distribution of the ensilage and solid packing. (6) The finishing of the silo with a roof that will protect the silage and shed water. It was indicated that a preservative is not necessary with the possible exception of the very heavy clovers. In any case where there was a large quantity of silage it was found that one or more of these necessary precautions were neglected.

A large amount of information is now available on silo construction, and silage saving, and the Fieldmen of the Department of Agriculture and the Experimental Station are able to supply this information on request. The Federation of Agriculture was very largely attended, and the discussion throughout developed around the marketing of potatoes and turnips. There was a good deal of idle talk previous to the meeting that the farm producers were not enthusiastic in the production of Marketing Boards for the handling, particularly of potatoes. The meeting spoke in a definite manner, and in a unanimous and enthusiastic way, in support of the Potato Marketing Board, and the work it is attempting to do. It is encouraging to farm people and to those who are endeavouring to do a more and conscientious job, to know that farm producers are behind any effort aimed at the improvement of their industry.

The farm meetings held this year are already intimated, dealt with important pressing problems, and there was not the usual shortage of time in extemporaneous oratory dealing with matters of little importance. The farm people came into close grips with the things that were of interest to their industry, and did a very creditable job in arriving at conclusions.

## Producing Top Quality Milk

The big majority of milk producers are today well aware of the importance of turning out a top-quality product and are equally well acquainted with the measures necessary to insure such a product.

But it would appear that there continues to be a small number who are either not aware of the importance of such care or are not sufficiently acquainted with the necessary procedure. Which ever the case may be it is of concern to all those who produce only a small amount of milk to affect both the good name and financial success of dairymen as a whole who do today consistently produce a good quality product agree that it is just as easy to do this as it is to produce something of a poorer quality. And they will agree, too, that it does not necessarily follow that because a man is equipped with the most modern or up-to-date equipment that he will be any more able to produce good quality milk than is the man with older equipment.

## Not Equipment

Rather they will agree that it is not the equipment but the manner in which it is cared for, the general management given the herd and the procedure followed at milking time, which count.

Of first importance is a clean and disease-free herd. Animals which are themselves kept in surroundings which are unhealthy or unsanitary cannot be expected to produce milk which is free from contamination. Any measures which contribute to a higher quality of milk being produced. These would include such things as are necessary to keep the herd free of contagious diseases, the use of ample bedding and frequent cleaning of stables, keeping the udder and flanks of stabled cows clipped and clean, frequent grooming to keep skin clean and healthy and all other such measures.

## Prevent Wet Litter

**Insulate to Prevent Heat Losses:**  
The use of insulation is a great aid in preventing litter problems. Insulation make it possible to keep the pens much warmer than the outside temperature without having dampness forming on the walls and ceiling. Insulation also keeps down the heat loss through the walls and ceiling. The higher temperature and reduced heat loss as a result of the insulation make ventilation much easier.

When insulating poultry houses it is important to prevent the insulation material from becoming wet. This can be done by placing a vapor barrier between the side of the house and the insulating material.

## Use Built-Up Litter:

The litter itself has a great deal to do with moisture. A deep well-worked litter will usually become wet while a new litter will stay dry in a week. The time to build this litter is before cold weather starts. Many poultrymen find that once they start cleaning, they continually have wet pens. A deep litter, that is at least six inches deep, that has been built up before winter weather starts has a good chance of going through the winter in good condition.

## Stir Litter Often:

Frequent stirring of the litter

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## Personals

Miss Helen McEachern, of the staff of the Charlottetown Hospital, leaves today for Halifax where she will visit friends.

The many friends of Mrs. Harold Clements, Jr., East Royalty, will regret to learn of her illness. She has entered the Prince Edward Island Hospital for treatment.

helps to keep pens dry. This can be done by the birds if scratch is fed in the litter. Even then, it is necessary to even the litter out, as the hens will move it to the dark side of the pen. The litter should be kept evenly distributed and loose.

Litter can be stirred with a fork, but on large poultry farms this is so much work that it frequently is not done. Mechanical litter stirrers have lightened this work. The gasoline powered stirrers have more power than those operated by electricity, and they will break up matted litter much easier. The birds become accustomed to the noise of these motors quickly, and no decrease in production has resulted from their use.

## Use A Dry Agent:

Hydrated lime has been used to help keep litter dry. Commercial drying materials are now on the market that seem effective, yet are less irritating to use. The time to use a dry agent is before the litter is really wet. After the pens are wet, there is very little that can be done except to clean them out and start again.

## Club News

The regular meeting of the East Baltic Poultry Club was held on March 9th in the East Baltic School. Eleven members were present, and they decided on a name for the Club, "Busy Beavers". Mr. Harry Robbins, Provincial Department of Agriculture, was present and gave a talk on Poultry.

The Seaside Poultry Club held their regular meeting on March 10th in the Kingsboro School. Elwood Ching and Bertie Robertson gave an interesting outline of their trip to the Royal Winter Fair. After the business part of the meeting, the members had a few games.

Gowan Brae Calf Club sponsored the showing of National Film Board films in their school on Friday, March 13th. In spite of the bad weather, about forty people were present. The club members prepared and sold lunches at this meeting to assist in raising Club funds.

The regular meeting of the Gowan Brae Calf Club was held on February 27th, with a good attendance. It was decided that members would pay a 25c fee. The financial statement was presented by Secretary-Treasurer, Jeanette MacDonald, and showed the Club to be in a very favourable financial standing.

## Things To Remember

To Find the Number of Tons of Hay in a Mow:  
Multiply the length by the width by the height (all in feet) and divide by 400 to 500, depending on the kind of hay and how long it has been in the mow.

To Find the Number of Tons of Hay in a Stack:  
Multiply the overthrow (the distance from the ground on one side over the top of the stack to the ground on the other side) by the length, by the width (all in feet); multiply by 3; divide by 10 and then divide by 500 to 600, depending upon the length of time the hay has been in the stack.

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by Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank

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Then comes a period of no journeys. To these young people, now married and raising families, outside of a short business trip, or a few weeks at the beach, in summer, journeys are out of the question. There is seldom money for this purpose, and if there were, how leave the children, or the job, or the profession? But many a wistful thought follows the friend who travels, and there is often expressed hope, "Maybe, when the

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Or maybe both go on the journey. There are many couples who have retained their curiosity about life in all its phases. They love to probe in odd corners, ask questions, try to understand more about the way other people live and think. Whatever their calendar age, these travelers are young in mind and heart.

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## Lenten Meditation

From The Columns of The Times, London

CHRISTIAN HOPE

Any crisis breeds "false Christs and false prophets" who exploit popular fears and resentments and know how to turn them to their own advantage. Indeed the crisis of the twentieth century may fairly be described as the choice between Christ. It is a choice between hope and delusion.

All the contemporary ideologies offer men hope and a future to live for in a time of insecurity and forboding. "Believe it not," said the Master; for such hopes arrived as they are from a secular utopianism that experience of life does not corroborate, are doomed inevitably to disappointment.

There is a Christian hope for bad times, but it looks beyond the historical process to eternal and unchanging grounds of confidence. It is, it believes, when things are at their worst that the Son of Man comes in power and great glory.

Such language raises the question of the eschatological motif in the Christian interpretation of history. Admittedly this chapter in St. Matthew depends upon more primitive material; but it reflects the characteristic outlook of nearly all the New Testament writers, and probably also of our Lord.

It rejects evolutionary optimism, for it does not believe in that kind of progress; but it also repudiates despairing fatalism, because it believes in the sovereignty of God.

In one way the Bible is more akin to Marxism than to the Whig or liberal traditions. It knows that good ideas and right motives are not enough to deflect the stream of history—a stream that takes, or appears to take, its course inde-

pendently of man's volition. But that does not mean historical determinism in the current sense; for the world is God's.

The knowledge that there are conditioning factors within which alone free choice is possible is imposed by the facts of human existence. For, to begin with, all men must "abide their going hence even as their coming hither." Moreover, there are in every man's life many things that must simply be accepted as the material given to be worked upon, however uncongenial or intractable. He did not choose them, but neither can he alter them.

There is no situation, however desperate, in which Christian cannot act creatively—though it be but suffering creatively. Inside the conditions in which Jesus lived—being who he was—no other road was open to him. He took that road, and thereby released new powers of healing and liberation in a victory that overcame the world. But without Good Friday there could have been no Easter.

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