

Says Potato, Pulpwood Prices May Be Supported

OTTAWA (Special) — The agricultural industry in Prince Edward Island will enjoy a "real measure of stability" under the Diefenbaker Government's farm price support legislation, John A. Macdonald (P.C. Kings) said in the Commons. Speaking during the continued debate on the controversial measure, he said farmers were generally agreed now that certain

changes had been made in the legislation that it would be a boon for their industry. The fact the former Minister of Agriculture, Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, was supporting the bill, indicated that even the Liberals were convinced it was a sound piece of legislation, Mr. Macdonald said. The P.E.I. merchant said that, although he was well aware of the problems of farmers and fishermen, and both these groups have had their difficult times.

POTATOES, PULP
"I feel special commendation should be given the announcement that the government is considering bringing pulpwood within the scope of the bill," said Mr. Macdonald. "This is a branch of farming which has produced considerable income for our farmers, and is particularly valuable in supplementing income during the winter months."

"Any assistance, even to a limited extent," he added, "would be greatly appreciated by our farmers."
Turning to the potato industry of P.E.I., Mr. Macdonald said that the potatoes produced on the island were "the best potatoes in the world." He had no hesitancy of saying that "with-out fear of contradiction."

While potatoes were not one of the "designated commodities" under the price support legislation, Mr. Macdonald said he was pleased to know that they could, with all other agriculture commodities, "be given consideration when required." He hoped, he continued, that "if and when such occasions arose the board and the government will deal generously with this important aspect of agriculture."

NEED ASSISTANCE
Warning that the P.E.I. farmer required assistance, Mr. Macdonald pointed out that the position of the farmer had become "more and more untenable." As a result farms were being abandoned at an alarming rate. In 1911 the number of farms in operation in P.E.I. was 14,163. Over the next 30 years the number dropped to 12,230. In the

next 10 years it dropped to 10,137 and "we all know the number has taken a further serious drop since 1951." He emphasized that the crux of the problem was that farm prices have not kept up with costs of production. The result has been that farmers have been forced out of the industry for financial reasons and young men have been unable to take up farming. He was confident, he said, the farm price support legislation would help to stabilize the industry.

FUNERAL AT MONTAGUE — The funeral of the late Frederick Troy was held Friday morning from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Daniel O'Donnell, Avondale, in St. Mary's Church, Montague, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. J. W. McCordle, who also officiated at the grave. The pallbearers were Joseph Brothers, Louis Hynes, Joseph Power, James Ennis. Interment was in the church cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

PERSONALS
Miss Vera Beck spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vere Beck of Murray Harbor.
Mr. Joe Bell is at home again, after spending several weeks in the P.E. Island Hospital. Every one wishes for Joe a speedy recovery.

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Funeral Of Rev. Harry Vickerson At Montague

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Rev. J.M. Fraser conducted the service assisted by Rev. T.R. Goudge, Rev. W.A. Patterson, Rev. Kenneth Norris, and Rev. D.A. Campbell. The scripture reading included Psalm 121, and John, chapter 14, the hymns, "Peace, Perfect Peace" and "Abide with Me" were sung by the choir and a duet. "By cool Siloam's shady Rill" was sung by Mrs. Arnold Wightman and Ivor G. Phillips.

Mr. Fraser paid eloquent tribute to the late Mr. Vickerson who devoted his life to the work of the ministry. He also gave an inspiring message of comfort to the bereaved relatives.

The pall bearers were Dr. L. W. Shaw, Mr. Justice George Tweedy, J. J. Stewart, Henry MacLaren, Irving Tweedy, David Wright.
Interment was in the Church cemetery.

FROM EGYPT

Pte. R. T. MacDonald of R. C. A. S. C., who recently returned from Egypt where he served for the past year. Pte. MacDonald joined the services in 1953 and received his basic training at Camp Borden, after which he was based at Churchill, Manitoba, for two and one half years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon MacDonald, Montague.

Dr. Brehaut Of Murray River In P. E. I. Hospital

Dr. Lester Brehaut of Murray River was resting comfortably in the Prince Edward Island Hospital last night after undergoing an operation.

The doctor, who is well known in Murray River and vicinity, had the misfortune to slip on a patch of ice and fracture his hip during Thursday's sleet storm. He was rushed to the hospital where he underwent immediate surgery.

Stricken On Way To Funeral

The death of Mr. Jerome P. Power, 69, of Montague, occurred on Friday, January 24th. While driving to the funeral of a friend he was suddenly stricken and passed away a short time later.

The late Mr. Power was born and lived at New Perth, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Power. He resided at his farm in New Perth until four years ago, when, due to ill health he retired and moved with his family to Montague. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Montague, where he was a faithful attendant.

Besides his wife, the former Angelina Lannan, he leaves to mourn one son, Earl, and one daughter, Margaret (Mrs. John Fitzpatrick), both in Toronto. Also one brother, John J. of New Perth, and two sisters, Miss Catherine Power and Mamie (Mrs. Joseph MacMillan), both of whom reside in Boston. One brother, William, predeceased him several years ago.
Funeral arrangements will be completed later.

Runaways Plan To Wed In Indies

LISBON (Reuters) — Runaway sweethearts Dominic Elwes and Tessa Kennedy plan to marry in Curacao, Dutch West Indies, Elwes told airport officials Friday.

The couple spent 45 minutes at Lisbon airport as their plane halted en route from Amsterdam to Curacao. They left the plane only briefly, racing back to their seats when they saw photographers.

An airport official who saw them inside the plane said they appeared happy and were holding hands.
He told Elwes there was a telephone call for him from London and reported that Elwes replied: "Tell them to go to hell."

The official asked Elwes: "Are you getting married in Curacao?"

He replied: "Yes."
Miss Kennedy, 19-year-old shipping heiress who last November was made an "infant ward of court" in Britain and forbidden to marry Elwes, drank a lemonade as she sat in the aircraft.

Elwes is the 26-year-old son of portrait painter Simon Elwes. The young couple flew from Scotland to Amsterdam Thursday. They had been in Scotland since early in December although a high court order was issued in London that Miss Kennedy should return within the jurisdiction of the court.

Blackbirds And Robin Around; Also Dewworms

Prior to Thursday's snowfall, which was the first for this season in the southern Kings area, choice dew worms which are the angler's delight, were spotted by Ben MacLure, Montague, on the lawn of his home.

Also a stranger to this part of the world in the supposed winter season is the blackbird. Miss Martha Poole, whose bird feeding station is well patronized, reported that over twelve of the feathered creatures were guests for lunch and appeared to enjoy the mild weather and sunshine between courses. Also seen was a red breasted robin.

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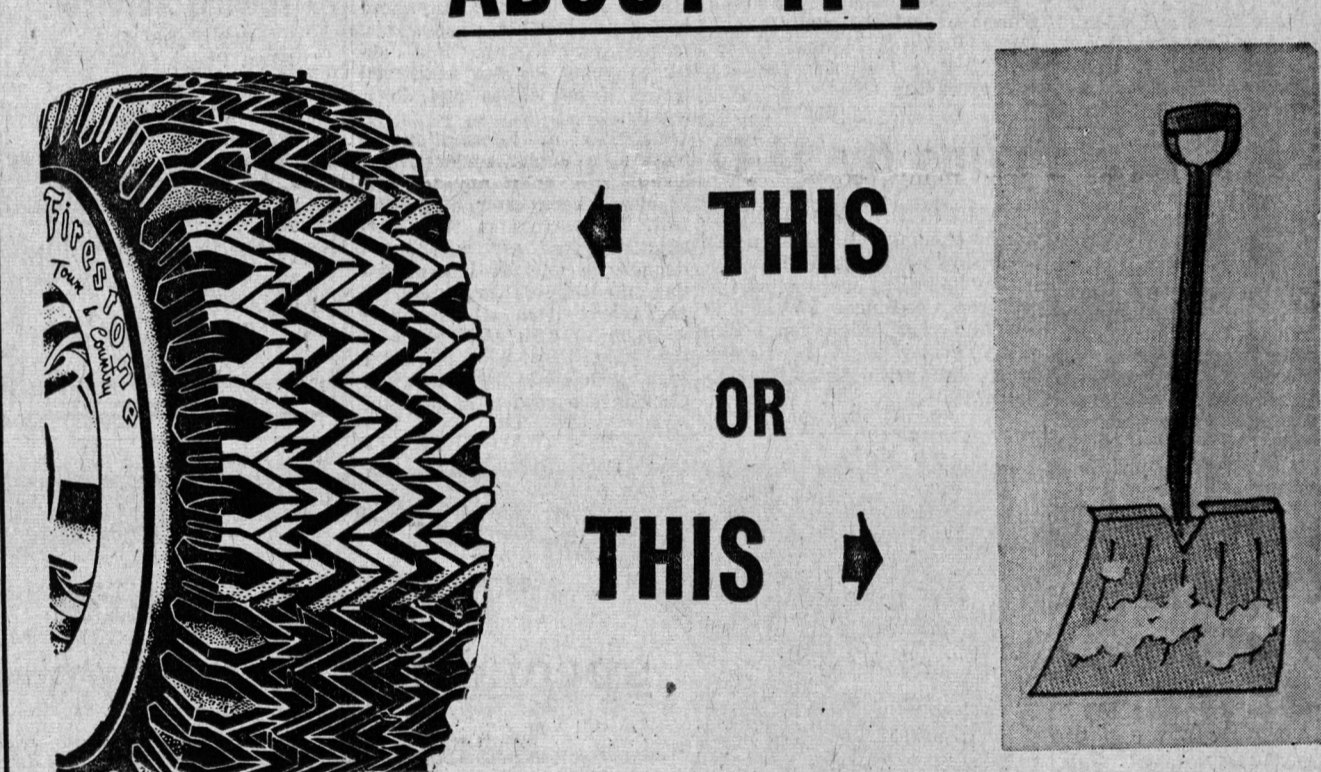
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