

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Pioneer Days In P. E. I.

By F. H. MacArthur

ever near of a paring bee? You haven't? Well, a paring bee is much the same as any other bee — except at this kind of a shindig the young folk got together for the purpose of paring apples. First a girl and then a boy seated themselves opposite each other at the large kitchen table and at the word "go!" everyone started peeling some by hand and some by using a crude gadget called a "paring machine." This homemade paring implement consisted of two pulleys, a large one and a small one, with a belt passing from one to the other.

The small pulley had a fork attached to it, on which the apple was stuck. The operator held the knife in his right hand, turning the large pulley with his left. By this process the smaller wheel or pulley revolved rapidly. With the knife held at the proper angle the apple was minus its coat in a twinkling.

The paring usually fell to the lot of the boys while the girls quartered the fruit and threaded it on stout linen threads all ready to hang up and dry upon poles arranged near the kitchen ceiling.

Any active group of young folk could peel from twenty to twenty-five bushels of apples in an evening, these when dry furnished the family with preserves, pies, etc., for a whole year.

Before the refuse was thrown to the swine, the girls washed their faces and hands in the fragrant juicy mass. This was done to improve their complexions, and a good cosmetic it was.

The work over, lunch would be served in the old-fashioned manner, cheese, pumpkin pies, bread, cakes and sweet cider. Ah, hey!

A old-fashioned hoe-down brought the event to finale. As a rule the party ended by midnight.

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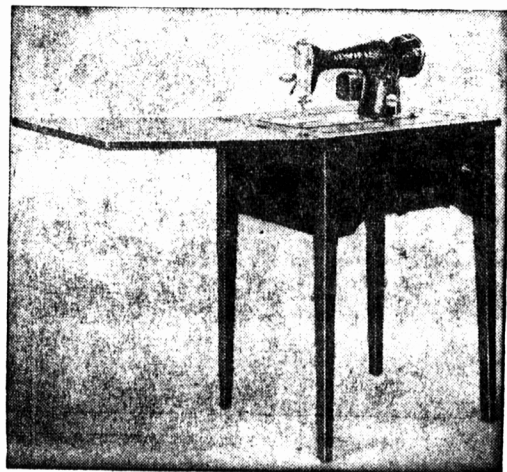
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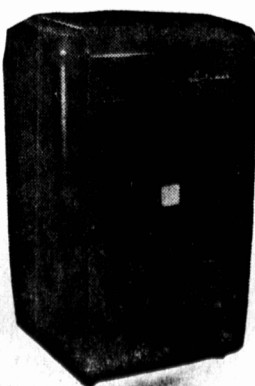
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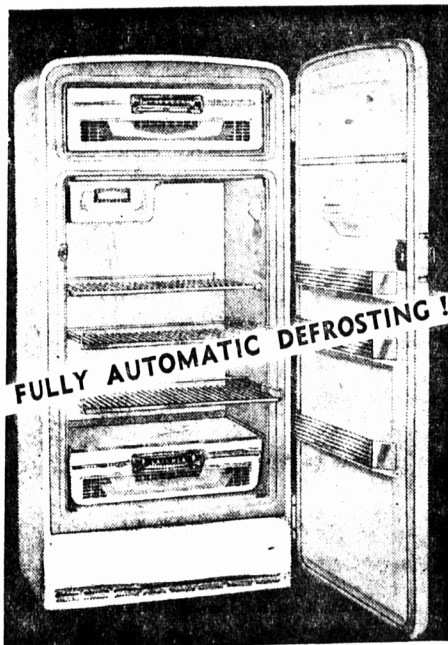
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