



1,055 GREET HIS EXCELLENCY

OTTAWA.—Governor-General Massey (right) in frock coat receives kilted officers. They were among 1,055 callers at his annual New Year levee in the Senate chamber on Parliament Hill.

(CP Photo)

## AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

### THE HORSE HOLDER

Those who have had military experience will understand that it takes a certain number of men to operate a field gun — the larger the gun the more men. At one stage of the last great war it became apparent to an observing crew that there seemed to be one member whose duties were not defined and who had little if anything to do. The inquiring one on delving into the matter discovered that the extra persons was a horse holder a position of considerable importance during the Crimean war when field pieces were drawn smartly into position with horses which were then removed to a distant spot and held in readiness while the battle proceeded. During the years the horses had been replaced by mechanized equipment but the position of horseholder had been retained.

### THE COLD DAY

The full impact of a really cold winter day is lost upon the urban inhabitant who has the advantage of centrally heated homes and accommodation to work in, who can move along the sheltered and shovelled sidewalks on foot or rapidly from place to place in a heated car. The farmer, however, is in a position to understand and appreciate the real meaning of a cold day and the inconvenience and discomfort that it may occasion.

Few farm homes have central heating. Work in barns will be carried out in many cases in a very chilly atmosphere and there will be the added inconvenience of frozen pumps, tractors and trucks which refuse to start, for considerable distances with the slow moving horse. The exposed farm home which has no shelter receives the full blast of the cold and wind. We are inclined to believe that if shelter belts could be planted in the winter months that we would have many more of them than is presently now the case when planting most be done when the wind is warm and the sun is bright.

### JUNE SET-ASIDE

Final settlement has not been made with the Dairy Farmers of Canada for the June set-aside deduction for 1956.

Sept. 18—Trade Minister Howe said that Canadian users alone would pay for the Trans-Canada line; they would provide sufficient markets to guarantee successful operation. Trans - Canada said it would continue with plans for export of gas to the U.S.

Nov. 15 — United States federal power commission abandoned its policy that no American natural-gas consumers should be made dependent on Canadian gas as their only source of supply. It didn't mean a permit to allow Trans-Canada to move Alberta gas to the U.S. Midwest.

Nov. 30—Trans-Canada given an extra two months—to Feb. 1, 1957—to prove its ability to finance the \$350,000,000 job. It was the sixth extension granted by the board of transport commissioners in two years.

The Dairy farmers of this province and all the different dairy plants are to be complimented on the splendid response to this program.

Every plant in the province carried out the deduction and the number of farmers who actually refused to make the contribution is very small one. The total for the year is slightly over 7,900 dollars an increase of over \$200,000 as compared with 1955. The total represents a very large percentage of the possible and Alberta is the only other province that does as well as Prince Edward Island.

The June set-aside Finances a national advertising and public relations program which is generally recognized as being an outstanding achievement on the part of Canadian farmers and fully justifies, we believe, the statement made by Mr. R. C. Parent that the June set-aside is the most outstanding thing accomplished by Canadian Farmers in an organized way during the past five years.

### FARM FORUM FOR JANUARY

Farm Forum gets underway after the holidays on January with the first of a series of three discussions on "Parity for Agriculture." Parity will be treated under the following headings: What is it? How can it be brought about? And is it enough? It is generally recognized that there are problems and topics which cannot be fully discussed in one evening in all their phases. Farm income and the idea of parity is one of these and Farm Forum members will spend three nights in January becoming better acquainted with the various aspects of "Parity for Agriculture."

Farmers who follow these discussions will learn that there is a difference between parity prices and parity income, they will gain information on the various devices which may be used to influence farm income as for example floor prices, two price systems, price supports, deficiency payment, subsidies, and numerous policies which government both provincial and federal administer with respect to agriculture.

### BARN AND MONUMENTS

Many years ago Sam Slick the clockmaker in discussing lodging places among the farmers of Nova Scotia pointed out that it was well to beware of those homesteads with a large house and a small barn. Over an extended period of years Prince Edward Island farmers have generally subscribed to Sam's theory and have erected large and expensive barns which stand as a monument to their energy and ambition.

The barns erected in this province after the initial pioneer stages were usually deficient in loft room. The post was extremely low and in many of them sufficient feed could not be stored for the winter season. This handicap was recognized by a new generation of barn builders who favored a barn roof known as curb or gambrel sometimes mistakenly described as a hip roof. This type of roof while expensive and difficult to construct gave enormous loft room, a requirement which is now not so necessary in this age of baled hay and baled straw.

Livestock economics are now playing an important part in determining barn architecture. Many farmers realize the difficulty of paying for expensive barns with the earnings from livestock and in addition are realizing that most livestock does not require expensive housing and will in many cases do quite well in a cold at-

mosphere if provided with shelter. We are now in an age of pole-barns and their associated method of loose housing, both of which are dollar savers from the standpoint of capital invested and the labour involved in caring for animals.

### FEDERATION ANNUAL

For some years it has been customary to hold the annual meeting of Federation directors early in January. This year, however, the executive of the Federation decided that in view of the short time between the holiday season and national farm meetings that this annual meeting should be postponed. While no date has been set it is possible that this meeting might be held during "farmer's week" which will likely be in early March—a time of year when farm people are more in the mood to attend meetings.

### FARMERS BANK

For 1864 to 1894 the farmers of the Rustico district operated successfully a financial institution known as the Farmers Bank of Rustico. This bank was the smallest chartered bank ever to operate in Canada and likely in North America and the British Commonwealth. It was also the pioneer movement in the way of a peoples bank which eventually became the credit union program of the present.

The Rustico bank prospered to the extent that in April 1875 it had resources of almost \$24,000. It had bills in circulation in excess of \$11,000 and owned gold and silver to the extent of \$3,400, debts owing the bank were almost \$19,000. This was an institution that for thirty years played an important part in the rural life of this Province but likely very few people today realize that it ever existed.

## HAMPTON

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald MacAulay and son Kevin, spent Christmas holidays visiting their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Flood, South Melville, and Mr. Peter MacAulay, St. Peters.

Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, DeSable, assembled at their home to participate in their celebration of 23 years of married life. Gifts were presented expressive of the good will and respect entertained by the many guests. Following a bountiful luncheon, and a social evening's enjoyment all departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Campbell more happy anniversaries to follow.

The sudden change in weather conditions which might prove non-conducive to church attendance here on December 30. The inspiring message by the pastor was taken from the subject: "What the New Year takes and what it brings", with the Church choir leading the hymns appropriate to the service.

### War Risk Rates To Middle East Reduced

LONDON AP—Lloyd's Underwriters Wednesday reduced their rates for war risk insurance on cargoes for Middle East countries. They announced a new rate of five shillings (70 cents) a £100 worth of cargo.

The rates had been increased to between 11 shillings and sixpence (\$1.60) and 12 shillings (\$1.67) a £100 last Oct. 31. That was the date of the Anglo-French intervention in Egypt.

The rates before President Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal last July were between one shilling and sixpence and two shillings a £100.

# Will Complete Alberta To Montreal Pipeline In 1958

By JIM PEACOCK  
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CALGARY (CP) — Backers of the trans - Canada natural gas transmission pipeline, with 227 miles of the 2,287-mile line completed after five years of planning and hurdling difficulties, say they'll complete the job by the end of 1958 "regardless."

"We will be back on construction sites at the earliest possible moment in the spring," says N. E. Tanner, president of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited, which is constructing the line.

By the end of 1957 we'll have the Prairie leg completed to Winnipeg and the Lakehead. "Providing we can obtain permission to bring in sufficient gas from the United States for the Montreal market, we also will complete the Toronto - Montreal leg by the end of 1957."

"By the end of 1958, we will have the entire line from Alberta to Montreal completed, regardless."

### BIG YEAR AHEAD

Mr. Tanner, in an interview, said little difficulty is anticipated in obtaining the U.S. permission necessary for the Montreal gas supply, which will be replaced with Alberta gas when the Canadian pipeline is completed.

Looking ahead, the Trans-Canada president said 1957 will be an active construction year with comparatively few difficulties to be overcome. Financing of the \$350,000,000 job, he said, will be completed early in the year; all necessary pipe for 1957 and 1958 has been ordered; and trunk lines and gas purification plants should be ready to start the flow of Alberta gas east the minute the line reaches Winnipeg.

Permission to import Alberta gas into the United States Midwest may come during 1957, Mr. Tanner said, but the move, which caused Trans - Canada considerable difficulty in trying to complete its financing, won't affect Canadian construction plans now.

"We are hoping that we'll get the federal power commission permission in 1957, but we are no longer dependent on it," Mr. Tanner said. "We have enough markets in Canada now to assure successful operation."

Reaching that point was perhaps the major achievement in 1956.

### OBSTACLES OVERCOME

During the year, many of the obstructions in the line's path were removed: Deadlines were set back to allow time to overcome others; a federal loan of up to \$30,000,000 was obtained; contracts were signed with producers and retailers; and construction began on the Prairie leg.

In obtaining the federal loan, Trans-Canada had guaranteed to complete the line to Winnipeg by Dec. 31, 1956. A United States steel strike that cut pipe supply and slowed summer work and severe cold weather that halted work in November, prevented this. The steel strike, however, was beyond the company's control and its obligation therefore was erased.

Financing difficulties have been the chief obstacle to the big project for which surveys were first made in 1950.

Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd.

### Coming Events

Dance Elliot Hall, Saturday night.

Crokinole party in Wheatley Hall every Friday night.

New Wiltshire District L.O.L. meets at Kingston January 9th, 8.30 p.m.

Come to the dance in Norboro School, Friday, Jan. 4th, Luncheon served.

Skate at North River Rink tonight 8 to 10. Door prizes. Admission 25 cents and 35 cents. Teams interested in forming school league have representative at rink tonight, Friday, Jan. 4th.

### DEVELOPMENTS IN BRIEF

Feb. 15—Additional financial assistance came to Trans - Canada when Hudson Bay Oil and Gas and Canadian Gulf Oil joined Canadian Delmi Oils and Western Pipelines in financing the pipeline firm.

Feb. 25—Alberta petroleum and natural gas conversion board granted Trans-Canada a third extension of time to complete financing. (a fourth was later given to Feb. 1, 1957), start construction and start export of natural gas.

May 25—Board of transport commissioners formally empowered Trans-Canada to proceed with construction of the Prairie leg with out having to show financial ability to build the over-all project.

June 7 — Parliament approved, after four weeks of hectic debate in the Commons, a measure to provide a loan of up to \$80,000,000 to finance 90 per cent of the cost of building the line's 375-mile Prairie leg to Winnipeg. (The loan is to be repaid in full by April 30, 1957).

June 27 —Trans - Canada and Northern Ontario Natural Gas Co. Ltd. announced signing a 20-year contract involving distribution of more than 100,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas daily, which would produce an average annual gross revenue of \$225,000,000 for Trans-Canada.

July 16—Construction on western section of the project started in southwestern Saskatchewan.

to start construction. The federal and Ontario governments agreed to build the "bridge" link from the Lakehead to Kapuskasing, Ont., a \$120,000,000 job, and lease this to Trans-Canada with option to buy.

Trans - Canada negotiated with distributors along the route for contracts that would assure a market for the pipeline's product and thus induce investors to put capital into Trans-Canada.


By the end of 1958, it is expected Alberta gas will be available in Montreal and Toronto, which has been served since 1954 by a line from Niagara Falls, bringing in U.S. gas supplied by Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. This firm plans to handle Trans-Canada's Alberta gas in the Midwest states if and when the FPC grants import permits.

The achievements of 1956 were not made with difficulty. Canada's Parliament was rocked with a tumultuous debate such as had not been witnessed in the House of Commons for years.

### CAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES

The hitch, blamed for Trans-Canada's financing troubles, was in obtaining FPC permission which still has not been granted.

Through 1955, Trans - Canada worked toward getting the FPC permit and to raise enough money



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