Freight Policy Is Given Airing At Moncton Meet

The decision of the Executive Council acting on request of the federation to allow the high schools to close should be much appreciated by the potato people who at this stage are already beginning to feel the chilly blasts of late fall.

There is apparently to be no letup in the weather pattern. Even days which are forecast to be sunny are overcast, and on overcast days rain falls more or less continuously.

With respect to potatoes the risk is frost. With sodden ground even a little frost can be serious.

The government's decision and the co-operation of the high school boards will be of considerable value provided the weather does its part.

FEED GRAIN

Last week the Maritime feed freight committee met in Moncton with representatives from the three provinces present. Items under discussion were rumours that certain changes were planned in the freight assistance policy and the suggestion in the Speech from the Throne that legislation respecting a storage policy for grain is to be introduced. Dropping of the subsidy on corn before feed wheat becomes available and also caused concern.

Final decision was to seek on behalf of the Maritimes a meeting with the Hon. Alvin Hamilton, in the hope that more can be learned on government planning on freight and storage and an opportunity given to make recommendations on both matters.

As a result of this meeting it now appears that the Eastern section (including Ontario and Quebec, and the federation will hold a conference on grain and livestock in Ottawa and seek a meeting with Mr. Hamilton in November.

It has been suggested in some quarters that some money might be saved from freight assistance and used to promote beef production under ARDA. Agricultural curiosity is aroused and the proposed meeting in November will seek some of the answers.

SELLING POTATOES

There is nothing very new in the fact that competitive selling of potatoes leads to cutting on quotations.

Whenever there is pressure to move a product for any reason there is always the urge to gain a share of the market by offering at a lower price.

Generally everyone is interested in getting as much as possible for a product, but when the chips are down a decision must be arrived at between holding for a price or the possibility of losing a sale.

In some sections of agriculture producers have attempted to get around the shortcomings of competitive selling by narrowing the number of dealers to, in some cases, one agency. Understandably the agents so displaced have not always been enthusiastic and have usually, in many cases with success, fought the move towards central selling.

So long as a large number of persons are selling a product there is certainly going to be an opportunity for the buyer to encourage shaving of the prices.

For many years the disadvantages of the system used in selling the crop have been recognized, but for nearly as many years any move to change the system has been met with very stiff opposition.

PLOUGHING

Ploughing long recognized as the basic farm operation is now seeking its share of the dwindling time before freeze up. While still regarded by many as the basic operation even ploughing on many farms is being shoved into the background. The grain farmers of the West are depending to an increasing extent on discers which actually plough and do the cultivating in the one operation. Even in this province a small, but increasing number of farmers are placing greater emphasis on grassland farming and in some cases doing little if any ploughing.

The operation is a vastly different one from the day when with a team of horses a good days work was an acre with a single plough for a ploughman requiring a steady hand, a good eye, and a sure foot. The gang plough made it possible for the less skillful to do good work and today with tractor and either trailing or mounted ploughs the good ploughman must have the qualities of an engineer.

FARM FORUM

The 23rd season of National Farm Radio Forum programs opens Monday with an examination of the many faces of Farm Forum around the world.

From Canada, where Farm Forum was born and where it continues to thrive, the scene will shift to India, Australia, South Africa, France, Japan and Nigeria. In these nations, Farm Forum has come to mean information, discussion and understanding.

Featured on the program as interpretors for the many mutations of Farm Forums, will be Rev Norman MacKenzie, missionary in India; Graham White of the Australian Broadcasting Commission; P.V. Krishnomoorthy, Director of Television, All-India-Radio; Dr. J. K. Friesen, Director of Extension, U.B.C.; Johnson Olagbaju, Co-op Union of Nigeria, Miss Betty Tomlinson, C.B.C., Japan; and Dr. J.R. Kidd, founder of the Overseas Institute.

The program was written by George Salverson, directed by Larry Gosnell. Narrator will be Rodger Schwass.

Time of the broadcast is 9 p.m.

FORMER EXECUTIVE DIES

NEW YORK (AP) — William S. Richardson, 69, former president of the B. F. Goodrich Company, died Tuesday night in Los Angeles, the company announced Wednesday. Richardson was president of Goodrich from 1954 to 1957 when he was succeeded by J. W. Keener. Richardson retired as a Goodrich director in December, 1961, because of ill health.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Premier Visited At Strathnairn

BY NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

FOR TODAY'S column I went to the Strathnairn home of Premier Walter Shaw, who is just getting back to work after a several months' absence that followed two major operations. Doctors assure him he's making a splendid recovery, though it will be several months yet before he can attack his problems with all of his usual vigor.

He disposed of retirement rumors, a normal thing when illness strikes a man in public life, when he said he'll lead his party in the next election, then will consider retirement sometime later. There was no suggestion he'd run the election and then quit. I didn't embarass him by asking just when he may retire, but I'd imagine the "Squire of Strathnairn" would like to be in charge when P.E.I. observes its own version of the Confederation centennial in 1964, and he would be, unless of course the Liberals install their own leader when the election comes, "likely in 1963," a possibility raised in our talk, and something any political leader must always keep in mind.

HIS CHIEF ambition now is to get small industries, perhaps family industries, established in the province. The "tremendous response" to the idea of handicraft training, for example, "was most encouraging."

I was interested to find the premier has turned to painting in oils, to occupy some time during his enforced idleness. "I'm emulating Churchill," he said with a grin as he showed me several canvases.

Incidentally, I suggest you keep Andrew MacRae in mind when the party does select a new leader. His farm background in this agricultural province, the fact he was chosen for the acting-premier's role during the past three month or more, and now has the acting role in the difficult highways post are some of my reasons.

1950 Convention Is Recalled

REMINISCENCING for a few minutes I recalled the Liberal government had sent Mr. Shaw, then deputy minister of agriculture, to Europe on an international agriculture federation tour in 1950, so he would not be available for the Conservative leadership convention that summer. It was never admitted openly but it was common gossip among top party men at the time.

Mr. Shaw had not been aware of it at the time though he "did think they were most enthusiastic" over getting him away. Also not generally known is that a cablegram from the Conservatives went to his London hotel asking if he would accept nomination for leadership. Mr. Shaw was out of town for a few days on a part of the tour itinerary, and the convention was over before he saw the invitation.

But there were no regrets. Accepting would have meant loss of his civil service job several years before normal retiring age. It would mean immediate loss of salary and a sizeable reduction in superannuation. "I just couldn't afford it," he told me frankly.

First PC Winner In 28 Years

MR. SHAW admitted that he had gotten a terrific thrill on election night in 1959. That's understandable, for he was the first man to lead his party to victory in 28 years. Hon. J. D. Stewart had scored the last previous win in 1931. But his answer to "How long had you been thinking of party leadership and the premier's office?" surprised me.

"I had not been thinking of it at all", he said." The first decision to enter politics actively came when a very strong delegation from the Cardigan district (3rd Kings) came to me in 1955". It had been a mistake, he emphasized, to go so far from his own district of 2nd Queens. He would naturally have liked to run at home in 1955 but there was no opening, as veteran campaigners R. R. Bell, now on the Supreme Court bench, and J. Philip Matheson, now highways minister, were running. So he accepted the invitation in neighbouring 1st Queens instead.

THE PREMIER "enjoys political life" he told me. He likes particularly the personal tours he has made through the province. They get the politician out where he can meet the people in their homes, and their places of business." It helps to break down barriers, to abolish the feeling the politician doesn't care once he is elected", he commented.

But an almost constant stream of visitors to the premier's office is difficult. "Sometimes I don't get anything done all day, but talk to people", he told me. There's a great deal of important mail crosses a premier's desk, correspondence that is vital to some phase of the economy. It doesn't seem practical to keep him from attending to it.

Office Visits No Problem Elsewhere

THE SAME thing happened to Alex Mathison when he was premier, and to Walter Jones before him, though it's probably worse now. But it doesn't happen to premiers in other provinces. Nova Scotia's Stanfield told me at Halifax last year that he has no visitor problem. Quebec's Jean Lesage said the same thing when he was here two years ago.

There's a feeling the premier is all powerful, that he can and will do things his ministers have refused. But Mr. Shaw explained, a premier can only act in accordance with policies that have been approved by the legislature or by the cabinet as a whole. And that's as it should be. Anything else would be chaos.

"DID PUBLIC speaking always come easy to you?" I asked the man whose platform performances I've admired for many years, even when I wasn't always in agreement with what he was saying. "Constructive public speaking never comes easy to anyone, Neil", he replied. A lot of thought must go into the selection of words and the construction of phrases, he told me, then added that he owes a great deal, to the teaching and example of Dr. Malcolm Cummings of Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro where Walter Shaw headed the public speaking class. And he "had a marvellous English teacher" at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario. A couple of years as writer with a Grain Growers Journal at Gardenvale, Quebec, also helped him.

Strathnairn Story Is Interesting

I WAS interested in the story of "Strathnairn", it was just a wheat field, the premier told me, when they came to it some forty years ago. Walter Shaw was "a young man, and as strong as a horse". There was understandable pride in his voice when he said "I cut every stick of timber that went into the house and rafted them down the river to the mill". He dug the cellar with a pick and shovel, and possibly a grubbing hoe which was popular in those times.

The landscaping, including the planting of many beautiful trees, was also a personal effort, and today the premier and his guest can look through a "picture window" in the office he has had built on to the house in the past year, at a picture that is really attractive. "I planted some of the trees", he told me "before I left in the morning to teach vocational training in the Rena MacLean Memorial Hospital."

THERE'S A solid, old-fashioned type welcome for the visitor at Strathnairn. The premier and I talked in his office but Mrs. Shaw, the charming hostess of Strathnairn—the former Margaret MacKenzie was born in Victoria West, her father came from Rose Valley—came in for a brief visit and chat before I left. And the time-honored custom of the countryside, as pleasing now as it was when the first people settled here, seemed a natural part of the picture as we sipped a cup of tea, and nibbled a tasty sandwich before the "au revoirs."

I thought as I came away of the contented feeling of accomplishment the Shaws must share in their beautiful home and comfortable surroundings. It's easy to see why thoughts of retirement are tempting.

Another Ghost Yarn Column Asked

I HAVE space, I hope, for a reference to last week's ghost story column, and a word of appreciation to the many people who expressed their interest and suggested new yarns. The suggestions range from Murray River to Tignish and already I have a couple of "real hair curlers", to use one reader's expression. Because of your requests another ghost yarn column will follow later, but there are a lot of other things I want to tell you about first.

CHURCHES

(Continued from page 2)

Canada. Mr. Hugh Lowry, Catechist. Worship (DV) Marshfield, 9.30 a.m. Harrington, 11 a.m and 7.30 p.m., Mt. Stewart 7.30 p.m. Miss Mary MacKenzie, Guest Speaker at Mt. Stewart Service. Rev. T. H. B. Somers, The Kirk of St. James, ator

ST. ANDREW'S United Church Belle River. Special service at 7.30 p.m. Speaker, Mr. Reid Sangster, music by Harris' singers.

CAVENDISH CHARGE, The United Church of Canada. New Glasgow 11 a.m.; Stanley Bridge rally day service 2.30 p.m.; Cavendish: service conducted by members of the Laymen's Association with male choir in attendance 7.30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Canada. St. John's, Belfast: annual rally day service at 11 a.m.; worship 7.30 p.m. Rev. Donald Nicholson, minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church in Canada. Central Parish. Clyde River: 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. morning worship. Canoe Cove, 3 p.m. rally day service. Nine Mile Creek: 7.30 p.m. Harvest-in service, with Mr. Stephen MacLeod and the Belfast Quartet providing special music. Churchill: 10.45 a.m. Sunday School. Rev. Raymond Gillis, BA, BS, minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church in Canada. Wood Islands: service of worship at 11 a.m. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed at the service. Preparatory service Thursday evening 8 p.m. Rev. Donald Nicholson, minister.

MOUNT STEWART St. Peters Bay Charge. The United Church. Mount Stewart: 10 a.m. Senior Sunday School, Adult Bible Class. 11.15 a.m. Worship. 11.30 a.m. Junior Sunday School. Bristol: 2.30 p.m. Worship. St. Peters Bay: 10.30 a.m. Sunday School. 7.30 p.m. Worship, Rev. D. R. MacLennan, Minister.

PRINCE

BEDEQUE PASTORAL Charge, The United Church of Canada. Bedeque 11 a.m.; Borden 3 p.m. No service at Albany. Mr. Arthur Murray will conduct both services. Rev. Ronald M. Cameron, minister.

SPRINGFIELD — O'LEARY United Baptist Churches. Springfield 11 a.m.; O'Leary 7.30 p.m. Both services in charge of B.Y.P. groups. Sunday School as usual.

ANGLICAN CHURCH, Crapaud and Springfield. St. John's on Saturday, October 20th, confirmation service and dedication of memorial organ at 8 p.m. Sunday, St. John's Diamond Jubilee, Holy Communion at 2.30 a.m. Choral eucharist at 11 a.m. The bishop coadjutor, celebrant and preacher at both services, Ven. J.R. Davies. The organist and choir of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Charlottetown will attend the St. Elias's evensong at 3 p.m. The bishop coadjutor, preacher. Rev. Canon T.E. Loder, rector.

FREETOWN GOSPEL Hall. Services for the Lord's Day, breaking of bread 10.30 a.m.; Sunday School and gospel meeting cancelled for special meetings in Crapaud.

ROSEBANK GOSPEL Hall. Breaking of bread 10.30 a.m.; Sunday School 2 p.m.; gospel service 3 p.m.

NORTH TRYON and Breadalbane Presbyterian Churches. North Tryon: Service at 11 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class at 12.15 p.m. Breadalbane: Bible class at 7.30 p.m.; service at 8 p.m. Rev. G. Killen, minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church. Rev. E.H. Bean, BA, B.TH, BD, minister. Kensington: Sunday School 10 a.m.; divine service which is the Fall Communion service 11 a.m.; Freetown: Sunday School 2 p.m. Divine service 3 p.m. Ordination of Elders elect. Keir Memorial, Malpeque. Sunday School 6.30 p.m.; worship service 7.30 p.m. Mr. Hugh Lowry of the Marshfield Charge will be guest speaker at the evening service.

TRYON PASTORAL Charge, The United Church of Canada. Rev W.A. MacQuarrie, DD, minister-in - charge. Crapaud: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m.; Tryon: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Cape Traverse: Sunday School at 6.30 p.m.; worship at 7.30 p.m. The members of Cape Traverse Masonic Lodge will attend this service.

SUMMERSIDE Christian Church. Minister D. L. Howlett. Bible School 10.00 a.m. Worship 11.00 a.m. (Broadcast over C.J.R.W.) Evening Service 7.30 The service at eventime will be conducted by the laymen of the church.

TRYON —Bonshaw United Baptist Pastorate. Rev. L. R. Graves, Minister. Worship: Tryon, 11.00 a.m. Westmoreland, 8.00 p.m. Sunday School Tryon 10.00 a.m. Westmoreland 11.00 a.m. (advanced summer time).

UNITED CHURCH, Kensington. Layman's Sunday. Church School 9.50 a.m. Worship, 11.00 a.m and 7.30 p.m. Summerfield service, 9.30 a.m. Rev. Lewis M. Murray, B.A., BD

MONTROSE Pastoral Charge The United Church Brown Jardine, Minister. Mimmingash, 11 a.m. Montrose, 3 p.m. Elmsdale 7.30 p.m.

NORTH BEDEQUE Pastoral Charge. United Church. Travellers Rest 9.30 a.m. Freetown 11.00 a.m. North Bedeque 8.00 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at all services with Rev. Dr. L.P. Archibald of Central Bedeque Officiating. J. T. Waldron, Minister.

ALBERTON Pastoral Charge-United Church. Rev. David MacDonald, B.A.; minister. Cascumpec Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Tignish Worship, 2 p.m., Sunday School, 3 p.m. Alberton Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship at 7.30 p.m.

FREE CHURCH OF Scotland. Worship Milo, 11.00 a.m. Summer Shore, 7.30 a.m. Rev. Kenneth W. R. Cameron, Minister.

FUNDAMENTAL Baptist Church - Central Bedeque. Morning Worship, 10.45 Sunday sch 12.00 noon. Evening Service 7.30 Rev Bernard Toner, pastor.

PRINCETOWN — Lot 16 Pastoral Charge. United Church. Rev. Ralph E. Johnston, minister. Services: Malpeque Worship, 11.00 a.m. Rally Day Service, Lot 16 Sunday School, 10.00 a.m Worship, 7.30 a.m. Laymans Service, Mr. William Burns, Guest Speaker.

BEDEQUE United Baptist Church. Sunday School, 10.00 a.m. Worship, 11.00 a.m. Rev. H. L. Estabrooks, Associate Pastor.

NEW LONDON Parish. 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion at St. Marks. 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, St. Thomas. 2.30 a.m. Evensong, St. Stephen. 7.30 p.m. Confirmation at St. Marks. Rev Ron Parsons, rector.

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