

Soil Conservation And Related Problems

Excerpts from a Report by the Prince Edward Island Branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

The part played by livestock, particularly cattle, in a programme of soil conservation cannot be too strongly emphasized. Table 5 (not given here) shows that the livestock population, with the exception of hogs and poultry, has decreased during the past fifty years almost to the critical point.

In a successful livestock programme well managed pastures and productive hay fields are essential. Under this grassland programme, the soil organic matter is built up and the danger of erosion is eliminated. The by-product of cattle, namely manure, has been shown by experimentation and long experience of successful farmers to be essential for the building of permanent fertility. Its extended use is considered to be absolutely necessary under Prince Edward Island soil and climate conditions.

Weed Control
Weed control is but one phase of conservation — the conservation of clean soil, productive farms and the natural plant food therein.

The great loss in time, crops and money suffered by farmers every year, due to weeds, must be faced and fully realized. Almost everyone agrees that weeds are unacceptably and harmful to a growing crop; but few comprehend the actual loss weeds cause by reducing yields and by using plant food to produce worthless material. This reduction in yield arises from the competition, between weeds and the crop plants, for the essential elements of growth—moisture, light and nutrients. Of thirty items that cause damage and expense on farms in the United States, weeds are second only to soil erosion. In Canada it has been estimated conservatively that the loss caused by

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York And Vicinity

Mr. Edison Hardy, Halifax, is spending his Easter holidays at his home in York, with his wife and family, also his mother.

Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Sproule had as their Easter guest, their son, Bernard of the R.A.F.

Miss Janice Craswell, City, is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swan, York.

Miss Lavina MacDonald spent Good Friday in York, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett.

Mr. Merrel MacDonald, York, spent April 17 in the City.

Mrs. Elmer Brown and Mrs. Will Cooke, were visitors to the City on April 17.

Mr. Willard Murray, Marshfield, spent Saturday in York.

Miss Fern Vessey and Earla Ling, spent April 17 in the City.

Miss Isabella Colburn of Pughwash, N. S., was the guest of Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Sproule, York, for her Easter holidays.

Mr. Gordon Vessey, York, was a visitor to the City on Easter Saturday.

Mr. Allison Rodd and brother, Junior Rodd, were visitors to York on Good Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Watts of Halifax, N. S., are spending their Easter holidays in York, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts.

The many friends of Mrs. Elby Hardy are sorry to hear of her illness. Her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Keith Douglas and two children, Aubrey and Lena Stanhope, spent their Easter holidays at Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Vessey and son, Stirling, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett, on Sunday.

Mrs. Crawford Jay, City, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Swan, York.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jewell, North River, were the guests of their son, Parker Jewell, on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Clifford Chappell had as her guest on Easter Sunday her mother, Mrs. Thompson, Cornwall.

Miss Christine Proud, is spending her Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proud, York.

Miss Olga Proud, City is spending Easter holidays at her home in York.

Miss Shirley Lewis of the P. E. I. Hospital, spent Good Friday in York, the guest of her two brothers, Ira and Claude Lewis.

Mr. George Watts, York, has entered the P. E. I. Hospital for treatment. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Crockett and family returned to their home in York, after spending the winter months at Orwell Cove. Their many friends welcome them back. —BO.

Inverness And Vicinity

—Miss Mary Milligan spent a few days, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coughlin, Summerside, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fitzgerald and family, Amherst, N. S., have moved home to Inverness.

The many friends of Mrs. Elmer Sharbell, Portage, will be glad to learn she has returned to her home after being a patient in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside.

Mrs. Peter Curley, Richmond, spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sharbell, Portage, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Stenning Williams, Tyne Valley, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Major Milligan on April 20.

Mrs. Lawrence Dymont, Summerside, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milligan, on April 18.

Mrs. Charles Milligan was in Summerside recently for a medical check-up and returned to her home on April 18.

Mr. Charles Milligan and daughter Shirley were in Summerside, April 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Phillips were business visitors to Summerside on April 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Milligan were business visitors to Summerside on April 20.

Mr. Edgar Milligan and Mr. Chester Milligan were business visitors to Summerside on April 20.

Mr. Roy Murphy, Springhill, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan MacDonald.

Miss Faith MacDonald, O'Leary, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James MacDonald, Portage.

Mr. Jimmie Costain, Portage, son of Mr. George Costain was enlisted in the Army and is now in Halifax, N. S.

Mrs. John Costain, Portage, was a business visitor to Summerside on April 20.

Mr. Bowman Milligan left April 21 to take up his work on the tug Frederick at Picou, N. S.

L.A.C. Orville MacFayden, Moncton, N. B., spent the Easter holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacFayden, Portage.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth LaVine and children Harold and Glen, Toronto, Ont., spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacFayden, Portage.

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FORUM ACTIVITIES — In preparation for its summer activities The Forum is a busy place these days. The ice has been practically all removed. The sanding will begin on Monday and the floor will be laid early this week. The entire building will have the effect of soap and water so that everything will be fresh and clean. Paint will be applied inside and out. The first events are Garden Bros. Three Ring Indoor Circus, followed a week or so later by 'The Kinsmen's Annual Carnival.'

DEBATE AT POWNAI — A lively debate was held in Pownai hall on the evening of April 21st, under the auspices of the Ross Credit Union. Mr. Elliott Robertson was chairman, and the subject was "Resolved that under present conditions we have too much machinery on the farm." Miss Norma Robertson was leader of the affirmative, and she was supported by Lloyd Bruce and Miss Jeanette Bruce. On the negative were Richard Jenkins, leader, supported by George MacMillan and Darrel Tilley and T. R. Goudge. All six speakers held the rapt attention of the audience from beginning to end. The judges disagreed, slightly, so the debate ended in a tie. The young debaters were praised for their careful preparation and excellent delivery.

The friends of Mrs. Arthur Newcombe regret that she is confined to the Health Centre for treatment.

Mr. Warren Allen, Halifax, was a recent visitor of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Angus Walker.

The Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Hart Lidstone, on April 13, with a good attendance. Mrs. Preston Grigg presided. Mrs. Lidstone was asked to write Mr. and Mrs. Parent to find out the date when they would come to speak on their tour and show pictures of same. A program was put on, prepared by Mrs. Nisbet, who was unable to attend. —BH.

Tyne Valley Notes

—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. MacDougall and family have moved back to their home in Tyne Valley, after spending the winter in Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph MacLean and family, Charlottetown, spent the Easter week-end at the home of Mr. MacLean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan MacLean.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid held a bean supper in the Hall on April 15, when a nice sum of money was realized and an evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. John Nisbet and family, Summerside, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nisbet.

Mrs. Thos. Nisbet is spending some time in Summerside to be near her husband who is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

Mrs. Kay Howatt, Amherst, is spending her Easter holidays with her sister, Miss Sophie Mooney, also her daughter, Mrs. Alden Yeo.

Mrs. Fred Inman, Summerside, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Alfred Ramsay and Mr. Ramsay on April 18.

Mrs. Robert Yeo, Summerside, was visiting friends and relatives in Tyne Valley on April 18.

At the evening service held in the Tyne Valley United Church on April 18, a number of male singers from Bideford and Tyne Valley United Churches took charge of the choir and their selection were greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Arthur Gardiner, Freetown, spent the Easter week-end visiting friends in Tyne Valley and vicinity.

Mrs. Philip Williams, Ellerslie, is visiting with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lidstone.

The many friends of Miss Sandra MacKay regret that she has had to enter the Prince County Hospital for an operation, and hope she will soon be home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Forbes, N. B., spent a few days recently visiting with Mrs. D. N. Forbes and Constance Forbes.

Mr. Donald MacLean, Mr. Wendell Phillips, and Miss Blanch MacDougall attended the Teachers' Convention in Charlottetown during the Easter holidays.

Miss Lucy Irene Nisbet, nurse-in-training in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, is spending a three-week vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan MacKay spent the Easter week-end in Summerside, to be near their daughter Sandra, who underwent an appendectomy in the Prince County Hospital on April 17.

An Easter Service was held in the Tyne Valley Presbyterian Church on April 18 under the leadership of the Young People's Society.

Mr. Robt. England, Charlottetown, spent a few days visiting

Clyde River W. I.

The April meeting of the Clyde River W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Watson Livingstone. Roll call was answered with a get well card by eight members.

The reading of the minutes was followed by reports from the Sick and School committees. The school committee reported that a further purchase of paper cups had been made, and the meeting decided that it would purchase plastic cups for each child. A bill for the entrance fee for the Music Festival was passed for payment, also the fee for use of the Hall at the last meeting.

\$2 was received towards the expenses of the Dental Clinic, and a gift of \$1 to the funds. There were also two contributions to the Birthday Box and a sum to be added to the proceeds of the Crokinole party.

Mrs. George Dixon will entertain the members at the May meeting, when roll-call will be answered by an exchange of flower slips. Mrs. John Darrach will be in charge of the program.

The new Executive for the year 1954-5 are as follows: Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, President; Mr. C. H. Black, Vice-President; Mrs. P. W. MacNevein, Secretary Treasurer.

Mrs. W. H. Tidmarsh, Mrs. W. J. P. MacMillan, Mrs. Gordon Macdonald, Mrs. Ben. Stentford, Mr. Howard Macinnis, Mrs. Blois Andrew, Mrs. Blyth Murray, Mrs. G. E. Hartlen, Miss Eva Beer, Major T. E. MacNutt.

his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Ramsay.

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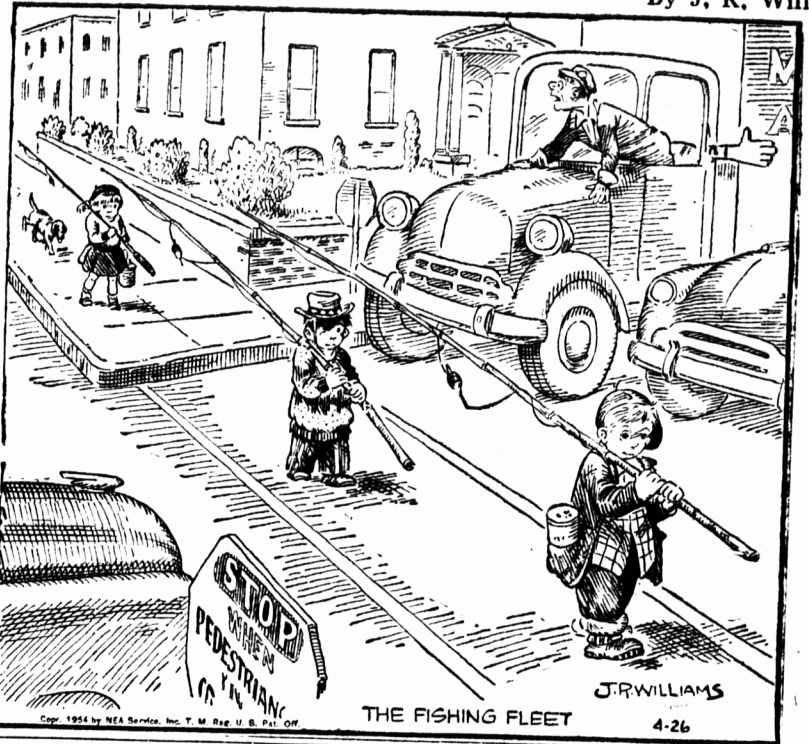
ARROW HUNTERS
ST. JOHN'S Nfld., (CP) —Bow-and-arrow hunters from the United States are expected here for the next moose-hunting season, says Harry Walters, chief game warden. This type of moose-hunting was made legal last year but too late for the big bow-and-arrow clubs of the United States, which had made prior arrangements.



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