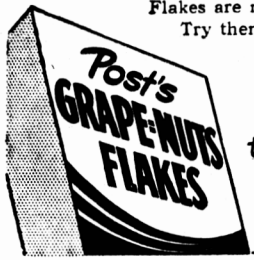


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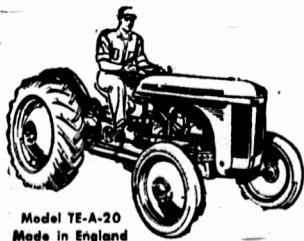
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other promises, this has been their cry for the past year. This was the promise of the Leader of the Opposition when he was chosen as leader last summer. This was his promise in the Legislature just prorogued. To spend less money on the public services of this Province. To reduce your standard of living. To make Prince Edward Island a less desirable place in which to live.

"The issue is squarely before the people of this Province. Do you want less expenditures and less services, or do you want more? The Liberal Party promises not to cut expenditures on necessary public services. We promise to continue existing services and to expand them. Working closely with the Liberal Government at Ottawa we are in a position to secure upwards of three million dollars this year in cash subsidy, and we promise to spend this money to the best advantage of the Province.

"Which method do you prefer? The Conservative Platform of reduced services, or the Liberal policy of expansion? Canada is in the midst of prosperity and on the threshold of boundless economic possibilities. Let us go forward with Liberal policies and not backward with Conservative policies. Don't give the Conservatives a chance to cut your income. It is dangerous to tamper with prosperity.

Old Country Contacts

"As a result of this policy two Breed Associations at the very moment are making contacts with Old Country breeding interests for the importation of outstanding sires which we hope will influence our whole livestock economy. Two other Breed Associations have imported from outstanding Canadian herds, sires of great quality and merit. We are convinced that this work conducted through our Breed Associations has been responsible for great livestock improvements.

In addition to this, however, we are launching this year a new and improved Bull Placement Policy which will provide for increased financial assistance to individuals and groups of farmers with grade herds who wish to secure sires of outstanding merit. The policies thus provided by this administration for the support and improvement of the cattle industry of this Province are so far in advance of previous policies that there is really no comparison.

"As a background to a livestock policy I have also felt that there was a great need for the establishment of an adequate veterinary service on Prince Edward Island. Veterinarians have been scarce and the need for this service has been great. After a thorough investigation of the problem I am pleased to tell our livestock people that we have now established a Veterinary Policy and this service will be available during the present year to our farmers. An outstanding Director of Veterinary Services has been appointed who will be in charge of the Agricultural Laboratory where investigations, examinations and research work will be conducted at practically no cost to our livestock men.

"Throughout the Province we expect to have a total of four subsidized veterinarians whose responsibility will be to take charge of the veterinary work in the respective areas. Under this policy within the area prescribed for each veterinarian, a small charge of \$3.00 will be made on calls and visits to farms irrespective of the mileage covered by the vet. In special cases, of course, requiring operations, special charges at a very low level will be provided.

"In view of the great loss taking place in valuable livestock under present day conditions I feel that this service to the farmers will be of tremendous importance to the industry. I am sure that our farm people recognizing this generous support in the production and veterinary fields will appreciate the tremendous influence these new policies will have upon livestock improvement in the province.

"In addition to these over-all policies, the Government is extending its field staff and expects to add at least two more men to this staff during the present season. One of these men will be an expert on field crops and their production and I would like to point out that there is no phase of work that can be of greater value in view of the high cost of imported feeds.

Potato Industry

"I would like to refer to our potato industry. This year has been particularly disappointing. Large crops of potatoes in Canada and the United States far beyond domestic needs, along with lower price support in the United States

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has brought about unfavourable market conditions.

"Our Government has done everything possible to improve marketing processes and support for the industry. Full co-operation has been given in the establishment of Markets in the hope that market conditions might become stabilized. I believe that this has been of some assistance in this respect. Strong representations have been made to Ottawa regarding price support and assistance has been promised in this respect.

"With reference to off-shore exports the provision was made in the early season to provide financial aid. Unfortunately no firm sales were made, however, to outside countries. At the present time under the Federal Co-operative Act of 1933 a policy has been established for the utilization of potatoes into starch which will remove approximately one million bushels of the surplus from the market. I believe that this will help to stabilize prices and it is my hope that sufficient potatoes will be removed to prevent any lowering of present market levels.

"I would like to also state that I have made very vigorous representation to the Federal Government to continue the Freight Assistance Policy on feed grain, and provisions have been made, as usual, to carry it out until July, when, I have every confidence, further provision in conformity with the usual practice will be made to provide assistance during the next year.

"The Department, as already intimated, will follow up its efforts to improve home supplies for livestock and in this respect surveys have already been made of seed grain with the intention of improving the quality and grade of our seed and by so doing lift the level of grain production, which we hope, will make us less dependent upon imported supplies.

Farm Labour

"One of our big problems at the present time is that of farm labour, and this is a problem that exists all across Canada. The attractions of industrial activity in the large centres at high wage rates has tended to move labour from our farmers. We are doing everything possible to offset this trend. Through the immigration authorities at Ottawa and Unemployment Boards we are endeavouring to secure first class labourers from countries such as Holland and Scandinavian areas.

"Under a joint agreement with Ottawa provision has been made during the last few years to cover the cost of transportation of seasonal labour into this province and approximately one thousand labourers have been moved each year into this province from other provinces. This labour has been of great assistance in harvesting our grain, but more particularly in the saving of our potato crop. Our efforts with respect to farm labour employment will be continued with vigour.

"I would like to also point out that the interests of our farm people with reference to ground limestone have not been neglected and co-operating with the Federal Government we have raised the subsidy on ground limestone to a level of \$2.00 per ton. This has permitted our farm producers to buy this much needed material at a very low delivered price.

"I would also like to draw the attention of our farm people to the excellent facilities provided, particularly to our dairymen, in the new Cold Storage plant. This was built by the Government and placed at the disposal of our butter and cheese producers. Our dairymen may now feel that they can store their products here during a flush season, carry them over the season of deficiency and feed these supplies into the market at prices which will bring a higher average for the season.

"Attention is also directed toward forestry, land clearing and drainage problems. The Government has acted promptly with respect to forestry improvement and two qualified foresters are now available to give advice and direction in cutting and protection of forest areas. We believe that the service thus provided will go far to prevent any dangerous inroads into forest areas and at the same time will provide a regulated and properly directed program of cutting and forest conservation which can be of permanent and substantial economical value to our farm people.

"In addition a land clearing policy and a drainage policy have been established. This policy was asked for, and I am confident that our farm people will appreciate the facilities for land clearing and under-drainage which are now placed at their disposal.

Soil Analysis

"We have a special Provincial expert assisting in the soil laboratory and a great mass of information has been provided individual farmers on their soil types and recommendations for proper soil treatment and fertilizer application.

"Our farm radio program over CFCY has been exceedingly popular and informative and has carried market services out to a very large number of both rural and urban listeners. There are only a few of the services rendered the farmers of Prince Edward Island.

"I have no apologies to make for the Government's program with respect to Agriculture. Some criticism is occasionally made that we do not spend all the money provided for our Department. I would like to state that it is not the Government's nor the Department's policy to squander money needlessly.

"I am convinced that in no Province in Canada, nor in any other Department of Agriculture, is as much value given for the money expended as is the case in this province. We are making a sincere attempt to provide for our farm people, in co-operation with them, a service that may be above criticism or reproach.

"It is my intention to further expand this service, to study closely the needs of agriculture on Prince Edward Island and to work in complete harmony and co-operation

with our farm people in placing the agriculture of this province on a high basis of efficiency. In doing so I appeal to our farm people to give this Department its full support and that support can best be given by marking your ballots for the Liberal candidates in your district on election day."

MARGATE SCHOOL

Report for March.
Grade X—1, Mary Kaye Mayhew.
Grade IX—1, Shirley Henderson; 2, Floyd Crane.
Grade VIII—1, Olive Wall; 2, Roscoe Major; 3, Murray Mayhew.

Grade VII—1, Frances Henderson; 2, Barbara Ruth Brown; 3, Mona Mayhew.
Grade VI. A.—1, Joseph McGuirk; 2, Eric Moase; 3, Justin McGuirk.
Grade VI. B.—1, Sheila Dunphy.
Grade IV—1, Katherine Dunphy.
Grade III. A.—1, Paul Henderson; 2, Scott Woodside.
Grade III. B.—1, Patricia Dunphy; 2, Isabel Adams; 3, Keith Adams.
Grade III. C.—1, Marjorie Woodside; 2, Jack McGuirk; 3, Constance Brown.
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