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**A Feature For Every Friday**

**Among The Farmers**

Federation Of Agriculture News

**Potato Outlook**

Quite a complete survey of the potato situation across the Island this week indicates that there will not be too many potatoes of shipping quality, left after planting. Recent movements have been heavy although the price has varied considerably.

In spite of such low prices and losses, it would appear that the overall potato acreage for next year is going to be down very little, if any. Farmers in some districts are cutting down a little, others think this might be a good year to increase their acreage, and so it is going up a little. The larger growers, or what is sometimes known as the speculative element, are in many cases planning to increase their acreage considerably.

Unofficially, we understand the distribution of potato fertilizers will be down almost 20 per cent below last year. On the other hand there is a considerable quantity of fertilizer being sold for grain and pasture. In some districts offers have been made already to advance fertilizer and take contracts for the potato crop at a set price per bushel. This policy in the past has tended to establish a ceiling price for our whole potato crop and in many cases was a big factor in depressing the general price level when contract prices were high.

Should there be a surplus next year and our Marketing Board is functioning, those farmers can hardly expect to receive the same

**Island farmers.**

On May 29th the topic is entitled, "The Perfumed Grass". The story is based on the pioneer beef industry in Alberta, how they are looking after their pastures and beef industry and will likely touch on their livestock marketing plans.

**Junior Farmers Program**

During the week a special committee appointed by the Kings and Queens County Federation directors met to discuss with Department of Agriculture officials the Junior Farmers' program, as well as Junior Club work on the Island, with special reference as to how the whole policy could be co-ordinated. The directors, at their last meeting were quite concerned about the Junior Farmers' program and felt that although the officials in charge were doing their best under the present policies, that some change should be made in the promotional field.

The committee strongly recommended the appointment of full time Agricultural fieldmen for Kings and Prince Counties to provide more intimate contact and leadership. They also recommended that arrangements be made for some expert in this field to come to the Island and make a complete survey of the whole farm situation as it affects our young people and help establish a more practical, aggressive, and co-ordinated plan in this work. It is hoped that something definite can be arranged in this respect very shortly.

**Dairymen's Meeting**

At the time of writing, plans are being made for a joint meeting of the directors of the Dairymen's Association and Creamery managers throughout the Province. Present butler storage, advertising, packaging etc. are to be discussed.

Several more local meetings have been held during the past week to discuss marketing problems and to explain Federation policies, etc. The membership race between Queens and Prince is running neck and neck with Prince County taking the lead again this past week. There are still a number of districts to be heard from in each County. But, generally speaking, there has been a most satisfactory response from about 80 per cent of the districts.

The first newsletter to the district delegates will be going out within the next few days.

**Grain And Grass Seeds**

Apparently there is quite a variation in the price of seed grain and grass seeds across the Province. Prices are high and some kinds of seed is scarce. Farmers who have to buy this seed should watch the quality carefully. There is quite a difference between registered seed and different grades. There is also some poor quality seed on the market which has not been inspected or graded. Some of this has been grown locally and some of it imported. It is much better to be careful and sure of quality now, than to be faced with a heavy weed infestation or poor seed germination later on.

**Farmer Travelling Scholarships**

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**Motor Vehicles Sales Increase**

The bureau of Statistics reported today that the March increase, coupled with increase in January and February boosted by about six per cent the retail sales volume for the first quarter of the year compared with the first three months of 1949.

Sales of new motor vehicles during March were up 51 per cent over the corresponding month last year.

OTTAWA, May 17-(CP)—Canadian motorists brought new automobiles at a brisk rate during March to spark a seven per cent rise in the volume of the country's retail trade over the corresponding month a year ago.

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**THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW**

By Fagoly & Shorten

STAY LOW!  
HEADS DOWN!  
NO GOOD!  
NO GOOD!  
ARM STIFF!  
YER OFF BALANCE!  
WHAT'S HE TRYIN' TO DO—TEACH HER TO BOWL OR IMPERSONATE A PRETZEL?  
YEAH, SHE'S GOT MORE KNOTS IN HER RIGHT NOW THAN AN OCEAN LINER.  
SHE WAS DOIN' OKAY UNTIL SHE TURNED THAT MACHINE ON HER. NOW SHE'S BE LUCKY IF SHE DON'T GO DOWN THE ALLEY WITH THE BALL.  
HE'S A FINE ONE TO OPEN HIS YAP HE IS! HE'S GOT A SCORE THE SIZE OF HIS COLLAR!

**SHEDDING A TEAR FOR THE GAL WHO'S BEING KIBBITZED INTO A DISLOCATED SHOULDER.**

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consideration as their neighbors who are following a mixed farming program and doing their best to maintain stability in the potato industry.

Figures over the years clearly show that our farmers on the Island received more money and more clear profit for their potatoes in a year when there was a small acreage or a small crop.

**County Meetings**

Apparently there was some misunderstanding about the dates set for the County meetings. Arrangements have been made to hold those meetings on June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, at Hunter River, Summerside and Cardigan. The Federation chairman and secretary in each district will get a copy of the agenda and proposed program prior to the meeting. The directors suggest that if their members are not too busy, and the secretary wishes to call a district meeting to discuss some of those items before the County Conference, it would be the proper thing to do.

**Big Drop To Farmer**

A small drop in the retail price of food means a big drop in returns to the farmers. Very few people in cities realize the relative price on food items between the retail price and farm income. Recent Government figures show that from September 1948 to February 1950 the average retail price for bacon, eggs, milk, butter and cheese fell only 7.6 per cent (from 100 to 92.4). The wholesale price for the same food, at the same time fell 17.8 per cent, while the returns received by the farmer on the same basis went down 20 per cent.

Another illustration of this is the United States table of figures on 58 basic food commodities. It reveals that from 1913 to 1950, farmers received 55 per cent of the consumer dollar. From 1920 to 1930, 46 per cent. From 1930 to 1938, 40 per cent and from 1938 to 1948 approximately 36 per cent. This illustrates clearly the increasing, and too often unnecessary costs in marketing and distributing of food products. In many cases the farmers get the blame.

One of the big jobs of our Federation is to find a solution to those problems by promoting Co-operative and orderly marketing schemes, as well as working among and with consumer groups, explaining the true picture from the farmers' standpoint. During the past few months we have been trying to do as much as possible locally in this respect.

**Summer Fallow Topics**

On Farm Forum Monday night, May 22nd, there will be a special discussion on the Agricultural situation in Newfoundland. This should be of very great interest to

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Bloomfield	Bloomfield Coop.	Tuesday
Bradabane	Elmer Wigmore	Thursday
Canoe Cove	Archib MacKinnon	Tuesday
Cardigan	Norman MacKenzie	Thursday
Conway - Portage		
Freeland	H. E. Phillips	Tuesday
Corehead-York	Hazen Howard	Tuesday
Croftland-Westmoreland	Lloyd Vessey	Tuesday
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Iona - Eilon - Pt. Prim	Borden Boswell	Tuesday
Melville	John McRae	Tuesday
Ellerslie	Ellerslie Coop.	Tuesday
Elmira-East Point	Fus Campbell	Tuesday forenoon
Fredericton	Les MacDowell	Thursday
Gaspereaux - Murray		
Harbour North	Carl Graham	Tuesday
Hunter River	Borden Bagnall	Thursday
Kensington	Herb McEwen - Maurice Caseley	Thursday
Montague	Sid MacLean	Thursday
Morville	Dingwell & Romber	Tuesday
St. Stewart	Earl Jay	Tuesday
Murray River - Murray Harbour	E. MacPherson	Tuesday
Northam	Spurgeon Dymont	Tuesday
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Peakes-St. Theresa's	Merlin Devine	Thursday
St. Peter's-Bear River	Roddie Pratt	Tuesday
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Summerside	Tignish Coop.	Tuesday
Tignish	Ralph Lea	Tuesday
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