

Financing Organization Said Not Member Drain

During the month of January the Swine Breeders of the province held their annual meeting and in the course of business the matter of the annual grant to the Federation of Agriculture came up for discussion. In reporting the meeting the Maritime Farmer quotes a speaker as stating, "If the Federation of Agriculture were as good as it should be it wouldn't have to be draining the funds of other organizations."

We think this statement calls for some comment and explanation. We wouldn't disagree with the suggestion that the

Federation is not as good as it should be, very few things are. If the Federation has an important purpose to serve then the problem is to improve it, make it more effective and more useful and this won't be done by reducing its finances.

However, the Swine Breeders decided to continue their support of the Federation; and, of course, as we are prejudiced in the matter we must be expected to think that they did wisely. Swine production is a very important part of our farm economy in this province, and we know that the Canadian Feder-

ation of Agriculture exercises a great deal of influence in matters relating to swine policy. We know that Federation opinion is sought before changes are made with respect to hog grades and hog premiums. In addition, the Meat Packers Council consults with the Federation with respect to price differential between grades.

At the present time the Maritime Federation of Agriculture strongly supported by our own Federation is carrying on a very strong campaign to improve matters with respect to the price and supply of Western grain in the Maritimes. In short, we would suggest that the Federation has been and is doing some very useful work on behalf of the swine industry, work which requires finances to continue.

When the Federation was set up in this province it was financed entirely by some seven member organizations. These groups provided for the first eight years 100 per cent of the income. In theory the organization was to be a real "Federation"—a joining together of organizations for promoting their common interests, but it has long since become apparent that the Federation cannot, if limited by the funds available from the organizations carry on the work needed.

Thus beginning in 1948 the Federation began to assume in structure, to a certain extent, the form of a union. As a result of this change, almost 80 per cent of Federation income comes from individuals with less than 20 per cent contribution from the member organizations. Many of our provincial organizations have quite limited income, and they certainly cannot contribute what they do not have. On the other hand it is hardly a valid statement that the Federation is "draining" the resources of its member organizations. Statistically from a position where the member organizations provided 100 per cent Federation revenue, we have moved to one where they provide 20 per cent. We would feel that there must still be considerable confidence in the Federation when individual farmers contribute the remaining 80 per cent.

We believe that both the growth and the future of the Federation depend in part, if it is to continue its claim to be a "Federation", on the continued support and interest of a large number of organizations. In short the organization continues in theory to be a "Federation" even though it is financed in the manner of a "Union."

FARM INCOME
Figures recently released on farm income probably disclosed nothing which a great many Canadian farmers had not already realized and that our potato growers have not already become painfully acquainted with. The Prairies, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island came out on the poor end of things, the first due to the drought and the second by reason of poor potato prices. Just how serious the situation was in this province is indicated by the fact that net farm income declined from almost fourteen million dollars in 1960 to almost one-half that amount of slightly over seven million in 1961. Stated another way on the average each farm family was almost \$1,000.00 short in its income.

We imagine that those who do the bulk of their business with farmers are quite aware of the situation, and see it reflected in their own affairs. This shortage of income in 1961 will probably influence the farmer's affairs for some time to come as much of it will take the form of increased obligations, obligations which in many cases are reaching levels to cause concern. We do not intend to moralize on what the statistics reveal, but there is certainly cause for some serious thinking on what the loss of seven million dollars means to the present welfare of and the future of agriculture in the province.

CATTLE MARKETING
Generally we believe that it is sound policy for our Department of Agriculture to be planning for the expansion of cattle numbers. In addition, policies to increase the production of feed are also to be commended. However, a recent personal experience leads us to the conclusion that attention must be paid to a third aspect of the business. Last week we had occasion to visit with a neighbor in his stable where he showed us five well finished steers. The steers were by beef sires, and without any doubt they would fall in the brown brand—admittedly a quite desirable product and one of which we are told there is a scarcity of in the Maritime provinces.

The previous week a representative of one of the larger buyers had called and stated that while these were good cattle, yet he couldn't handle them as they were "plugged" up with cattle. This incident would normally lead to some speculation as to what our position would be if cattle numbers were doubled and not much done in the way of improved marketing facilities. The farmer in question had done a good job and had a desirable product to offer, yet he didn't receive very much es-

MARKET TABLES

TORONTO

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Pamul	600	43	43	
Petrol	9000	60	59	+1
Place	5000	43	43	-1/4
Prairie Oil	300	72	72	-3
Provo Gas	3350	217	214	-1
Quonto	6000	18	18	
South	5300	129	123	-6
Secur Free	1200	605	600	-5
Trinidad	9000	33	31	-2
Ureol	1700	105	101	-4
Trans Can	1100	50	50	
Triad Oil	1500	180	185	+4
Ure Oil	9500	168	164	-4
Ure Ref P	1825	27	27	+2
Wayne	60700	36	33 1/2	-2 1/2
Woburn	3500	78	75	-3
Wolston	300	510	510	-10
W Decade	800	118	118	+3

INDUSTRIALS

Aluminum	745	87 1/2	87 1/2	27 1/2	+1/4
C Brew	1747	51 3/4	50	50 1/4	+1/4
D Magnes	475	81 1/4	81 1/4	11	
Duco	1000	81 1/4	79 1/4	17 1/4	+1/4
Gen Bake	125	81 1/4	81 1/4	12	
Inland	1100	84 1/4	84 1/4	14	-1/4
Jav Syn	475	84 1/4	84 1/4	68	
Jav Syn A	714	84 1/4	84 1/4	61 1/4	+1/4
Pembina	805	89 1/4	89 1/4	90 1/4	
Simpsons	730	81 1/4	81 1/4	30 1/4	+1/4
Stedman	325	81 1/4	81 1/4	13 1/4	+1/4
Waterit	100	130	130	130	+1/4
Walkers	650	87 1/4	87 1/4	57 1/4	
Weston B	800	87 1/4	87 1/4	19 1/4	+1/4

MOST ACTIVE TORONTO STOCKS
By The Canadian Press

Stock	Rate	High	Low	Close	Chg
C Husky	85 1/2	87 1/4	75 1/4	76 1/4	+1/4
BC Pow	81 1/2	81 1/2	77 1/4	77 1/4	+1/4
Do. Tac	41 1/2	41 1/2	39 1/4	39 1/4	+1/4
Levy	41 1/2	41 1/2	39 1/4	39 1/4	+1/4
Mansey F	40 1/2	41 1/2	39 1/4	39 1/4	+1/4
South U	89 1/2	90 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4	+1/4
Wayne	67 1/2	68 1/4	65 1/4	65 1/4	+1/4
Yan Can	67 1/2	68 1/4	65 1/4	65 1/4	+1/4
Am Leduc	110 1/2	111 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/4	+1/4
Spooner	90 1/2	91 1/4	88 1/4	88 1/4	+1/4
MINEK	142 1/2	143 1/4	140 1/4	140 1/4	+1/4
Realin	139 1/2	140 1/4	137 1/4	137 1/4	+1/4
11250	23	23 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4	+1/4
Wilsey	94 1/2	95 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	+1/4
Headway	90 1/2	91 1/4	88 1/4	88 1/4	+1/4

Mutual Funds
By The Canadian Press

All Cds Com	8.77	8.81
All Cds Div	6.43	6.48
American Growth	6.70	6.75
Resurban	33.58	34.80
Canadian Investment	10.60	11.02
Canfund	45.89	47.87
Champion Mutual	6.23	6.44
Commonwealth Inter.	9.36	9.15
Commonwealth Leverage	6.30	6.16
Corporate Investors	10.30	11.38

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LIVESTOCK

MONTREAL (CP)—Hogs were 75 cents to \$1 lower, calves were steady to \$1 lower and sheep were steady to \$2 higher on the Montreal livestock market this week. Trading was generally active and demand good, except in calves, where demand was fair and trading slow.

Receipts this week were: 1,547 cattle, 1,106 calves, 820 hogs and 46 sheep and lambs. Cattle receipts last week were 1,648.

Good to choice steers were 24-24.75, medium 21-24 and common 14-30-21.

Good heifers sold at 20-20.25, medium 18.75-20 and common 13. Medium cows were 16.50-17.75, 19.

Medium 15-16.50, common 12.50-15.75 and canners and cutters 8-13.25.

Good weaners sold at 30-35, medium 26-30, common 13-26, grassers 12-16.50 and feeders 17-18.

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ties on earth, observed a bright band of light over the horizon at sunset and watched mysterious "fireflies" flash by his capsule window at dawn.

Scientists have been unable to come up with an explanation for the "fireflies"—thousands of tiny luminous particles he sighted over the Pacific Ocean at sunrise.

Russia's Gherman Titov reported getting kind of seasick after about his sixth orbit, and U.S. officials began taking a hard look at weightlessness. That means zero gravity, a floating sensation as a space ship's speed is countered by the earth's gravity.

Titov got his worst symptoms when he moved his head rapidly or tracked things with his eyes.

So Glenn was instructed to move his head and track a spot of light reflected from his hand mirror. Glenn did and found no difficulty. There were no effects.

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OTTAWA (CP)—Mrs. Adrienne Laroche, former treasurer of Eastview, was released from Jail on \$10,000 bail Thursday pending an appeal against her recent conviction on a charge of converting \$10,790 in municipal funds to her own use. The 52-year-old woman was convicted last Friday and was sentenced to nine months in reformatory.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Grit Questions Argue's Value

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm/Editor

HAVING PASSED up a chance several weeks ago to scoop the country on the Hazen Argue switch from the New Democrats a Liberal friend just back from a top-level Ottawa talk told me the usual argument, what has been happening in the hottest political argument to hit this country for many a day.

I actually had a couple of paragraphs written several weeks ago, but finally passed them up for something I thought was of greater local interest at the time.

THE ARGUE move is apparently welcomed in Ottawa Liberal circles but I find the approval is not general here. A professional man asked me this week why can "a political turn-coat like Argue" find the entry into the Liberal party so easy? He was serious about his objection, and I gather there are others like him. I haven't the slightest idea as to the percentage of Liberals who feel that way.

The "politics make strange bedfellows" saying is an oddie, but it kept coming back to me this week, as I followed some of the stories and controversies in the current political gossip tidbit.

Ross Thatcher Story Recalled

ROSS THATCHER was a CCF member when I went to Ottawa in 1953. Sometime later he left the CCF and moved several steps to his left to join a trio of Independents. Later in the session—I can't recall the date—he crossed the Commons aisle one afternoon to join the Liberals.

He ran against Argue in Assiniboia in 1957, and was beaten in an unusually bitter campaign. He was third behind Argue and the PCs in 1958.

Then Mr. Thatcher switched to provincial politics, became leader of the Liberals and last time I heard, was talking confidently of winning the government at the next election.

It is Thatcher who is credited with masterminding the Argue switch from NDP to the Grits. That was my information several weeks ago, and Tommy Douglas openly charged it this week.

FORMER LIBERAL leader W.L. Mackenzie King used to say CCFers were only "Liberals in a hurry." I wonder what he would call CCFers who left their party, to come back and gain top level recognition in the Liberal ranks.

Apparently most of Ottawa's Liberals are happy with the latest gift from the CCF-NDP group. I gather that the elation is not shared by Liberals across the country.

That should be enough about the Grits for this time, but it seems I can't get away from politics this week.

Howard Green Is Expected Today

IF THE developing storm doesn't force a cancellation, Queens County PCs are going to meet one of the most likeable men on Parliament Hill, when Howard Green speaks to them tonight at the Community Centre. I'm looking forward to a chat with the Secretary of State for External Affairs myself.

He gave the impression of being a tough, almost unscrupulously demanding critic, when he sat on the Opposition benches directly across the house from men like Louis St. Laurent, C.D. Howe and Jimmy Gardiner.

I can't recall that I particularly liked him at first, as I listened to him cut loose with the kind of criticism that made him one of the most feared men on "the other side" of the house.

But my opinion changed quickly when I got to know him. I can't think of a more pleasant, charming man, than the Vancouver lawyer who will speak to the Queens County Tories here tonight.

PC Records In The Legislature

A READER called this week to say I had not been correct when I said in a news story that Frank Myers, Crapaud is the dean of the Legislature on the Conservative side. John R. MacLean, Souris is the dean among the PCs, he told me.

My friend is right, if he counts seniority from the time the two men entered the house. Mr. MacLean was first elected in 1947, was beaten in 1951, was elected again in 1955 and is now in his seventh year as a member. Mr. Myers was elected first in 1951, was beaten in 1955 but came back in a 1957 byelection and has not been beaten since. He is now in his ninth year as a member.

IN CASE someone is checking up on me, and using the Parliamentary Guide, let me explain that the Guide is unreliable. It says, for example, that Hubert Gaudet, PC, 1st Prince; J.W. Don Campbell, PC 1st Prince and Mr. MacLean were first elected in 1950, and that Mr. Myers was first elected in the 1957 byelection.

Both Mr. Gaudet and Mr. Campbell sat in the house through the 1951-55 session, and were elected again in 1959. I've already given you the records of the other two. There may be other errors, I list these merely as examples of the ones I noticed in the research I did for this column.

Moose Herd Wins New Honors

W.A. MOASE and Son, Kensington have again qualified for a coveted award, a note from the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders Association tells me. The father-son combination were among the top Canadian cattlemen qualifying for a Superior Breeders' certificate awarded at the annual meeting earlier this month. I recall awards being presented to them on at least two occasions during the past year. On behalf of their fellow breeders, I want to extend congratulations.

Wants 100 New Baby Rats Per Day

ONE OF the unusual items I picked up this week was the story of a 55-year old Cancer research scientist, Dr. Ham, Toronto who is aiming at having 100 new baby rats each morning to experiment with, before he can push his research program to the desired peak of efficiency.

The information came from Kenneth Gardiner, vice-president of the Canadian Cancer Society. Last time Gardiner visited him, Dr. Ham had 20,000 rats in his laboratories. He could not tell me how many adult rats Ham has to have, before he reaches his goal of 100 new babies each morning.

I THOUGHT as I talked with the Toronto man, how much better it would be if some of the many hundreds of millions of dollars that are being spent on space research could be devoted to research on finding a cure for some of the diseases that still baffles the world's best doctors.

Maybe I am out of step with ultra modern space thinking, but I know I speak for many of the average people who have watched with broken hearts, as a loved one died before their eyes, only because science has not yet found the answer to their disease problem.

The greatest space triumph pales into insignificance, compared to the worth of a loved one in the humblest home in the land.

Wild Fowl Propagation Story

I'VE WANDERED far away from the sort of thing you usually find in this column, but I have some interesting items that I hope to tell you about in the next few weeks.

The success achieved by some of our Island people with water fowl and upland game bird propagation and conservation, will make an interesting item. I want to tell you about it next week, unless something else claims priority.

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LORNE VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. James MacNeill were recent visitors to Head of Hillsboro where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George MacInnis.

Mrs. Charles MacLeod and sons Winston and Blair arrived in the province by air from Toronto, Ont., on Saturday to join Mr. MacLeod and a Douglas who have spent the past three months here.

Mr. James Callaghan, Charlottetown, spent the last week at his home in Lorne Valley.

Mr. Cecil MacNeill and Mr. and Mrs. James MacNeill were visitors to Strathcona during the week they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover MacKay.

Mr. Walter MacIntyre is a patient in the King's County Memorial Hospital in Montague.

Miss Betty Callaghan, Oshawa Ont., arrived on the Island on Monday to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Callaghan.

Mr. Lloyd MacDonald was a visitor to Charlottetown on Saturday.

The Women's Missionary Society held their meeting on February 5. A large number of members attended and roll call was answered by a verse from the Bible containing the word "Pilgrim."

Miss Christine Halton visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Herring in Charlottetown on Wednesday.

Mr. Charles MacLeod was in Charlottetown on Saturday to greet his wife and sons at the Charlottetown airport.

Mr. William Halton has returned home from a business trip to Moncton, N.B.