

# Princess Irene Agricultural Committee Seeking Ancient Farms

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 Editor

I MADE a most unusual find this week when Centennial committee manager William Hayward looked me a map drawn in 1883 showing the location of an ancient farm in the area now known as Prince Edward Island at that time. It lists the names of every farmer along the road, and the first name I spotted was that of a man named George Leard. My attention was attracted by the Summerside population is not given, though there were 21 business houses of which R.T. Johnson is the only name that runs a well with people today, but number 14 was in general merchandise.

The map was located to the Centennial Office by William Whitaker, of Glenfinnan who found it in an old house he purchased. Mr. Hayward tells me, my friend Prof. J.H. Blancard, Charlottetown has a similar map which he received from George Leard, Souris. Mr. Leard, who must be one of the island's top collectors of items of historical interest, also has one in his own possession.

THERE WERE 30 retail mercantile establishments in Charlottetown. 17 druggists, four bakers and three salaried among other tradesmen.

There was the Bank of Prince Edward Island and the Union Bank of Prince Edward Island. The Prince of Wales College and the Normal School were listed separately at that time. Of course St. Dunstan's school, which had been built, had been in existence for almost 100 years. The centenary was observed in 1895.

Charlottetown had five boot and shoe makers, a tanner, and one tanner and currier. The currier was a man who dressed and colored leather goods. The tanner was a man who made shoes. "Block maker" was a trade often listed and Tom Lovell's "Peter's" tells me it was a man who made blocks and tacks equipment. It recalls that when the late Mr. J. MacDonald, a "great deal of money" when he invented a roller-bearing block that greatly increased the pulling capacity. This was used as an axle on the present day Governor's car. Mr. MacDonald, and the father of Art MacDonald who was one of the best known of all Charlottetowners, were both in the shoe business.

There was an abundance of newspapers in Charlottetown 100 years ago. They had the Examiner, the Islander, the Protestant, the Monitor, Ross' Weekly and the Advertiser.

## Brewers, Distillers Here Then

THERE were a half dozen hotels and boarding houses and one saloon keeper was listed. Four establishments were listed as brewers and distillers.

There were a dozen establishments connected with the carriage building and blacksmith trades, 11 lawyers, nine doctors and one apothecary listed as well as a number of other trades.

There were four bakers, which indicates that people sought a good deal of their baked goods even 100 years ago. There were 11 clogmen.

I note that Southport was a ranking village at the time and that was some 40 years before the Hillsborough Bridge was completed. The village had a number of shops and a number of one-horse makers and an hotel.

Sitting on the banks of the river were two and two were at Whorey River, for example.

PRINCE-TOWN and Royal-ty-it was close to Malpeque-was a settlement with some 100 people at that time, and I wonder what happened to it later.

Some of the old place names no longer in use include Greenwood, just east of Springdale on the Malpeque Road, and Elson which appears to have been in the area now known as Hunter River, close to Greenwood. The post office was a little to the west and I'm wondering if that's the place you know as Greenwood.

It's most interesting old map and what impresses me most about it is the tremendous amount of detail which must have existed a long period of time.

Before I leave the interesting old map I should explain that it was Lincoln Dewar, secretary of the P.E.I. Association of Agriculture who told me the map was checked for a couple of months earlier this week.

Frank Jarvis of Wilmot told me that the farmers' dinner meeting at Summerside this week that Mr. and Mrs. Harrison MacFarlane not only lost their home in Bedque but also everything that was in it when the house was destroyed by fire recently.

## Letter In Byron's Handwriting

I VISITED Mr. MacFarlane some time ago and have some interesting news which I thought you should know. I had gathered around him. I want to do a column on them when I have more space but I recall now that one of the letters found in Byron's handwriting.

The letter was written to a publisher who had printed several articles which he incorrectly attributed to the gifted writer. I copied a few paragraphs and here they are:

"In various numbers of your journal I have seen mentioned a work entitled 'The Vampire' with the addition of my name as the author. I am not the author and never heard of the work in question until now."

"In a more recent paper I perceive a formal annunciation of 'The Vampire' with the addition of an account of my residence on the island of Mizen, an island which I have occasionally sailed by in the course of travels. I have never been to it and should have no objection to reside, but where I have never yet resided."

"NEITHER OF these performances are mine and I presume that it is neither unjust nor ungracious to request that you will favor me by a contradiction of the advertisement to which I allude."

I was struck by Byron's calm restraint, by the kindly manner in which he rebuked the publisher for having inaccurately attributed the story and statement to him.

The letter written by Byron, who was born in London in January, 1788, and died in Greece in April, 1824, came into Mr. MacFarlane's hands by accident.

The book and letters were in the library of George Robinson, a distinguished islander who was dean of English at the University of Saskatchewan, Mrs. Howard Hillson, who lived in this city during the time her husband was associated with the firm of A. Horse and Company, was a sister of Mr. Robinson, and she offered the Bedque man a choice of one or two selected and it was not until some time later that he found the letter, so it was by good luck that it came into the Bedque man's possession. But it was by extremely bad luck that the MacFarlanes lost this and many other valuable antique souvenirs when fire destroyed their home. I hope to tell you about some of the others when I find my notes and get them into readable form.

## Congratulations Are Extended

I WANT to congratulate Murray MacEwen and Don Woodhead of the Summerside Municipal Council on their success in getting farmers to meet for the purpose of discussing farm problems. It had something more than 200. Mr. MacEwen told me, and I am sure they would have had 300 they had planned except for snow-blocked roads on the night of Monday's storm.

The Summerside Municipal Council has been very successful in its efforts. Fertilizer-were praised warmly by Premier Shaw. "This is exactly the kind of thing we want to see developed," the premier exclaimed.

I missed the early discussion as it was mid-afternoon when I arrived in Summerside. I was struck by the notes I received from the observations on potato farming by Edwin Lewis, Freetown.

SUMMING UP the problem he said:

"It is necessary to have farmers operating at 100 per cent efficiency. It is essential to have farmers set accurately, so as not to interfere with the operation of the system. It is of the utmost importance to have a spraying system that is almost 100 per cent efficient. It is vital to have a digging operation that is meticulous yet fast moving, finally it is mandatory to have storage facilities that are cool yet comparatively moisture free."

And Edwin Lewis' "with hard work, good management, and a little luck we men in the potato production field should be able to produce a good quality potato, as it is a must if we are to stay in the business."

I hope to bring you the rest of his observations at a later date as I have been told by several who heard him they are really worth while.

INDONESIAN KILLED - In the last two days, the Malaysian government announced Tuesday. The statement said the Indonesians opened fire from their border have been killed five in the British and Malaysian territories and captured seven forces, it said.

Over the weekend the press carried the announcement that a Centennial feature farm had had been in the same family name for 100 or more years ago. The feature farm was in the manner. The manner of recognition will be necessary to be fine print the owners of all the farms along each road. A business directory of each town including Charlottetown is included and gives the names of the active bidders, bankers and crafters makers. Tanneries, breweries, distilleries produce men, public officials are all listed. In short the whole effort contains a wealth of interesting and valuable information.

## North Rustico Considering Sewerage System Project

The village of North Rustico held its annual ratemeters meeting Tuesday night, and R.E. Gallant was re-elected as a commissioner and Allan Gaultier was elected as a new commissioner. Other commissioners are Albert Dolon, A.M. Gallant, Bert Blaquiere and Lawrence H. Doucette.

The budget for 1964 was set at \$5,000, with the most important part of each town being a sewerage project for the village. This was discussed and a guest at a meeting. Arthur Hiltchcock of W.H. Crandall and Associates, Moncton, N.B., gave plans and cost estimates. The project is not settled as yet but the way has been left open for a special meeting later for more discussion on the line. It is expected to be an accomplished fact by next fall.

Plans for a centennial program include the fishermen's regatta set for July 29 and 30. Other centennial plans are for the erection of a war memorial in the village and hope for opening of a tourist information centre. Tree planting is also planned. Last year's fishermen's regatta was a financial success.

Also decided at the meeting was that the tax rate in the village would remain the same and Fine Chief James Vincent Gallant was re-appointed. The clerk of the village is Mrs. Geneva Gaultier.

About 30 ratemeters attended the meeting.

## Former Islander Dies In Edmonton

A former resident of the province, Charles Lemuel Younker died in the University Hospital, Edmonton, on Jan. 22.

Mr. Younker was born in North River, P.E.I., 69 years ago, the youngest son of the late Frederick Younker, a son of Rebecca Coles.

Mr. Younker went to Alberta almost half a century ago and joined his brother George in a farming operation at Irma, Alberta. George was killed in a rail accident in 1941.

The late Mr. Younker is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. E. Molyneux, North River. He was unmarried.

Burial took place in Irma cemetery.

## UNION TROUBLES

On Monday evening Inquiry dealt with the disputes which arose last winter in Northern Ontario where a striking union with a pulp mill closed, and settlers who were stock piling pulpwood, resulting in three fatalities. It is not our intention to take sides in the issue which was certainly complicated other than to point out that the settlers were organized under a co-operative which was supported by the Catholic Farmer's Union of Quebec which in turn is a member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. This was probably one of the few instances where organized labour and organized agriculture clashed head on in a striking and violent action and certainly the first in which loss of life was involved.

The incident was bush workers and were out in sympathy with another striking union in what was described as an illegal strike. The settlers had only two months in which to cut their wood or it would have to remain in the bush for another year. Their livelihood was involved and the strong feelings engendered not surprising.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION - The work of the Marshfield Women's Institute in promoting a safety symbol for slow moving farm vehicles is receiving national recognition. Recently we have received of the Federation of Agriculture as a result of the demonstration at the CFA meeting of the number of requests from Western Canada for samples of the sign. Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba have all written seeking further information.

## FEDERATION PROGRAM

On Monday, Feb. 17 a Farm Forum will bring to Maritime listeners a special radio broadcast on the Federation of Agriculture.

The importance of the federation to farmers and to the economy of the province was stressed by the speaker, who would look like a good evening for federation directors to invite their neighbours for a visit and

## Bedque Youth Assist In Service

BEDQUE - Christian Youth Bedque service was conducted last Sunday morning, by Rev. R.M. Cameron, the pastor, assisted by several of the young people.

Miss Susan Murray, led in responsive reading. Miss Carolyn Palmer read the scripture lesson and Miss Dianne McCallum reported for the CGIT.

The choir boys rendered a selection. Prayer was led by George Webster, and John Wright reported for the Signa-Servants Guild. A special song was sung.

Mr. Cameron delivered an address suitable to the occasion. The choir was composed of the young people and was in charge Mrs. Walter Craig, the church organist.

By KEN KELLY  
 OTTAWA (CP)-In the words of a popular song, it looks like to tango. And the same is true of political marriages.

The New Democratic Party, acknowledging unrest among voters over reports of marriage talks with the Liberals, is advising the membership it's all a plot by Liberals who would demoralize them and destroy party unity.

National leader T. C. Douglas, writing on the subject to all party members, says "no mergers are being talked" and "contemplated so long as I am leader."

"No coalition, no working relationships, no informal deals between us are being talked" he said.

Mr. Douglas says the flurry of reports late in December about Liberal and New Democratic members talking merger "have disturbed our members across the country."

"We have indulged in so much public self-analysis lately that we are a bit jumpy and ready to believe the worst about ourselves."

He says they were based on a single meeting last October held without the knowledge or authorization of any official party body.

Mr. Douglas refers to Liberal attempts to woo the CCF, the predecessor of the NDP.

## Turnip Meeting

At Birch Court on Feb. 14 starting at 10 a.m. a turnip meeting session at 1 p.m. the turnip industry will be the subject for consideration. Production, diseases, insects, quality, varieties, marketing, etc., will be dealt with all interested in the industry are urged to attend.

## RECEIVE TWO ENVOYS

QUEBEC (CP) - Premier Jean Lesage Tuesday received Max de la Fuente, Peruvian ambassador to Canada, Lieutenant-Governor Paul Comtois received Gerston Avron, ambassador from Israel to Canada. The meetings were part of a courtesy visit by the two diplomats to Quebec.

## LOW-LYING ROCK

Bedrock in Antartic's Victoria Land lies generally 1,000 feet below sea level and is covered by an average of 10,000 feet thick.

By JOHN E. BIRD  
 OTTAWA (CP)-Mines Minister Benoit said Monday the federal government will propose to make substantial grants to provincial governments to help finance mineral processing and in geology.

He told a meeting of provincial ministers of mines that Parliament will be asked at that session opening Feb. 18 to vote some \$200,000 for this purpose in the 1964-65 fiscal year.

The minister made the announcement after receiving a brief prepared by the minister urging larger grants to help solve a serious shortage of personnel in the three fields.

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