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AGRICULTURAL TOPICS

BY R. W. MAXWELL, DIRECTOR,
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Advantages Of The Egg Circle

Admittedly, one of the factors which tends to limit production of certain agricultural products, and one which makes uncertain the economic soundness of producing the outputs in question, is the uncertainty of finding ready, suitable markets which will return to the producer a fair price for the article marketed. When we in this section speak of markets we automatically think of centres which prove sources of outlet to potatoes, hay and other major products of Carleton. We have, unfortunately, in common with too many of our sections of New Brunswick, ceased to consider lucrative many of the so called side lines incident to successful farming—side lines which, if given due and proper attention, can be made to yield returns sufficiently great in the aggregate to convert an otherwise debilitated balance for the year's farming operations into a profitable statement.

Apple growing, bee keeping and poultry raising may be classified among the so called side lines. In the latter phase of farming it has been estimated that there are 34,000 farms in New Brunswick keeping an average of only 30 hens. Based on the average production per bird, the total number of eggs produced in the province is approximately 4,000,000 dozens, whereas the consumption is conservatively placed at 8,000,000 dozens. It has been authoritatively stated that there is annually imported into New Brunswick around 2,900,000 pounds of poultry. Under a conservative estimate the value of poultry products produced in New Brunswick annually is close to \$2,000,000 dozens of eggs, half of our consumption of eggs, and a very high percentage of our poultry meat consumption in the province we must import. For these staple articles of consumption we annually send out of our province, largely to neighboring provinces, two millions of dollars in cold cash. Quite a tidy little sum to be contributing to the welfare of our neighboring farmers. With the view of providing an adequate channel for the marketing of New Brunswick poultry products and with the boosting of a greater interest in poultry keeping one of its chief aims, there was organized early in 1925, the New Brunswick Poultry Exchange. This organization owes its birth largely to the efforts of the Federal Live Stock Branch and the Provincial Department of Agriculture. It is the mother organization of some 35 Egg and Poultry Shipping Circles scattered throughout the province, and it is the centre and marketing agency for the poultry products shipped by the local circles. To organize a circle there must be at least seven interested egg and poultry producers willing to adhere to certain obligations. Generally speaking the New Brunswick Poultry Exchange is a joint stock company and requires that every person enrolling shall own at least one share of capital stock of the par value of one dollar per share. In addition to the purchase of one share of the capital stock, the directors of each local egg circle are required to sign a collateral note in favor of the N. B. Poultry Exchange to the value of \$20.00 per member in that circle. These collateral notes are the basis of financing. Consider if you will this situation, which often arises. A number of shipments of eggs have been received by the Exchange from different circles. The eggs have been candled and graded, and probably sold, but collections have not been made. The Exchange has agreed to pay egg circle members weekly for eggs shipped, so he resorts to the use of the collateral note, covering his overdrafts by receipts as soon as received. As the volume of business done by the Exchange increases the need for the collateral note per member decreases. Last year the amount of collateral note per member was placed at \$25; this year the amount has been reduced to \$20.00.

In the annual statement recently published, the New Brunswick Poul-

A VETERAN'S OPINION RE CANTEN FUND

Establish Home for Old Soldiers—
Equal Distribution Would Mean
Only Few Dollars Each

To the Editor Carleton Sentinel:

Appreciating fully the increasing demands for space in your valued paper, I crave permission to make a few remarks about the subject which once again perturbs the minds of the thinking men who served in Canada's Grand Army overseas during the Great War. The Prov. Sec. of the G. W. V. A. has sent out an appeal to "returned men" to send in an expression of opinion as to what disposal to make of our share of the Canteen Fund. It does not seem clear yet just how much money is coming to New Brunswick from this fund and it is variously estimated from \$30,000 to \$75,000.

Judging from a list vote taken at one time in the rooms of the local branch, it would appear that a great many favor "dividing it up."

When we consider the fact that expensive machinery would have to be set up to distribute this money and that there would be from 15,000 to 20,000 men to share it, it is very apparent that each person's share would not be over a couple of dollars. This would only buy some trivial thing, and then what?

At a time when Fraternal Societies all over the land are making strenuous efforts to establish homes for their aged and infirm would it not be a good scheme to use the interest on this money for relief work for a period of say five years, and then buy a large building and a few acres of land near some town to be used as an old Soldiers Home? It cannot be denied that in a few more years we will have many broken down veterans to care for and it seems to me that we have now in our hands an instrument to provide cheer and comfort in years to come. Some argue that the Government will have to provide for its unfortunate proteges. Will it?

Is it not possible that much suffering may be endured before it does? On the gentlemen responsible for the distribution of this money a great responsibility rests and they should have the benefit of the best counsel and advice that we have to offer.

Should you deem this suggestion worthy of publication you will have my very best thanks.

VETERAN.

WATSON SETTLEMENT.

Wednesday evening, Feb. 3rd, about forty-five neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coffey to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. A very pleasant evening was spent, the chief feature being music of several kinds, viz. Victrola, Vocal, Piano, and Radio. Then last, but not least, was a bountiful luncheon. Thanks to our worthy chaperon, Mrs. Handford Longstaff. We are invited to come again next year if all is well.

Interesting Souvenir.

An interesting souvenir was brought into our office the other day. It was "The Carrier's New Year's Address" presented to the patrons of the Carleton Sentinel, dated January 1, 1857. The address is printed in black ink on a light blue silk and is well preserved. It is the property of Mrs. D. McQueen.

NORTHEASTERN U. S. IN GRIP OF STORM

Railways Blocked, Many
Wrecks On Coast—
Tremendous Snowdrifts

The question as to whether winter would come or not has been answered fully and emphatically. It came. And it came as it used to come years ago, with screaming blizzards and record-breaking snowdrifts and zero temperatures. What the old folks call an old-fashioned winter, and what is called nowadays a blankety-blank hard-boiled brute of a winter.

And just when it looked as though the worst was over the storm-king went on another rampage with devastating results, particularly in the more southern districts of the eastern States where severe winters are unusual and facilities for battling against deep snow are not available.

Nine, deaths were reported as a direct result of the storm on Wednesday the 10th., and with several vessels in trouble off the coast the list is likely to be much larger. In Boston schools were closed, business was almost at a standstill, and many trains had to be cancelled owing to the huge drifts on the tracks.

Woodstock suffered some inconvenience, but winter gales and deep snow and we prepared. We pile on the fuel, dig ourselves out, and go about our business. Those in the country districts have had a hard time to keep the roads broken.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. A. R. E. COLEMAN

The community was shocked on Monday evening, when the news spread rapidly throughout the town, that Mrs. A. R. E. Coleman had suddenly passed away at the home of her parents, a few hours.

Mrs. Coleman was married in October, 1922, to Lieut. A. R. E. Coleman, R. N. S., who has a position at present with the A. R. Gould Co., Ltd., of Presque Isle, Me., and was the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Rankin of this town. Besides her husband she is survived by her parents, and two brothers, W. Donald Rankin, medical student at McGill University, Montreal, and John Francis Rankin, who is attending the U. N. B. at Fredericton. Mrs. Tapman Adney of Woodstock, and Miss Rankin of Grafton, are aunts.

The funeral services were held from St. Luke's Church, on Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. S. C. Grey, assisted by His Lordship Bishop Richardson of Fredericton, Rev. James Bennett of McAdam Junction and Rev. W. C. V. Martin of Canterbury.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Wilard Hayden, La Fayette Rogers, Earl Strong, Lee Seely, Wendall Slipp, and Murray W. Hay. Interment took place in the family lot at the Greenbank cemetery, Northampton.

A large number of floral emblems from sympathizing friends covered the casket. A number of social functions planned for this week have been cancelled out of respect for the bereaved family.

Mr. W. A. Hay and Miss Thelma Hay of Fredericton, are guests of Mrs. D. McQueen, Chapel St.

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Motion to Dismiss Town Manager
Left Open Until Next Meeting

No New Scheme Suggested

Council met at 8 p. m. on Friday evening, Feb. 5th. All the Councillors were present but Coun. Estey, who was confined to his home by illness. Mayor Belyea presided.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Couns. Gilliland and Churchill reported in connection with the damage to the Capitol theatre. They felt the damage in the cellar of the theatre was caused by defective plumbing and that the town was not to blame.

Coun. Churchill reported in the case of Mrs. Bagley who was injured by falling on the sidewalk in front of Thompson's barber shop. He said that there had been a drip from the roof that had frozen and was icy, but that there were five feet of good sidewalk that was wasted. He did not think the town was responsible.

In the absence of Coun. Estey, Coun. Jones reported for the Legislative Committee, recommending—

1. That all married women holding property be given the vote in civic elections.

2. To ratify the agreement made with the local banks.

3. To enable the town to refund certain bonds during the year.

Moved by Coun. Gilliland, seconded by Coun. Churchill, that the manager write to the manager of the Capitol theatre stating that the town feels that it is not responsible for any damage to the Capitol theatre.

Coun. Smith—I wish to take this occasion to thank the ratepayers of Woodstock who stood so nobly by me in the election. I have received many congratulations, and others extended their sympathy. A councillor has many disagreeable things to do. During the campaign I found that many were opposed to the town manager form of government. Personally, I have found Mr. Rutledge a gentleman and a good man, but the feeling is that a change of system should be made. I wish to ask some questions: How many paid officials are there in town, what salaries do they get, how long are they appointed for and is the town treasurer under bond?

Mr. Rutledge—The pay roll in the hands of Coun. Smith answers the questions, and the town treasurer is under \$4000 bond.

Coun. Churchill—I also through the press wish to thank the ratepayers for electing me with such a handsome vote. I am representing those I think who are opposed to the town manager form of government. It is too expensive for a town the size of Woodstock. We can work together and endeavor to find something that will take its place.

Moved by Coun. Churchill, seconded by Coun. Smith, that the Town Manager be notified that his services will not be required after April 1st.

Coun. Jones—I hope the Councillors will not press this motion in the absence of Coun. Estey. It should be discussed by the full board, as it means a radical change in town government.

Mayor Belyea—It will be noted that the provincial newspapers are commenting upon "Lucky Woodstock," under the town manager form of government, which had a surplus when nearly every other town and city in the Maritime Provinces had heavy deficits at the end of the year. It seems to be the popular system everywhere it has been tried. When this matter comes before the full board for discussion, I hope those pressing for a change will have something concrete to take its place, so that I may be able to give an intelligent vote on the subject.

Coun. Churchill—With the consent of my seconder, I have no objections to leaving the matter open until next meeting.

Manager Rutledge—Of course I will not be present when this matter again comes before the meeting and I may be allowed to say a few words. Leaving the personal element out of the question. For the good of the town I would like to see continuity in the board, as I explained in my annual report, even if you abolish the town manager form of government. Speaking personally I have always had the interest of the town at heart. No doubt I have offended councillors at the board, temporarily at least, by endeavoring to keep down expenditures. Since I have been here I have saved my salary in different ways. I have changed the pump at the pumping station, which is saving \$1200 a year and will save it for all time. Then take the bridge on the Island. The government engineer said that the bridge was unsafe. I took him to the bridge and showed him where by a few changes the bridge could be made safe and he agreed. The sheds were out of repair at the power house and they are now good for 10 years at a slight expense. The town manager system may seem expensive to those who do not know better but to the careful and brainy citizen it is a good asset.

The Council adjourned until 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th.

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