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One-Week Tour

Four Ontario Delegates Write Impressions of P.E.I.

Halton County's Junior Farmer President, Jean Ferguson, 21, of Hornby, was one of four delegates who made a one-week exchange visit to Prince Edward Island. The following story, written by the four Ontarians visiting the island, appeared in the most recent issue of Junior Farmer News issued by the Department of Agriculture.

The other delegates were Hazel White of Durham, Glen Cornell of Victoria, and Elliott Snyder of Peel county.

"The 'Road to the Isle' proved a little rough as we crossed on the Abegweit Ferry to the 'million and a quarter acre garden' one Monday in June to begin a one-week exchange visit to Prince Edward Island.

Curious to know the size of our boundaries for the duration of our

stay, Glen inquired of a ferry official what were the approximate dimensions of the Island. We were somewhat perturbed when we were warned not to drive over 30 miles an hour in case we should drive off the other side of the Island. However, in six days we found that we had not begun to see the entire province of Prince Edward Island.

The story is told by the Islanders that the Indian god, Glooscap, liked the Island so well that one day he dipped his paint brush into the sunset and gave the soil its beautiful red color. In contrast to the green of the fields and trees, the white houses and buildings, this red soil makes a very different, picturesque landscape.

Junior Farmer groups were of course our main interest. We learned that they have three clubs on the Island, one in each of the

three counties; the St. Georges Club in Kings County; the New Glasgow Club in Queens County; and the East Prince Club in Prince County. Each of these clubs is affiliated with the P.E.I. Federation of Junior Farmers, the executive meetings being held in Charlottetown.

Our first visit was to the St. Georges Club, the oldest of the three clubs on the Island, with a membership of about 20. They were organized in 1951 and usually hold meetings every two weeks. Mall box painting, farm accounts, home beautification, dances and sponsoring 4-H Clubs are their main projects. This group boasts of having the first girl president of a Junior Farmer Association in P.E.I.

Our next stop was the New Glasgow Club in Queens County, organized in the fall of 1933 with a membership of approximately 30. They are fairly active in drama and square dance competitions and also sponsor dances. Having been organized for less than a year, they are now making extensive plans for future projects.

Our final visit was to the East Prince group in Prince County who have about 25 members. This club is about two years old and consequently is still making long-term plans. They too are active in square dance competitions and hold dances to raise funds for their club activities.

The average farm on the Island is about 100 acres in size and growing potatoes is the chief agricultural enterprise. Production of milk for the whole milk market plays a minor role compared to the percentage who produce cream and cheese products. In P.E.I. the trend is swinging more toward beef production rather than dairying, due to the fact that so many of the young people are going to work in industry, frequently in Ontario, attracted by the high wages available.

Farm buildings, on the whole are very neat and attractive. Most of the buildings have a shingle siding and are generally painted white, looking very picturesque nestled in the green valleys. Mechanization is extensive, though not complete due to the lower wage rate on the island. However, the trend is now towards larger farms which will accommodate mechanization and make it profitable.

Holsteins are the predominant dairy cattle, the average herd being of good type, which any farmer would be proud to claim on his farm. Shorthorns are the most popular beef breed but Angus and Herefords are fairly common as well. P.E.I. Yorkshire pigs are raised extensively. The Island claims the highest percentage of Grade "A" carcasses of any province in Canada. These Yorkshire hogs are mainly exported for breeding purposes.

Farming, tourists and fisheries are the three chief industries listed in order of their importance. The warm days and cool evenings, good fishing and salt water swimming attract tourists in great numbers, particularly from U.S.A. Deep sea fishing, lobstering, clam hunting, oyster farming and the preparing, packaging and canning of these, employ a fair number of people. Lack of rural electrification, which was a serious drawback, is gradually being overcome.

Friendliness and hospitality prevailed wherever we visited on the Island. A sincere desire on the part of its people to show us their province, exchange ideas, opinions and information about Ontario, and their homes as well, made our visit educational and pleasant. In fact a few days more on the "million and a quarter acre garden" would be most welcome.



REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1936
From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 6, 1936

The funeral of the late Hiram A. Swackhamer was held in Acton last Thursday afternoon with service in Knox church here conducted by Rev. H. L. Bennie.

While the program of Civic Holiday did not attract the crowds of yesteryear, the event, provided a good sports day and a good garden party that was the best heard in this district for many a day. Counter attractions in neighboring centres no doubt had something to do with the general attendance.

A couple of lads went to extremes to hear the program. First they asked permission to go swimming. When this was refused, the boys secured an old boiler. They disassembled on the south side of Fairy Lake and deposited grass and leaves on the bottom of the boiler. The garden party was laid carefully in the scow. Bathing suits were donned and the two boys guided the barge safely across the water. They attended the garden party and enjoyed the program. They maybe saved their two bits for the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Emery of Toronto are now living in Acton and are residing temporarily in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. MacRae. Mr. Emery is the new general secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

The annual picnic and softball finals of the Halton Presbytery Young People Union of the United church was held in the school grounds in Acton on Monday. There was a good attendance. Carlisle and Melville were the finalists in the softball competitions.

The garden party and picnic at Rockwood in behalf of Rev. Father Kehoe's efforts for the land settlement above the village was well attended in Exhibition park there in the evening a wrestling match was staged and some severe throws and punches were thrown.

Canada's newest railway locomotives are poems in still, graceful, light-weighted, semi-streamlined machines capable of 110 miles an hour.

Miss Ruth Gibson will be held on a program over CKOC tonight as guest soloist.

New gates have been erected at the entrance to the Beardmore and Co. tanning properties.

Last Friday evening the members and friends of the Churchill orchestra gathered at a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer in honor of the approaching marriage of their eldest son, Mrs. Harold Swackhamer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matthews and Miss Helen Ostrander have returned from a five week trip through Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. While in Texas they attended the Texas Centennial Exposition.

The first reunion of the Cox family was held at Stanley Park, Erin.

BACK IN 1906
From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 2, 1906

The present small silver coinage of Canada, especially the five-cent piece, is inconvenient and unpopular; in the place of these it is proposed to substitute a large coin of cobalt approximating the size of the nickel five-cent piece of the United States, while a smaller coin might replace the present bronze cents. This would greatly assist in absorbing the surplus of cobalt now being mined.

The attention of earlier residents is evidently turning to the town of their earlier days quite frequently now. During the past week Mrs. William Claffey LeVake of Pittsburgh, has been visiting the localities of her girlhood days. She is the daughter of one of the contractors who took part in the building of the Grand Trunk Railway from Toronto to Stratford. He bought a block of some six or eight hundred acres in Nassagaweya and lived on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Nellie. He employed large numbers of men in making out trees and wood and working in the construction gangs and at times his stables had as many as 30 teams. He introduced the Claffey potato which for many years was the most popular potato in this section.

It is a long time since so many drunks were seen about the town on the Sabbath. They were on the streets, in the park and in other places. Somebody violated the law.

Mr. J. T. Moore is the first to report ripe tomatoes in his own garden. Mr. J. W. Humphries brought the Free Press the first sweet corn.

Dogs all over town make themselves nuisances by walking all over the new pavements before the cement is dry.

The annual picnic of the Methodist Sunday School was held for the fourth year in succession in Courcillor Warren's grove. The attendance aggregated between 400 and 500. The parade from the church lawn to the grove, headed by Acton Coronet Band, was a pretty sight and called forth pleasant salutations from the citizens who were passed on route. Games and sports took place in Mr. Joseph Lusby's meadow. Tea was spread on the grassy knolls and then the group with flags flying, marched back to town in the early twilight.

The rural schools reopen two weeks from Monday.

Mr. J. B. Lake exhibits a fine crop of home-grown cucumbers this week.

The long bridge between the works of the Acton Tanning Co. and Beardmore and Co. at the foot of John St. has been rebuilt and strengthened.

Mowing the wayside weeds and cutting the pasture thistles ought to be done this week.

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