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Born in Toronto 46 years ago, Frank sold papers after school and took an early interest in athletics. At the age of 15, he was farming with his father in Southern Alberta and when drought hit the Province, he worked with pick and shovel in an Alberta coal mine. Later he worked in lumber camps and on a construction gang. He finally came back to Ontario and became a General Motors employee in 1928.

Canadians love "a good sport" and Frank first made his mark in Oshawa by organizing and playing baseball and other city sports. Like the average Canadian he had plenty of ambition and in 1932 he founded his own Transport business.

That was one of the bad depression years, but depression never shook Frank McCallum's faith in Canada. As a result of that faith he today operates one of the largest automobile transport firms in Ontario and a firm incidentally, which enjoys Management-Employee relations unexcelled in the industrial city of Oshawa.

Too young for the first world war, Frank made a solid contribution to the second when he organized a fast-moving service and war vehicles to "the boys overseas". After victory, he never forgot Canada's servicemen—throughout years on Oshawa's city council, he has consistently fought for the "square deal for veterans". The record speaks for itself.

Frank first entered civic politics in 1943. After three terms as Alderman he was overwhelmingly elected Mayor in 1946. He served two more terms—the third by acclamation.

When he took office as chief Magistrate, the city had only seven parks. Today there are seventeen and another is promised this year. Keenly interested in agriculture since his early days in Alberta he won approval of a \$10,000 grant to the South Ontario Agricultural Society for a new horse barn on the Oshawa fair grounds.

Attendants at Bridal Have Same Name

Two brother-and-sister combinations with identical names were the attendants at a wedding ceremony last week in the Cedar Grove Amish Mennonite Church near Crosshill. Married by Bishop Moses Nafziger were Miss Laurene Zehr, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Zehr of near Crosshill and Norman Jantzi, son of Menno Jantzi of Brunner and the late Mrs. Jantzi.

The two bridesmaids were Miss Katie Jantzi of Wellesley and Miss Katie Jantzi of Brunner and the bridegroom was attended by Aaron Jantzi of Wellesley and Aaron Jantzi of Brunner. The Katie and Aaron Jantzi of Wellesley, cousins of the bride, are brother and sister, and the Katie and Aaron Jantzi of Brunner are brother and sister of the bridegroom.

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Know Your Island Farmers in Newfoundland

Agriculture in Newfoundland is a handmaiden to the fishing industry. Most farmers are fishermen, farmers. Sound of the sea is never far from their ears as they till the soil in odd moments sandwiched in between busy periods of the day when they are catching or curing their fish.

Bona fide farmers who produce agricultural commodities for sale are comparatively few and far between, although they have been on the increase during recent years.

Of the two, the fisherman farmer is the more important the overall economy of the province. Working his small holding about a mile "in back" or inland from his fishing stages, the average fisherman, even with his small cash income, can enjoy a diet equal to the average Canadian town dweller by reason of the vegetables, eggs, milk, etc., which he is able to produce.

Value of this production cannot be assessed properly, but were it suddenly to cease, its absence would be felt keenly. And it is because of this part-time farming that Newfoundland's standard of living has been kept up to its present level.

Problems of Full-time Farmer
But it is full-time farming that attracts most public attention and which provides most headaches.

This kind of production suffers from a variety of faults, some of which cannot be controlled, and others which are being battled energetically.

The moist, cool climate limits farmers to production of hay and pasture crops and commoner types of vegetables, such as potatoes, turnips and cabbage. This is all right so far as the fisherman-farmer is concerned, but it doesn't help the full-time man.

Where arable soil is found, it is usually in small patches which are hard and costly to clear. A five-acre farm is reckoned to be large, although there are one or two farms 10 times that size.

There are 700,000 acres of Newfoundland that can be tilled, according to government soil analysts, but only 3 per cent of this is first class and 30 per cent is second class. Generally speaking most soils found in Newfoundland are rocky, rough and low in fertility, but in practice they are not too difficult to work, and respond to good methods of fertilization and tillage.

These things have discouraged interest in farming, which was never very high due to the large part played by the fishing industry in Newfoundland life. Recent figures released by the Newfoundland Labor Relations Office give the number of persons engaged in farming as 10,000, and agricultural officials consider that the number of farm units which provide full-time employment is about 1,200.

Main farming sections of Newfoundland are in areas of St. John's, Eastport, Bonavista Bay, Humber Valley, Stephenville, Port au Port, St. Georges Bay and the Codroy Valley. Of these the last four are on the west coast, and they are the island's main farming centres. It is in these areas that the greater part of the total 134,000 acres suitable for agriculture is located.

Need Technical Knowledge
Another thing which regards Newfoundland's agriculture is general lack of farming skill. There is a serious lack of technical knowledge and few farmers recognize the need of advanced skill in carrying on farm operation. Not only does this retard operations for obvious reasons, but it also tends to restrict farming to small farms with correspondingly small production and income.

Finally, greatest fault of all in Newfoundland's farming operations is almost complete lack of organization in connection with marketing farm produce.

Combined result of all these things is that agricultural produce grown in Newfoundland cannot possibly fill needs of all consumers. Consequently a great deal of the province's requirements have to be shipped in from the mainland of eastern Canada, chiefly from Prince Edward Island. Because of union, and the removal of tariff walls, the flow of produce from P.E.I. is expected to increase, and because of lack of market facilities on the part of Newfoundland farmers, this is expected to still further adversely

SICK MAN TIED AT MIDRIFT NEIGHBORS CUT THE CORD

When Jim Brown, Stouffville pensioner, was in violent pain, neighbors gathered about to do what they could. It was discovered that a substantial rope encircled his body about the stomach, and the swelling had made the cord severely taut, marking the abdomen and causing pain.

Jim and his wife said the cord had been affixed by a medical adviser who anticipated the aged man might swell up, which he did. When the editor was called to see what he thought of the situation, he confessed that it appeared the rope was there to prevent the sick man from swelling to a dangerous proportion, knowing what the ultimate results can be to a toy balloon at least.

Anyway, neighbors cut the rope, giving temporary relief they claimed, but what the doctor would say, if such an individual did the roping, we have not heard.

The airlift in Germany has given Britain and the U.S.A. advantageous experience applicable to the supply of airborne armies.

Recent governments, however, have been doing much to advance farming in Newfoundland, and the now defunct Commission Government put many projects designed to improve agriculture into effect. Since Newfoundland became a province, Premier J. R. Smallwood has indicated that this program will be stepped up.



DAPHNE DYER
Daphne Dyer of Oakville, Ont., has been awarded an audition with the "Old Vic" theatre, London, Eng. If successful, she will be awarded a two-year course in dramatics at the theatre. She will sail for England July 1. A graduate of the Oakville-Trafalgar high school in 1944, Miss Dyer took an active part in dramatics in the Oakville club and at Teen Town. After a course in radio dramatics in Toronto she has been working at a radio station in London, Ont., for the past two years. She has been with the London Little Theatre group and has also written scripts for Dominion broadcasts.

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