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# Your M.P. Reports

More than anything else in Ottawa, one is struck these days by the wonderfully business-like atmosphere created by the new government. These are the 60 Days of Decision and the ministers have their departments humming at a great rate preparing the legislation to be put before parliament.

**The Big Priority**  
 There is one priority above all others and that is the Liberal government's campaign pledge to go to work at once to stimulate the economy. Already, the atmosphere has been created and work on new measures to achieve this demonstrates there will be no frills until the basic job is underway. By the time this column appears, some of the new legislation to make jobs and spur the industrial growth rate will be ready for the 26th Parliament which opened as promised on May 16th.

**New Economic Council**  
 The measures being put before this session of Parliament to make jobs and develop our economy include establishment of an Economic Council of Canada. Its chief responsibility will be to forecast the necessary increase in the Gross National Product (which is the value of goods and service in the nation) each year. This means a close and continuing study of all the country's industrial and economic needs and the way they can best be achieved.

The next step, through legislation, is to provide financial assistance to municipalities. This means that work will be created at the local level and that many necessary projects can be started very quickly in home areas. The Municipal Loan Fund is to have a capital of not less than \$400,000,000 which will go far to put our economy on a sound footing. The fund will be administered by a board which is to be created by parliament.

Another major step is the establishment by Parliament of a new Department of Industry, which is something long needed in Canada. The main job of the department's minister will be to encourage industrial development in areas of chronic unemployment.

**Help For Farmers**  
 Of great interest to York North's farm areas and to all agricultural areas in Eastern Canada will be the Government's measure to name a second minister of agriculture. Now there will be a minister responsible for Western agriculture and one for Eastern agriculture. For the first time in Canadian history the vastly different farming regions of East and West will have equal attention.

While the Atlantic Development Board, with a fund of \$100,000,000 will be of greatest interest in the Maritime Provinces, this kind of development will also have a major effect in helping the whole national economy.

Also at this session of Parliament, a special committee relating to defense will be established. Its need was widely demonstrated by the recent campaign.

**Contributory Pensions**  
 Aim of the new government under Prime Minister Pearson is to introduce legislation at this session which can be passed quickly. Among other vital measures will be the new Contributory Old Age Pension scheme. I am sure there are tens of thousands in York North alone who will find this one of the most satisfying

undertakings of any government. The legislation is now being developed, and you will be hearing and reading about its details as soon as the energetic new Minister of Health and Welfare, the Hon. Miss Judy LaMarsh, is able to put it before parliament.

**Glittering Assembly**  
 It was a thrilling moment when the meeting of the NATO ministers was formally opened in our House of Commons chamber last week. Ministers of 15 nations were present in a glittering assembly and Prime Minister Pearson addressed them as did our minister of external affairs, Hon. Paul Martin who is the host minister. Among those present were Dean Rush, the United States secretary of state, and Robert McNamara, both of whom have many friends in Canada. The NATO meetings, being held in a specially-prepared section of one of the government buildings, are among the most important to our future of any ever held.

Aside from business, Ottawa is breathtaking in the beauty of its tulip festival which is a fitting background for the great NATO meeting. The millions of brightly coloured tulip bulbs were a gift of Holland after the last war.

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Sincerely,  
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 M.P. York North.

## FARM REPORT

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative, York County.)

There is lots of interest these days in new pasture methods. Zero grazing, strip grazing, dry lot feeding and irrigation are all in the news. This is a good trend, because in a livestock county like York, hay and pasture are the key crops. Well handled, they influence success more than any other single factor.

A dairyman who does not use one of the pasture methods is behind times. With our high land prices, and high production costs, natural grazing isn't good enough.

Natural grazing doesn't give pasture a chance to produce its best. Plants need some resting during the season, and too often costly pasture shortages occur for several weeks in mid summer.

There are different opinions on which is the pasturing system. Zero grazing and dry lot feeding make the best possible use of pasture, but they are also the most expensive. I think that on average York County farms we can do the best job with a real good strip grazing system. Strip grazing is where an electric fence is moved every day to provide

# HALF-PAST TEEN



fresh pasture. This system increases production by 15 to 20 percent and the cost is quite low.

Taking costs into account, strip grazing was the most profitable system with herds of about 35 cows. With larger herds of around 55 cows, zero grazing and feeding from the silo all summer, paid off better.

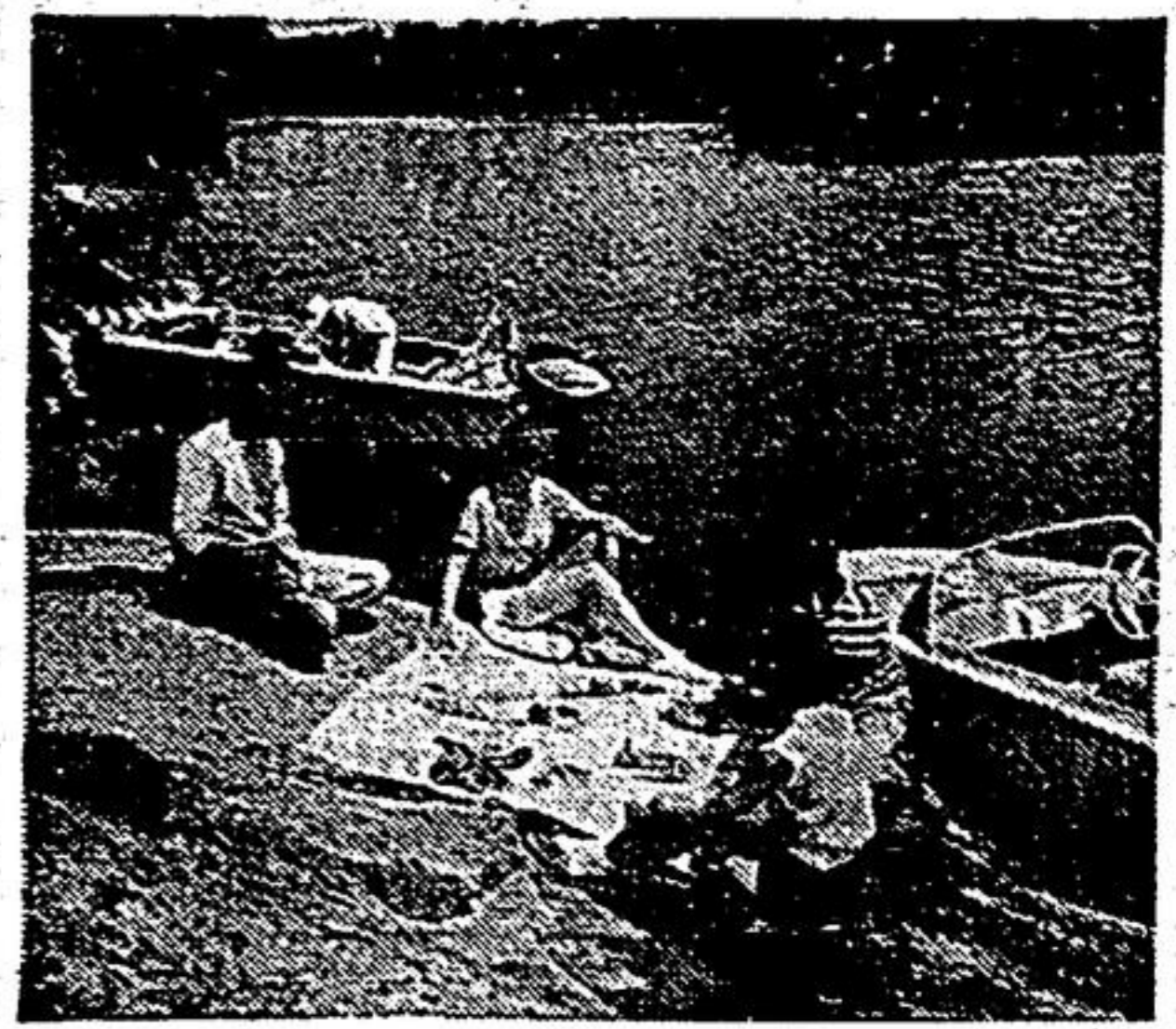
None of these systems will work unless there is a good crop of pasture to begin with. Forage harvesters and electric fences will not compensate for poor mixtures, badly managed. Getting and maintaining a good stand is the first and most important step. Good legume balance, fertility, weed control, clipping and harrowing, will give a good volume to start with. The decision can then be made whether to harvest it with cows or with a forage harvester. On most of our farms, I think it is still sound to let the cows do the chopping.

As a boy Sir Wilfred Laurier was sent by his father, who hoped his son would someday enter politics, to live for two years with an English family in order to become truly bilingual.

To prevent a cake sticking to the bottom of the pan, Home Economists at Macdonald Institute, Guelph, suggest that you line the pan with wax paper and then brush with unsalted fat.

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