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East Bay R.R. #1 BOA 140

Dec. 19, 1978

Mr Roy Evans
Kingston, N. S.
Pres. S.P.A.N.S.

Gentlemen,

At the recent annual meeting of the Cape Breton Sheep Producers Association - one, Guy Sanders offered the information that I had resigned as director to the N. S. S. P. A, and "had never attended meetings".

I have looked up several copies of minutes mailed to me, and note my nomination "from Nov. '76. The minutes of Dec. 14/76 - Feb. 18/77 and Mar. 27/78 list me as present at meetings.

Notice of meeting for Dec. 2 (Sat.) shows date of expiry of directorship as '79. I did not attend that meeting because another director was appointed to replace me. I did not attend in Aug, being busy at haymaking.

How does a director resign? I assume I would be expected to forward a letter of resignation. Was such a letter received or

read at a meeting? If so, could I please have a copy?

It would seem that Guy Saunders must have had some information from one of your meetings before he would commit himself to making a statement of this sort at a meeting of the C. B. S. P. A. If not, I'd suggest you double check any dubious information that he may feel free to carry, ostensibly, from the Cape Breton Association.

The previous lack of communication between the N. S. & C. B. groups would be much preferable to this type of mis-information.

Respectfully -

Donald MacLeod

S H E E P _ P R O D U C E R S _ A S S O C I A T I O N _ O F _ N O V A _ S C O T I A

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Inventory - Dec. 31, 1978

5	BEV II Modules	nc	
3	DVM	@ 100.00	300.00
40	line clamps (#x10)	- .33	13.20
9#	Knife switches	6.50	58.50
16	BEV II	185.00	2960.00
850	Type S Insulators	- .30	<u>255.00</u>
			* 3586.70

(added Jan 79:
 20 Tension springs @ 5.085 101.70)
 added
 March - 64 tighten

3 Knives at 14.00 each * 42.00
 Can. Coors Woolgrowers Stock 3628.70
 23 shavers - cert. # 4158
 5 shavers - cert. # 3784

1977 Breeding Stock Sale Buyers List

LOT	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	SEX	WT.	PRICE	BUYER
1	Tony Law	RR 2	Scotsburn			
2	Art. Robertson	RR 1	Port Elgin	N B		
3	Trevor Richardson	R.R 4	New Glasgow			
4	Mrs - Stephen Falkerham	R.R 6	Bridgewater			
5	Brian Coggan	Sussex	R.R 2	N.B		
6	Kirby Brown	Upper	Musquodabuit			
7	Charles Zichko	RR 2	Amherst			
8	Leone Carroll Leone	Jerry's Nose	Newfoundland			
9	Alan Underhay	New Fortune	P. S. I.			
10	Tom Germaine	RR 1	Low Bonshaw	P. S. I		
11	Ralph M ^c Dermott	RR 2	Newport	N.S.		
12	Philip Porter	RR 1	Kentville	N.S.		
13	Lloyd M ^c Ewan	RR 3	Hampton	N.B.		
14	Steve Marshall	RR 2	Box 4,	Scotsburn		
15	A. J. Joy.	P.O. Box	171, Peggibity	Nfld.		
16	G. Beuley	RR 2	Hopewell.			
17	Waldo Morton	RR 1	New Germany	N.S.		
18	Bernice Kerrey	RR 1	Debert	N.S.		
19	James Spence	RR 1	Ebnsdale	N.S.		
20	Walter Perry		Yarmouth	RR 2		

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21	Waug Perry	Bridgewater			N.S.	RR1
22	H. b. Blades	Shelburne,			Box 670.	
23	Scott Pirsent	Stephenville			Nfld.	
24	Stanton Sanford	Newport			RR-1.	
25	Cape John Farms	RR4.			River John.	
26	Jim Mac Donald	RR4.			River John.	
27	Peter Rogers.	RR1			Lockeport, N.S.	
28	Roy Evans	RR1			Kingston N.S.	
29	Sally Ross.	RR1			Tantallon.	
30	Robert Bell.	RR2			North ^{YOWER.} Yower # Ontario	
31	Bonnie Fredericks	RR1			River John.	
32	Mrs. Stanton Sanford	RR1			Newport, N.S.	
33	Jim Mason	Wallace,			N.S.	
34	Deoco Farms	RR4.			Mabow.	
35	J. Erwin Graham	RR2			Westville N.S.	
36	D. R. Mc Intosh	RR			New Glasgow, N.S.	
37	Keyil Campbell	RR2			Antigonish	
38	Brewster Kneer	RR3			Scotsburn	
39	Art Keeble	RR1			Upper Rawdon	
40	Dave Outton	RR2			Windsor	

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41	Ed Brydon	RR 3	Waterville		Kings Co. N.S.	
42	Martin Veerhuis	RR 2	Westville			
43	David Grant.	Three Lathom Harbor			Afro. Co.	
44	Ambrose Rogers.	RR 2	Heatherton		N.S.	
45	J. B. Br. Grant	Heatherton			Anteg Co.	
46	Dr. Scott.	Shubenacadie				
47	Doug Ferguson	RR 3	Tata.			
48	^{Estate of} Russell Buell	Abney , Abney,			P. E. I. R.R. 1.	
49	Erwin Jewell	York			P. E. I.	
50	Donald Brown	Ellershouse,			Hants Co	
51	Adrian Van Berkel	R.R. #1.			Antigonish	
52	Dr L.B. Nettleton	R.R. 3.			P.O. Box 536.	
53	Alex Hiltz	RR 1	New Ross.		Zurberg Co.	
54	Bill MacMillan	RR 1.	Charlottetown			
55	Bill Mathewson	Box 524.			Luvo.	
56	Jessie Davies	RR 4.	Burke's Corner.		N.B.	
57	Melvin M'Kay	RR 2	Westville			
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60	Jerry Werham	Great	Village			

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64	Chris Brown	RR 2				Bridgewater N.S.
65	Owen McPhee	East Gore,				Hants Co. N.S.
66	Lloyd Evans	Middleton				N.S.
67	Henry Maloney	Mabou				Cape Breton
68	Pat Binns	Murray River				RR 4 P.E.I.
69	Allan Brydon	Waterville				King Co. RR 3
70	Charles McNeil	Benacadie West.				S.B.
71	Bobby Carter	RR 5				Charlottetown
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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

November 28, 1978

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	net loss	481.55
Breeding Stock Sale:	(sale total	63,603.29)
	5% commission	3,180.16
	expenses (excl. rent & catalogue)	<u>1,736.76</u>
	net income	1,443.40
Lamb Sale:	(sale total	46,557.75)
	4% commission	1,862.30
	expenses	<u>814.68</u>
	net income	947.62
Balance Jan. 1, 1978		8936.06
Inventory (electric fence equipment) Nov 20		4008.19
Bank Balance Nov 20, 1978		<u>2730.62</u>
		6738.81
Major expenses, administrative, 1978:		
	Canada Sheep Council	1125.00
	Directors meetings	1994.60
	Secretary's stipend	600.00
	Fed. of Agriculture dues	336.00
	Winter Fair	137.20
	Phone & Postage	614.07
	Office supplies	<u>342.95</u>
		5149.82



Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission
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December 7, 1978

Dear Sirs:

The attached is a copy of a letter from the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association regarding a Major Sheep Sale in Canada, and the reply to Mr. Luc A. Forcier from the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission. "

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This material is forwarded for your information, and trust that appropriate sheep producer associations in your province may be advised accordingly, if they are considering such a major sheep show and sale in Canada.

Yours very truly,

R. W. Shopland
Secretary Manager

RWS/cjb

Enclosure/

CANADIAN SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

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Secretary:
A. C. McTAGGART

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July 24, 1978

Secretary,
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Canada.

Dear sir or madam,

I am forwarding herewith for your interest and information a copy of the Minutes of the Directors' Meeting, Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association, held in the Howard Johnson's Motel at Moncton, New Brunswick, on March 27, 1978.

PLEASE NOTE ← Also enclosed with this letter is a copy of comments re a Major Sheep Sale in Canada, from our president. I urgently ask you to discuss these notes with your executive committee in the near future and make a reply directly to our president, and if convenient a copy to the writer.

Yours truly,

Cameron McTaggart

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encl.

• *Wear Wool*

• *Eat Canadian Lamb*

A MAJOR SALE IN CANADA

At our last annual meeting in Moncton we discussed the possibility of having one annual Sale in Canada. More thoughts must be given on the matter.

In the United States there are some major sales every year but the most important one is the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia. The State of Missouri is well located between the Western States and the East. The best sheepbreeders in the country bring some of their best sheep.

This is the kind of sale sheepmen need in Canada. The Canadian Sheepbreeders' Association would support strongly any organization ready to manage a major sale in Canada.

In order to push the matter further, I am asking to each provincial association and to all sheepmen to let me know their view on the following specific matters:

- 1.- Do you agree with one annual major sale in Canada?
- 2.- When should the sale be held?
- 3.- Where?
- 4.- How could transportation be organized?
- 5.- How should we finance the sale?
- 6.- Name of an auctioneer, a manager or organization to take charge of the sale?
- 7.- What rules should we implement to have the best sheep in the sale?

I would appreciate to receive your comments at your earliest convenience.

Luc A. Forcier
President
Canadian Sheepbreeders'
Association
107 Principale street
Yamaska, Quebec
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Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission
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TELEPHONE XXXXXXXX 476-4213



September 6, 1978

Mr. Luc A. Forcier, President
Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association
107 Principale Street
YAMASKA, Quebec
J0G 1W0

Dear Sir:

Mr. Leroy Emerson, Secretary, Alberta Provincial Sheep Breeders' Association, has forwarded a copy of your letter to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission regarding a major sheep sale in Canada.

The Directors of the Commission considered the proposal at their recent meeting, and made the following reply recommendations to the questions:

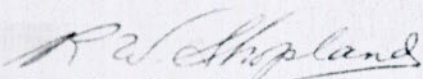
1. There is general agreement that one major sheep sale in Canada similar to the one now held in Sedalia, Missouri, would have merit and would assist greatly in moving quality breeding stock to both Eastern and Western Canada.
2. The time most favored would be the end of June.
3. The central location for such a sale would probably be Brandon, Manitoba, and this may be the best choice except for the fact that it is in a province of relatively low sheep production. The second suggestion was to move the sale to a central location in Eastern and Western Canada every second year.
4. The transportation could be by one or more trucks travelling to and from the sale in each direction. The producers guaranteeing to supply a specific number of sheep, and to pay the costs of transportation.

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Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association
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5. The sale would be financed by the producers on a fee basis per head sold with possible Agriculture Canada financial support.
6. The auctioneer should have some knowledge of the industry and of the main breeds of Canadian sheep. The organization could probably be done by the Canada Sheep Council and held in the livestock facilities of a provincial exhibition or auction market.
7. The rules enforced by the Sedalia sale should be reviewed and changed to suit Canadian conditions.

Yours very truly,



R. W. Shopland
Secretary Manager

RWS/cjb

cc: A. C. McTaggart, Secretary
Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

L. Emerson, Secretary
Alberta Provincial Sheep Breeders' Association

Minutes of the Ad. Hoc. meeting Western Canadian Sheep Breeders, Edmonton, Alberta, Farmfair, November 16th, 1978.

PRESENT

Peggy Newman
Dave & Jeannie Cadsand
Pat Reid
Harold Trentham
Bill Higginson
Gerald Knight
Carol Knight

Alta
Alta
B.C.
Alta
B.C.
Man
Man

Dan Cadsand
Bill & Marian Stephen
George Rock
Tom Reed
Bob Holm
Nancy Thomson

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B.C.
B.C.

Purpose of meeting : To discuss the all Canadian Sheep Sale proposed by the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association.

All present agreed that an annual Canadian sheep sale was a good idea.

Bill Higginson, Sardis, B.C. suggested and Bob Holm, Port Coquitlam, B.C. seconded that the sale be held at Brandon Manitoba in conjunction with the Exhibition in June. All present agreed.

It was suggested that bids be requested from various Sales Managers. Peggy Newman cautioned that someone might submit a lower bid than another and not do a proper job. It was generally felt 10% commission was high enough. Bob Holm suggested that the sale be managed from the Province in which it is held. Dave Cadsand seconded the suggestion.

George Rock suggested Ed Roth, for auctioneer. Gerald Knight is to talk to him at Agribition in Regina and find out his thoughts on the subject.

Financing suggestions: Tom Reed suggested that the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association be approached for a grant to start a sale. Pat Reid seconded the suggestion.

Bill Higginson suggested that the Canadian Sheep Breeders Assoc. be requested to make application to the Federal Government of Canada and the Canadian Sheep Marketing Council for a grant to help finance a sale. Seconded by Peggy Newman.

Rules to implement to assure quality: It was generally felt that a SEVERE culling committee was essential to insure high standard of quality. Pat Reid suggested Dave Owen, 1001 Pender St. Vancouver as a possibility for such a committee (He is head of production, Federal Department of Agriculture). A federal veterinarian was also suggested but Harold Trentham did not think this was necessary. However, all animals should be federally inspected before coming to the sale. Pat Reid motioned we leave the culling up to Dave Owen and he can call in anyone he needs including a vet if necessary. Bill Higginson seconded. Dave Cadsand felt there should be more than one person on the culling committee. Seconded by Bob Holm.

Tom Reed felt we should all receive a copy of the minutes of this meeting.

It was also felt transportation should be up to the individual producer.

The feeling of those present was it would not be necessary to show in order to sell and that only lambs and yearlings be consigned. They also felt there should be a limit of two rams per breed per breeder. Females would be unlimited with the management having the ultimate right to limit the entries of rams.

Nancy Thomson suggested a copy of these minutes be sent to the secretary of each provincial organization for them to consider within their own association.

It was strongly felt by this meeting that a sale held any further east than Manitoba would not be well attended by western producers. Brandon, it was felt, is centrally located for both east and west and facilities there were quite adequate.

We want it understood that this meeting was to discuss the general feeling regarding this proposed sale and the preceding minutes are suggestions only.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND MARKETING
MARKETING AND ECONOMICS BRANCH

December 28, 1978

Mr. Brewster Kneen
Sheep Producers Association
of Nova Scotia
R. R. # 3
SCOTSBURN, Nova Scotia
B0K 1R0

Dear Brewster:

Enclosed are extra photocopies of the Economic Report on sheep as requested. This has gone to the College for printing and distribution to a mailing list which includes the Federation. I understand there is quite a backlog of publications at the moment but copies will be available on request very soon.

Your point about the different cost structure of sheep production is certainly true. The amount of employment and income involved in the primary production of each \$1. worth of farm sales would as a result be higher than for the other meats - that is in the context of the Provincial Economy. Looking only at farm production, the economic impact is greater. When secondary economic linkages are considered however the situation is not so clearly favourable. The primary poultry industry for example has an inferior economic impact per unit of sales compared to sheep. The three poultry processing plants and the large scale employment resulting beyond the farm gate has to be considered however if you're looking at this from the point of view of the welfare of all Nova Scotians.

I would like to estimate the actual agricultural value added per \$1. of sales for each commodity some day. The sales figures are generally used too loosely when comparisons are made between sectors. As you have pointed out this understates the comparative size and value of your business.

The slaughter of the different plants are confidential. Looking at the published figures in the "Blue Book" etc. it would seem however that Canada Packers (PEI) have killed approximately 1,500 sheep and lambs in recent years. I believe Larsen's kill is very small - less than 200 head.

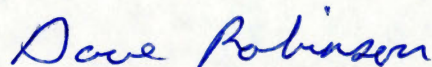
Concerning the Halifax retail market for mutton and lamb, Statistics Canada did a detailed food survey in eight cities in 1976 including Halifax. They reported lamb and mutton consumption at an equivalent to 0.75 lbs. per capita. This compares with 1.5 lb. (eight cities), 1.5 (St. John's), 1.1 (Montreal), 3.4 (Ottawa) and 1.5 (Toronto). I'm not satisfied that this reflects Halifax sales volumes and I'm trying to get more information on this.

In the last Throne Speech of the last Government, interest was expressed in cooperating towards the construction of a new Farmers Market. The Waterfront Development Corporation also have tentative plans of including a Farmers Market in their development. We have cooperated with both, however, this is not primarily the Department's responsibility since the rationale for such expenditures are largely tied to urban renewal, recreational, aesthetic and other such benefits. If such a renewed market does emerge, it could I believe offer attractive accommodations for a venture such as the one you are considering.

A background paper on the City Market that I prepared almost a year ago is attached. I believe you should approach Gordon Kinsman for full details on where this stands and for further research and evaluation of your particular proposal.

Also enclosed is a copy of a supplement to the 1907 Department of Agriculture Annual Report containing a series of articles on sheep in Nova Scotia. I recently came across this and I think you'll find it interesting. Best Wishes in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



David Robinson
Economist

/slh

Encl.

Dec. 17, 1978

Dave Robinson
Marketing and Economics Branch
Dept. of Agriculture
Halifax

Dear Dave:

In addition to the brief comments I made after the meeting Thursday;

Overall your paper on the Sheep Industry is excellent. I think it gives a careful, balanced report that would accurately reflect both the economic situation, and the feeling of producers. I appreciate the care you took regarding the Association, our sales, and the problems the industry faces as regards breeding stock and shepherding skills. I am glad you picked up the point which I have been making over and over again, namely that the cost structure of sheep is quite different than that of hogs, poultry, or dairy. I would like to see some figures on the net provincial trade ~~fk~~ in these commodities. I rather imagine that sheep are a net plus for the provincial economy while hogs and poultry are a net loss on the basis of marketing and purchased inputs.

Can you provide or obtain figures on the number of lambs killed in the recognized killing plants in the province, esp. Larsens? Canada Packers in PEI?

Are you in a position to provide any data for us on the Halifax market in light of our interest in a retail outlet there? What about the Farmers Market that you or someone mentioned to me? Who can best do the market research we need?

I hope you can supply me with 15 or so copies of your report before the New Year, or by the 4th, anyway. I trust you will also be able to supply copies to anyone requesting one if I mention the availability of the report in a letter to our members.

Again, my thanks for a good job on the report on Sheep.

regards,

Bfewster Kneen



UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE RIO CUARTO

Río Cuarto, 24 de julio de 1978

Nova Scotia Sheep Breeders Association

RR 3 Scotsburn ,N.S. Canada

Dear sirs;

We'll be very much obliged if we could get any kind of information in booklets about breeding, exploitation, and selection of sheep, feeding, wool and flocks.

We are awaiting your reply interest.

yours faithfully

Ing. Agr. Atilio S. Mellano

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V6T 1K2

Predator Control Committee
Nova Scotia Sheep Producers Assoc.
c/o Sheep Canada Magazine
Spruce View, Alberta
TOM 1VO

Dear Sirs:

I am researching for my B.Sc. Agric. thesis here at U.B.C. where I am in fourth year animal science (wildlife management) and I was wondering if you could give me some help. My topic is the prevention of coyote and dog predation in the Fraser Valley.

I would like some further information on the two Provincial Acts applying to sheep protection that you have in Nova Scotia, especially in regard to how strictly these acts are adhered to. In addition how effective *have* the Komondor dog and the New Zealand fences ~~have~~ been in predator control?

Any additional information you have, especially in regards to costs of various fencing; the effectiveness of the Wildlife Control Officers, ie. do they have a small area per officer ratio; and any other control methods would be appreciated.

Also, how do your municipalities identify dogs that are caught molesting sheep? By licences or do you have a tattooing program and is there any penalty for owners whose dogs molest sheep?

If you have any additional information on these subjects that you could make available to me as well as any sources or references I would greatly appreciate it.

Yours sincerely

Knut Atkinson

Knut Atkinson
P22P NP1P2LV

*answered
Jan 21 79*

Shearing, Royal Winter Fair:

Donated:	N.S. Dept. Agr.; Martley -	6	400.00
	plus car		
	Devo	-	300.00
	Total		<u>700.00</u>
			plus car.

7 entries made to Royal - allowing that
6 would be sent by car and one spare in case some
original entries declined from going:

Entered were the top six placings at
N.S. Shep Fair: Names: Mike Dolan,
Kern Woodfit, Ted Lund, Dr. B. Nettleton, Alex
Fillis, Mike Oulton, & a spare - Bill Oulton.
Of these seven entries all declined from
going to the Royal but Alex Filis, Dr. Nettleton
and Bill Oulton.

These people went to the Royal by car:
Alex Filis, Bill Oulton, Martin and Steven
Lund. Dr. Nettleton, Jody Saunders, Flew and
Lona Nettleton were seen Sept 4-14 so was
there to see up the seventh entry.

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1/4 ad	Scotburn Co-op		15.00	✓
1/4 ad	Zillips		15.00	✓
1/4 ad	Wool Board		15.00	✓
1/4 ad	Ketchums		15.00	✓
1/4 ad	Canada Packers / Shur-Gain		15.00	
1/4 ad	Condons	Sept 28	15.00	✓
1/4	River John Co-op		15.00	✓
1/4	Canada Packers		15.00	
1/2	Stanfields	rec'd	30.00	✓
1/4	Thompson Bros. Roofing		15.00	✓
1/4	Handcraft Shop		15.00	✓
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full page	Merrick Sharp & Oshma		50.00	✓
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full page	Cape Breton Bank	rec'd.	50.00	✓
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1978 Sheep Fair

Shearing Competition:

1) Michael Williams, Port Moresby, C.B., (26.2)	150 + 20 = 170.00
2) Kim Woolfitt, River Hebert (26.7)	80.00
3) Ted Lund, Upper Stewiacke (36.0)	50.00
4) Brian Nettleton, Arichat (38.1)	25.00
5) Alexander Gillis (49.2)	15.00
6) Mike Oulton, Windsor (59)	10.00
TOTAL: 350.00	

Dog Trials:

1) Sara Nettleton - Red (65)
2) B. Kneen - Jule (60)
3) B. Nettleton - Bowman (55)
4) Wendy Bauman - Bell (45)
5) Jody Saunders - Fly (30)
6) Fiona Nettleton - Nan (19)
7) James George - Flash (16)

Photo Comp:

Color -	1- B. Kneen
	2- Zelda Perry
	3- Gary Power
B & W -	1- Renate Deppe
	2- Sally Ross
	3- Michael Conkley

Prizes paid by cheque
1918 Sheep Fair

✓ \$26	Card Duffus	#1 -1, #5-1 +3, #12-3	\$26
✓ \$5	Henriette Aucsin	#1 2,	\$5
✓ \$8	Bodil Wiktor	#1 3, #5-2, (#6-1)	\$8 + book
✓ \$18	Susanne MacLachlan	#2 1+2, #8 1+2 + spoon + knife	\$18
✓ \$35	Jamie Green	#4 -1, \$25	\$10
✓ \$24	Janetta Dexter	#4 -2, #10-1, #14-1, #15-3 spoon	\$24
✓ \$15	Shirley Hill	#5-1, #12-2	\$15
✓ \$10	Dorothy Hill	#6-2, #9-2	\$10
✓ \$13	Elfride Budgety	#6-3, #9-1, #14-2, #15-2 knife	\$13
✓ \$20	Rebecca Green	#9-1 (jr), #17-2 + \$10	\$10
✓ \$55	Ellen Raja	#10-1, #15-1 \$35 tanning	\$20
✓ \$15	Jane Hilty	#11-2, #16-1	\$15
✓ \$13	Ruth Ward	#11-1+3	\$13
✓ \$25	Edith Zellig	#12-1, #13-1+2	\$25
✓ \$3	Matthew Harmon	#13-3 mittens	\$3
✓ \$3	Arne Hillis	- #14-3	\$3
✓ \$3	Jane Harmon	- #14-3	\$3
✓ \$5.30	Jonathan Raja	#14-1 (jr) 2	\$5
✓ \$10	Vikki Raja	- #16-2 + \$5 judging comp.	\$5
✓ \$3	Ruth Horowity	#16-3	\$3
✓ \$10	Anne Bortner	#17-1	\$10
✓ \$10	Violet Breker	#18-1	\$10
✓ \$5	Julie Bates	- jr -1	\$5
✓ \$3	Janice Lakeau	- jr -2	\$3
✓ \$5	Hewelyn Davies	jr -1	\$5
✓ \$3	Rhiannon Davies	jr. 2 + ribbon	\$3
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25			
✓ \$348	Dawn MacIntosh	#50 judging fee	\$273.00

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HANDCRAFTS

1. FLOOR RUG 1st CAROL DUFFUS
 2nd HENRIETTE AUCOIN
 3rd BODIL WIKTOR

2. BLANKET - AFGHAN 1st SUSANNE MACLACHLAN
 2nd SUSANNE MACLACHLAN

3. no prize awarded.

4. CUSHION - COVER 1st. JAMIE KNEEN (age 12)
 2nd JANETTA DEXTER

5. PLACE MATS or two firsts: { 1st CAROL DUFFUS
 RUNNER for TABLE { 1st SHIRLEY HILL
 2nd BODIL WIKTOR
 3rd CAROL DUFFUS

6. LIGHT 'N' LACY 1st. BODIL WIKTOR
 SHAWL 2nd DOROTHY HILL
 3rd ELFRIEDE BUDGEY
 jr. Rhiannon Davies

7. no prize awarded

8. LOOM-SHAPED GARMENT 1st SUSANNE MACLACHLAN
 2nd SUSANNE MACLACHLAN

9. SEWN GARMENT 1st ELFRIEDE BUDGEY
 handwoven fabric 2nd DOROTHY HILL

9. SEWN GARMENT REBECCA KNEEN (age 10)
junior prize: commercial fabric

10. HANDKNITTED GARMENT { workmanship: JANETTA DEXTER
two firsts { design: ELLEN RAJA

11. SKI SOCKS 1st RUTH WARD (over 80 years)
2nd JANE HILTZ
3rd RUTH WARD

12. WALL HANGING 1st EDITH ZILLIG Shuttle-Spindle + Dye pot award
2nd SHIRLEY HILL
3rd CAROL DUFFUS

13. TANNED SHEEPSKIN RUG 1st + 2nd EDITH ZILLIG
3rd MATTHEW HARMON
(also best work by a man: skin was very well tanned but not so suitable for a rug)

yi: Newelyn Davis

14. HAND SPUN YARN 1st JANETTA DEXTER
NATURAL COLOUR 2nd ELFRIEDE BUDGEY
3rd tie: ANNE HILLIS
JANE HARMON

junior prize: JONATHAN RAJA (age 10)

15. ~~HAND~~ NATURALLY DYED YARN 1st. ELLEN RAJA
2nd ELFRIEDE BUDGEY
3rd JANETTA DEXTER

16. HAT + MITTS from
HANDSPUN YARN

1st JANE HILTZ
2nd VIKKI RAJA (age 12)
3rd RUTH HOROWITZ

17. POT-HOLDER

1st. ANNE BORTNER
2nd REBECCA KNEEN (age 10)
3rd JULIE GATES (age 13)

18. NOVELTY

1st MRS. VIOLET GREBER Hythe, Alberta
2nd CHERRY WHITTAKER

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TOTE BAG

1st JULIE GATES (age 13)
2nd JANICE SABEAN (age 10)

Spindle, Shuttle + Dyepot Award: EDITH ZILLIG

Nova Scotia Designer Craftsmen Award: SUSANNE MACLACHLAN

Sheep Assessment

junior: ① Jamie Kneen
② Rebecca Kneen
③ Victoria Raja

senior: ① James Perry
② Candy Murphy
③ Susan Perry

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Dear Ms. Langhead;

Enclosed is our cheque for
a prize in your annual sheep
fair.

We hope your fair is as
successful as it has been in the past.

Sincerely,
John A. Little

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June 8/78

Ms. Sandra Lougheed
River John
Nova Scotia
BOK INO

Dear Ms. Lougheed:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 10th requesting a renewal of our ad in the sheep fair catalogue.

While Farm Focus tries to help different commodity groups in every way possible, it has in the face of raising costs had to curtail it's spending in many areas and I regret to inform you that we will not be taking ad ad in you catalogue.

We hope that you notice that we are giving much more space in the paper to the sheep industry and will continue to do so for the coming year, we feel this will be a greater advantage to the sheep breeders, than an ad in the catalogue.

We are also prepared to offer three one year subscriptions to Farm Focus as prizes for some of the events held at your sheep fair. If any person winning a subscription is now receiving Farm Focus the subscription will be extended.

We hope these arrangements will be satisfactory and we are enclosing forms to be used for the winner's of these subscriptions.

These forms when completed should be forwarded to:

Mr. Paul Boudreau, Circulation Manager, Fundy Group Publications Ltd., P.O. Box 128
Yarmouth, N.S., B5A 4BI.

This letter was forwarded to you on April 6th but had carried an incomplete address, and therefore came back to us. We apologize for the delay.

Yours truly,

A.E. Maberley - Editor of Farm Focus

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HOECHST
PHARMACEUTICALS



April 17th, 1978

Ms. Sandra Lougheed
R.R. 1
RIVER JOHN, N.S. BOK 1NO

Dear Ms. Lougheed:

This refers to your letter of March 16th and the coming Annual Sheep Fair and Sale to be held at the beginning of September.

As in the past, we shall be pleased to donate 10 x 100 ml HEPTAVAC to be used as a prize. However, due to budgetary cutbacks, we shall not be advertising in your sales catalogue.

We shall arrange for the HEPTAVAC to be sent to you during the latter part of August.

Best wishes for the success of this event.

Yours truly,

HOECHST PHARMACEUTICALS

C. Thompson
Manager - Veterinary Department

CT:br

cc: R. Poole

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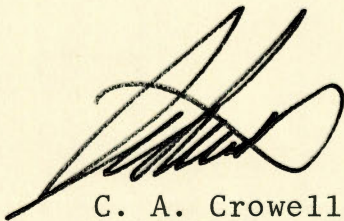
The Sheep Producers of Nova Scotia
C/O Mrs. Cathleen Kneen
R. R. # 3
Scotsburn
Pictou County, Nova Scotia

Dear Mrs. Kneen:

Your recent request for financial assistance has been forwarded to our Communications Committee and we are pleased to advise the amount of \$100.00 has been approved.

We are pleased to give support to this very worthwhile project and wish you every success.

Yours very truly,



C. A. Crowell
PERSONNEL & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MANAGER

CAC:CG

Encl.

Burroughs Wellcome Ltd.

C.P. 500, Lachine, Qué., Canada H8S 4B1

August 2, 1978

Sheep Producers of Nova Scotia
R.R.1 River John
Nova Scotia
BOK 1N0

Attention: Sandra Lougheed

Dear Sandra,

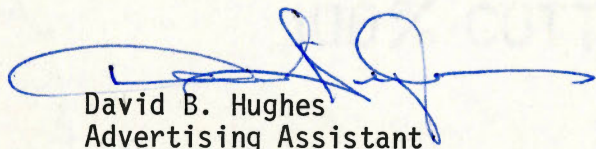
Further to our most recent conversation concerning our Coopavax* journal ad to be placed on the inside front cover of the "Sheep Fair Catalogue", please be rest assured that the film has been forwarded to you under separate cover.

Enclosed please find a cheque for the sum of \$50.00 covering the charge for one full page advertisement.

If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, I remain,

Yours truly,



David B. Hughes
Advertising Assistant

HGH/bgs

Nov 28, 1978

Colin MacEachern
St. Andrews
Antigonish Co.

Dear Mr. MacEachern:

A problem arising out of our September Breeding Stock Sale has come to light. One of the bigger buyers, Jim Lindsay of Ontario, has found that he got six wether lambs that were supposed to be ewe lambs. Some of the lambs were clearly identifiable and others not.

Three of the wether lambs bore similar tags with four digit numbers beginning with 29.. and "CME" scratched on the back. It would seem that thases might be yours. Could this be so? From Jim Lindsay's description these would be out of lot 79 or 80, both of which he bought at \$100.00.

After consultation with the Directors we agreed to reimburse Jim for the difference between the price as market lambs of \$50 and his cost of \$105 landed in Toronto or an average rebate of \$55.00. If the lambs described above were yours, the difference would be \$60.00, allowing 10.00 per animal for transportation. If these lambs were yours, then the Association would like to have the \$180.00 rebated to Jim Lindsay covered by the consignor.

If these are yours, please don not feel too bad about the error. Last year one of our most experienced producers made the same error.

Please let me know about this matter as soon as you can. My phone number in 925-2768.

regards,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary

Brad Persing
RR 2
Hampton

Nov. 28, 1978

Dear Brad:

To follow up on our phone conversation last night.

It seems that Jim Lindsay bought six wether lambs that were supposed to be ewe lambs. We know this happens, even to experienced producers and buyers. However, Jim has been a major buyer in our market and it was the feeling of the Directors that we should make good on his loss.

Jim figured his average cost, landed in Toronto, was \$105.00. Some of the six were identifiable, some not. It seems that one was yours, with ear tag "Persing 109". From his description this would be out of lot 100 or 101 that sold for \$70 and \$80 respectively. We have paid Jim the difference between estimated market value of \$50 and his cost, \$55.00 each for the six. We hope that the Association can recover this from the consignors involved.

I hope you get everything sorted out before winter settles further in. It has hit us like a ton of bricks here already.

regards,

Keen trade in breeding sheep

BRITAIN's sheep industry is booming. Profits from fat lamb sales are putting a keen edge on the demand for breeding stock.

In July and August last year fat lambs averaged 114p a kg (51.8 a lb), which was enough to give buyers at last autumn's breeding stock sales confidence to buy at record prices. This year's August average of 139.8p a kg (63.5p a lb) after a summer of record prices has inspired even more confidence.

Auctioneers report that buyers are also expanding their breeding flocks to produce more fat lambs. New producers are putting many more sheep on the market, but these are being snapped up and prices are even higher than last year.

Breeding stock sales are drawing huge crowds. Producers are responding to about £5 a head more for

medium weight lambs by paying as much as £80 a head for commercial Half-bred ewes, while crossing rams are commanding top prices.

At the recent Kelso ram sale, Border Leicester tups were £112 a head dearer and averaged £374.77 a head. Blueface Leicester rams, which have now become popular with producers of Mule ewes, averaged £349.30 a head, compared with £233 last year.

Suffolk, the most widely used crossing rams, averaged £35.73 more at £207.73 a head.

The same pattern of higher prices is emerging from breeding ewe sales. Entries are higher because producers have responded to last year's record prices, but demand has increased more than enough to offset extra numbers.

At Builth Wells, Powys, Welsh Half-bred breeders put

700 extra ewes on the market and found plenty of buyers. The 11,471 total brought buyers from England and Scotland. Keen competition pushed up the average price of ewe lambs by £7.60 a head to £44.85 and two-year-olds averaged £63.95, or £11.10 a head more than in 1977.

At the society's other sale at Nanteclwyd, Denbigh, there were 3000 extra ewes in the 18,644 entry, but ewe lambs were £3.19 a head dearer at £34.58, and two-year-olds averaged £55 a head or £4.88 more.

Across the border at Craven Arms, Salop, Scottish bidders swelled the crowd at the Clun Forest breed's main sale. As at Builth Wells, the top ewes made more than £80 a head.

The average for older breeding ewes was £50.43 a head. This was £10.53 more than last year, while overall the sale average was £11.98 a ewe

up at £56.57, a record for the event.

The Meat and Livestock Commission has produced figures which indicate how much the good trade in breeding stock can be related to fat lamb returns.

These show that in May, when prices were expected to fall as the first flush of new season lamb hit a market weakened by the seasonal break in the French trade, the average price was actually 21p a kg (9.5p a lb) higher than in April, and almost 30p a kg (13.6p a lb) up on the previous May.

It has fallen since the record May price average of 161.2p a kg (73.27p a lb), but more slowly than expected. In August it averaged 139.8p a kg (63.5p a lb), or 25.8 a kg (11.7p a lb) more than in August last year and 49p a kg (22.27p a lb) up on 1976.

So the breeding sheep sales

started with the fat lamb market offering about £4.80 more for an 18 kg (40lb) lamb than it was last year and almost £9 more than two years ago.

Long-term confidence has also been increased by the prospects of an EEC sheepmeat policy which provides constant access to the French market and a good forecast on prices from MLC.

In its quarterly review, the MLC suggests that UK prices will increase again this autumn and that prices will be higher next year.

"Current indications are that the seasonal peak in hogget prices around next Easter could be between 165p and 170p a kg (75p to 77.2p a lb) estimated dressed carcass weight," the reviews says.

"Prices for lambs from the 1979 crop are likely to show a further increase compared with this year's levels."

New feed mill cost £1.25m

A £1.25 million feed mill at Ipswich, Suffolk, has been built by Pauls and Whites foods.

Eagle Mill has taken two years to build and can handle up to 90,000 tonnes of feed a year.

The company now has 10 feed mills of which only two are more than 10 years old.

"In proportion to our turnover we have spent more money on mills in recent years than any of our competitors," said Mr George Paul, managing director. "Automation helps to restrain cost inflation and modern machinery produces feed of better quality."

Mr Paul said the farmer who mixed his own feed was the company's major competitor in East Anglia. The company would ask every self-mixing farmer to consider whether he could increase his profits by buying compounds.

Eagle Mill will produce feeds in bags for the whole of East Anglia and bulk pig and poultry feed for the southern half of the region.

The mill has been built next to an existing dockside mill owned by the company.

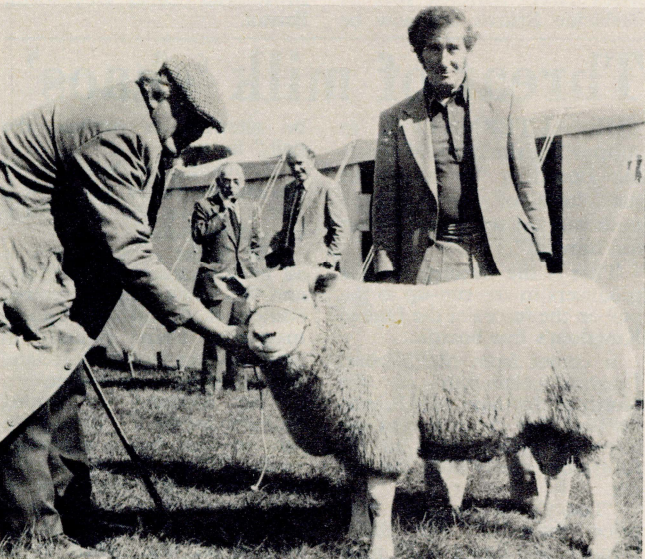
"We considered building a new mill on a fresh site but the advantages of dockland were too great to forfeit," said Mr Paul.

DEADLINE FOR CLAIMS

FARMERS who have received authority or approval under the Farm Capital Grant Scheme for applications submitted before May 31, 1976, are being reminded by the Ministry of Agriculture and other relevant Government departments to ensure that their claims are submitted before May 31 next year.



Buyers and sellers crowd the ringside at the National Sheep Association's ram sale.



Top-priced ram at Builth Wells was this Texel, bought by Mr Michael Reynolds (right) from Mr G J Owen (left) for £997.50.

All-breed ram sale draws the crowds

THE BUOYANT demand for breeding sheep brought a huge crowd to the first all-breed ram sale to be held in Wales.

The National Sheep Association organised the event at Builth Wells and it attracted 658 rams from 22 breeds. Though some breeders were disappointed by the prices and withdrew their animals, there was a brisk trade for most breeds and for all unregistered rams.

Some of the Down breeds not well known in mid-Wales found the weakest trade. Only 12 of 58 Hampshires changed hands for an average of £96.60 a head.

One of four auctioneers selling 212 pedigree Suffolk rams reported selling only 93 of the 175 rams handled for an average of £108.93 a head. But the market for tups suitable for the production of cross-bred breeding ewes was exceptionally good.

The current strong interest in Texel sheep was reflected. Only three pure-bred rams were on offer and these averaged £728 a head. The overall sale top price of £997.50 was paid for Mr G J Owen's two-shear ram which he bought as a lamb at Lanark for £380.

Buyer was Mr Michael Reynolds, Craven Arms, who is setting up a new Texel flock after being impressed by the breed during a Continental visit.

"I have 400 ewes at present and the plan is to start a small Texel flock and then see how to use the breed in conjunction with the existing flock to produce fat lambs," he said.

"I like the Texel breed because it produces a lamb which suits the Continental market and that is where our future lies."

The second highest price was paid by the Liberal MP for Montgomery, Mr Emilyn Hooson, for a ram lamb to use on his flock of 500 Welsh Mountain ewes at Pen-y-Banc, Llanidloes.

"I will use it to produce cross-bred ewes which will breed lambs that will not run to fat too quickly and will match export demand," Mr Hooson said. "I paid £609 because I thought the ram had a good fleece for conditions on my hill farm."

The 33 cross-bred Texel rams on offer averaged £132.39 a head, which topped the average paid for most of the registered rams at the sale.

Blueface Leicester tups, now in great demand to produce Welsh Mule ewes out of Welsh Mountain sheep, also sold well. The 42 entered averaged £345 and ram lambs averaged £430.

A shearling entered by H R Henderson and Son, Carlisle, topped its section of the sale when it sold for £535.50 to Mr M Webster, Llandrindod Wells.

Border Leicester rams were sold on the same site. The Champion exhibited by Mr W Pritchard, Cardiff, sold for £420.

After the sale Mr George Hughes, chairman of the Wales and Border branch of the sheep association, said the event would be held again next year.

"There were not enough buyers for some breeds perhaps because they have never been sold in the area before," he said.

Art of cooking mutton unknown to Canadians

WINDSOR — Mrs. Gernot Zillig has been cooking mutton for many years. A native of Germany, she knows of old fashioned German recipes and uses them cooking for her Canadian family now living at Scotch Village, Hants Co.

Mrs. Zillig demonstrated cooking mutton yesterday at the Atlantic Winter Fair and she will give the demonstration again at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. She says Canadians don't know the value of mutton, nor do they know how to prepare it.

Mr. Zillig, and her husband set up the booth which is sponsored by the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia. Terry Dugie, Scotch Village tends it during the day and breeders come in and tend it in the evening.

Many of the wares at the booth are products of sheep from Mrs. Zillig's 250 acre farm. The Zil-

lig's have 270 ewes, 80 of which are purebred Dorset. She also has a small flock of about 40 natural colour sheep from which she does not dye the wool. They range from grey to nearly black.

She sells most of the wool from the farm to commercial buyers, but some is sent to be made into yarn which she sells locally.

The Zilligs also have some Yorkshire sows on their farm, jersey cows, ducks and geese. They sell about a hundred geese and close to 200 ducks each Christmas.

Following is Mrs. Zillig's recipe for one of her specialities,

Mutton Salami:

Mix the same amount of ground pork with the same amount of ground mutton or if you wish a firmer sausage, three parts ground mutton and one part ground pork. Mix well with salt, pepper, a little saltpetre, a little sugar and chopped fine onions or garlic.

Stuff into casings, dry the sausage in an airy room, not too warm, with no draft for three to four days. Then smoke with slow, cool smoke of hardwood sawdust for two weeks. The smoked salami can be stored with a coat of cheese wax or put in the freezer.

Aug. 13, 1978

Federation of Agriculture
Truro

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sheep Producers Association on Aug. 12, 1978, the following resolution was passed:

The Directors of the Sheep Producers Association hereby ~~request~~ move that the N. S. Federation of Agriculture request of the Farm Loan Board full disclosure of the amounts of funds disbursed by the Board to the different agricultural sectors, i.e., Hogs, Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Poultry, Blueberries, etc.

Our Board of Directors would like this resolution to be acted upon at the next Directors Meeting of the Federation on Aug. 16.

Brewster Kneen, Secretary

RESOLUTION - C.F.A. SEMI-ANNUAL - JULY 25-27th, 1978

JUDITH HUBBARD
EASTERN CANADA WOMEN'S DIRECTOR C.F.A.

THE FARM FAMILY AND THE FAMILY FARM

WHEREAS a family controlled and operated farm industry is part of the stated goals of C.F.A. At present over 90% of the farms in Canada are family owned and operated. These farm families are an important factor in maintaining rural populations and the viability and stability of rural communities; they are an efficient and dependable source of food production and provide a form of social organization that is unique and productive.

NONETHELESS there are pressures and stresses on the farm family for which solutions should be sought and policies developed to remedy the ill effects - e.g.:

- the cost price squeeze
- price of land and machinery (capital)
- low levels of net income and capital investment
- feelings of isolation (social and geographical)
- lack of dependable and competent farm labor
- decreasing number of farm families in the community area
- children leaving the farm (of 37 farmers (commercial) interviewed in Cumberland Co., N.S. only 16 expressed optimism of youth continuing farming)
- size of the farm operation and the management or labor ability of the family
- retirement and how to pass on business to children
- difficulty for young people to start farming
- the off-farm working wife-mother
- non-recognition by income tax of the farm wife who works on the farm as a true partnership
- family break-ups and lack of marriage counselling to prepare couples going into farming (Colleges and Universities)
- financial recognition of family labor
- quota systems and production increases
- a rural farm oriented peer group for farm youth
- farm chores and other social and recreational, extra curricular activities and recognition of farming as a profession
- the small and part-time farmers and their expansion
- seven day a week work schedule
- the age group of farmers - 2/3's will be out of farming by the year 2000. There can be no stable society unless Agriculture is stable and uses a high percentage of its manpower.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that C.F.A. initiate a series of studies and consultations which will give member organizations opportunity to express their views on the type of policies and programs which will enhance the position of the farm family in Canadian agriculture and assist in reducing the stresses and pressures these families are experiencing.

Saskatchewan Sheep and Wool Marketing Commission

1402 QUEBEC AVENUE
SASKATOON, SASK.
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August 9, 1978

Kneen Brewster
Nova Scotia Sheep Producers Assoc.
R.R. #3 Scotsburn
Pictou County, Nova Scotia

Dear Kneen,

Enclosed are the films you requested from George Tosh. Please return them to our office as soon as possible, along with any comments you have regarding them.

Yours truly,

Mona Fichter

Mona Fichter, Secretary
SASKATCHEWAN SHEEP AND WOOL
MARKETING COMMISSION



CANADIAN LAMB



PURE VIRGIN WOOL

Aug. 17, 1978

Dear Mr. Kneen:

You should have received the film by now. This film belongs to the Saskatchewan Sheep and Wool Commission. As far as I know there is no charge. You may copy the film if you wish. I am sorry I don't know the answers to the rest of your questions. Let me say again that I am not at all satisfied with this film. I have seen people do a much better job than this fellow.

Sincerely,
Sue Soth

Sept. 25

Nils Petersen
Roy Evans

Gentlemen:

I should have contacted you both sooner about the Atlantic Winter Fair Oct. 7-14 in Windsor.

I have been discussing plans with Edith Zillig for our small booth at the Fair and Edith has it all figured out, and I think it will be quite simple. I told her it was quite impossible for us to have much to do with it because of distance and the Lamb Sale on the 7th here.

So, could you two get in touch by phone and talk with Edith about what is needed, please. What we have in mind is simply a display booth extolling the virtues of sheep and lamb, particularly from the standpoint of good-eating.

Edith had suggested asking various sheep producers in the area to man the booth for spells. She sent a list, and I am afraid that there are some on the list who would do a better job than others. I would like to leave the matter up to you two and Edith.

I will get what display material and booklets I can down to Windsor before the 7th, one way or other.

The booth is only 10' by 10' so it should not be hard to fill, particularly with Edith's imagination.

Hope this is all o.k. with you.

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Tuesday Evening.

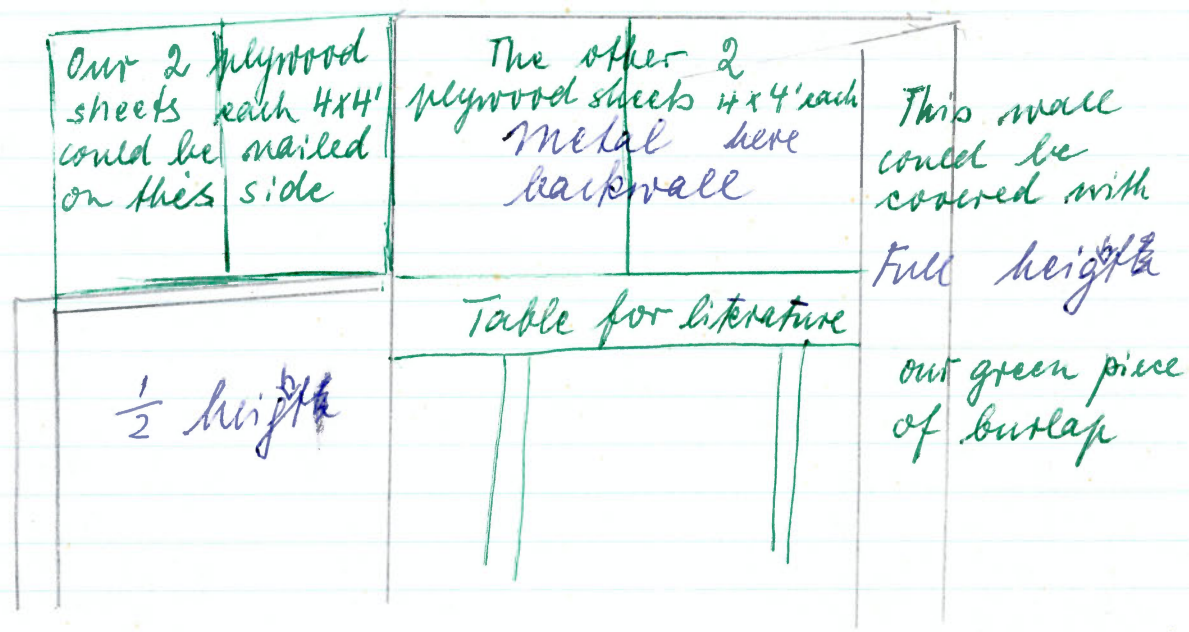
Dear Cathie and dear Brewster:
 To-day was the first day of the Hants County Exhibition and after Sheep Judging was finished, I took a close look at the Booth No 72, which - as you mentioned - will be the booth for us NS Sheep Producers at the Winter Fair.

It is a fairly small booth, may be 10 x 10 feet. One side has a $\frac{1}{2}$ height divider (4 feet high, 10 feet long)

The back is metal

The second side has a high wall. No table, no chairs.

Green what we could put up blue what is there



Jimot said he will help to put the 4 plywood sheets up (so we could hang pictures etc. on all 3 sides), also to build a kind of small table for the back.

How did this suggestion look for you ? ? ?

The booth will be too small for any kind of

Demonstration (if you wish to have demonstrations or slideshows or videotape at certain times, the Winter Fair Committee will have to give more room)

In my opinion the space of No 72 will just be right of an Information Booth.

What do you want to put in the Booth ???

I believe at the 2nd Sheep Fair in the Boulder Building, Philip Stead had an excellent group of posters from Sheep Breeds and informations of the different breeds, which are most common in N.S. Could you remember? Would you like to talk with Philip if he still has these good posters behind his filing cabinets in his office? Hopefully he still has them and will lend it to us for our booth?

What about a contest "Name the Sheep Breeds" (pictures of sheep and numbers, box for ballots, draw on the last day of the Fair. Prize - - - ? Suggestion for a prize: 1 tanned lamb-skin or 2 lbs of knitting yarn?)

What do you have on literature?
Madame Benoit cookbook
Chart of meatcuts
Other posters of the Sheep Marketing Board

How about on display

"Use of a
Sheep Product,
Wool"

- 1 fleece raw wool
- carded wool
- knitting yarn
- 1 wool fabric garment
(like Cathie had
in the Sheep Fair)
- 1 pair of socks or
mittens
- 1 item crocheting
(may be Mrs. Budgoy's
work?)
- 1 item woven

The big question: with whom to man
our information booth?

Somebody should be around, may be
in shifts each $\frac{1}{2}$ day ???

Margarete will be in Teachers College,
too bad, she could take no "shifts
in the booth".

Would you like to contact

Donalda Harvie - Enfield
for being in the booth at some days?
She is Murray Harvie's youngest
daughter. Margarete met her to-day
in the Exhibition and heard, Donalda
quit school, is home all the time
and is helping Murray with his
lamb butchering.

Or do you know somebody else?
If you will get somebody, and to
save "expenses", he or she can
stay overnight with Gilligs.

Certainly Gernot or I can be in the booth for certain hours, however - please understand - not all the time during the Winter Fair.

Donald Hawey - Enfield - out of school - Murray's youngest

Sheep breeders in West Hants are:

Don Brown - Eeershouse

Herman Harvey - Windsor Forks

Pat Gouldthorpe - Cognacau

Stanton Sanford - Sumnerville

Dick Spence - Belmont

Ralph Mac Dermot

Bill McNeill - Windsor

Gilligs

Pedersens

Sandra Hines - Zwicker

Art Keeble - Rawdon

Dougie and Bill Cox - Clarksville

Vim and Tim Spence - Enfield

Do you think there may be a chance to ask if they or their wives or sons or daughters are willing to be in the Sheep Producers' booth for certain hours? Would Mr. Secretary & Treasurer like to write to these fellows and set up a time-schedule?

This is all what I can mention and think - off to - night.

Good night!

yours Edith.

Sept;20

Edith:

Thank you for the salami - a very nice one. Such a gift is far beyond the "call of duty". It makes nice sandwiches, a good change from the peanut butter!

As for left-over groceries, I will not tell you their cost. Keep them, use them, and enjoy them!

No one has contacted us about the fleeces you found on the road.

Now to the Winter Fair:

Thanks for your great ideas and the detail. Needless to say, it is hard for us to do much from here, particularly with the lamb sale to look after on the 7th.

Would it be asking too much of you to ask you to do a couple of presentations on "mutton dishes" and the like at times scheduled for your convenience? You could use the booth for that, couldn't you? We could supply more of Madame Benoit's cookbook, to go along with the little green one.

Your suggestion for the booth design is excellent. How could I improve on it?

The Videotape has gone on to New Brunswick and then back to Saskatchewan, so it is not available.

Part of the display could be my photos of electric fence along with a mimeo sheet of information about electric fence and what the Association is doing.

I will also prepare a brief membership application together with a few comments on the value of being an Association member.

We also have some posters left from the Canada Sheep Council and some wool books.

Your idea about a display on Use of Sheep Products, Wool sounds very good. Your display at the sheep fair was really neat. Janetta Dexter might be interested in participating in that with some of what she did at the fair.

I will look around for other information we could have available on lamb production and marketing, etc.

I will write up a letter and send it to the people you suggested. However, it would be much better if you or someone there could work out the schedule. And who knows what cooperation we will get from the post office.

Monday evening.
after the Sheep Fair.

Dear Cathie and dear Brewster:

With a successful Sheep Fair behind you, you have to recover from all the work and excitement and troubles. When I dug in the freezer to-day for Mrs. Longheads salami, I got the idea I shall send you one salami to help you with the "recovery from all the work". It was such a nice atmosphere during the whole Fair and that new building really the most suitable we ever occupied for our 6 Fairs. I enjoyed the Fair very much, it was a lot of work and preparation, allright, however it was fun too. But what a trip back home we had.....With quite worn out nerves we arrived here. Anyway — one of the "events on the way" was: we picked up 2 bags with fleeces from the highway near Stewiak. They lay on the highway, some wool flying over the highway. Somebody going home from the Fair must have lost these 2 bags. Have you an idea, ~~who~~ was it? If you hear who he or she ^{was it} ~~lost the 2 bags~~, tell them to pick them ^{bags} up at our place, so long I will hang the 2 bags up in the barn. One bag is from a feedcompany in Maine in one bag are 2 fleeces and in one bag is one fleece. It looks to me like Leicester or Leicestercross fleeces.

Unloading the old popcooler I discovered under the many lettuce bags the following canteen items:

- 4 cans of apple juice
- 1 can of milk
- 12 lbs of margarine

Nonsense to send these groceries back to you, however please write me what you paid for these groceries and I will buy them from the Sheep Producers Ass. Hope this suggestion will be o k to you, Mr. treasurer?

At my presentation "Mutton dishes" I had a tray with samples made up with triangles of ryebread slices and salami and mutton ham. Also everybody could pick up the little green recipe booklet, which the Agr. office in Windsor for me had multiplied. A stump of the salami was left over from the little samples and I gave this end of the salami to Ellen Raja, since she came too late. I want that you know this too. (rumors sometimes grow terrible).

When you both will have recovered from the Sheep Fair, may be you let me know re the Winter Fair Booth in Windsor, which the Sheep Producers will set up. Margarete starts practice teaching here ~~need~~ by to-morrow for 2 weeks and than after the 2 weeks she will be back in the Teachers College. In case you want to send me a message via her, it is ok to me. She is "Mam's daughter" and is well informed what I do or plan and may answer every up coming question re that Winter Fair thing. I took the vase with the sheep out of the cupboard to-day and set it near the nice mug you gave me yesterday. Looks r eally sheepish. Ev@rybody entering our kitchen admired both of your works on our kitchentable. Thanks again. Certainly I will treasure them.

Regards to you all, especially my young puppeteer

Rebekka,

Sincerely Yours

Edith.

Anne Hutten

Sept. 20

Now that the Sheep Fair is behind us we are thinking about the Winter Fair. It seems that the sparkplug in the Windsor is Edith Zillig (no surprise) and she is the person to contact for details. We have been consulting.

The booth will be all we can handle, unless Edith overdoes it again and wants a larger space for her "preparing mutton" presentation.

I do not foresee any problems, and should you desire any further information, please contact Mrs. Zillig, Scotch Village.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen

p.s. I would like to meet you one of these days. I like what you have been writing in Farm Focus.

ATLANTIC WINTER

FAIR

WINDSOR STREET HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA

PHONE 455-2193



Brewster Kneen, Sec'y
Sheep Producers Ass'n of N.S.
R.R.3, Scotsburn, N.S.
July 19, 1978

Dear Mr. Kneen,

In reply to your note of June 13, we've now finalized the assignment of booths at the Atlantic Winter Fair. For the Sheep Producers we are holding Booth 71.

As you may know, this is a ten feet by ten feet space. If you decide to do cooking demonstrations for which you need more space, for instance if you expect a fair-sized audience, we could probably arrange to let you use one of the Exhibits spaces (see enclosed floor plan), such as Exhibits B. A is being used for the Baby Animal Farm, and I believe C is a projection room.

Please let me know more or less what you will be doing at the Fair, so I'll have some idea of what is going on, i.e. the kind of handouts you will distribute, the type of displays etc.

Since you're a lot closer to Truro than to Kentville, you will possibly find it useful to work with Ray Foote, marketing specialist, or Jim MacAfee, both of the N.S. Dept. of Agriculture at Truro. I understand Jim is working on booth design.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the booth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Hutten". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne Hutten, P.R. Director

Atlantic Winter Fair

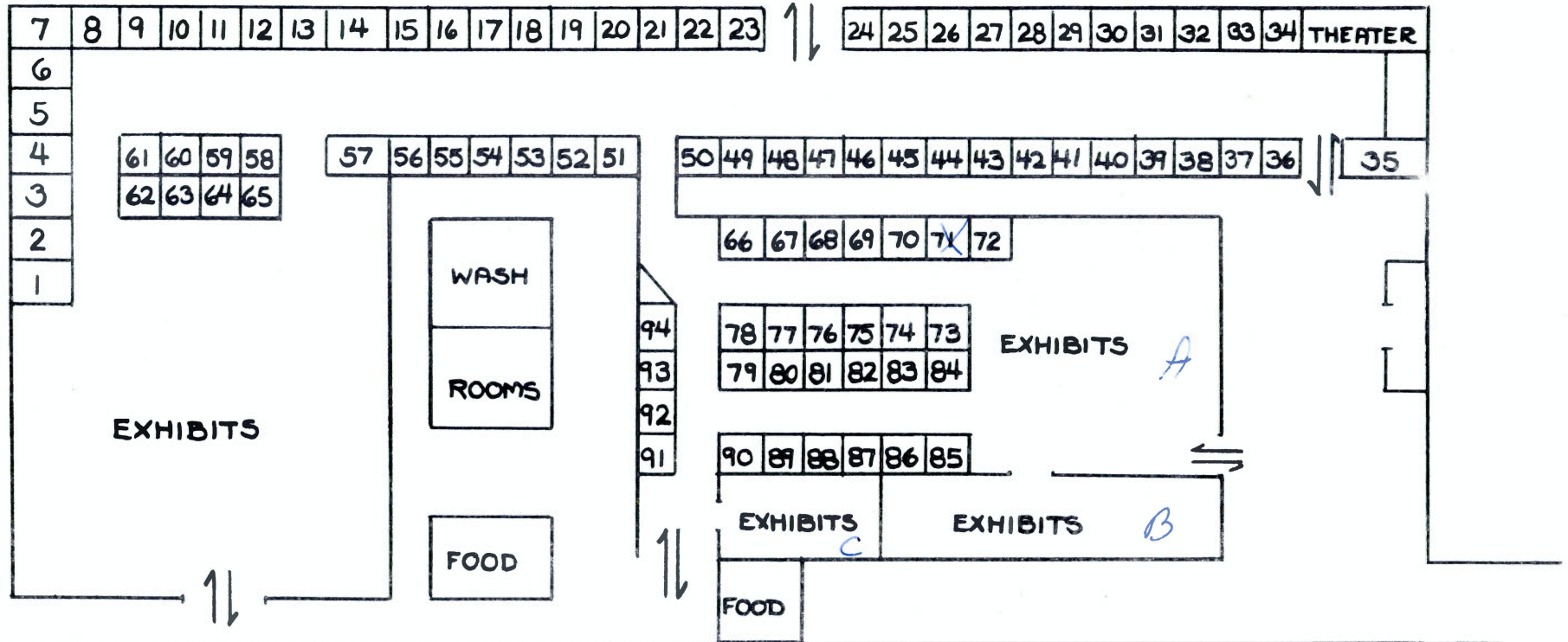
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THE ATLANTIC SHOW WINDOW OF AGRICULTURE

Oct 7-14

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BUILDING #2

PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE



EXHIBITION MAIN STREET

BOOTH 71 TO SHEEP PRODUCERS
ATLANTIC WINTER FAIR
OCT. 7-14/78

Speed Message

Date June 13, 1978

To Anne Hutten

From _____

Subject Winter Fair, Oct. 7-14

Dear Anne: Being the season of lambing-shearing and soon making hay, we have not had a meeting of our Directors since early April, and we have no meeting planned at this time.

However, I can give you my assurance that we will put on the booth - ten by ten is fine, plus a cooking demonstration when that is arranged.

Cumberland Woolskin will also be displaying at the sheep Fair, so there is no problem there.

We'll be in touch later...

regards

Brenta Owen

Signed _____

ATLANTIC WINTER

FAIR

WINDSOR STREET HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA

PHONE 455-2193



Brester Kneen, Sec.
Sheep Producers Ass'n of N.S.
R.R.3, Scotsburn, N.S.
June 6, 1978

Dear Mr. Kneen,

In your letter of April 17 you indicated that the Sheep Producers Ass'n would be interested in running a booth at the Atlantic Winter Fair. You did not yet have a definite commitment from the directors on this.

I'm wondering how you are coming with plans for the booth - are all the directors in agreement? On our part, the Producer Area appears to be coming along beautifully. We have something like fifteen commodity groups, plus the Federation of Agriculture which will feature especially beef, plus some of their other groups. It looks like a full house.

You suggest focusing on the food preparation side of mutton and lamb. This sounds good. I wonder whether we could plan for an informational booth, in the ten by ten space allotted to you, plus an active cooking demonstration in a separate area. Some of the groups want to put on demonstrations, and what we have in mind is to rotate them throughout the run of the Fair. You could have a couple of hour-long periods, or two hours, whatever is needed, with a home economist preparing lamb, handing out bite-size pieces to the public, giving tips on how to freeze, cook and serve. In this way the demonstration could supplement the booth. The booth itself could feature many of the items from your sheep Fair.

There's just one thought - we also will have a booth by Cumberland Wool Skin. Would there be any overlapping between them and your group?

If you'd like to meet with us to do some planning, I may manage a day to Truro in the next couple of months; or if you're in the Windsor-Kentville area, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Anne Hutten

Anne Hutten
R.R.1, Kentville, N.S.
B4N 3V7

April 17, 1978

Anne Hutten
R.R. 1
Kentville

Dear Ms. Hutten:

I am sorry that your letter concerning the Atlantic Winter Fair did not reach me a day sooner, as I would have been able to present it to our last Directors meeting.

However, I think I know our Directors quite well and I am sure that their response to your invitation would be positive. We have talked at times of trying to do things in other parts of the Province and you have presented us with a good opportunity.

I think that what we would like to do would be to set up a display, using some materials from our Sheep Fair, focusing on the cooking and eating of lamb and mutton. Just how we would do this would have to be worked out between our members and you. We have a number of very active members around Windsor, and it is they who do the canteen for our Fair. But I am also thinking of telling people how to prepare lamb and mutton. If we focus on just the food side, the project would be manageable.

So this is as definite an answer as I can give without a Decision of our Directors. I hope you can get the support you need to go ahead with this.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary

ATLANTIC WINTER

FAIR

WINDSOR STREET HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA

PHONE 455-2193



Brewster Kneen
Cold Springs, N.S.
March 28, 1978

Dear Mr. Kneen,

King Butler of Gaspereau tells me that you are secretary for the provincial sheep producers organization.

The Atlantic Winter Fair is being held this year October 7 through 14 at Windsor, N.S., on a strong "Back To The Country" theme. To help realize this, we would like to get as many producer groups involved as possible.

Would the sheep producers be interested in running a booth, 10' square, to promote their product? We'd especially like to see active displays or demonstrations, with free samples if possible. If you should come up with an idea that requires more space, we might be able to arrange for the use of a larger exhibit area for a few hours. Plans are still wide open.

The Fair will donate the space (\$300. per booth) to producer groups. To help the same people, the Dept. of Agriculture is working on design and backgrounds for the booths. If enough interest is generated from the producers, we may send a delegation to the Hon. Jack Hawkins and ask for a grant to cover staffing costs. This will depend largely on the response we get from your own and other organizations. We have about a dozen lined up at present - chicken, pork, apples, etc.

Please let us know your decision on this soon. We'd like to have firm commitments by the middle of April or so, as this is valuable space.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Hutten". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Anne Hutten, P.R. Director

R.R.1, Kentville, N.S.

B4N 3V7

NOVA SCOTIA



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND MARKETING
MARKETING AND ECONOMICS BRANCH

P. O. Box 550
Truro, N. S.
B2N 5E3

September 6, 1978

Dear Exhibitors:

As you are aware, the Atlantic Winter Fair is fast approaching. As has been the practice in the past, the Atlantic Winter Fair (through Anne Hutten) has asked that I consolidate all day and week passes for exhibitors. Could you please, by return mail, complete the attached exhibitors pass requests. Prompt return will allow for distribution of passes in advance of exhibit dates.

If any confusion arises, contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. P. Foote'.

R. P. Foote
Marketing Specialist
Marketing & Economics

ATLANTIC WINTER FAIR

EXHIBITORS LIST BY BOOTH ALLOCATION

<u>BOOTHS</u>	<u>EXHIBITORS</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSONS</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
75-82 inclusive	Federation of Agriculture (includes Mink Producers)	Lester Settle Jim MacAfee Donald Mullen	P. O. Box 784, Truro P. O. Box 550, Truro Box 64, RR#2 Weymouth
73,74,83,84	Beekeepers Association	Jerry Smeltzer Lorne Crozier	P. O. Box 550, Truro P. O. Box 550, Truro
66	Chinchilla Breeders	Carroll Spinney Jim MacAfee	Brookfield, Colchester Co. P. O. Box 550, Truro
67	Herb Growers	Alec McKinnon	P. O. Box 159, Bear River
68	W.I.N.S.	Norma Mosher	P. O. Box 550, Truro
69	Atlantic Fresh for Flavor	Gerald Rozee Susan Clark	P. O. Box 754, Pier 22, Hal. P. O. Box 550, Truro
71	Sheep Producers	Brewster Kneen	RR#3 Scotsburn
72	Spare		
70	Department of Agriculture	Ray Foote	P. O. Box 550, Truro
93,94	International Pumpkin Contest	Howard Dill	College Rd., Windsor
92	Combination Booth Vegetable Producers & Farm Fresh Marketing Assoc.	Roy Layton Pauline Meek Dave Smith	Port Williams Canning Dept. Agric. & Mktg, Mktg. & Econ. Br., Kent.
91	Woodlot Owners Association	Reg Foley	RR#3 Kentville
90	Dairygoat Association	Jim Keatley	RR#2 River John
89	Rabbit Producers Association	Victor Bent	P. O. Box 994, Wolfville
88	Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Assoc.	Lynn Hoffman	RR#2 Canning, Kings Co.
87	Pork Producers	Ken Canavan Sherry Porter	RR#3 Newport P. O. Box 550, Truro
85,86	Blueberry & Maple Producers	Sybil Brown Jack Sibley David Dickinson Dale McIsaac	RR#1 Bass River P. O. Box 550, Truro RR#1 Parrsboro P. O. Box 550, Truro

Mr. J. R. Wood
Lister Canada

Aug. 19, 1978

Dear Mr. Wood:

Further to my letter of Aug. 8. I was talking with Bill Oulton last night and I guess I did not understand the arrangements he thought he had made with Mr. Munn. It was Bill's suggestion that you try to supply a display of the handpieces and equipment you sell as few people here are familiar with them. Bill particularly felt that people should have a chance to see both the wide and narrow handpieces. It was also his feeling that the wide handpiece would be preferable as a prize. We would certainly be glad to provide display space for any equipment you could provide. If all types were on display, the winner could then choose wide or narrow.

I hope this clarifies the situation. I should have checked with Bill before responding last time.

It was a pleasure to have Mr. Munn with us last year and should it be possible for you or him to come to the Fair this year to make the award and enjoy the festivities, you would indeed be most welcome.

I am enclosing two copies of the catalogue, for you and Mr. Munn, as well as an invoice for your ad.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary

Mr. J. R. Wood
Lister Canada

Aug. 8, 1978

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you very much for your letter.

In a few days you should receive a copy of our sale catalogue. Your ad turned out very well.

I would think that the narrow handpiece would be very acceptable. The only other shearing machine in use, as I am sure you know, is the Sunbeam with the narrow (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") comb, and it would be easier for someone to go to the narrow Lister, I should think. May I take this opportunity to thank you and Lister for your generous contribution.

Could I suggest that there might be a number of people interested in the Lister machine and that if you have detailed information and prices, etc., perhaps we could make it available at the Fair. Our own flock runs 350 or so and we are using two sets of Sunbeam shears but not enjoying it. But it is a big jump to a Lister. A year ago I wrote to England to inquire about other shears and the information I received from Lister included the Lister Supreme portable clipper and shearing head. Could this machine be used on our 220 60Hz current? If so, what would the price be?

I look forward to hearing from you and to receiving your generous contributions to our shearing competition.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary



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July 27, 1978

Mr. B. Kneen
R.R. No.3
Scottsburn, N.S.
BOK 1RO

Dear Sir:

To recap the events to date, we were talking to Mr. Bill Oulton who informed us of the up and coming shearing competition of September 3rd 1978.

In response to Bill's request to purchase advertising space in your programme, we have made the arrangements with Mrs. Kneen to send our insert directly to the Pictou Advocate. We understand this has been received and therefore we will be pleased to receive an invoice for the amount we owe as soon as convenient for you.

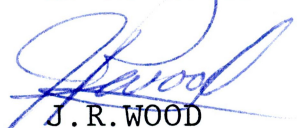
We are pleased to offer a donation to the shearing contest as well, which we will be sending to you under separate cover. We favoured sending all communication etc., to the one address and we trust this is convenient for you.

During the conversation with Bill, it was mentioned that not many people were aware of the availability of our narrow hand piece plus the fact that it is easier to handle for the beginner. We were wondering would the narrow hand piece be acceptable as a prize or would the wide hand piece be preferred?

We look forward to your reply.

Yours truly,

R. A. LISTER CANADA LTD.,


J. R. WOOD
Parts Manager

JRW:ep



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Our Order 8-2597

Invoice No. T 31787

Date Issued Aug. 21, 1978

Date Shipped Aug. 18/78

Customer's Order No. _____

Via Rush - CNX 2081

Date Aug. 17, 1978

Terms N/C

SOLD TO:

SHIPPED TO:

Sheep Producers Association
of Nova Scotia
c/o Mr. B. Kneen
R.R. #3
Scotsburn, Nova Scotia
BOK 1RO

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QUAN. ORDERED	QUAN. SHIPPED	BACK ORDER	PRICE	MODEL OR PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	
					<u>SHEEP SHEARING</u>	
1	1			249-10751	Narrow hand piece	N/C
6	6			228-10368	Combs	N/C
12	12			229-00267	Cutlers	N/C



A HAWKER SIDDELEY COMPANY

June 5, 1978



Cathleen Kneen,
R.R. #3,
Scotsburn, Nova Scotia.

Dear Ms. Kneen,

Thank you for your letter of June 2nd, concerning our "Country Canada" project on sheep. This is a co-operative effort between our unit and CBC-TV's "Land and Sea" program in Halifax. Mike Gillis will be using part of the effort for his "Land and Sea" program which is a more general look at the revival of the sheep industry in the Maritimes. Our program is a profile of Wayne and his operation, in which we will examine the prospects of the sheep industry in that part of Nova Scotia and in Canada as a whole. Wayne and I both come from the same part of Saskatchewan, so an added dimension we'll be including is what it's like to move from the Wheatlands of the prairies to the salt marshes of Nova Scotia.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Mike Gillis in Halifax. And also, please keep us both in mind if you have any material which will tell us a bit more about the sheep industry.

Yours Sincerely,

Sandy Cushon,
Host, "Country Canada"

cc:
Mike Gillis, Halifax

SG/ws

June 2, 1978

Dear Sandy Cushon,

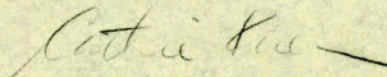
I understand from Les Stoodley that you are in the process of preparing a show on the sheep industry in general and Wayne Woolfitt in particular. That will be a very interesting assignment, ~~ix~~ since the sheep industry in this area is in a rather exciting phase of growth (as opposed to its comparative decline everywhere else on~~x~~ the continent).

While one reason for this is certainly the arrival of competent and dedicated farmers like Wayne (though he is in no way typical in the size of operation he has mounted - such a land base is simply not available generally, and the family flock is more usually 250-400 breeding ewes, which does support the family), I am sure that a major reason is the annual Sheep Fair.

This is a project of the Sheep Producers Association, focussing on the annual sale of breeding stock but also including just about every other aspect of sheep production, including the best ~~wool~~ wool craft show in the east. It focusses on breeding stock and shepherding skills because these are the big problems facing the expanding industry: both are in short supply, and neither can be created overnight. Marketing is less of a problem; prices in Truro have been the highest in the country over the past year, and what problems we have can be traced to small volume.

I trust you will be able to attend this year's Fair - I'm sure you will enjoy it thoroughly! And in the meantime, I would be more than pleased to help background you on the sheep industry in this area, in any way I can.

Sincerely,



Cathleen Kneen

Sept. 25, 1978

C.A. Douglas
N.S. Provincial Ex
Box 192
Truro

Dear Mr. Douglas:

Enclosed is our cheque for \$787.00 to cover rental and clean-up for the Sheep Fair.

Thank you for attending to the matter of manure and garbage disposal. It was a relief to all of us not to have to look after that matter this year.

We have had a great many comments this year on the excellence of the Fair and its organizations and particularly on the new building. It seems to be the opinion of everyone who attended the Fair that the new building was absolutely perfect for such an event. It certainly was easy to manage set up as it was. So please convey to the Board of the Ex our gratitude.

May I also take this opportunity to formally reserve the same space for the Sheep Fair in 1979 on Labour Day Weekend.

Best regards,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary



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P.O. Box 192,
Truro, N.S. B2N 5C1.
September 18th, 1978

Mr. Brewster Kneen, Secretary,
Sheep Producers Association of N.S.
RR#3, Scotsburn, N.S.
BOK 1RO

Dear Mr. Kneen:

We were very pleased to have your group hold its show and sale on our facilities again this year and trust, that from the facility standpoint, everything was satisfactory.

When talking with you while here, you stated that it was going to be very difficult to get people to do the necessary cleanup of the grounds and facilities. You talked with Scott Marlin and he agreed to get help to put the manure to the centre of the barns, clean up the Sales Arena and do some clean up around the buildings.

We arranged to get Johnstone & Blades to haul the garbage from the grounds and Willis Cavanaugh to haul the manure.

We have paid for these three items and are adding them to the invoice. Mrs. Marlin also mentioned the five panes of glass which were broken. These can be replaced at a cost of \$35.00. This is also added to the invoice.

Yours very truly,

C.A. Douglas / gm

C.A. Douglas,
N.S. Provincial Exhibition.

CAD/jm

April 17, 1978

David Coombes
Secretary-Manager
The N.S. Prov. Ex.
Box 192, Truro

Dear Mr. Coombes:

In reply to yours of April 4th. Yes, we agree to the price for the rental of facilities as outlined in your previous letter of Feb. 27. We will look after the cleaning of the barns following our sale at our own expense.

One question has been raised by our Directors who had heard that the yellow homecrafts building was to be coming down this summer. You had not mentioned that and indeed we have agreed that that is to be part of the facilities rented to us for the Sheep Fair. If this is not the case, please advise us immediately.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary



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P.O. Box 192,
Truro, N.S. B2N 5C1.
April 4th, 1978.

Mr. Brewster Kneen, Secretary,
Sheep Producers Assoc. of N.S.,
RR#3, Scotsburn, N.S.
BOK 1R0.

Dear Mr. Kneen:

Thank you for your letter of March 20th confirming your intention to utilize our facilities.

I trust that you will be using the facilities mentioned in my letter to you of February 27th, 1978. You have not indicated as to whether you wish us to look after the clean-up at your expense or if you plan to clean up the facilities yourselves. Please indicate what you intend to do.

We have been able to come up with a firm price for the use of the facilities, that price is \$600.00 for the time period required.

Yours very truly,

David Coombes/jm

David Coombes,
Secretary-Manager,
N.S. Prov. Exhibition.

DC/jm

March 20, 1978

David Coombes
Provincial Ex
Box 192
Truro

Dear Mr. Coombes:

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 27 outlining our agreement concerning facilities for the 1978 Sheep Fair.

We had a chance to deal with this at a recent Director's Meeting. It was the opinion of our Board that rental should be about \$500, the amount we can expect to take in at the door for admissions. This leaves us having to cover all our other costs out of solicited donations. We rely on the commission from the Breeding Stock Sale to pay for the costs of the Association during the year.

Enclosed is a copy of last year's Fair catalogue and program.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary



nova scotia provincial exhibition

P.O. Box 192,
Truro, N.S. B2N 5C1.
February 27th, 1978.

Mr. Brewster Kneen, Secretary,
Sheep Producers Assoc., of N.S.
RR#3, Scotsburn, N.S.

Dear Mr. Kneen:

It was a pleasure to meet with you last week to discuss your facility requirements for your 1978 Sheep Fair which is to be held August 31st to September 2nd.

This is to advise that we have confirmed the following buildings for your organization: -New building (unnamed as yet), approx. 140' x 80', available Friday noon, Aug. 31st to Sunday, Sept. 2nd - 5:00 p.m. Should there be any display forms, show cases, etc., in this building, they will be available for your use during this period. Any damages, will of course, be your responsibility. -Sales arena and two adjoining barns available Friday noon, August 31st through Sunday, Sept. 2nd - 5:00 p.m.

In the Sales Arena there will be an office with telephone (long distance calls - extra), washroom for your staff and committee, an area with water for your canteen purposes.

Homecrafts building available Friday and Saturday. I understand that this will be used for a social on Friday evening and possibly a dance on Saturday.

If you advise, public washrooms will be available in the Race Track area except for a time period allotted for Sunday races. This should be approximately from 2 - 4 p.m. Other arrangements for public washrooms will have to be made and I would suggest the possibility of the washrooms in the MacMillan Show Centre.

You mentioned that you may leave the cleaning up after your show to us, at your expense. If you would like to leave it that way you can be sure we will charge you only the expense of the clean-up. If you wish us to quote a price we will have to allow a margin to cover the unexpected.

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Concerning the partition between the stalls in the barns, we will make sure they are in good repair.

Regarding the cost, as I mentioned to you, the figure should be very close to last year's. Should you wish us to proceed, we will develop a firm price for your group.

Trusting our facilities will help make your '78 Sheep Fair a successful one.

Yours very truly,

David Coombes/jm.

David Coombes,
Secretary-Manager,
N.S. Prov. Exhibition.

DC*jm

Mr. John Dowling
Double Jay Farm

July 18, 1978

Dear Mr. Dowling:

Sorry for the delay - we have been making hay in heavy weather.

Breeding Stock Sale: Cheviots, Suffolks, and crosses are main breeds. Some
Clun Forest, Grayface Ewe Lambs, Leicester, etc.

1978 prices:	75	yr1. ewes ave/	\$113.00
	25	2 yr	ave. 80.00
	255	ewe lambs ave.	72.50
	89	mature	64.50
	64	rams - lambs ave	23.00
		mature	140.00

Lamb Sale: 1087 head - 778 feeders, sold as bucks, ~~ewe~~ or feeders (mixed
ewes and wethers)
287 breeders, mostly uniform lots of ewe lambs
22 rams for breeding

Total sale was \$39,282.00. I cannot give you the breakdown
on this without some difficulty, sorry.

Both Sales held in Truro, -breeding stock sale at Exhibition Grounds,
Feeder sale at Maritime Cattle Market. Rail transport available, but
most go by truck. Vallis and Powell do a lot of the trucking. I think
you could best get further information, should you require it, from
Maritime Cattle Market, Truro. Lambs can be held pending transport and
usually are. We will make sure they are well cared for, to a point.
Enclosed is our notice to consignors for this years sale which should answer
your other questions. Also enclosed is our last years catalogue. I will
send this years as soon as it is available.

25 June 78

Douglas Jay Farm
R.V. EDWARDSVILLE
ONTARIO
K7E 2V6

Dear Mr. Kuen.

Thank you for your early response to my letter.

Could you please advise

1. breeds you expect?
2. Where both sales are held?
3. Average price at sales last year?
4. Are the lambs mixed sex or not?
5. Will there be transportation available? At what price?
6. Are all breeding ewes checked for mouth & bag for both sales?
7. Could lambs be held pending transportation?

Yours again

Yours truly
John Dowling

John Dowling
Doublejay Farm
R 4
Gananoque, Ont.

June 19, 1978

Dear Mr. Dowling:

Thank you for your inquiry.

We run two sales each fall. The first is our breeding stock sale which includes both purebred and commercial stock, rams, ewe lambs, etc, with a total of 600-800 head. This is held Labour Day weekend in Truro. See enclosed card.

Our second sale is held the 7th of October this year. It is billed as a lamb sale and includes some breeding stock as well as cull ewes in addition to lambs. Last year we sold nearly 800 lambs with a total sale of 1090 head. These are good lambs sold in small uniform lots.

Our sales attract buyers from all over the east and often from further west. Our lamb sale regularly attracts Ontario buyers. I am sure you would find it worthwhile to attend.

As to Blackface breeders: Andrew Richardson, Scotsburn, BOK IRO
Brian Nettleton, Box 544, Truro

I hope you will find it possible to attend one or both of our sales.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Sec'y

DOUBLETAY FARM.
Rt GRANNO RUE Ont
K7G 2 V6.

Mr. Brewster Green.
Sheep Producers of Nova Scotia.
RR 3,
Scotsburn, N.S.

Dear Sir:

You looking for feeder lambs & some
breeding ewes.

You familiar with the Sale at MABON?
Are there any other sources outside of
Cape Breton - that I might obtain
lambs.

You also interested in obtaining some
Scottish Blackface ewes & ewes if you
could give me the names of some breeders.
Thank you for your attention

Yours truly

John Dowling

May 11, 1978

Dear Mr. Emke,

In response to your letter of May 1st:

- You are very welcome to bring breeding stock to our sale.
- There is no show of sheep associated with the sale; although there is a breed display as part of the Sheep Fair, it is designed simply to show the typical members of different breeds, and there is no competition.
- There is no limit on numbers that can be sold. I enclose a copy of the Fair programme/Sale catalogue from last year which includes the sale rules. As you will see, consignors guarantee that their stock is sound, and this is basically the only restriction.
- The sale will start at noon on Saturday, September 2, and sheep are to be delivered the previous day. Details will be sent to all consignors in plenty of time to make arrangements. Sheep leave the sale barn at the end of the sale, though many of us stay on for the Fair events on Sunday and do not remove our sheep until after that.
- The Fair and sale are held at the Provincial Exhibition Grounds in Truro, Nova Scotia. This is the major rail terminus and is just over half an hour from the Halifax airport. We can certainly send a detailed map if you want.
- There is no entry fee.
- The sale commission is 5%.
- We have arranged accommodation at the Agricultural College in Truro, quite near the sale facility. I am not yet sure of the cost for this year; last year it was \$7.50 for bed & breakfast, double occupancy. Otherwise there are good motels in the vicinity.

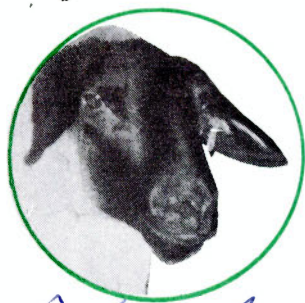
I enclose a sale report for last year's sale.

All this sounds very businesslike, and I would like to add that we would be more than pleased if you bring stock to this sale. We feel we have developed a sound market here for good quality, commercial breeding stock and I am sure that the addition of quality purebreds would be profitable for us all.

Please do not hesitate to let us help you in making any arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Cathleen Kneen for the secretary



Gumbo Suffolks

R.O.P. TESTED SUFFOLKS

MURRAY EMKE

R.R.1, ELMWOOD, ONTARIO, CANADA

NOG 150

May 1st/78

Sheep Producers Assoc. of Nova Scotia,
Brewster Kneen, Sec.,
R.R.#3,
Scotsburn, N.S.

Dear Sir:

I and several other sheep breeders from my area are interested in attending the 6th Annual Sheepshead Turf in Sept. We are interested in bringing sheep with us.
i.e. (Suffolk, Polled Dorset, Hampshire).

I would appreciate if you could send some information concerning my following questions:

- Can purebred sheep outside the province attend the sale?
- Is there a Breed Class Show?
- Rules and regulations to the Sale & Show
i.e. number that can be sold or shown.
- Arrival and Departure Times.
- Location of event i.e. map.
- Could you forward a 1977 Sale report?

"Quality Breeds Quality"

- What are the entry fees?
- What % is the sale commission?
- What accommodation is available?

I hope this letter is received in time, so further arrangements can be made if we should decide on travelling east.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, and hoping to see you, should we be able to attend the Sheep Fair at Turso.

Sincerely yours,

James Duke.

Canada Sheep Marketing
Council



Conseil du Marché du Mouton
du Canada

BOX 115, CARLETON PLACE, ONT. K0A 1J0
115 K7C 3P3

June 15, 1978.

Mr. Brewster Kneen, Secretary,
Sheep Producers Association of N. S.
R. R. # 3,
Scotsburn, N. S.

Dear Brewster:

Thank you very kindly for your Association cheque for \$1,125.00

We will check at our next meeting to see whether it is agreeable with council that the contributing associations receive copies of the minutes of the meeting. Now that they are directly involved financially it is my feeling that they should be a party to council's activities and should receive all information available.

→ On another matter the Wool Growers would like to put an ad in your sheep fair bulletin and would like to hear from you on this matter.

Best regards to you and Cathy.

Yours very truly,

J. C. Ross
Secretary Manager

JCR:cd

Bryan Coggan
RR 2
Sussex, N.B.

Speed Message

Date Jun 12 1978

To Jack Ross

From _____

Can. Sheep Council

Subject _____

Jack - Ted just called me and said I should get this off to you - just word I had about it once and getting it into our budget.

It would probably help communications if I got material from the Council ~~of~~ directly - or maybe I do already.

regards

encl.: cheque #1337 to amount of \$1125⁰⁰

Signed Brewster

Canada Sheep Marketing
Council



Conseil du Marché du Mouton
du Canada

BOX 1150, CARLETON PLACE, ONT. - K0A 1J0

January 12, 1978

Dear Mr. Lund:

The Canada Sheep Marketing Council, by unanimous decision at a recent meeting, has requested funds from the various Provincial Sheep Associations and Provincial Sheep and Wool Commissions to assist in financing the new Canada Sheep Council, which will commence when the current Council is phased out of existence.

We have attached a schedule showing the amounts due from each of the Provincial Organizations, which has been based on sheep population in Canada as of July 1st, 1977.

At a recent meeting Council has requested acceptance in writing from each of the Provincial Organizations to reach the Council Office not later than January 31st. Following acceptance, payment of the actual cash should reach the Council Office by March 31st, 1978. We would appreciate it very much if at your earliest convenience you would take this matter up with your Provincial Association requesting the acceptance of the amount shown, with a letter of acknowledgement and acceptance to be directed to the Council office. Verbal acceptance has been received from several of the Provincial Bodies, but the A.G.M.A.P. Review Board in approving Council's Project for financing, will require formal letters of acceptance.

Thank you for your early attention in this matter.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J.C. Ross'.

J. C. Ross
Secretary-Manager

JCR:es
Encl.

CANADA SHEEP MARKETING COUNCIL

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY ASSOCIATIONS

TO NEW CANADA SHEEP COUNCIL
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1977

ALLOCATION OF \$15,000. BUDGET

* BASED ON SHEEP NUMBERS AT JULY 1st, 1977 (000 OMITTED)

<u>PROVINCES</u>	<u>SHEEP NUMBERS</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Prince Edward Island	6.7	1.2%	\$ 180.00
Nova Scotia	39.7	7.5%	1,125.00
New Brunswick	11.6	2.2%	330.00
Quebec	43.5	8.2%	1,230.00
Ontario	131.0	24.6%	3,690.00
<u>TOTAL - EAST</u>	<u>232.5</u>	<u>43.7%</u>	<u>\$6,555.00</u>
Manitoba	19.0	3.6%	\$ 540.00
Saskatchewan	77.0	14.5%	2,175.00
Alberta	160.0	30.0%	4,500.00
British Columbia	44.0	8.2%	1,230.00
<u>TOTAL - WEST</u>	<u>300.0</u>	<u>56.3%</u>	<u>\$8,445.00</u>
<u>TOTAL - CANADA</u>	<u>532.5</u>	<u>100 %</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

* COURTESY OF STATISTICS CANADA

SHEEP FAIR

September 1, 2, 3 - 1978.

Friday - Saturday - Sunday

Exhibition Grounds
TRURO

A project of the Sheep Producers
of Nova Scotia for Further Information
contact Brewster Kneen, R.R. # 4,
Scotsburn - Saltsprings - 925-2768

Breeding Stock Sale - Hand Craft
Workshop

Shearing Competition - Craft
Completion

Lamb Barbecue - Wool Craft display

Many other Events -

Cape Breton Feeder Sale - Mabou
- Wednesday, October 4th, 1978.
- over 1,000 lambs to be offered. For
further information contact
Ann Cameron - Mabou



Come to the F A I R.

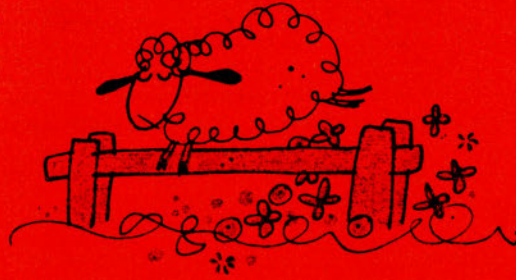
FEEDER LAMB SALE

at Maritime Cattle Sales - Truro
Saturday, October 7th, 1978.

over 800 lambs to be offered.

For further information contact the
Secretary, Brewster Kneen, R.R. # 3,
Scotsburn - Saltsprings - 925-2768

YOUR WOOL BOARD HELPS OVERCOME
THE HURDLES IN MARKETING WOOL



- Chairman - Harry Redmond
Central Zone RR#1, River John
- Board Member - Roy Evans
Western Zone RR#1, Kingston
- Board Member - Fred Lachowicz
Eastern Zone RR#1, North Sydney
- Secretary - Roy MacKenzie
P.O. Box 550
Truro - 895-1571
- Market Information - Fred Pierce
P.O. Box 550
Truro - 895-1571

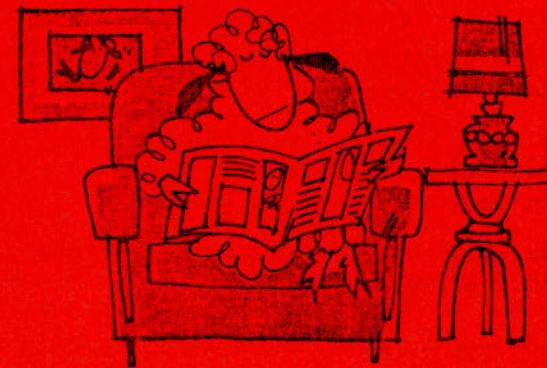


Information concerning Wool Marketing
write Wool Board, P.O. Box 550, Truro, N.S.

MARKETING
NOVA SCOTIA
WOOL

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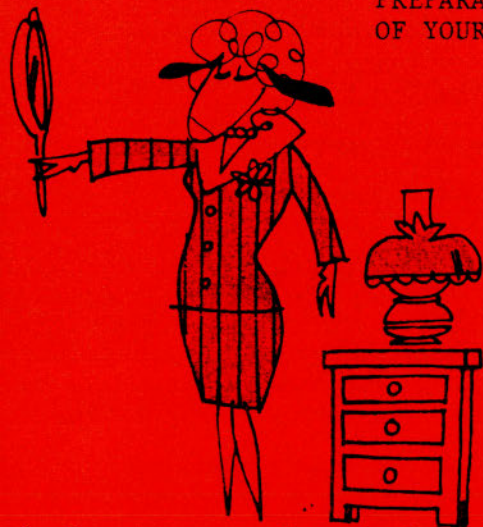
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WOOL MARKETING NEWS FOR '78

Prepared by
Nova Scotia Wool Marketing Board
and
Marketing and Economics Branch
Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture
and Marketing

PREPARATION
OF YOUR FLEECE



1. Remove tags, dung locks and soiled portions and put in separate bag.
2. Fold fleece inside out
DO NOT TIE.
3. Pack in clean bags. Two large bran bags opened up and sewn together make ideal containers.
4. Tag each bag with your name and address and the total number of bags in your shipment.
5. Ship as soon as possible, preferably before the end of June.

WOOL CRAFT SHOPS in Nova Scotia are also authorized to buy wool by making prior arrangements with the Wool Board Secretary - No Wool Board fee is required for quantity less than 1,000 lbs.

*This is the
Woolmark*



PURE VIRGIN WOOL



PRICES ARE ABOUT THE SAME AS 1977

PLANTS RECEIVING WOOL IN 1978

The following plants have been approved to receive wool for 1978 by the N.S. Wool Marketing Board.

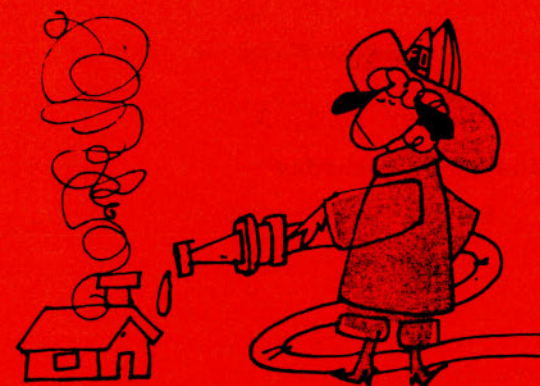
STANFIELD'S - Truro - 895-5406
paying 70 cents per pound fob Truro less marketing Board fee - payment is based on a normal Nova Scotia fleece that is free from excess moisture and foreign material.

BRIGGS AND LITTLE - Harvey Station, N.B.
506-366-5438 - 75 cents per pound for normal Nova Scotia fleece that is free from excess moisture and foreign material - 49 cents seedy - 15 cents tags, locks.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MILLING CO. - Irish Cove, C.B.
828-2776 - paying 70 cents per pound delivered less marketing Board fee - payment is based on a normal Nova Scotia fleece that is free from excess moisture and foreign material.

CONDON'S WOOLEN MILLS - Charlottetown P.E.I. - Prior arrangements MUST be made before delivery - 894-8712
70 cents per pound for a normal Nova Scotia fleece.

CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOLGROWERS - Carleton Place, Ontario - All wool from Scottish Blackface sheep is to be directed here - Prices are expected to be stronger than last year.



POLICIES OF THE WOOL BOARD

As in 1977 local Co-operatives and agents in Nova Scotia do not have the responsibility of handling wool and will not be compensated for co-ordinating shipments.

Maritime Co-operative Services will not be the agent for the N.S. Wool Board.

Rail Shipment of Wool are to be made to Briggs and Little or Co-operative Wool Growers who may deduct shipping costs from the final payment.

No deduction will be made from producers for marketing other than the fee of 1/2 cent per pound which is to be paid to the Wool Board.

Address all inquiries to the Wool Board, P. O. Box 550 - Truro
895-1571, Extension 193.

PAYMENT FOR WOOL

1. From each shipment, a fee of 1/2 cent per pound will be deducted by the processor or receiver and this deduction will be forwarded to the Nova Scotia Wool Board at the end of the season.
2. The processor or receiver will pay the producer directly for wool received.
3. No other marketing commissions or deductions will be made by the processor, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Board.

WOOL PRICING
POLICY OF THE NOVA SCOTIA WOOL MARKETING BOARD

Fred A. Pierce - Marketing Officer

The Wool Marketing Board has the authority under their marketing plan to buy, sell and store wool but chooses not to in lieu of a system which more accurately caters to the needs of the producers in Nova Scotia.

According to C.D.A. statistics, Nova Scotia producers, because of this approach, receive nearly the best price for wool in Canada which is quite an accomplishment when one considers that there is only one processor in the province.

Each year, the Marketing Information Officer of the Wool Board, solicits the four authorized processors or purchases paying prices for wool. Each of these plants is recontacted when the marketing intelligence information has been received, in an attempt to encourage the prices to be paid to be as uniform as possible and competitive as necessary.

When the final prices of each plant have been received these are confirmed by the Wool Board and then circulated to each known producer in the province along with other pertinent information to sheep producers, eg. dates of the Sheep Fair, Lamb Sale, authorized receiving plants, payment process for wool, preparation procedures for wool and a list of the Board members and officers for the ensuing year.

There are three members of the Wool Board representing three geographic areas of the province: East which includes all of Cape Breton Island; Central which includes Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou Counties and Western which includes the remainder of the province.

Each member is elected for a three year term. Producers are nominated each year for the zone whose term as expired. If no nominations are received the wool Board appoints a person from that zone to act as the Board member. In the past few years there have been no elections and most of the members of the Board have been appointed by the Board.

If you require any further information about the function and operation of the Wool Board please feel free to contact me.

Fred A. Pierce, Marketing Information Officer
Nova Scotia Wool Marketing Board
895-1571 Ext. 193

May 15, 1978.

Cape Breton Lamb Ltd.

P. O. Box 1330
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 6K3
(902) 539-6300

FARM OFFICE
R. R. No. 4, Mabou
Inverness County, Nova Scotia
B0E 1X0
(902) 258-2194

March 22, 1978

Mr. Brewster Kneen
Secretary
Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia
R.R. 3
Scotsburn, Nova Scotia
B0K 1R0

Dear Mr. Kneen:

Thank you for your letter of March 8 referring to the meeting and resolutions of the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia.

Fred Lachowicz, who has received a letter from you on the same subject, asks that this letter be regarded as a reply to your correspondence to him as well since the dates chosen for our sale were a consequence of discussions at the Board meeting which we both attended.

The Board of Cape Breton Lamb has decided that the open sale of stock will be held at Mabou on Saturday, September 30. I do hope that this is sufficiently close to the Nova Scotia Sheep Producers' sale on September 2 to comply with the wish expressed in their resolution, without being so close as to detract from that sale. Following our open sale, there will be an additional sale of breeding stock on Monday, October 2, but this sale will be limited to Cape Breton buyers.

I understand from the Cape Breton Sheep Producers' Association that they will be having their annual feeder sale on Wednesday, October 4, and should the Nova Scotia Sheep Producers have their feeder sale on Saturday, October 7, the publicity associated with our sale will hopefully also benefit the provincial feeder sale.

Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding our plans.

Yours sincerely,

CAPE BRETON LAMB LTD.



David Newton,
President

DN/es

March 8, 1978

Fred Lachowicz, President
Cape Breton Sheep Producers
R.R. 1, N. Sydney

Dear Mr. Lachowicz:

No doubt you will have seen the article in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald on Monday concerning our semi-annual meeting last Saturday. The reporter did not check with anyone else, and given the discussion, I thought she did extremely well. She did err, however, in her report of the resolution passed at the meeting.

As I have it in my minutes, and I checked with the mover of the resolution, the working is as follows:

That a formal letter be sent to Cape Breton Lamb and to Cape Breton Sheep Producers inviting their cooperation in the setting of a date for "off-island" sale of breeding stock on Cape Breton this fall, and suggesting that the date be set in as close proximity to our sale of breeding stock on Sept. 2 as possible."

Interpreting this, we are hoping there can be some consultation as to the date of the sale of the Cape Breton breeding stock and that the date can be as close to our sale on Sept. 2 as possible.

sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary

Marxh 8, 1978

Cape Breton Lamb
David Newton, President
Box 1330, Cabot House
Sydney

Dear Mr. Newton:

No doubt you have seen the report of our meeting last Saturday in the Monday edition of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald. The reporter did her best, which was good except for an error in the wording of the resolution passed. She did not check her story with us.

The resolution, as I have it in my minutes, and as it was confirmed by the mover, reads as follows:

That a formal letter be sent to Cape Breton Lamb and to Cape Breton Sheep Producers inviting their cooperation in the setting of a date for the "off-island" sale of breeding stock on Cape Breton this fall, and suggesting that the date be set in as close proximity to our sale of breeding stock on Sept. 2 as possible."

In accordance with this, may we invite your cooperation in the setting of a date for your sale, if possible, and may we suggest that it be held as near to Sept. 2 as possible.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary

May 23, 1978

Dear Stu:

Thanks for your reply to my letter. However, I must strengthen your argument in favor of the full \$1000 request.

The Sheep Fair needs no justification. Enclosed are a few more bookmarks.

On the fencing: I was rather disappointed that we never had more than the barest minimum of a verbal report from Roy on the College set up, which was an inadequate test anyway given the shortness of the fence and its location. The five wires would keep sheep in without power. I have had a lot of ~~visitors~~ visitors to see our different set ups because mine are done on a commercial basis, that is, minimal cost/maximum efficiency, and I am getting very good at it. I am doing what the "innovative demonstration" should have done, therefore I think it legitimate to ask the Dept. to give us further support to get the fencers and equipment at the lowest feasible cost to producers. To put it bluntly, Stu, I think the Dept. did a rather poor job last year and we are giving you a chance to make it up to us. (I think the six of us who got the energisers last year and did not pay duty, which we still owe the Association, should pay the Association that amount. I ~~fa~~ just heard from the Tariff Board that it will be at least the fall before we get a hearing. We could deduct the duty from the \$400 requested rather than billing the Dept. again. How's that for a bargain!)

May I invite you in one of your many "free moments" to drop by and take a look for yourself at what we are doing.

600⁰⁰ received



NOVA SCOTIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND MARKETING
LIVESTOCK SERVICES BRANCH

Truro, N. S., B2N 5E3
May 17, 1978

Mr. Brewster Kneen,
R.R.#3,
Scotsburn, Pic. Co., N. S.
BOK 1R0

Dear Brewster:

Received your letter of May 9th. It appears to me, on the surface, that your request for \$600 in support of the Sheep Fair will be considered favorably. However, the additional request of \$400 on fencing is going to be a little more difficult to deal with, simply because the Innovative Demonstration last year that was carried out with the electric fence, should be sufficient, in most peoples' minds, to eliminate any further expense. I realize your expense was in relation to the Tariff Board appeal, and should be considered as a legitimate expense, however I am not at all sure that this can be dealt with favorably.

Thanks for the bookmarks. I have distributed these to our staff and feel that if you have a dozen more that we could certainly give them out to people who would have an interest in going to the Sheep Fair.

Yours very truly,

Stuart F. Allaby
S. F. Allaby, P.Ag.,
Director,
Livestock Services

SFA/gp

*To make up for last year -
investigate work on farm -
CSA, etc.*

May 9, 1978

Stuart Allaby
Director, Livestock Services
Dept. of Agriculture

Dear Stu:

That was a worthwhile excursion to Moncton to meet with David Newton, and that is the last I have heard. We have not had a word from Cape Breton Sheep Producers - no minutes, no money, nothing!

Lambing came on us and only now am I getting anything else done. We keep learning of new problems one can encounter in running a large flock. Rams remain a problem with us - enough vigorous rams. Our twinning was not what it should be, and part of that is rams and part flushing properly. But we go on learning.

The real point of this letter is our annual appeal.

Rental of the Exhibition grounds will cost us \$600 this year, and since we are slightly altering the format, I should like to ask, on behalf of the Association, for a contribution of \$600 from the Dept. of Ag. for the Fair. I trust this will not be a difficult request to meet.

In addition I should like to ask for \$400 as a grant to the association for work on fencing, including the time and cost of the appeal to the Tariff Board. I have found that consulting on fencing has taken a bit of time and the Tariff Board appeal will take time. My stipend was increased this year to \$600 as you probably know, but there are still growing costs for the phone, cables, and postage, etc. Therefore the request for \$400 for administrative costs in connection with our work on the electric fencing.

I trust you will respond at your earliest convenience.

Enclosed are a few copies of the "bookmarks" that we are using this year. How many can you distribute one way or another?

Regards,

Brewster Kneen

March 6, 1978

Dr. Brian Nettleton
Box 536
Truro

Dear Brian:

In response to your letter of inquiry to the Directors of our Association may I take this opportunity to inform you that the Directors received your letter with interest.

As you know there have been periodic attempts to hold shearing schools but it would appear that you have had more success with this so far than others. In light of the apparent need for such schools and your interest in organizing such, the Directors of the Sheep Producers Association support your efforts in principle. We would like to receive further details as soon as possible so that we may communicate these to members of the Association.

Kind regards,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary
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March 28, 1978

Mr. John Mactavish
Deputy Minister
Lands and Forests
1740 Granville St.
Halifax

Dear Mr. Mactavish:

Could I express to you a belated thanks for the cordial meeting on March 1. Those of us meeting with you reported back to our meetings that we felt the conversation worthwhile and that we looked forward to having your cooperation should problems arise in the future.

At a Director's Meeting yesterday we discussed, briefly, the issue of livestock insurance as it might relate to sheep. We did not reach any conclusion though I am sure the discussion will continue. Part of the problem with sheep is the fact there are very few risks of an epidemic nature even though our death loss can be high. And predators strike so randomly and then particularly in certain regions that it would be hard to get a lot of producers interested.

I thought you might like to take note of the enclosed.

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Secretary



Nova Scotia
Department of
Lands and Forests

P.O. Box 516
Kentville
Kings Co., Nova Scotia
B4N 1C3
February 1, 1978

Mr. Brewster Kneen
Secretary
Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia
RR # 3 Scotsburn
Pictou County, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Kneen:

In reference to your correspondence with Hon. Vicent J. MacLean, I have been asked by the Deputy Minister, Mr. John Mactavish to determine if your group could meet with him in Halifax, March 1 at 11:00 a.m. in his office at the following address:

Truro 9:30
knows how exit

6th Floor, Dennis Building
1740 Granville Street
Halifax, N.S.

An earlier meeting date was originally suggested, however, other commitments have made it necessary to defer the session until March.

Yours very truly,

Merrill Prime,
Director of Wildlife

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Tremaine
Ted
B.K.

Finlay
Lund
Loghead
Kneen

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
for DEC. 3, 1977

S H E E P _ P R O D U C E R S _ A S S O C I A T I O N _ O F _ N O V A _ S C O T I A

- 1) Meeting convened by the President, Andrew Richardson, at 11:30 a.m. Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting (Feb. 18, 1977) were approved as read. A question was asked concerning the shearing school: a few people turned up at Ted Lund's. Members interested in attending a shearing school are asked to contact Nils Petersen or Ted Lund.
- 2) Predator Control: The Secretary reported on the problems of bears this year in Guysborough County. Quite a few sheep have been lost in different parts of the county. A letter concerning this from the Minister of Lands & Forests was read, as well as a letter to the Federation of Agriculture from the Antigonish Co. Federation concerning bears. At present, sheep killed in Pictou, Inverness and Victoria Counties by bears are compensated for by the Counties. The question of responsibility was discussed and the meeting felt that since bears are protected, they are the responsibility of the Department of Lands & Forests.

The following resolution of the Directors, passed by them Oct. 29, was moved and seconded:

"Whereas predators are one of the major deterrents to the expansion of the sheep industry and bears are an increasing problem to sheep producers in Nova Scotia, The Sheep Producers Association of N.S. requests that the Department of Lands and Forests assign a person as Predator Control Officer, to be available when needed and free of other duties, to deal with special predator problems wherever they arise. The Predator Control Officer should also be responsible for training other Lands and Forests personnel in predator control.

In addition, the Municipal Act should be revised to require compensation for sheep killed by bears."

In light of previous discussion the last sentence of the above resolution was amended to read:

"In addition, the Department of Lands and Forests should provide compensation for sheep killed by bears."

The amended resolution was passed unanimously. (Note: this resolution was also passed by the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Agriculture Dec. 10th.)

- 3) Sheep Fair: A brief financial report on the Sheep Fair was given:

With paid attendance of about 500, not including buyers and consignors, total income from all sources was about	\$ 4035.39
Total expenses, including prizes and \$660 loss on the barbeque, came to about	4586.02
Leaving a net loss on the Sheep Fair of (which also includes sale catalogue and rental of all facilities)	\$ 550.63
Breeding Stock Sale: 508 head sold for a total of	\$ 39,891.35
75 yearling ewes	
25 2-year olds	
255 ewe lambs	
89 mature ewes	
64 rams	
Commission and bid-in charges	2054.43
Expenses (no rental)	<u>432.96</u>
Sale net income	\$ 1621.47



MINISTER OF LANDS AND FORESTS
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

Dir. Mtg

P. O. Box 698,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
B3J 2T9,
January 3, 1978.

Mr. Brewster Kneen,
Secretary,
Sheep Producers Association of
Nova Scotia,
R. R. 3, Scotsburn,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Kneen:

I have requested my new Deputy Minister,
Mr. John Mactavish, to meet with your group early in
February once he has acclimatized himself to the Depart-
ment.

I certainly hope this will result in the
desired cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. MacLean".

Vincent J. MacLean.

CH Dec. 14/77

Extended season possible

The department of lands and forests might extend the hunting season on black bear, but is not at this time considering paying compensation to sheep farmers whose flocks have fallen victim to bears.

Lands and Forests Minister Vincent MacLean said in a press release Tuesday every effort is being taken to promote the hunting and trapping of the black bear, including provision of

snares, traps and advice for property owners.

However, compensation for damage to sheep flocks "does not necessarily fall within the jurisdiction of the department of lands and forests," he said.

Any compensation scheme would be very difficult to administer "considering the varied and often complex ramifications" associated with wildlife involved in depredation.

SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

Dec. 22, 1977

The Hon. Vincent MacLean
Minister of Lands and Forests
Halifax

Dear Mr. MacLean:

In response to your press release of Dec. 13 regarding bears:

I can appreciate the care with which you have stated your position at this time. We are well aware of the precedent that would be established in granting compensation for sheep killed by bears. We also realize that bee keepers and blueberry growers have problems with bears. It was in recognition of the broad scope of the problem that the resolution passed by the Federation of Agriculture was supported by three county Federations as well as the Sheep Producers.

Now that things are quiet, we would like to express our desire to meet with you and/or your new Deputy Minister without prejudice to see if we can establish a better working relationship than seemed to be possible with Mr. Burgess. Neither sheep nor bears are going to disappear, and we would rather work together without confrontation.

We should like to invite your Deputy, by name, as well as yourself, to meet with our Directors in January. Please let me know if this would be feasible.

Best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year,

Sincerely,

Brewster Kneen, Sec'y

P.S. Please to not weaken in your stand against budworm spraying!



MINISTER OF LANDS AND FORESTS
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

P. O. Box 698,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
B3J 2T9,
November 9, 1977.

Mr. Brewster Kneen,
Secretary,
Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia,
R. R. #3, Scotsburn,
Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Kneen:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 31, 1977, with reference to black bear and sheep.

In regard to depredation control personnel, one technician is assigned primary responsibility for depredation control in each district. Depending on the number of complaints, this person may spend nearly full time on depredation control in his district during problem periods. In view of the demands made of personnel to control depredation problems, there is no way that a Provincial depredation control officer could possibly devote as much time to any one district as the assigned technician can. At the present time there are twenty technicians assigned to depredation control.

To my knowledge, this Department has received no complaints regarding a lack of cooperation from our assigned depredation control technicians. In reference to Guysborough County, I have been advised that six requests for assistance have been received. Action taken involved the setting of nine snares which were tended by Department staff until the bears were either killed or the problem ended. Additional advisory assistance was provided with an offer of physical assistance if required.

Mr. Brewster Kneen

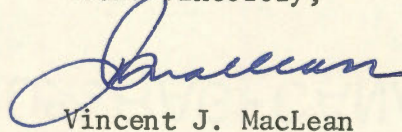
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November 9, 1977

A lengthy hunting and trapping season coupled with lenient legislation for the property owner regarding control of nuisance animals appears to be a reasonable approach by this Department as an aid to reducing the problem. I can assure you, however, that sheep in predator habitat will always be susceptible to predation.

Our assigned staff are always available to assist in controlling or reducing depredation from wildlife but are not solely responsible for direct protection of any property.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. MacLean", written in a cursive style.

Vincent J. MacLean

SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

Oct. 31, 1977

Vincent MacLean, M.P.A.
Minister of Lands and Forests
Halifax

Dear Mr. MacLean:

I was pleased to see the item in the press recently wherein you have called for public input concerning the restructuring of the Department of Lands and Forests. As you are well aware, Sheep Producers have some particular concerns regarding Lands and Forests, concerns shared with other farmers, about predators and the behaviour of hunters.

Last Friday I was in touch with your Deputy, Mr. Burgess, concerning several bear complaints that have come to me from Sheep Producers in Gusborough Co. It appears that at least in the Antigonish district of your Department, sheep producers are very dissatisfied with your Department. A number of producers in the Guysborough and Goshen areas have lost at least 19 sheep to bears so far and they tell me that they have had little cooperation from your department in getting rid of the bears doing the killing.

As you know, farmers have been having increasing problems with bears in recent years, in addition to the coyote problem of the past year. Knowing the cooperation we got from your Department once the matter came to your personal attention, we trust that with the proper information you will want to ensure that your Department gives full support to the farmers facing predator problems.

To refresh your memory on matters as they stand in regard to predators and sheep producers, I enclose a copy of the minutes of a meeting held last February which included your representative.

At a meeting of the Sheep Producers Association Directors last Saturday, Oct. 29, the following resolution was passed:

That the Department of Lands and Forests assign a man, free of other responsibilities, for predator control when needed. This person should be available to carry out particular predator control duties when the need arises, to train other Lands and Forests personnel, and to travel to any District requiring special assistance. This responsibility should be recognized in any reorganization of the Department of Lands and Forests, as it is already part of Provincial Government policy to encourage expansion of the sheep industry and predators are one of the major deterrents to an expanded sheep industry.

That the Municipal Act ought to require compensation for bear kills.

We look forward to your continued cooperation and would be happy to supply you with any further information or details that you require.

Respectfully,
Brewster Kneen, Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY DEC. 3, 11 A.M., TRURO

S H E E P _ P R O D U C E R S _ A S S O C I A T I O N _ O F _ N O V A _ S C O T I A

MINUTES, DIRECTORS MEETING, OCTOBER 29, 1977

- 1) Present: Andrew Richardson (President), Tremaine Finlay, Ted Lund, Nils Petersen, Dave Oulton, Brewster Kneen (Sec'y), Roy MacKenzie (Dept. of Ag.)
Due to lack of quorum, meeting convened informally at 11:15 to consider:
- 2) Manpower Training Questionnaire: agreed that this questionnaire should be circulated at the Annual Meeting, and opinion expressed that people interested in learning about sheep should have a small flock to start with.
- 3) Abortion: a major problem in Nova Scotia sheep flocks that is not acknowledged is that of abortion. Too many ewe lambs and yearlings either abort or do not lamb at all. Why? Producers need to be educated about this problem, particularly since there is an effective vaccine available at reasonable cost.
- 4) Marketing: perhaps the association should intervene in the market when prices are unsteady, as in August - possibly the Association should buy and hold lambs in a feedlot until the fall lamb sale.
- 5) "College Royal, NSAC": the trophy donated by Cathie Kneen for "Grand Champion Sheep Showman" will be donated to the College Royal by the Association.
- 6) Electric Fencing: it was agreed that this item should be placed on the agenda of the Annual Meeting, with producers reporting on their use of electric fence.
- 7) Registration of Scottish Blackface: Andrew Richardson reported on the difficulties of registering Scottish Blackface sheep in Canada, including delays and costs, which are so great that importation becomes impractical in spite of Assistance Policy.

A quorum was achieved at 1:00 and the meeting proceeded with the following:

- 8) Minutes of the last Directors Meeting, Feb. 18, 1977, were approved as read.
- 9) Federation of Agriculture revised allotment was discussed and accepted. Concern was expressed that the Federation is run by the Executive and not by the Board of Directors and the Executive is composed of hog and dairy farmers, with smaller commodities like sheep not being represented.
- 10) Livestock Council: the Secretary reviewed the situation and reported that a grant of \$300 was received from the Council to cover the cost of alteration to the sale ring at the Prov. Ex. to accommodate sheep. While the bill came to \$275.29, the job was not satisfactory and the Association will press for effective completion of the job at no further cost to the Association.
After discussion of the Council, the following motion was passed:
The Sheep Producers Association would like an explanation of what the Livestock Council has done, what it is doing, and where it is going.
- 11) Predator Control: the Secretary reported a number of complaints regarding bears, particularly in Guysborough County. Apparent lack of effective assistance from the Dept. of Lands & Forests was reported. After reference to the Predator Control Committee meeting of Feb. 17 last, the following resolution was proposed and passed:

Whereas predators are one of the major deterrents to the expansion of the sheep industry and bears are an increasing problem to sheep producers in Nova Scotia, The Sheep Producers Association of N.S. requests that the Department of Lands and Forests assign a person as Predator Control Officer, to be available when needed and free of other duties, to deal with special predator problems wherever they arise. The Predator Control Officer should also be responsible for

training other Lands & Forests personnel in predator control.

delete { In addition, the Municipal Act should be revised to require compensation for sheep killed by bears. }

The support of the Dept. of Agriculture should be sought for this resolution.

The Secretary reported on the Hungarian Komondor dog purchased by the Department of Agriculture and residing on his farm. The dog shows no interest in the sheep and no inclination to guard anything and the Kneens wish to get rid of her. This project was not accepted as an "Innovative Demonstration" and at the moment funding for this project is in question. The dog, costing \$300, was purchased out of a grant of \$1000 to the Association for this project and in support of the Sheep Fair.

- 12) Canada Sheep Marketing Council: delegate Ted Lund reported on the position of the Council supporting retention of existing controls on scrapie until the disease is eradicated in Canada. The Directors support the position taken by the Council on this matter.
- 13) Sheep Fair: a number of points were raised concerning the Sheep Fair; it was felt that the field belonging to Stanfields where the dog trials were held this year is a good place for the trials, but in the future they will have to be run faster and concurrently with other events; the Barbeque lost \$659.05 due to the fact that only half of the people expected turned up. The barbeque was planned for 400, up from 350 last year when we ran short and many people were turned away. On facilities, it was felt that the cost was too high, particularly considering the lack of services. Ted Lund said that he was unwilling to handle another breeding stock sale. He pointed out that the people running the sale should not also have to clean out the barns on Sunday. Cleaning should be contracted out. The Directors felt that people should not make suggestions unless they are willing to help. A small committee should be solely responsible. Ted Lund and Nils Petersen agreed to make a presentation to the Annual Meeting about the Sheep Fair, emphasizing the need for help.
- 14) Cape Breton Sheep Producers: The question was raised as to why we pay expenses of two directors from Cape Breton when we receive no financial support from Cape Breton Sheep Producers. It was agreed that we should start mailing directly to individual sheep producers in Cape Breton, in response to numerous inquiries.
- 15) Annual Meeting: meeting date was set as Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m., in the Dairy Building, N.S.A.C. Truro. In addition to a review of the Sheep Fair and the Sales, there will be an Interim financial statement
Discussion of electric fencing
Review of Provincial sheep policies - including establishment of a committee to take a long range look at the industry in the Province
The terms of office of three directors expire with this meeting: Dave Oulton, Ernest McLennan, and Andrew Richardson. Election to fill these three vacancies will be held.
- 16) Meeting Adjourned at 5 p.m.

respectfully submitted,
Brewster Kneen, Secretary
Sheep Producers Association of N.S.
R.R. #3, Scotsburn, N.S.

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ANTIGONISH COUNTY FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

R.R.#3, St. Andrews
Antigonish County
NOVA SCOTIA
October 31, 1977

Hon. Vincent MacLean
Minister of Lands & Forests
Box 698, Halifax,
NOVA SCOTIA B3J 2T9

Dear Mr. MacLean:

On behalf of concerned farmers in Antigonish and Guysborough Counties, the Antigonish County Federation of Agriculture Board of Directors are requesting that the bounty on bears be reinstated and that while bears are a protected species in this Province that the Department of Lands And Forests compensate farmers for losses incurred by bears.

At a meeting this week, it was learned that several farmers have had a number of sheep killed by bears (one farmer lost ten sheep including a purebred ram), a dairyman reported severe injury to two cows and several reported corn and other crops damaged by these animals. As long as bears are protected by your Department we feel the Department of Lands And Forests should take some of the responsibility for these losses that are being suffered by farmers.

It was felt that having the bounty reinstated on bears might succeed in reducing the bear population to a controllable level again.

We ask that serious consideration be given to this request at least in our area where the bear numbers seem to have increased to a level where their damage has become quite widespread.

Yours truly,

Joe Van de Wiel

Joe Van de Wiel
President

Marlene MacMillan

Marlene MacMillan
Secretary

c.c. A.M. (Sandy) Cameron

Hon. William Gillis

Hon. Jack Hawkins

Lester Settle, Manager, N.S. Federation of Agriculture
President, N.S. Sheep Producers ✓

Mr. Ralph Hale, Manager, Lands & Forests, Antigonish

PREDATOR CONTROL REPORT - Sheep Marketing Council
Chairman-David Kimber *Alta.*

Members -Floyd Williams *Sask*
-Murray Hubbard *NS*

The predator committee met on Oct. 27, 1977 at Empress Alta., a small town on the Alta.-Sask. border. We met on the prairies as it meant only one member had to travel a long distance.

We used the Alta. resource people, namely J. Bourne, Field Supervisor, because they have, we feel, the most advanced predator program of any province.

We used the Sask. resource people in the names of Dr. J.R. Jowsey, Predator specialist, and D. N. Milligan, sheep specialist, as they have worked mainly with the Li Cl program in which the council is very interested.

Out of our discussions the following recommendations were made:

1. This committee endorsed the use of electric fences for some sheep farms.

We recognize it is not fully proven as a predator control method.

However, great progress has been made in the types of fencing, and the cost in relation to building a sheep fence is now more realistic. The

Alta. resource people will provide all prov. extension people with the latest information on electric fencing, for the cost of distribution.

2. Due in part to the ~~f~~^ounding ~~of~~^{by} the Can. Sheep Council the S-sk.

predator people now are very familiar with Lithium Chloride program.

The committee recommends that any province considering the use of LiCl. should consult the Sask. specialist, Dr. Jowsey. The program has now expanded to Alta.

3. The committee recommends investigating the possibilities of setting up predator research in conjunction with other pest research being done by Fed. & Prov. departments. Some of this could be done in conjunction with U. S. research. Perhaps funds are available. This will require a follow up by the committee.

4. The committee feels that all provinces should have a compensation plan for lambs & sheep killed by predators - be it coyotes, dogs, wolves, bears etc. In some cases it would mean keeping producers in business. Some provinces have a plan, others have no plan, as was indicated in the former predator report. It was felt that amendments could be made to the existing programs. One idea expressed was that an insurance plan be introduced to be contributed to by the producer and Prov. Govt., or a Federal-Provincial-Producer contributory plan.
5. It was the feeling of the committee that a producer education program in regards to predator control is needed in every province. Having said this, we recommend that a video tape be made on predator control to include all forms of controls such as den hunting, electric fences, M44's, snares, poisons, hunting, snowmobiles, carrion disposal etc. The Alta. people have offered to make this tape and pay part of the cost. We further recommend that the council fund a share.
6. The committee feels that a real effort must be made to establish a working relationship between conservation groups, predator specialist, and sheep producers.

LAMBS

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LOT	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	SEX	WT.	PRICE	BUYER
OCT 7 1978 Lamb Sale						
red 4	Kneen	7 lambs		975 375	.64 ¹ / ₂	Isemer
" 5	Kneen	7 lambs		330	.69	Brown
" 6	Falconer	10 wethers		975	.60 ³ / ₄	bonway
" 7	Falconer	4 wethers		445	.64	Bid In
" 8	Falconer	8 lambs		520	.70 ³ / ₄	bonway Cannally
" 9	Kneen	20 lambs		1175	.67 ¹ / ₂	bonway
" 10	Kneen	16 lambs.		915	.66 ³ / ₄	Woolfit
orange head	John Brown	17 lambs		620	.73 ¹ / ₄	Lehensoom
blue 11	Austin Patquin Rives John R.R. 4	1 lamb.		80	.63	Isemer
blue 12	Angus Rouse	8 lambs.		515	.70 ³ / ₄	Parker
red 13	"	9 lambs		665	.71 ³ / ₄	Parker
blue 14	Finton Benoit	7 lambs		460	.68 ³ / ₄	Greenfield
red 15	Danell Heigton R.R. 2 Pictou	6 lambs.		300	.69 ¹ / ₂	bonway Stonally
blue 16	Harry Redmond	15 lambs		935	.70 ¹ / ₄	bonway Stonally
blue heads	Ted Lund	21 lambs		1145	.68 ³ / ₄	Presentis
blue 0	"	3 lambs		155	.65	Isemer
blue back	"	20 lambs		970	.69	Reidson

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red 17	Kneen	7 lambs		535	.65 ¹ / ₄	Woolfit
blue 18	"	13 lambs		815	.65	Woolfit
red 19	"	18 lambs		990	.67	Richardson
blue 20	Anquos Rouse	1 lamb		75	.64	Isenor
red 21	Gunner Olsen	1 lamb		65	.66 ¹ / ₄	Alderton
Blue rump	Ted Lund	24 lambs		1050	.71 ¹ / ₂	Kenning
Blue —	"	21 lambs		630	.74	Kenning
Brown Rump	"	20 lambs		735	.74 ¹ / ₄	Kenning
blue 22	Roger McInnes 40 Ted Lund	4 lambs		210	.65 ¹ / ₄	Alderton
red 23	Kit Robinson	7 lambs		415 395	.68	Bonway
blue 24	Brewster Kneen	18 lambs		835	.69 ¹ / ₂	Richardson
red 25	Tom His Petersen	4 lambs		355	.55 ¹ / ₂	Alderton
blue 26	Nils Petersen	12 lambs		995	.60 ³ / ₄	Woolfit
brown 28	Bill Mathewson	6 lambs		410	.62 ¹ / ₂	Isenor
blue 29	Nettleton	10 lambs		390	.70	Richardson
orange 30	Martin Mac Donald Saltsprings	6 lambs		510	.58	Isenor
green 31	Martin Mac Donald	9 lambs		675	.62	Isenor
brown 32	Martin Mac Donald	15 lambs		1145	.62	Isenor
green 33	Dale Cahill R.R. 5 Souris PE1	10 lambs		540	.67	Parker
brown 34	Halbert Mac Donald	3 lambs		130	.65	Alderton

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orange 35	Halbert Mac Donald	7 lambs		540	-65	Woolfit
brown 36	Burman Olsen	11 lambs		750	-64	Isonar
brown line	Eastern Farms	11 lambs		710	-64 ¹ / ₂	Isonar
blue line	Eastern Farms	24 lambs		1230	6.6	Richardson
red 37	James Allan	2 lambs		100	-62 ¹ / ₂	Isonar
red line	Philip K. Porter Kentville P.E. 1	20 lambs		1235	-65	Woolfit
red X	Bill Feltnate	16 lambs		1580	-61 ¹ / ₂	Isonar
black 7-8	Quarry Island Farm Box 489 New Glasgow	8 lambs		535	-65 ¹ / ₄	Woolfit
black head	Richie McInnes	18 lambs		1230	-68 ¹ / ₄	McIntosh
brown 38	Boyd Langille RR1 Tatamagouche	5 lambs		400	-62 ¹ / ₄	McIntosh
blue 39	Tory Buchanan	2 lambs		80	-63	Parker
brown 40	Alonzo Robinson RR 4 River John	2 lambs		90	-64	Parker
blue 41	Angus MacPherson	5 lambs		365	-63 ¹ / ₂	Isonar
brown 42	Alonzo Robinson	3 lambs		250	-60	Isonar
red 43	Earl Burton Shubeneadie RR2	11 lambs		730	-65 ¹ / ₂	Woolfit
green R	Peter Anderson	3 lambs		285 440	-65	Richardson
orange red O	Peter Anderson	14 lambs		805	-66 ¹ / ₂	Bonway
red 44	Ray Crockett	3 lambs		220	-65	Isonar
red 45	Wenain Finlay	12 lambs		915	-65	Bonway
black spot head	Petersen	12 lambs		705	-68	Richardson

EWES

LOT	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	SEX	WT.	PRICE	BUYER
blue 70	Finton Benoit Lowetto Farms, Pota Pot Newfoundland.	1 Ewe			10.00	Hedonthis
blue 71	John Brown	11 yearling ewes			77.50	Kneen
blue 72	Gunner Olsen	1 Ewe			46.00	Hedonthis
red 73	Ted Lund	1 Ewe			34.00	Falkenberg
blue 74	Roger McInnis	6 Ewes (1-2yrs)			72.50	Kneen
red 75	"	3 Ewes			55.00	Lund
green 76	"	6 Ewes (1-2yrs)			56.00	Hedonthis
blue 77	"	6 Ewes			37.50	Habrynyple
red 78	"	5 Ewes			37.00	Hedonthis
brown 79	Bill Mathewson	1 ewe			25.00	Falkenberg
red 80	Halbert McDonald Louis RR5 PEI	4 ewes			30.00	Nettleton
brown 81	Sammar Olsen	5 ewes			66.00	Mathewson
red 82	"	4 ewes			71.00	Conway
green head	Eastern Farms	20 ewes			57.00	Nettleton
gr. head red rump	" "	10 ewes			60.00	Nettleton
no mark	?	1 Suffolk ewe				
brown 83	Boyd Langille R.R.1 Tara.	4 Ewes			11.00	Hedonthis
brown 84	Geoff Richardson	1 ewe			44.00	Lund
Blue 85	Letoy Warner	1 1/2 ewes			87.50	McInnis
Blue 86	Peter Anderson	1 ewe			49.00	Conway
					60.00	Pipley

EWES

LOT	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	SEX	WT.	PRICE	BUYER
Blue 87	Ray Crockett	3 ewes			45.00	Wentworth
Blue 88	Stanton Sanford	3 ewes			30.00	Wentworth
Blue 89	"	5 ewes			49.00	Leunway
Brown 90	Donald Brown	1 ewe			150.00	Nettleton
Brown 91	Tiel Loughheed	4 ewes			46.00	Wentworth
Brown 92	"	1 ewe			40.00	Matthews
Brown 93	Julie McKenzie West River Station #2	2 ewes			54.00	Dewar
Brown 94	Ronnie Gordon #2 Westville	2 ewes			44.00	Fackherham
Brown 95	Brad Persing R.F. 2 Hampton N.S.	4 ewes			15.00	W. Hecimovich Wichamond
Brown 96	"	4 ewes			65.00	Leunway
Blue 97	Kit Robinson	1 ewe			31.00	Wentworth
Blue 221	"	1 ewe			60.00	Nettleton
Black #94	Orange line M. C. M.	3 ewes			110.00	Meuller
Blue ramp	Way Ferguson	7 ewe lambs			41.00	Bed In
Blue head	" "	7 "	"		41.00	Wentworth
Blue back	" "	10 "	"		41.00	Wentworth
Blue line	W. Ram Van Buskirk Tangier Halifax Co.	8 Ram Lambs (horned)			38.00	Isenor
Blue X	Lenard Bigrey River John	82 Suffolk lambs			42.00	Wentworth

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LOT	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	SEX	WT.	PRICE	BUYER
blue 1	Austin Patruquin Rivers John	7 ewe lambs		545	43.00	Falconer
red 2	Fulton Benoit	4 ewe lambs		225	40.00	Lund
blue 3	Soot Falconer	8 ewe lambs		775 775	64.00	Falconer
red 4	"	9 ewe lambs		775	92.50	Blacklock
blue 5	"	8 ewe lambs		630	70.00	Bid In
red 6	"	7 ewe lambs		740	67.50	Bid In
blue 7	Gunner Olsen Amherst	5 ewe lambs		415	54.00	Downey
red 8	"	5 ewe lambs		375	47.00	Isenor
blue 9	"	5 " lambs		385	49.00	Grant
red 10	Roger McInnes to 2nd hand Amherst	7 ewe lambs		430	40.00	Lund
blue 11	Kit Robinson	8 ewe lambs		435	41.00	Isenor
red 12	Brewster Kneen	11 ewe lambs		655	40.00	Woodfit
green 13	Brian Kettleton	4 ewe lambs		200	36.00	Lund
brown 14	Halbert Mac Donald	10 ewe lambs		825 390	55.00	McEachern
red 14	Huddopsky	8 ewe lambs		540 145	49.00	Falconer
orange 15	Huddopsky	6 ewe lambs		530	51.00	Falconer
brown 16	Doug Ferguson	13 ewe lambs		1035	50.00	Downey
orange 17	Doug Ferguson	4 ewe lambs		230	35.00	Wesentis
blue 18	"	10 ewe lambs		670	46.00	Wesentis
orange 19	Eastern Farms	11 ewe lambs		710	42.50	Wesentis

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LOT	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	SEX	WT.	PRICE	BUYER
blue 20	Eastern Farms	12 ewe lambs		830	51.00	Falconer
grey ^{blue} 22	Bill Feltmate St. Andrew's, Antig. Co.	7 ewe lambs		570	55.00	Falconer
blue 21	"	10 ewe lambs		920	63.00	Falconer
brown 23	Boyd Langille	3 ewe lambs		250	48.00	Hirtle
blue 24	Johanna Verhagen RR1 Merigonish	5 ewe lambs		500	66.00	Conway
red 25	"	5 ewe lambs		430	52.00	Moroney
red 26	"	7 ewe lambs		515	43.00	Isenor
brown 27	Anne Law see yellow	1 ewe lamb lamb sheets		65		
red 28	Ray Crockett	16 ewe lambs		1245	52.50	Mueller
brown 29	Johanna Verhagen	18 ewe lambs		1020	51.00	Grant
red 30	" "	6 ewe lambs		420	44.00	Isenor
grey 31	Dennin Finlay	5 ewe lambs		325	43.00	Lund
red 32	Don Brown	1 registered cheviot ewe lamb		75	85.00	Red In
purple neck	NSAC	9 ewe lambs		615	45.00	Isenor
grey B	John Maclean	5 ewe lambs		410	52.50	Conway
grey C	"	5 ewe lambs		435	57.50	Alewar
grey E	RR2 Antigonish Nyril Campbell	12 ewe lambs		875	51.00	Red In
red square	Muddofsky	4 ewe lambs		295	49.00	Falconer

RAMS

LOT	OWNER	DESCRIPTION	SEX	WT.	PRICE	BUYER
200	Falconer	1 Black Ram			25.00	Lund
blue 200	Danell Heighton R.R. 2 Pictou	Ram			25.00	Halpinple
blue 201	Nils Petersen	1 ram			60.00	Lund
brown 202	James Allan R.R. 4 Linn John	Dorset ram lamb	✓		39.00	Brydon
brown 203	"	Dorset ram lamb	✓		41.00	Buchanan
brown 204	"	N.C. Cheviot ram lamb			37.50	Senclair
brown 205	Ridhie McNis R.R. 5 New Glasgow	N.C. Cheviot Ram			40.00	Wickimovich Buchanan
brown 206	Boyd Langille	Suffolk Ram			20.00	Desert's
brown 207	Cory Buchanan R.R. 1 Elmsdale	N.C. Cheviot Ram			20.00	Buchanan
brown 208	Geoff Richardson	Cheviot Ram			40.00	Kneen
brown 209	Anquo MacPherson	Cheviot Ram			50.00	Perry
blue 210	Stephen Faulkenham R.R. 6 Bridgewater	Dorset Ram			52.50	Porter
blue 211	"	Black Ram			20.00	Porter
blue 212	"	Black Ram			25.00	Lund
blue 213	Charence Reid R.R. 4 Amherst	Suffolk Ram			60.00	L Peterson Lund
blue 214	Ray Crockatt	Cheviot Ram			50.00	Pipley
215	Don Brown	Ram Lambs			80.00	Lund
216	"	Ram Lamb			75.00	Crockett
217	Jim Hewitt	Cheviot 245 Ram			110.00	Langille
218	"	cheviot (yearling) Ram			75.00	Lund

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Stirling

Richmond CO

Via RRI Gabarous

John Breton
OP's

Dear Brewster;-

At our Director's meeting
yesterday it was agreed that we would
meet with your Board at Antigonish
on March 20 at the Agriculture Hall
at 12 noon.

Respectfully yours

John Alex MacLeod

Feb 16/79 BOA 1KO Stirling
Richmond CO
Via RRI Gabaruso

Dear Brewster,-

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At a meeting of the Cape Breton
Sheep Producers (Feb 3) I was appointed
Secretary and you and I ~~was~~ ^{were} appointed
to set up a meeting of the Nova
Scotia Sheep Producers and the Cape
Breton Sheep Producers. On Feb 24 you
and I should get to-gather before the
meeting and talk this over. as the
Directors of NS gets paid for travel
and the Cape Breton ^{on Dist} we were thinging
that St Peters would be a good place
to meet. Hoping to see you on the 24

Respectfully yours

Don MacLeod

Re Director Donald MacLeod is still
Director

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Dec 22/78

Stirling
Richmond CO
Via RR Gabarous
Cape Breton
NS

Secy Nova Scotia Sheep Producers

Dear Sir:-

Due to Mr Guy Saunders at the ann
meeting of the Cape Breton Sheep Producers on
Nov 25 1978 telling the meeting that Mr Donald
MacLeod had resigned as Director of the Nova
Scotia Sheep Producers I was appointed to
replace him, As Mr MacLeod did not resign
and is still a Director of the Nova Scotia
Sheep Producers

I here by resign as Director of the
Nova Scotia Sheep Producers

Respectfully yours

Dan Alex MacLeod

Jan. 5, 1978

Mr. Dan Alex MacLeod
Stirling
Via r.r. Gabarouse

Dear Dan Alex:

Thank you for your letter of Dec. 22. As you are probably aware, we were already in receipt of a letter from Mr. Donald MacLeod.

I met yesterday with our President, Roy Evans, and you will have received a copy of his letter to Donald MacLeod. We were distressed by what seems to have happened, but as I explained to Donald MacLeod, we were acting in good faith and assumed that what Guy Sanders said was the truth. It is our feeling, agreed upon yesterday, that as far as we are concerned you are a Director of our Association for the next year.

Beyond that, the matter is something that will have to be settled by the Cape Breton Sheep Producers. I do hope that you can work it out. Obviously we need a reliable representative from Cape Breton.

Sincerely,

January 2, 1979

Mr. Donald MacLeod
Loch Lomond, N.S.
East Bay RR #1 BOA 1HO

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 19, 1978.

We were somewhat surprised by the contents of your letter as the two Directors from Cape Breton are selected by the Cape Breton Sheep Producers Association. Mr. Dan Alex MacLeod attended our Directors meeting of December 2, 1978, and it was stated that he had been elected to succeed you. It was duly moved, seconded, and passed that Mr. Dan Alex MacLeod be accepted as a Director to complete the term of Donald MacLeod.

You can appreciate the concern your letter has caused, however, we must accept what is presented to us by the Cape Breton Sheep Producers Association, consequently I believe you should direct any future enquiries to that body.

I don't recall that we have ever met, but I look forward to meeting you in the future, and trust that the Cape Breton Sheep Producers Association can resolve this matter to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Yours truly,

Roy N. Evans
President
Nova Scotia Sheep Producers Association

cc Secretary NSSPA
cc President CBSPA
cc Mr. Guy Saunders
cc Mr. Dan Alex MacLeod
cc File

Leek Leland, N. S.

Coast Bay R.R. #1 BOA 140

Dec. 19, 1978

Mr Brewster Kren

Seaboard - N. S.

Secty - S.P.A.N.S.

Gentlemen,

At the recent annual meeting of the Cape Breton Sheep Producers Association - one, Guy Sanders offered the information that I had resigned as director to the N. S. S. P. A., and "had never attended meetings"

I have looked up several copies of minutes mailed to me, and note my nomination "from Nov. '76. The minutes of Dec. 14/76 - Feb. 18/77 and Mar 27/78 list me as present at meetings.

Notice of meeting for Dec. 2 (Sat.) shows date of expiry of directorship as '79, I did not attend that meeting because another director was appointed to replace me. I did not attend in Aug, being busy at haymaking.

How does a director resign? I assume I would be expected to forward a letter of resignation. Was such a letter received or

read at a meeting? If so, could I have a copy, please?

It would seem that Guy Saunders must have information from one of your meetings before he would commit himself to making a statement of this sort at a meeting of the C. B. S. P. A. If not, I'd suggest you double check any dubious information that he may feel free to carry, ostensibly, from the Cape Breton Association.

The previous lack of communication between the N. S. and C. B. groups would be much preferable to this type of mis-information.

Respectfully,

Donald MacLeod

Rr 1
East Bay N.S.
Box 110

Dec. 22, 1978

Donald MacLeod
East Bay R.R. 1

Dear Donald MacLeod;

Thank you for writing. I am a bit at a loss as to how to reply, but I am certainly glad you have gone to such trouble to write so carefully. I find the situation confusing. May I tell you what I know of the situation.

You are correct that your term expired in 1979. However, several years ago, after some difficulties with Directors from the other end of the Province who were elected and agreed to serve but who never came to meetings, the Association decided that any Director who missed three consecutive meetings would no longer be a Director. This was simply to make it possible to have a functioning Board.

According to my record, the last meeting you attended was March 27. Subsequently there were Directors meeting on Aug. 12, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18. To the best of my knowledge you were sent notice of each of these meetings. At no time did I receive from you a letter of resignation, and the question of your status only came up after the Nov 18 meeting, and on Dec. 2 at the Directors Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. On Dec. 2, Guy Sanders volunteered the information that you had resigned "months ago". Dan Alex was present at that time, so I assume it was he that told you of this.

Last night I was writing up the minutes and was having difficulty wording the report of the discussion concerning Cape Breton. At the meeting Oct. 21 it was decided by the Directors that henceforth all nominations for Directors should come from the floor of our annual meeting. In light of what Guy Sanders said and of Dan Alex statement that he had been nominated to fulfil the remainder of your term, we decided to let the matter ride until we could discuss it in person with Cape Breton Sheep Producers. Dan Alex assured us that this would be possible early in the new year. Consequently, at the Annual Meeting no mention was made of your situation as Director.

Now I am wondering what to do with the minutes, as I have no desire to add to the mis-understanding/misrepresentation, or whatever. I guess I will have to skip over the matter until we can get it fully clarified. It would help very much if you could have the minutes of your Cape Breton annual meeting sent to me.

Any further clarification you or Dan Alex can provide would be greatly appreciated. How do I take what Guy Sanders says? Who does he speak for?

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year - may your flock thrive!

Committee studying possibility of holding sheep sale in Mabou

By GRACE HAYDEN
Staff Reporter

TRURO — The Nova Scotia Sheep Producers Association formed a committee this weekend to study the feasibility of holding next year's Maritime sheep sale in Mabou.

The semi-annual meeting of the association received a request from Cape Breton sheep producers to hold this year's sale on the island.

The association members agreed the industry cannot support two separate sales successfully, but pointed out that a considerable amount of planning and expense had already gone into this year's sale, making it impossible to change its location at this late date.

A letter will be sent to Cape Breton Lamb Ltd. asking them to bring their stock to the mainland this year, so that buyers will be able to take advantage of both sales within a two to three day period.

Guy Sanders, Orangedale, representative for Cape Breton Lamb Ltd. pointed out that Deevco is working with Cape Breton sheep producers to promote the island as an area of good breeding stock.

The importation of 1,500 breeding stock will result in 300-400 animals coming out of three year quarantine in time for this year's sale. In connection with this importation, Cape Bretoners would prefer to the sale take place on the island for the next two years, he said.

"Cape Breton breeders could make a very important contribution to the industry if the mainlanders could see fit to bring the sale to the island, so that Cape Breton producers could experience the procedure first hand," Mr. Sanders said.

He said such a move would provide "a golden opportunity to show all other commodity groups that decisions should be based solely on the interests of the overall industry.

In an address to the meeting, Charles Hubbard, Shinimicas, president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, stressed that farmers must accept the responsibility of deciding what is to happen in the field of agriculture in future years.

Mr. Hubbard said input from commodity groups comprising the federation is needed on to-

pics such as Canada's cheap food policy, marketing, costs of production, farm income stabilization, the future of the family farm, manpower training, and research.

Charles LaLonde, special projects manager with the federal department of agriculture said that since production efficiency can be improved only through motivation, the federal government is designing projects aimed at improving the sheep industry.

He said the record of performance (R.O.P.) program is the responsibility of all breeders, either purebred or commercial, since it facilitates selection within the herd, and indicates which animals should be retained.

Cathy Kneen, Scotsburn, told the meeting that because of the

lack of clarity in the country's present food system, the People's Food Commission is seeking the support of organizations in various communities to determine the actual situation of the producer, the processor and the consumer.

The members passed a motion indicating that they would actively participate in this program by making their position known to the commission.

Members also agreed to support the proposed changes in production and importation policies as presented by Ernie Maynard, livestock superintendent with the provincial department of agriculture.

Mr. Maynard noted that these changes were designed to improve the industry by development of flocks of young, high quality animals.

C.H. — Mar. 11 '75
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Truro Animal Hospital

Dr. L. B. Nettleton,

M.R.C.V.S.

VETERINARY SURGEON

Mr Tremaine Finlay,
President,
Sheep Producers of N.S.,
R. R. #4
Amherst.

March 6th 1978.

Dear Tremaine,

First, may I congratulate you on your masterful control of Saturday's meeting. Perhaps it was because you did not know what a powder keg you were sitting on that you were able to be such a sobering influence on the somewhat tense tempers of those who knew what was brewing between Cape Breton and Mainland sheep producers.

Under the circumstances I feel that this was a good meeting. All present knew the issues at stake by the end of the day, and I am sure that those who are seriously committed to sheep have by now realised the possible long term disruption of the provincial sheep industry if this rift is allowed to continue.

I felt somewhat responsible for your embarrassment at being kept in the dark over this split. When speaking at meetings I fear that I have an unhappy knack of irritating people. This was evident in my exchange with Angus Rouse over the matter contact with the Cape Breton sheep and subsequent export to the States. Partially because this knack of mine I have tended to keep away from meetings for some time now, otherwise you might have learned of this impending split from me.

Perhaps it is only fair for me to let you know some of the background of events leading to the current situation. I write these comments and views as a producer of eighteen years standing with currently 700 sheep and the intention to expand further. I have served as director to the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association for some three terms and then as President of this organisation. During my contacts with other areas of Canada I have constantly sought information which could be turned advantage in Nova Scotia. Further as you know Martha and I started the livestock auction sale here in Truro and so have been intimately involved in the livestock trade until we sold the business to Frank Berkelaar two years ago.

In the last three years neither Martha nor I have participated in Sheep Producers affairs having become tired of the constant criticism and innuendos. The main theme of which seems to be that we are constantly "On the make.", that we are looking after our own interests. Of course we are but in doing so we have always been open and prepared to share with other producers in any favourable opportunities that we have uncovered. In this respect I think you attended the first lamb sale after we had made contact with the Ontario ethnic trade. From this first sale some 15 years ago grew the concept of the Sheep Fair and the system of sales that we have today.

Three years ago Martha resigned as President from the provincial organisation. One major factor being lack of loyalty to Sheep Fair projects by committee members responsible for these projects. At this time I took exception to the failure of the Directors to record her letter of resignation either at a Directors meeting or at the following open meeting and so I feel that the implication is that my wife left ~~the~~ under something of a cloud. Do I blame the Secretary or her successor as President for this omission?

During these last three years we have bought land in Cape Breton and have been building up our stock to the present 700 head level. Though we have had little to do with the provincial organisation, we have attended meetings of the Cape Breton Sheep Producers and so have been aware of the growing friction between the two groups. At the same time we have become very much aware that we were disliked in certain cases by people with whom we had had no person contact. Some of the comments would appear to have originated from the mainland. It would probably have been too late to achieve collaboration if you had learned the facts a month ago when Mr Allaby first intimated to ourselves and Ted Lund the prospects of bringing forward the release date of the Cape Breton sheep but considering that there have been two meetings during this time I am surprised that Ted Lund, who is in such close contact with the Cape Breton group who own the sheep, failed to realise the urgency of the issue. Then again I find it strange that Mr David Newton, President of Cape Breton Lamb Ltd., should not realise the crucial importance of the decision of Health of Animals to bring forward the date of the release from quarantine. This was vital if Guy Sanders was make a realistic presentation of the situation. How could your Directors discuss attracting the "Off Island" sheep to the Sheep Fair without knowing that the release date had been changed. I am quite sure that had they known then a far more lucid presentation could have been made to the open meeting.

Now to end on a more positive note, and I hope that I am not grasping at a straw, I see today that the Halifax Herald has misquoted the the resolution relating to the letter to the C.B.L. and the C.B.S.P. presidents. According to the newspaper, these two groups are being asked to send the "Off Island" sheep to the Sheep Fair sale this year. This is precisely the stand that I would take. In return for the consignment of these sheep to the 1978 sale I could offer to take the 1979 sale or Fair to Cape Breton, provided DEVCO assist financially as indicated by Guy Sanders. Otherwise I am afraid that the retention of the sheep for sale in Cape Breton this year will be hailed as a victory and the offer to take the combined sale there next year as bonus to their efforts at independence. There can be no assurance that the following year our central sale will be supported by Cape Breton. Why should they? We will have shown them how to run a sale and demonstrated what revenue can be generated from a sale of perhaps 3000 head. As I see it they will achieve their declared objective of making Cape Breton the center for sheep, but it will never be as significant as Truro could be to the detriment of the overall industry.

Though Martha is not here to endorse my thoughts, she like the other Cape Breton farmers attending the meeting, drove back to Cape Breton after the meeting, I know that I am speaking for her when I say if our help is required we would be glad to assist to hold the provincial sheep industry together.

Sincerely

Bruce Nichol

R.O.F. / Jan. 4 1978

Sheep industry eroding

The steady erosion of the Canadian sheep and lamb industry is expected to continue throughout 1978.

Federally-inspected sheep and lamb slaughter to October 1977 was 111,757, down 29 per cent from the corresponding period in 1976. The decrease is due mainly to a drop in farm inventory numbers plus a decline in live slaughter-lamb imports.

Sheep and lamb numbers on farms totalled 532,000 on July 1, according to Statistics Canada, a five per cent drop from the same time a year earlier.

The general drop in price and increased availability of feed grain expected in 1978 may temper sheep and lamb number decline, but not too significantly.

Not only have numbers decreased throughout the Seventies, but the number of farms reporting sheep and lambs have also dropped — from 10,380 in 1971 to 8,833 in 1976.

A corresponding decrease in wool production has occurred with the 1977 crop of 2.069 million pounds down 14 per cent from 1976. Production is expected to decline further in 1978.



NOVA SCOTIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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P. O. Box 550
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December 13, 1976

Mr. Brewster Kneen
R.R. # 3
SCOTSBURN
Pictou County
Nova Scotia

Dear Brewster:

You are not very often wrong and you are right again.

Because of the peculiar situation in the marketing of lamb in Nova Scotia it is almost impossible for an abattoir to prosper or even meet expenses in the lamb slaughtering business.

It seems that the Montreal market has been very strong paying \$1.15 or so to producers and this has given strength to the Truro market.

Also at the same time retailers here are not prepared to pay much over the \$1.15 and so this leaves no margin for the processor. This is what I have been led to believe is the marketing situation in Nova Scotia.

We will remove the lamb prices as previously quoted since there is no other reliable price to quote for dressed lamb and we will continue to quote the Maritime market.

Thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred A. Pierce".

Fred A. Pierce
Market Development Officer

FAP/smg

Jan 16 draft

JOINT DREE/NOVA SCOTIA TASK FORCE ON AGRICULTURE

SHEEP SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

This Report is submitted by:

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PRESENT STATUS

- (a) 18,000 breeding females in the Province in 1973.
- (b) Largest flock 900 ewes.
- (c) 28-30 flocks of 100 or more breeding females.
- (d) Average flock size 30-35 ewes.
- (e) Provincial lambing percentage (lambs marketed per ewe bred) 95%.
- (f) Lamb prices have been strong for a period of two years. 40-60¢ per pound live weight, depending on period of the year.
- (g) Wool price at present is 55-60¢ a pound on a fluxuating market.
- (h) Farm value at present approximately 1/2 of 1% of the Total Farm Receipts.

HISTORY

In 1901 there were 270,000 sheep and lambs in Nova Scotia. In 1973 there were 34,000 sheep and lambs.

WHY THE DECLINE?

- (a) Economics
- (b) Parasites
- (c) Predators
- (d) Social Attitudes
- (e) Soft Markets
- (f) Fencing Costs
- (g) Low Wool Prices

Many of the above named reasons for decline have now improved, such as parasite control, strong markets, improved economics and higher wool prices.

MARKET SITUATION

The Province produces approximately 20-25% of the lamb and mutton consumed. The market for fresh lamb at present is strong and demand is great.

MARKETING PROBLEMS

- (a) Lack of a uniform supply of fresh quality lamb.

At the present time it would appear that the opportunity to increase sheep numbers is excellent. Price for the products is strong and interest in a viable industry is high.

RESTRAINTS

- (a) Lack of top quality breeding stock.
- (b) Management skills lacking.
- (c) Lack of adequate predator control.
- (d) High cost of feed grain.
- (e) Lack of short term capital.
- (f) Difficulty to assemble a large land base in one area to support a commercial sized flock.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMS

A. We decided that lack of top quality breeding stock was the Number 1 Problem.

- (1) The production of a good Pure Bred Stock is the basis for genetic improvement. At the present time this quality breeding stock is lacking. Assistance in the purchase of Pure Bred breeding stock should be provided. Sources of purchase would be the U. S. A. and British Isles.
- (2) Many of the good Commercial ewe lambs are going to slaughter each year and are lost to the production side of the Industry. Because of this fact, a Ewe Retention Policy is greatly needed. Such a Policy could be designed in Two Sections.

A. EWE RETENTION PROGRAM

Retention Of Ewe Lambs:

SECTION I

The Policy would encourage the retention of acceptable ewe lambs by the Producer to increase the number and quality of his flock. An Assistance Grant of \$25.00 would be made available to the Producer to hold back or purchase ewe lambs to expand flock numbers. This \$25.00 incentive would enable the Producer to raise the short term capital required to feed and manage these ewes until they reach a productive age.

With this Policy a Producer could select ewe lambs or purchase ewe lambs from other Producers. Assistance would be paid in the Fall and Winter months after the owner has selected his additional breeding stock.

To be eligible, an Applicant must have a basic flock of 25 breeding females and must retain or purchase at least 10 additional ewe lambs. Facilities, feed supplies and managerial skills must also be present before the increase is granted. The maximum increase per producer per year would be 100% of his basic flock number.

This Policy would also include an inflationary clause which would adjust the amount of Assistance available. As the production cost index goes upward or downward so would the Assistance granted. *5 year program,*

This Assistance of \$25.00 would also be available on the purchase of good Yearling ewes. These ewes could be purchased in the Province as well as in other parts of the country. Lambs bonused the previous year would not be eligible for this additional Bonus as a Yearling.

Breeder eligibility would be the same as stated in the retention of ewe lambs.

SECTION II

This Program would encourage Sheep Producers to specialize in the raising of replacement stock. A number of good ewe lambs are slaughtered each year or are purchased as feeders. If we could encourage a few Producers to purchase these good quality ewe lambs, many would be saved for breeding purposes.

An Incentive Grant of \$15.00 per ewe lamb at time of purchase would enable some Producers to buy these lambs and raise them until they become productive. It would be the Producers responsibility to purchase these ewe lambs, raise them to breeding age and sell them the next Fall as open yearlings. This sale could best be handled through a Central Auction.

To be eligible a Producer does not have to maintain a basic flock of breeding females, but must purchase at least 10 ewe lambs and agree to offer them for sale as open yearlings the following Fall. *These yearlings would be eligible for a \$25 bonus for subsequent purchases.* Established Producers with a base flock could also use the Program, if desired.

lambs must

B

Because of the fact that in many cases technical and practical experience is lacking in many newly established sheep flocks, a qualified Sheep Technician should be employed to assist with the above Program.

This Technician could also do "On Farm Demonstrations" and organize local Short Courses on feeding - management - breeding - shearing - lamb procedures and related sheep topics. The Technician could also develop and expand the R.O.P. Sheep Program in the Province.

ANNUAL Cost.....	\$30,000
FIVE Year Cost.....	\$150,000

C

Because of the fact the sheep can utilize forages to a great extent for growth, finishing and production and because of the high cost of grain production and Western feed grain, more extensive work needs to be carried out on forages to improve quality and lengthen the pasture season.

A Sheep Demonstration Farm should be set up to show Producers what can be done with forages and at the same time demonstrate correct Sheep Husbandry methods.

This Demonstration Farm could also be used as a testing ground for new feeding systems, record of performance feeding trials and a Quarantine Facility for any breeding stock purchased in the United Kingdom. This type of facility could be a very important research tool in the Sheep Industry.

ANNUAL Cost.....	\$30,000
FIVE Year Cost.....	\$150,000
SUPERVISOR'S Salary.....	\$10,000
FIVE Year Cost.....	\$50,000

D

Because of the high cost of fencing material and because sheep require a good fence for control and organized grazing, an Assistance Policy on the purchase of sheep fencing should be considered.

Nova Scotia is noted for its ability to grow high quality grass. Because of this fact the Sheep Producers should be encouraged to make the best possible use of this resource.

Under such a Program a Grant amounting to 50% of the cost of the wire and pressure treated posts (if available) should be offered to the Producer. If treated posts are not available or if the Producer wishes to use his own untreated posts, the Grant would cover 50% of the fencing wire only. The amount of Assistance available would depend on the number of sheep and the type of land used for grazing. Only grazing land would be covered under this Policy.

ANNUAL Cost.....	\$20,000
FIVE Year Cost.....	\$100,000

E

Because experience in Sheep Production is probably the most important aspect of the Industry to a new Producer, on the job training programs should be set up to give prospective sheep producers the practical experience they need. It may be possible to work with some of the larger producers in the Province and with their co-operation arrange on the job training at their farms for a 6 to 8 week period at lambing time each year.

Candidates would have to be selected very carefully for this type of Program. Only those considering Sheep Production on a Commercial scale. This Program would be financed by Government and arrangements under this Program would be made by Government and participating Producers.

ANNUAL Cost.....	\$10,000
FIVE Year Cost.....	\$50,000

F

A Program of land assembly and distribution in order to create viable units is necessary. If we can increase sheep numbers by 20,000 in five years 8000 to 9000 acres of good cultivated land would be required to handle this increase.

G

Credit facilities should also be expanded for medium and long term loans.

The Sheep Sub-Committee also recommends that the Health Of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada, be encouraged to take a much closer look at new drugs available in the Industry used in other Countries. These drugs could assist the Industry in Canada greatly.

Import Regulations on sheep purchased in the British Isles should also be improved so that breeding stock can enter Canada with the least possible difficulty and inconvenience to Producers.

C O S T S

YEAR Cost Of the Program.....	\$250,000
TOTAL Five Year Cost.....	\$1,250,000

It should also be pointed out that the effects of possible inflationary trends over this period should also be included in the Estimates.

R E T U R N S

INVENTORY Increase.....	\$1,600,000
ESTIMATES Sales.....	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3,600,000</u>

RESULTS

- (a) Increase sheep numbers
- (b) A more viable sheep industry
- (c) Improved breeding stock
- (d) Increased agricultural returns
- (e) Increased income to producers
- (f) Increased utilization of Agricultural land
- (g) Improved feeding programs
- (h) Improved management skills
- (i) Increased wool production
- (j) Increased lamb production
- (k) Larger more efficient sheep units

OFF SHOTS OF THIS PROGRAM

- (a) Possible sheep skin tanning industry.
- (b) Sale of breeding stock to outside Provinces.
- (c) Forage improvements could be passed on to the Dairy and Beef Industry.

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Truro, Nova Scotia
January 16, 1975
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FARM MANAGEMENT

N.S. DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING



1978-20

SHEEP ENTERPRISE DATA

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Basic Assumptions:

Breeding Ewes	100	Ewe Mortality	5%
Lambing Percentage	130	Shipping Weight	90 lbs.
Replacement Percentage	20	Feeder Percent	20
No. of Ewes per Ram	33.3	Feeder Weight	70 lbs.

April Lambing

RECEIPTS:

				<u>PER EWE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Lambs	1.04	x	90 lbs.	x .63 =	58.97	5,897
Feeders	.26	x	70 lbs.	x .58 =	10.56	1,056
Wool			6 lbs.	@ .70 =	4.20	420
				TOTAL =	73.73	7,373

EXPENSES:

Hay	666 lbs.	^{\$45 / ton}	@ 2.25¢ =	14.98	1,498
Grain, Ewes	125 lbs.		@ 7.0¢ =	8.75	875
Salt and Minerals			=	.65	65
Vet. and Drugs			=	2.25	225
Ewe Depreciation			$\frac{\$64 - \$30}{5} =$	6.80	680
Ram Depreciation			$\frac{\$150 - \$100}{2 \times 33.3} =$.75	75
Ewe Mortality			5% of \$64 =	3.20	320
Pasture Hay Equiv.,	3 lbs./day	@ 1¢/lb.	x 180 days =	5.40	540
Shearing			=	1.35	135
Fencing			=	2.00	200
Marketing			=	2.10	210
Interest on Operating Capital			$\frac{(40.68)}{2} \times 13\% =$	2.64	264
			TOTAL VARIABLE COSTS =	50.87	5087
Gross Margin			=	22.86	2286

FIXED AND OPPORTUNITY COSTS		PER EWE	TOTAL
<u>Interest on Investment -</u>			
Land	.3 A./Ewe @ \$100/A.	= 30	
Building and Equipment	\$15/Ewe	= 15	
Ewe	$\frac{64 + 30}{2}$	= 47	
Ram	$\frac{\$100 + \$150}{2 \times 33.3}$	= 4	
	TOTAL	= 96	
		@ 9% =	8.64
			864
Building Depreciation	$\frac{\$6,300 - 0}{20}$	= 3.15	315
Taxes on Bldg.	$\frac{(\$63)}{(2)} \times \$2.00/\$100$	= .63	63
	TOTAL FIXED AND OPPORTUNITY COSTS	= 12.42	1,242
	TOTAL VARIABLE AND FIXED COSTS	= 63.29	6,329
	RETURNS TO LABOR, MANAGEMENT AND RISK	= 10.44	1,044

Effect of Lambing Percent on Returns:

<u>Lambing %</u>	<u>Cash Receipts/Ewe</u>	<u>Gross Margin/Ewe</u>	<u>Labor Return/Ewe</u>
100%	57.68	6.81	-5.61
110%	63.02	12.15	-.27
120%	68.37	17.50	5.08
130%	73.73	22.86	10.44
140%	79.06	28.19	15.77
150%	84.42	33.55	21.13

SOURCE: Farm Management Division,
Extension Services Branch, N.S.D.A. & M.

SHEEP PRODUCTION BUDGETS

The following budgets are revisions of the budgets in the fact sheet, "Economics of Sheep Production". They can only be used as guidelines as every farm is different and no two places will have the same costs and returns.

It is worth noting the dramatic rise in ownership costs. The factsheet figures are based on \$50 ewes and \$150 rams. The annual ownership costs were \$10.25. Even with a big rise in cull ewe prices the ownership costs have more than tripled on \$150 ewes and \$260 rams.

BUDGET WORKSHOP PER EWE
Production System

INCOME:			
1.3 lambs @ 55 lb	\$107.25 *		
1.3 lambs @ 100 lb		\$114.40 **	
1.3 lambs @ 100 lb			\$102.70 ***
Wool 7 lb @ 50 ¢	<u>3.50</u>	<u>3.50</u>	<u>3.50</u>
Total expected returns	110.75	117.90	106.20
EXPENSES:			
Feed:			
Hay @ 2.5¢/lb	20.00 (800 lb)	22.50 (900 lb)	15.00 (600 lb)
Grain @ 5¢/lb	6.25 (125 lb)	13.75 (275 lb)	5.00 (100 lb)
Creep feed @ 10¢/lb	4.50 (45 lb)	4.50 (45 lb)	
Salt & Mineral	1.00	1.00	1.00
Pasture			
Ewe 4¢/day	8.00 (200 days)	8.00 (200 days)	8.00 (200 days)
Lamb 2¢/day		1.80 (90 days)	2.40 (120 days)
Total feed cost	39.75	51.55	31.40
Disease & parasite control			
Worming materials	1.50	1.75	2.00
Vet & medicine	1.50	1.50	1.50
Dip & spray	.40	.40	.40
Total	<u>3.40</u>	<u>3.65</u>	<u>3.90</u>
Ownership:			
1. Ewe depreciation 15-75-5	15.00		
death loss-5% ewe value	5.60		
interest on invest @ 10%	11.25		
2. Ram depreciation	2.00		
interest on invest	.50		
Total	34.35	34.35	34.35
Other			
Marketing	3.00	3.00	3.00
Bedding	1.00	1.00	1.00
Shearing	1.25	1.25	1.25
Housing	7.00	7.00	6.00
Equipment	4.00	4.00	3.00
Misc. (hydro, phone, etc)	2.50	2.50	2.00
Total	18.75	18.75	16.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	96.25	108.30	85.90
Returns to labor, risk and management	14.50	9.60	20.30

* Estimated at \$1.50 pound for Easter, ** Average price for May, June, 1978. Toronto was \$88.00 per cwt. *** Average price for September & October, 1978 at Toronto was \$79. cwt. 1. Ewe cost \$150, salvage value \$75. 2. Ram cost \$300, salvage value \$60.

No agreement reached on paying compensation

Evening News Jun 28 78

PICTOU — Municipal Council could not come to an agreement this week on whether compensation should be paid a local farmer for his loss of four sheep because there was not definite proof of what had killed the sheep.

Sheep farmers in Pictou County have received payment in the past when the sheep valuer's report stated the kill was the result of a dog or bear attack.

In this instance the report from the sheep valuer stated the four sheep, belonging to Scott Falconer of Elmfield, were killed by dogs or some other wild animal.

The fact that the report stated "or some other animal" raised the question to whether or not the payment should be made. It was finally decided to send the report back to the sheep valuer for a more definite explanation.

The animals killed were valued at \$50 each.

Under the Sheep Protection and Dog Regulation Act the sheep farmer does receive restitution if his sheep are killed by a dog. Under a

Municipal by-law he also receives restitution if they are killed by a bear.

One councillor questioned why the council does not pay if the sheep are killed by animals other than a dog or bear. The councillor did not press the question and it was dropped without being discussed or answered.

SEND RESOLUTION

Brewster Kneen, Saltsprings secretary - treasurer of the Sheep Producers Association, said a resolution has already been sent to the minister of Lands and Forests concerning kills of sheep by wild animals including the bear.

Mr. Kneen said the resolution points out members of the Association feel the Department of Lands and Forests are the keepers of wildlife and the department should accept that responsibility and be prepared to make restitution.

In 1976 more than 50 sheep were killed and it was assumed it was the work of dogs some restitution was made to farmers here in Pictou County.

Later the Municipal Council decided to stop making the payments when it was finally established it was a Coyote that was responsible for the kills.

Mr. Kneen said a meeting is being arranged between members of the Sheep Producers Association with the Lands and Forests minister and deputy minister to discuss the proposals submitted.

He said he was hopeful some things worthwhile would result from the meeting and be instrumental in preventing problems before they arose concerning where the responsibility lies, when farm animals are killed.

Some persons also question why restitution is made to sheep and not other domestic animals and even why restitution is made at all.

It was said the reason is because sheep are more vulnerable and easy prey for predators.

Restitution paid varies according to the value of the sheep it was also explained and this depends upon the judgement of the sheep valuer.

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Federal Beef Subsidy



Limousin purebred heifers on Dundas Farms Limited, Dundas, P.E.I., play their role in assuring of high grade carcasses for Canada's beef processing industry.

to aid industry

Maritime beef producers will receive seven cents a pound on live weight basis for all Grade A 1, 2, 3, and 4 beef marketed between now and April 6, as a result of the recently announced federal beef subsidy.

The subsidies will cost taxpayers about \$2.75 million a week.

The cost is based on estimated weekly sales of 39,400 head of beef cattle, resulting in an average subsidy of about \$70 each for live animals. A prime A1 or A2 beef animal weighs between 950 and 1,100 pounds, about 62 percent of which is meat.

The program was im-

plemented to offset the effects of a flood of United States beef imports which were lowering prices to Canadian producers.

Subsidies on the top-grade cattle, A1 and A2, paid indefinitely and retroactively to March 4, but will apply to lower grades for limited periods. The subsidy period for A3 cattle will be March 18 to April 13 while A4 cattle

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Commission May Seek Milk Price Increase

by John Murphy

TRURO — The Nova Scotia Dairy Commission will probably be approaching the Federal Department of Agriculture in the near future to attempt to negotiate a further increase in the price of milk.

The price of milk was frozen in the province last November, for one year, by the federal government. However, there was a clause in the agreement which provided that if production costs rose over the 10 percent mark, the milk producers could approach Ottawa for a further increase.

According to Ron Rose, an economist of the Department of Agriculture and Marketing in Truro, a preliminary study has indicated that production costs to the farmers have risen over 10 percent. This, he said, could lead to a four cents increase in the price of a quart of milk.

If the federal government accepts the study done by the Nova Scotia Department, Ottawa might decide to increase the subsidy to the producers instead of granting a price increase, in which case there would be no change in price.

The results of the study so far cover milk

producers only. Mr. Rose says the Department is **Price cutting. . .**

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one of the larger chain stores but though the matter was mentioned in the directors' report, the details were not given to the meeting, nor were they called for by the membership. This was possibly in respect of the president's (Mrs. Martha Nettleton) appeal for unity in the ranks of all Nova Scotia sheep producers.

It was most eloquently pointed out that when our markets for lamb are so under supplied as is the case in Nova Scotia, a failure of the different regions to communicate and co-operate could easily result in the destruction of those events established by a relatively small number of members and whose benefits would be shared by all sheep producers within the province and in neighbouring areas. These events referred to by Mrs. Nettleton being the first Annual Sheep Fair, the Sale of Breeding Stock and the Annual Sale of Feeder Lambs, all of which have helped in giving the Nova Scotia sheep farmers prices on a par with the highest in Canada.

Price Cutting and Lamb Dumping Embarrass Association

The business section of the Nova Scotia Sheep Producers' Association held on Saturday, February 23, was disappointing. It was apparent that there had been some degree of embarrassment to the Association caused by some farmers unnecessarily price cutting and the dumping of lambs in the Halifax and Sydney market.

This disruptive action it seems had involved (continued on page 24)

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Controversy sparked by

\$15,000 sheep allotment

After much controversy over expenditure of funds from the Canada Sheep Council and quality of representation of the Nova Scotia Sheep Producers' Association, James Hewitt of Port Hilford was elected Nova Scotia representative on the Canada Sheep Council.

Mr. Hewitt has been a self-appointed representative on the province of the council since its inception a year ago.

The controversy arose after Mr. Hewitt announced the council had allotted \$15,000 to go to sheep producers associations in the eastern provinces, to be used for organizational purposes.

Mr. Hewitt said he felt the province's sheep producers should

band together in one organization, disbanding the three of four which now exist in the province, in order to prevent small organizations from taking large chunks of the money from the council, benefitting only themselves and not the rest of the producers in the province.

"Someone should put their thinking cap on and figure out how we're going to get that money here", he said.

"Whoever represents Nova Scotia on the Sheep Council has to speak for all sheep people in Nova Scotia, and not any organization, until we have one organization who speaks for us all".

This aroused concern in many members of the association, who said the Nova Scotia Sheep Producers Association represented more producers in the province than any other.

One member pointed to a survey done by the organization last fall which showed its membership represented more than 80 per cent of all sheep farmers in the province.

However, Mr. Hewitt still contended the NSSPA could not represent 100 per cent of the producers.

"The best thing to do is to set up a commission which would take in all producers, and could operate under a check-off system which would be compulsory, unless there was a clause to opt out of it.

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4 February 1978



Canada's sheep population has dropped from a First World War high of four million to the present half million population. Mrs. Franc Joubin with her flock near Kettleby, Ontario.

Dying wool industry blamed on spiraling production costs

Because the production of wool in Canada is a dying industry, your urban readers may be interested in some facts.

Lamb and wool production lag far behind Canadian requirements. We produce something less than 50 per cent of our lamb carcass requirements and only about 15 per cent of our wool consumption.

In 1871 Canada had a sheep population in excess of three million with a human population of three and three quarter million; the number of sheep declined steadily until the First World War when there was a dramatic turn around and the numbers increased to nearly four million. Decline then set in until the start of the Second World War when numbers again

sharply increased. During both wars the threat of foreign supplies being cut off by enemy action provided the incentive to substantially increase Canadian production of this vital commodity. Since the Second World War each succeeding year has had a decline in sheep numbers until today there are fewer than 500,000 in all of Canada.

While it is difficult to pinpoint the reasons for this ailing industry, high production costs is certainly one of them. Australia and New Zealand have substantially lower production costs because of climate. Although we sell our lamb in a North American market, drug prices in Canada are significantly higher than in the United

States. As there is no import duty on wool, our producers must compete in a world market which draws the bulk of its supplies from countries which have relatively low labor costs. By way of contrast, the United States imposes an import duty of 12 cents per pound on wool and uses the revenue to provide an incentive payment to American wool producers which will bring their return for 1977 to 99 cents per pound in comparison with 45 cents per pound for the Canadian producer.

When an animal is shipped for slaughter the going price for the green pelt at the abattoir is 50 cents. When the consumer buys this pelt in the form of a sheepskin rug the price has escalated to \$40. In the

interval it has undergone a relatively simple manufacturing process in readiness for the retail trade, yet the cost to the consumer has multiplied 80 times or 8,000 per cent. The story is the same for shorn wool; the pound of wool which may bring 45 cents to the producer, costs the hand knitter in excess of \$15 in the form of yarn with which to knit a pair of socks.

No mention has been made of phenomenal use of synthetic yarns to supplant wool and other natural fibres. While the competitive position of synthetics will undoubtedly remain strong in the near future, their role in the long term is by no means assured because of our increasing dependence on the whim of foreign governments

for our supply of oil — a rapidly diminishing raw material. With this threat hanging over us it would be utter folly to become totally dependent on foreign sources for our wool requirements — a commodity whose unique qualities modern technology has been unable to duplicate.

What 15,000 Canadian producers urgently need is some measure of incentive which will bring them return on wool at least equal to the incentive presently enjoyed by American producers. Surely this basic industry is entitled to this degree of encouragement to help ensure its survival. R. F. Karrow, President Western Ontario Lamb Producers Association, Holstein

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TO EXPAND SHEEP FLOCK

by John Murphy

TRURO — The Nova Scotia Sheep Producers Association has set as a "basic objective", the doubling or tripling of the size of the province's sheep flock. It also will seek to improve the production of high quality breeding stock and market lambs.

The Association's annual meeting, held here in February, was directed by the President, Mrs. Martha Nettleton, who with her husband, Dr. Brian Nettleton, a veterinarian, operates a large sheep enterprise outside Truro.

The directors' report, presented by the Secretary, Brewster Kneen, of Saltsprings, Pictou County noted that there is currently a far greater demand for lamb in the province than can be met by the existing supply.

Normally a strong demand is considered good for an industry, but in this case the sheep producers see it as a disadvantage. To meet the demand "too many ewe lambs, which should be retained for breeding purposes, are going for slaughter." This, the Association feels, is hindering the expansion of the industry.

A HIGHLIGHT

Although the Association had encountered some problems during the year, Mrs. Nettleton and the directors saw some bright spots. The Nova Scotia Sheep Fair, the first of its kind, held in Truro, and the annual sale of breeding stock, with nearly 900 entries and prices substantially higher than the previous year, was a highlight.

The directors saw as a restriction the fact the province's total sheep flock is not large enough to meet the domestic demand and still provide a surplus of animals, which could be used for breeding stock.

AROUSED INTEREST

The world-wide shortage of food is arousing "more interest in sheep raised on grass" and more people are noting the shortcomings of synthetics as compared to wool.

The financial report showed the Association has a healthy balance, due mainly to the annual sheep sale. The \$207 in the bank at Jan. 1, 1973, had increased to \$2,245 in February of this year.

A few days after the sheep producers meeting, another major event for the province's sheep industry took place. This was the test run of lambs being slaughtered at the new co-operative abattoir at River John, Pictou county. Operated by Northumberland Co-operative Abattoir Limited, which has a capacity of 8,000 to 10,000 lambs per year.

Operated under strict federal-provincial inspection, the plant is owned by a number of farmers living in the province's North Shore area, bordering the Northumberland Strait.

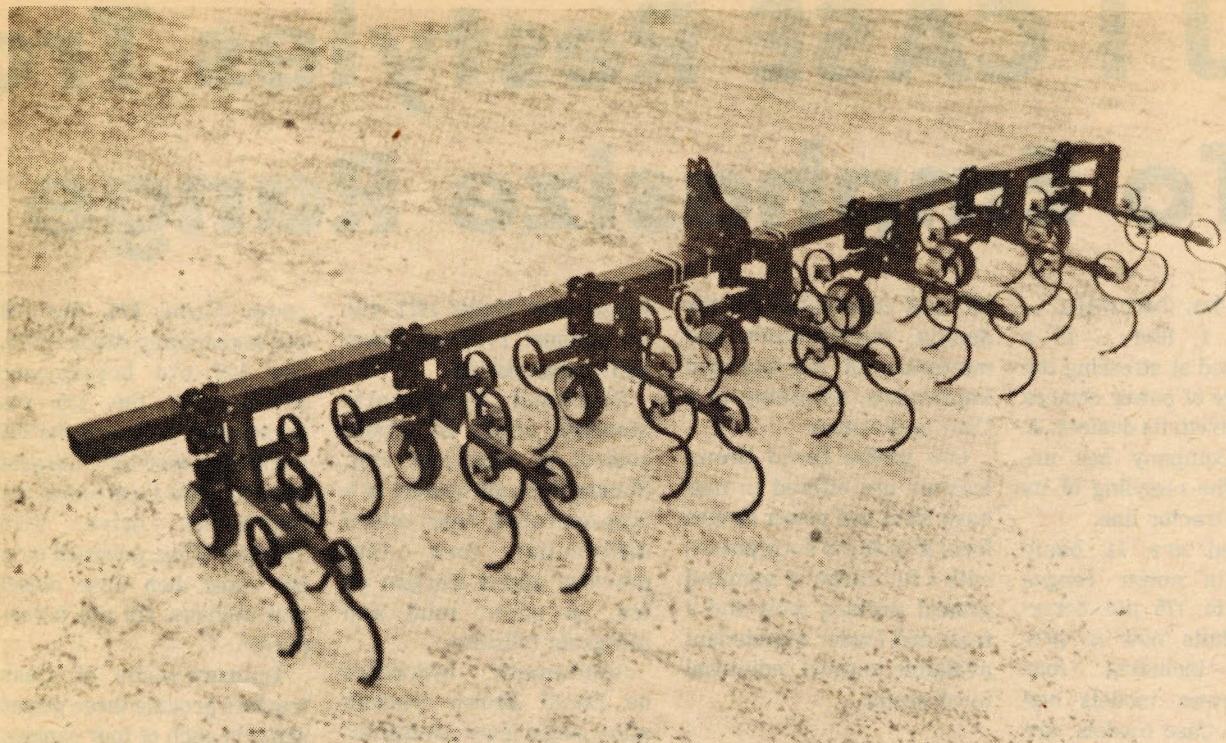
According to President, Harry Redmond, of River John, sheep breeders in the area had imported new bloodlines from overseas and, along with a cross-breeding program, had developed an improved quality of lamb.

"This did not solve the major problem," he said. "This was how to deliver to the consumer a continuous supply of inspected fresh lamb when and where the market demanded."

The farmers studied the problem, he said, and agreed that killing facilities and a feedlot operation were necessities. The abattoir is the first step and there are now 5,000 lambs available from members in the next year.

It will be several years before the company can develop the remainder of its plans. In the meantime, the co-op members have developed feedlot operations on their farms to supply a limited number of lambs all year round.





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Events In the Maritime Sheep World

The week ending February 23rd saw a great deal of action by maritime sheep breeders centered at Truro.

The occasions were the winter Short course in Sheep Husbandry at the N.S.A.C. and the annual Meeting of the Sheep Producers of N.S. This annual week-long short course is rapidly influencing the calibre of sheep farming practices in the Atlantic Provinces as farmers from all four Atlantic Provinces attended to form an aggressive class to hear and discuss information from the regular teaching staff of the N.S.A.C.

Introducing the course was Philip Stead, Sheep Fieldman to the N.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Off campus guest lecturers were Brewster Kneene, Secretary of the Provincial Sheep Producers Association; Dr. Brian Nettletoh, Veterinarian and sheep farmer and Wm. Rutter,

from the East of Scotland Agricultural College, Edinburgh.

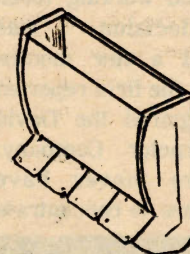
was extended at the sheep producers meeting was, "The Integration of Cattle and Sheep to obtain maximum profit per acre". Explaining that one of the basic problems in fat lamb production from grass is related to the need to provide clean grass for nursing ewes and their lambs, i.e. grass that has not been grazed by lambs in the previous year by lambs. In this way the build up of parasitic worms probably the greatest single negative factor in fat lamb production, is avoided. Illustrations of a system where available grass was divided into three equal seven acre plots. These three plots were each utilized by (a) 50 ewes and their lambs (in the season quoted 50 ewes and 89 lambs) (b) 12 single suckler cows plus calves. (c) Grass closed off for con-

servation. In each successive year the usage of the plots is rotated. The ewes and lambs grazing where the cows were the previous year. Cows and calves going onto land previously used for hay, etc.

RETURNS

Though winter climate adds a variable which precludes a strict comparison of this system with our conditions it is interesting to convert the Pound sterling return per acre to dollars. Sheep gave \$132.00 per acre and the cattle \$99.00. One immediately asks, "Could similar returns be shown under our conditions with similar stock?" The sheep concerned were Halfbreds (Leicester X Cheviot) nursing lambs by a Suffolk; the Cows Hereford — Friesian Cross with calves by a Charolais; in both cases types of stock available to Maritime farmers.

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Confidence expressed in sheep production

TRURO — Delegates to the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Sheep Producers Association, Saturday were told the directors of the association have confidence in the future of the sheep industry in the province.

Brewster Kneen, the organization's secretary, in delivering the directors' report, said the best indication of the industry's future is the high price paid for good breeding stock at the annual September sale.

Mr. Kneen said at the present time there are severe restrictions on the province's sheep industry. The major one is the small size of the total flock and the shortage of good, suitable breeding stock.

He said there is currently a far greater demand for lamb in the province than can be met by the existing supply. This is one of the conditions that works against expansion of the industry.

Mr. Kneen said too many ewe lambs that should be retained for breeding are going to slaughter. This in part is due to a poor knowledge among producers

of prices and trends in the industry and, in part, to an inadequate number of sheep producers of commercial significance.

According to Mr. Kneen, too many sheep are kept for just a hobby, and too many lambs are marketed for uneconomic prices because the producers are not raising the sheep to make a living.

Until this situation is reversed, and all lambs are marketed live and through a limited number of facilities, it will be difficult for those wishing to expand or to enter the industry to obtain breeding stock in sufficient quantity he said.

Guest speaker at the meeting, presided over by president Mrs. Martha Nettleton, Murray's Siding, was William Rutter from the East of Scotland College of Agriculture.

Directors elected at the meeting include Bonnie Fredericks, River John, James Hewitt, Sherbrooke, Niels Peterson, Windsor, and Dan Alex MacLeod, Sterling. David Oulton, Windsor, was elected as an alternate director.

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Sheep fair on in '74

TRURO — The "highly successful" sheep fair held in Truro last September will take place again next year.

This decision was made at the semi-annual meeting of the Sheep Producers of Nova Scotia held at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Saturday.

President Martha Nettleton, Murray Siding, said the fair, organized by the association and sponsored by the department of agriculture and marketing, was an unqualified success.

It was made possible through a \$4,000 grant from the department.

Richard Huggard, department director of livestock services, said he was pleased with the way the money had been used. The fair had done much to enhance the image of

sheep producing in the province, he added.

The fair attracted sheep buyers from five Canadian provinces and six American states. Association director Geoff Winham, Great Village, who organized the sale of breeding stock, said it had put Nova Scotia on the map for good quality breeding stock.

Reporting on the woollen handicraft displays held throughout the fair, organizer Cathy Kneen, Salt Springs, said they had attracted 400-500 visitors, many of them from the U.S.

She felt this interest would be reflected in the tourist industry.

The problem of sheep killed by straying dogs was also discussed.

Phillip Stead from the department of agriculture and

marketing announced he will chair a committee of Colchester sheep producers which will meet shortly with the municipality's finance committee to discuss compensation to producers whose sheep are killed by dogs.

The submission will ask for fuller enforcement of existing legislation, which is considered by breeders to give them adequate protection.

It will also ask the municipality to re-imburse the owner the full market value of sheep killed. Provincial legislation already requires the municipality to do this.

Producers are also worried about the damage done by killer bears. Last week an old statute providing compensation against bears was removed from the books by Colchester County council.



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Ignorance at crosswalks

Highway safety is a matter of utmost concern not only to Nova Scotians who spend a great deal of time on our roads and streets, but to all residents of the province. The frequency with which we hear pleas for increased care and caution by persons behind the wheel has increased considerably in recent months and years. Police forces, safety officials and other concerned citizens are heard almost daily in a campaign to make motorists more conscious of the rules and regulations of the highway.

The carnage on our highways is unacceptable. Too many people, young and old alike, are being killed in car crashes. Too many people are being maimed and hospitalized for long periods of time because of mishaps in this province. Only by the educating of motorists to the ways and means of effectively increasing driving safety are we going to sufficiently reduce the staggering numbers of highway deaths and injuries. Many aspects of highway safety have been stressed this summer: the need for the use of seatbelts, the necessity to lower speeds on our heavily-travelled roads, the importance of keeping drinking drivers off the highways. Time and time again these matters have been brought to our attention. But, as most motorists are fully aware, there are many other ways in which accidents can be avoided.

An ignorance at the crosswalks in our towns, cities and villages is visible to anyone spending time in a motor vehicle. Too many men and women who possess driver's licences in Nova Scotia disregard almost totally the rights of pedestrians at crosswalks. Too many drivers speed through these pedestrian routes, without stopping their vehicles, indeed without slowing their cars and trucks, even though pedestrians have indicated a desire to use the crosswalk. Too many motorists feel they are "king of the road" when they get behind the steering wheel, and pedestrians be darned in their attempts to cross streets. Police forces are already burdened by requirements in other aspects of highway patrol, crime prevention and routines of duty. But more police attention is required to wipe out the apathy of motorists at crosswalks. There is no faster way to strike down a youngster, a middle-age person or a senior citizen than by the ignorant habits of motorists at crosswalks.

The public, too, can help by reporting obvious cases of crosswalk disregard, by noting licence numbers of offending vehicles, and reporting same to the nearest police department. Every effort to remove disobeying motorists from our streets and highways could be a step in the right direction — a step in avoiding another needless death or injury.

Pleasing sheep news

It has been announced that 1,100 breeding ewes and nearly 150 rams have been entered in the annual breeding stock sale sponsored by the Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia. With that number of sale entries, the event, to be held at Truro on the Labour Day weekend, will be the largest sheep sale ever held in the Atlantic provinces.

The secretary of the Sheep Producers Association, Brewster Kneen, has expressed understandable satisfaction over the promise of a record sale. "I am particularly excited," he said, "about the diversity of breeding stock offered at this sale."

The matter is pleasing for a number of reasons, one being the apparent optimism concerning the future of sheep in this part of the country. Many, both in the agricultural industry and outside of it, long have been convinced that sheep have an important role in the economy of the

province. The conviction is finding support both in the efforts made in recent years to import good quality animals and in the mounting interest evidenced through sheep sales.

Mr. Kneen has observed that "the strength of offering at this sale also reflects the solid prices of market lambs at the current time . . ." That suggests one area in which the sheep growers should find support. It always has seemed strange that Nova Scotians have had to rely on imported lamb from the Antipodes to meet our table requirements. It is reasonable to expect a trend toward self-sufficiency and, surely, as a domestic product becomes available, the demand may be expected to increase.

The sheep sale scheduled for early September gives promise of being a significant event in the further development of a facet of the agricultural industry which has much to promise Nova Scotia.

Sheep topic for session

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TRURO — The difficulty of assessing the physical condition of sheep under a four-inch coat of wool is one of the fundamental problems involved in considering breeding sheep or market lambs, according to Tom Matheson, secretary of the Nova Scotia Sheep Producers' Association.

A display of sheep and lambs of various breeds, ages and condition will be held at the Boulden Building of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College next Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of the display is to give the sheep farmer an opportunity to relate live sheep and lambs to carcass condition.

Mr. Matheson said ironically the wool of the sheep, which is commonly thought to be the main reason for sheep farming, is often the cause for embarrassment among producers.

In recent years the return from the wool was scarcely enough to cover shearing and packing costs.

The association secretary said the value of wool related to the value of lamb produced from a sheep is in the region of \$1 to \$30 but at meetings

much valuable time is spent in discussion of wool and wool marketing.

The directors feel the topic of the meeting is of such importance that they hope all members will attend. The meeting was originally scheduled for March 10.

Sheep show attracting record entry

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The Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia is holding its seventh annual Sheep Fair at the Exhibition Grounds in Truro on Labour Day weekend, beginning at noon Sept. 1.

More than 1,100 females and 150 rams have been entered in the annual breeding stock sale, says Brewster Kneen, Salt-springs, secretary of the association.

Not only is the sale a record size, he said, but a wide variety of breeds are also being offered.

These include Dorsets, Leicesters, Suffolks, North County Cheviots, Scottish Blackface, and Hampshires. Less common stock such as Montadales, Shropshires, and Oxfords will also be on sale.

"The strength of offering at this sale also reflects the solid prices of market lambs at the current time and I'm sure we can expect reasonable prices for breeding stock of this quality," Mr. Kneen said.

In addition to the more than 700 ewe lambs to be sold, there will be some 160 yearling ewes and more than 180 mature ewes.

Besides the sale of sheep, the fair features family workshops in wood craft and craft displays, and 4-H sheep projects. Festivities include a shearing competition, "lamburger" lunches, sheep dog trails, games and competitions.

Alternative sale methods urged by producers

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By BRIAN GALLANT
NEWS staff reporter

The Sheep Producer's Association decided, following a heated debate during their annual meeting in Truro Saturday, to study alternative methods of marketing lamb.

A proposal that the organization's marketing committee conduct such a study evoked protest from Brian Nettleton of Arichat and other producers who expressed fears that alternate marketing methods could reduce the number of sheep which are sold weekly through the Maritime Cattle Market near Truro.

They charged that if this happened it would seriously affect the ability of the Truro sale to set a price for Nova Scotia lambs.

Nettleton said he didn't want the outlet "messed-up" by producers who haven't been around long to know what the lamb marketing situation was like in the province before the cattle market was available.

Nettleton, formerly a resident of Colchester County, established the cattle market in 1959 but later sold the business. He now owns a sheep farm and operates the Atlantic Shepherding School in Cape Breton.

ALTERNATIVES LISTED

Prior to the annual meeting, the marketing committee had already conducted some preliminary study on alternate marketing methods and committee member Roy Evans on Saturday outlined five areas in which it was felt more investigation should be carried out.

Alternatives include: expansion of the Maritime cattle sale to encourage greater volume and greater buyer participation; selling directly to the Toronto or Montreal market; selling indirectly to the Montreal market through amalgamation with the New Brunswick Lamb Marketing Co-op; and the establishment of an outlet in the Halifax-Dartmouth area for the sale of lamb, mutton and other sheep products.

Evans explained the committee initially began to look into alternate methods of marketing, largely because of

reports that New Brunswick sheep producers, selling their lambs through the lamb marketing co-op, were receiving higher prices than Nova Scotia producers.

He added the committee had met earlier this year with Brian Trenholm, sheep specialist with the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture and secretary of the co-op.

Trenholm explained how the co-op works and advised that if Nova Scotia sheep producers wanted to market their product through that organization, it would probably be necessary for representatives of the sheep industry in this province to go to Montreal and develop a market by contacting buyers, Evans said.

The motion, which was approved by the sheep producers association, instructed the marketing committee to report to the organization's semi-annual meeting next spring after investigating the various marketing alternatives.

In another motion which was passed during the annual, the association's sales committee was instructed to look into the possibilities of having the Maritime Cattle Market take over the organization's annual sale of feeder lambs.

The committee was told to report back to the semi-annual meeting after determining whether the management of the cattle market is willing to take over the sale, and if so, under what conditions.

Outgoing president of the association Tremaine Finley said following the meeting, the motion was prompted by the fact that the feeder sale makes heavy demands on the organization in terms of the work required in managing the event and obtaining volunteer workers.

Evans, a resident of Kingston, Kings County was appointed president of the sheep producer's association Saturday while Nils Petersen of Kempt Shore was appointed vice-president.

Brewster Kneen of Salt Springs was named secretary, and Wayne Wolfitt of Minudie was appointed to the board of directors.

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An argument for Atlantic sheep

By WALTER FOBES

Mr. Fobes is a member of the economics department of the University of Prince Edward Island.

My food and fibre economics class is trying to establish whether sheep could be a profitable enterprise in Atlantic Canada. We found E. D. Haliburton's cow-calf operation costs in this newspaper Nov. 19, 1973 interesting since we had just attempted to "guesstimate" comparative production costs for cow-calf and sheep-lamb enterprises.

Our costs are based on the following assumptions: spring calving and lambing on grass; calf weights of 400 pounds at weaning and 80 per cent weaned calving rate; fat lamb weights of 100 pounds and 130 per cent weaned lambing rate; cow investment of \$400 per cow without depreciation; average sheep investment of \$30 per ewe with 50 per cent depreciation; mortality rates of one and two per cent for beef and sheep respectively; bedding expenses are compensated by manure receipts; interest on investment at eight per cent.

All costs are at market prices (e.g. roughage can probably be made at much lower prices than those shown.) All costs, including labor and interest, are allowed for.

Our results show a \$7.00 loss per cow representing close to two per cent on cow investment and \$5.78 profit per ewe representing a 19 per cent return on ewe investment. Clearly, ewes have the edge. Assuming 3,000 hours of labor provided by the owner-operator at \$2.50 per hour, the sheep man

would make \$13,280 per annum for labor and management from a 1,000-ewe unit. The cow-calf man would make \$5,400 from a 300-cow unit.

The case for sheep becomes even more obvious when we consider that the cow-calf operation is only the first phase in the live beef production chain, whereas lamb is the final product. Beef feeding requires grain for quick results, and we probably can't compete in grain production with Western Canada. But we might well have the edge on grass, especially if we take the region as a whole, including Newfoundland.

The main problems of the sheep industry have been listed as high feeding costs, parasites and predators. All these can be overcome through imaginative management setups such as zero grazing and movable fencing systems.

It is probably true that sheep require more intelligent management than beef, and this may well explain the difference in potential returns. Both beef and sheep returns are subject to improvements above the production standards assumed in the above budgets. Since the sheep industry has been much neglected, potential improvements are probably much greater with sheep.

Some recent developments in the Atlantic sheep industry have been the institution of a high-class annual sheep fair at Truro, Devco's promotion of the sheep industry in Cape Breton, the establishment of large commercial operators at Havelock, N.B., and Morell, P.E.I., and the current setting up of a sheep farm for demonstration and breeding stock multiplication purposes by the Newfoundland government.

Estimated comparative costings for cow-calf and sheep-lamb enterprises, Atlantic region:

	Cow-calf per cow	Sheep-lamb per ewe
Winter roughage	70.00	17.00
Grazing	20.00	5.00
Grain, salt, mineral	8.00	4.00
Veterinary	2.50	1.50
Housing, equipment, misc.	14.00	3.50
Labor	25.00	10.00
Mortality	4.00	.60
Animal depreciation		4.00
Interest	32.00	2.40
Insurance	1.60	.12
Breeding	5.90	1.60
Total Costs	183.00	49.75
Revenue		
320 pounds of calf at \$0.55 per pound		176.00
6 pounds of wool at \$0.70 per pound minus \$0.70 shearing expense		3.50
130 pounds of lamb at \$0.40 per pound		52.00
Total revenue	176.00	55.50
Profit (loss)	-7.00	5.78
(as return on investment)	1.8 per cent	19.3 per cent

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"If it is good for the Maritimes, The Chronicle-Herald is for it"

Good future for sheep as 'second enterprise'

By KEN MILLER
Staff Reporter

WINDSOR — "There is a good future in sheep as a second enterprise on the Nova Scotia farm," according to Phillip Stead, livestock field man for the provincial department of agriculture.

Mr. Stead, who specializes in sheep, said Wednesday where the industry is going to grow from now on is as a secondary operation to other farm interests such as hogs and poultry.

Present prices for both meat and wool are at a record peak with a lamb carcass selling for as high as \$1.10 a pound and wool, \$1 per pound.

The situation was not always that promising.

Prior to 1970, Mr. Stead said the sheep population was dropping off at the rate of 5,000 or 6,000 annually. This was due partly to poor returns for wool, with prices dropping as low as 30 cents.

Since 1970 the population has held fairly steady with about 35,000 sheep and lambs in commercial flocks.

Mr. Stead pointed out that sheep needed little feed grain and get along well on good forage in summer and good hay in winter.

Lamb at one time fetched a good price in spring and summer then took a drop of 15 to 20 cents. The last couple of years this has not been the case. The price starts at \$1 or \$1.10 and only drops to 95 cents.

"If you are going to make a dollar on sheep, a good number is needed for a successful commercial operation," said Mr. Stead.

The largest commercial flock in the province is owned and operated by Westerner Wayne Woolfit at Minudie, Cumberland County. This project known as Elysian Farms has approximately 950 ewes and a few beef cattle, said Mr. Stead.

One of the main problems

in developing the industry on a wider scale was the availability of "good breeding stock. The person who wants to start a flock must go about buying ewes in small lots instead of one lot, "10 here and 10 there."

Mr. Stead said this situation could be remedied by bringing in good quality ewes from the West and developing a system of good selection to increase the flocks here.

Farmers who raise breeding stock get up to \$125 for a ram. A breeding stock sale last August brought high returns and indicated a good demand.

William McNeil, who raises some of the province's top quality Suffolk breeding stock on his farm on the outskirts of Windsor, confirmed the demand for breeders. He has sold lots of purebred rams this past year and there seems to be no letup in the demand.

"They want good sheep, something that will stand up at shows and exhibitions," said Mr. McNeil. Not only full-time commercial farmers were buyers.

On one occasion, the head of a major industrial concern drove up to the Windsor farm in a limousine with chauffeur to purchase purebred stock for a farm the industrialist operated as a sideline to his business.

Advent of deep freezers or large coolers for the family brought a boost in another aspect of the sheep industry.

Mr. McNeil said many people buy a whole lamb carcass for their freezer direct from the farm.

"They come from all over — Halifax — Hantsport — everywhere," said Mr. McNeil. The producer gets around \$1 a pound for the carcass as compared to the abattoir where it might be down to 80 cents.

Mr. McNeil believed the "hobby" type of enterprise operated by urban business

men or professional people was good for the economy.

"They employ people and insist on the best stock."

By GORDON MURRAY
Staff Reporter

WINDSOR — This small town located at the entrance to the Annapolis Valley only 40 miles from the port of Halifax may be looking for a second industrial park in the

near future if industry's interest in the town continues.

This year the town has had more interest in its 30-acre industrial park than ever before. The park came into existence just after the Second World War when the town purchased it through crown

assets. It had been the No. 1 transit camp during the war.

Since that time little development had taken place until this year when a number of companies expressed serious interest.

Earlier this year Feron and Company of Dartmouth pur-



PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT of Agriculture fieldmen see a promising future for Nova Scotia's sheep industry as a supplement to other farm operations. A flock of

Suffolks take a Christmas Day airing, above, at Martock, Hants County.

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Sheep producers defeat motion to leave NSFA

TRURO — Nova Scotia sheep producers voted Saturday to remain as members of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture.

The producers defeated by a 21-13 vote a resolution calling for withdrawal from the federation.

However they passed a second resolution refusing to pay increased federation membership fees.

The federation had requested an increase from \$500 to \$650 in membership. The sheep producers voted instead to continue to pay \$500 per year.

Trevor Jones, animal science instructor at Fairview Agriculture College, Peace River, Alta, told the meeting that sheep producers in Nova Scotia faced problems similar to those of Alberta producers.

About 50 producers from across the province gathered for the meeting at Nova Scotia Agricultural College here.

Directors appointed at the meeting were, one-year term, Bruce Blacklock, Brooklyn, Hants County; three-year terms, Brewster Kneen, Salt

Springs; J. E. Lund, Upper Stewiacke and Hawley Cameron, Mabou.

Special feature of the meeting was a demonstration by Feonia and Gordon Nettleton, Murray's Siding, of their prize winning public speaking talk on the history of sheep in Nova Scotia. They won first prize in the 4-H demonstrations in public speaking held at the Atlantic Winter Fair last year.

A directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 10 at 11 a.m. to discuss the marketing problems of the sheep producers. It will be followed by a general meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Francophones offered course

An extensive six-week language course in oral and written English for Francophones will be offered by Dalhousie University this summer under the auspices of the federal and provincial governments.

Thirty bursaries have been made available under the government's second language bursary program. The bursaries cover tuition, book materials and a board for the summer. The board for the summer is \$3 to \$4. All

Sheep industry teetering on the brink

By JIM ROMAHN
Kitchener Correspondent
KITCHENER: Canada's once-thriving sheep industry is teetering on the brink.

The downward drift has gone on so long and has been so great that only a concerted effort and an unusual degree of luck can prevent it from limping into oblivion.

Forty years ago, there were more than three million sheep in the country; today there are less than 700,000.

Forty years ago, some of the largest factories and the biggest employers were textile mills, and entire towns hummed to the vigor of the industry, towns such as Almonte and Carleton Place in the Ottawa Valley, or Hespeler and Galt in the Waterloo Region.

Today even the heavily-subsidized, farmer-owned meat-packing plant for sheep in Alberta is in financial difficulty. Virtually all of the wool-processing plants in Canada have gone bankrupt or shifted with the times to other businesses.

What little is left of the Canadian sheep industry exists mainly because imports have maintained a meagre market for meat.

If the Australian and New Zealand sheep industry stopped shipping frozen mutton and lamb, supermarkets would quickly wipe out that small remaining section in their meat counter, restaurants would find it next to impossible to buy spring lamb from wholesalers and meat-packing plants would gladly rid themselves of the nuisance of slaughtering the few Canadian farmers do offer.

But because the imports — more than \$30 million worth in 1975 — maintain a small and relatively

loyal market for this meat, the few Canadian farmers still in the business do have an outlet for their product.

And it is a surprisingly lucrative market.

Over the past decade, there is no form of livestock or poultry that has been as consistently — and as largely — profitable as raising sheep.

It is not profit that is responsible for the recent continuing decline. It is more the momentum of the previous downward spiral.

Sheep are a nuisance to the few packing plants which continue to slaughter them on an irregular basis. That's why in Alberta, farmers banded together to build their own sheep-specializing co-operative packing plant at Innisfail.

It's teetering on the edge of bankruptcy, and a bitter deputy premier Hugh Horner has charged that the privately-owned meat-packing plants have been less than helpful by bidding prices up instead of gracefully bowing out of the way.

Supermarkets and restaurants would undoubtedly feature more Canadian-produced spring lamb if a steady, year-round supply could be offered. Marketing surveys have indicated a huge potential to increase per capita consumption.

There is renewed interest in wool, partly because the prices of competing petroleum-based fibres have increased and partly because of a boom in hobbies and crafts.

But sheep farmers face difficulty marketing their fleece. Some of that's their own fault because they don't devote enough time or energy to properly cleaning and carding their product.

Part is, again, the decline in the industry. There are few wool de-greasing plants left in Canada, and

those that still exist face the likelihood of extinction by regulations forcing a clean-up of pollution.

The de-greasing plants yield a particularly potent blend of cleaner-chemicals, grease and manure. And so existing plants are being forced out of business, and no new ones are planned.

Soon all of our wool will be exported to the United States for processing; all that our textile industries and hobby or wool shops buy will be imported.

But any recovery of the sheep industry will depend much more on meat than wool.

And that is where attention is focussed by government and industry leaders.

SPRINGTIME MARKET

The most lucrative of all sheep markets is at spring-time on the Toronto market to various ethnic and religious groups.

Starting from that base, Ontario farmers who are serious about making sheep-farming a full-time and profitable business can expand into the lower-priced, but still profitable, regular meat market.

But more than a revolution of marketing is required.

The industry is looking for a revolution in attitudes and in production technology. With luck, both may be possible.

Sheep farmers have an image of the poorest of poor cousins within the agriculture community. Few self-respecting farmers would ever admit to owning a flock, much less to depending on one for their livelihood.

George McLaughlin of Beaverton is a glaring exception, but this past president of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board draws more disbelieving stares than serious inquiries when he notes that he makes more profit from his 4,000 sheep than his world-reknowned herd of Holstein dairy cows.

There are, however, two new types of sheep farmer emerging. The one is the urban worker who has purchased a country retreat; he knows nothing of the rural stigma about raising sheep, recognizes the profit potential and is demonstrating his abilities.

The second is the family searching for a commodity that will, given a large-scale investment, dedication and persistence, yield dreams of a full-time farming future.

The new technology is really a package of research answers that is still missing some key components.

Sheep have been raised outdoors, but that has exposed them to the number one profit-killer in the industry: roving bands of wild dogs and wolves.

And so efforts are being directed towards moving them indoors into a completely controlled environment to in hopes that advances already achieved with chickens, turkeys, pigs and cattle can be transferred to sheep.

It's a massive research challenge.

Engineers are trying to design the necessary barns, ventilation and lighting systems, manure handling techniques and feeding systems.

Reproductive physiologists are trying to find out how to persuade breeds to succumb to pregnancy at any time instead of only once a year. They're also trying to increase the number of offspring to as high as four or five per pregnancy.

Nutritionists are trying to develop milk replacers so the lambs can be weaned at birth; if a lamb suckles, that tends to trigger hormones which make it impossible to immediately re-breed the ewe.

The nutritionists are also trying to develop diets that improve the quality of meat and carcass and convert less feed into more meat. One of the major plus factors is that sheep are ruminants and convert forages people can't digest into meat they can.

The research effort is being led by the federal agriculture department, but the scientists are struggling amidst competing demands for increasingly-scarcer funds.

And so the sheep industry is clearly on the brink. Whether it's the brink of the abyss or a revival is the big question.

Greater returns on sheep than beef

KITCHENER, (JR): Excerpts from a recent federal-provincial report on Canada's sheep industry:

"... under intensive management sheep will generate greater returns to labor than beef cattle on less feed, less operating capital and nearly the same labor."

"There are indications that product promotion will increase the demand for fresh lamb dramatically."

"Increased tariff protection does not appear to be the answer to the industry's problems."

"... a disease prevention program is obviously a priority consideration... There has been little demand from the sheep industry for the veterinary profession to develop flock health programs."

"The main criterion for market readiness of lambs used by both producers and buyers has been live weight. Very little effort is ever made to market lambs that are well-muscled and carry the right amount of finish (fat)."

"A suitable procedure of evaluating and selecting (foreign) breeds prior to importation is highly desirable."

"Aggressive promotion... is one key to expansion of the sheep industry. It should concentrate on changing the image of the sheep industry from that of an earthy, humble way to life to one of intensive, highly technical production."

"Lamb represents less than 1.5 per cent of total meat consumed in Canada. More than half the population has never tasted it."

"The annual wool clip represents only about 11 per cent of Canada's

needs and is too small to support a healthy wool-processing industry."

"Efforts to stimulate the sheep industry should centre on the production of meat rather than wool."

"The fellmongery and sheepskin tanning industries in Canada are small and specialized. They are not well recognized by the leather garment and handicraft industries with the result that most sheep pelts are exported in an unprocessed form and nearly all of the tanned sheepskins and leather material is imported."

"The most critical issue facing the sheep industry today is how to expand production to establish a viable base."

R. C. Gordon, chairman of the Alberta sheep and wool commission, made the following comments when he spoke to the Ontario Sheep Association annual meeting last winter:

"Ontario and Alberta have over half the national flock, so a great deal depends on our two provinces."

"We must create the atmosphere under which the industry can expand healthily, and act as a professional association as opposed to a labor union."

Wolves and wild dogs are blamed for chasing Canada's sheep industry off of precisely the lands it is best suited to use.

In Ontario, sheep farmers face forceful lobbies from environmentalists and gun-control groups and claim their losses to predators are increasing.

The story is much the same in Alberta which is now the biggest sheep-producing province in Canada.

Sheep producers plan annual fair

By GRACE HAYDEN
Staff Reporter

TRURO — Plans for the annual sheep fair, held in conjunction with the Maritime breeding stock sale, dominated Monday's meeting of the directors of the Nova Scotia Sheep Producers Association.

Spokesman for the fair committee, Cathy Kneen, Scotsburn, said a number of new projects are planned for this year's event.

She said the handcrafts competitions, which involve all areas of sheep production, have often been declared "the best in the east," and competition is expected to be stiff again this year.

Handcraft workshops will also be held on such topics as spinning, tanning, natural dyeing, and quilting.

Other workshops planned for the two-day event include presentations on how to buy sheep at auctions, lambing procedures, electric fencing, and sheep handling.

Mrs. Keen said the committee hopes to organize displays on feeds and feeding, sheep breeds, fleeces from different breeds, and fleece sales.

A videotape on butchering, a lamb casserole competition, a photograph competition, a market lamb competition, children's sheep judging, puppet plays, a shearing competition, a lamburger lunch are attractions planned for the sheep fair.

Mrs. Kneen said participation by the wool growers will include sale of tools, sheep skin products, and supplies for shepherds and wool crafters.

The directors agreed that the 1978 breeding stock sale be held in Truro during the Labour Day week-end as usual. The decision was made in response to an

earlier request from Cape Breton Lamb Ltd. that the Maritime sale be held in Cape Breton for the next two years in connection with the sale of imported stock coming out of quarantine this fall.

Stuart Allaby, provincial director of livestock services, Truro, said that although these animals will be out of quarantine at that time, it is possible that regulations will prohibit sale of the animals in the United States for another two years.

"In that case," Mr. Allaby said, "any other sheep which came in contact with these imported animals would be barred from sale in the United States, as well. Such regulations would certainly give our competitors the advantage, but we are presently fighting to prevent adoption of such measures."

The meeting agreed that imported sheep owned by Cape Breton Lamb Ltd. not be invited to the mainland sale, but an invitation would be extended to Cape Breton sheep producers to sell their breeding stock here.

The directors also passed a motion to provide financial assistance to five 4-H clubs in the area, as well as to New Brunswick Sheep Producers Association to help meet expenses of the Canadian Sheep Breeders meeting.

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Record prices, sales highlight sixth annual sheep fair in Truro

By BRUCE GRANT

TRURO— Record sales and prices in the breeding stock sale marked the sixth annual sheep fair held here on the weekend.

Officials called this year's fair the best ever as 677 head were sold for \$74,490, compared with 508 head and \$39,891 sales at last year's fair.

Brewster Kneen, Saltsprings, secretary of the Nova Scotia Sheep Producers' Association, which organized the event, said the size and quality of the sale is the result of hard work on the part of sheep producers which is now beginning to pay off.

"It's beginning to show. People just do not bring poor quality animals to this show."

Average prices paid for all classes of sheep were well up over last year. Yearling ewes averaged \$127 and ewe lambs \$89, while rams averaged \$179.

The top price for a ram was \$410 for each of two rams purchased by Brewster Kneen and Foundation Stock Farms of Brookfield. The animals were consigned by Alec Forbes of Tatamagouche.

Selling animals at the fair for the first time, Mr. Forbes said he was "very satisfied" with the prices.

The top price for a ewe was \$190 each for a lot of two purchased by Dieter Muller of Tatamagouche and consigned by Billy MacMillan, Charlottetown.

A lot of five ewe lambs sold for \$145 each, the highest price in that category, to Tremaine Findlay, Creemore, Ont., consigned by W. G. Mathewson, Truro.

The highest price paid in the market lamb competition was \$172.50 for an animal consigned by Billy MacMillan and pur-

chased by Old Man Moria's Restaurant, Halifax.

Mr. Kneen said the sheep fair has done much to change the attitudes of the agricultural industry towards sheep. "Sheep were once the low man on the totem pole. That attitude has now turned around. Partly as a result of this fair, there is now much more self-respect and awareness in the sheep industry."

Mr. Kneen said the Nova Scotia sheep fair has set the pattern for similar fairs in other provinces. "Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia all have fairs similar to this one, and most have come into being in the past two years. Ours was the first."

Organizers of the fair praised the work of Mike Isenor, Enfield, for his work as chairman of the sale committee. Mr. Isenor had a busy time Saturday as he and four helpers sorted frequently reluctant sheep into lots to go before auctioneer Frank Berkelaar of Belmont.

"He did a terrific job," said Mr. Kneen. "It's the first year we've seen no delays in getting the sheep into the sale ring."

Other events held during the

fair included handcraft displays and demonstrations, workshops, lectures and video-tapes, a children's sheep-assessment of competition, sheep dog trials, and a shearing contest.

The fair received a boost this year with the construction of new facilities at the provincial exhibition grounds. The new multi-purpose building was well-filled with displays. In addition to workshops and craft exhibits, several firms ran booths selling sheep-related items ranging from raw wool to shepherd's tools.

Craft workshops in spinning, weaving, dyeing, and other wool crafts were held. An especially popular workshop was that on home tanning of sheep skins conducted by Boston csepherd Ellen Raja and Edith Zillig.

Cathie Kneen, who with Mrs. Elfride Budgey organized the crafts section, praised the quality of exhibits in the handcraft section.

"The number of items on display is down but the quality is up, she said. "We have some very professional pieces of work from some of the best weavers in Nova Scotia."

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Sec. N.S. Sheep Prod.

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Dear Brewster,

I have received a letter today from Mr. Moberley regarding payments of dues to the Fed. of Agric.

I am disappointed with the decision your directorate have reached regarding this matter and because of this I have decided no further association with the N. S. sheep prod.

Yours Truly
Andrew Richardson