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## Drainage Projects '73

Large scale drainage projects in the Interlake are now completed or are being finished off this season.

While this hardly means that the motorized scrapers and draglines will be absent from the region, it does mean that big jobs like the Icelandic and Fisher Rivers, the Sturgeon Creek and Upper Grassmere systems and the Long Lake Drain are unlikely to be duplicated.

Nevertheless the nine projects planned for this season by the Water Resources Branch will be of importance to many farmers and Interlake communities. Of the nine, two are FRED-financed projects, while the other seven are "100 percent" provincially funded.

Under FRED the last big chunk of the Icelandic River is now being reconstructed by Tri-Line Construction Ltd. of Hnausa. The heavy machines got an exceptionally early start this season in widening and dyking four miles of river channel just east of Arborg. Except for some rip-rapping further downstream and perhaps a cut through one of the river's many loops, the remainder of the Icelandic River will be able to carry the run-off to Lake Winnipeg.

The last FRED drainage project, the Birch Creek Drain, near Grahamdale, has been much discussed by engineers and local residents alike. Since the drain must serve a multi-purpose function of draining agricultural land and controlling water levels for a waterfowl management project area, the design of any new works has been subject to several reviews. Jack Dyck, head of the special projects section of the Water Resources Branch says that this season no channel reconstruction or excavation is planned by the interdepartmental coordinating group in charge of the total project.

Work on the Fisher River was completed within the community of Fisher Branch in May. Two bridges and a sheet steel retaining wall were constructed as a winter works project. The river through Fisher Branch has been cleaned out and the banks sloped and landscaped where this was possible. Except for some cleanup work down stream the FRED-funded portions of the Fisher River project are now completed.

North of Fisher Branch in the Red Rose district, three miles of Sunny Valley Drain will be reconstructed this year. The total project involves up to seven miles of reconstruction, but the balance will likely be completed in 1974. The Sunny Valley Drain flows into the Fisher River north of Peguis.

East of Poplarfield, machinery will be at work in mid-June or early July reconstructing a 3 1/2 mile piece of the Upper Icelandic River. The project involves a crossing under PTH #68 and some bedrock excavation.

On the books for this year, providing all right-of-way is acquired, is an improvement to Switzer Creek located in marshy land 10 miles west of Hodgson. Since some of the excavation will be in marshland, much of the work will be done by dragline. Engineers working on this project were hoping for a dry season since wet conditions will make the job in this kind of country much more difficult.



Another planned project depending upon negotiations on land assembly, is reconstruction of the Helendale Drain in the municipalities of Eriksdale and Coldwell. Helendale Drain is the major outlet for Swan Lake which is being developed as a waterfowl area. The channel would function as a drain for surrounding grazing land and as a water level control for the lake. The scale of the project depends upon the size of a control structure to be built by Ducks Unlimited.

Two projects in the southern portion of the Interlake include reconstruction of the Gramiak Drain near Argyle and both reconstruction and new excavation of the Cloverdale Road Drain immediately north of Selkirk.

Work on the Gramiak Drain should start in mid-summer. The total project involves four miles of reconstruction. On the Cloverdale Road Drain, negotiations have been underway with the R. M. of St. Andrews to re-route a part of the channel. Five miles of reconstruction and excavation is planned, along with a crossing under PTH #9.

In Woodlands municipality work continues on the Sturgeon Creek system with five miles of reconstruction slated on the West Branch of Sturgeon Creek. Northeastern Construction of Winnipeg has been awarded the contract for this project.

# Interlake Highways '73

When you're travelling the Interlake this summer take heed of the "road construction ahead" signs. Grading and gravelling, blacktopping and bridge building are taking place in all areas of the Interlake.

In the northern sections of the Interlake there will be new asphalt on PTH #6 from Moosehorn up to Grahamdale. Several miles of grading and gravelling and blacktopping will be done north of Gypsumville on the road to Grand Rapids.

Manitoba's newest summer recreation centre, Hecla Island, will be easily accessible by mid-summer. Work is now underway to blacktop PR #234 and 233 north of Riverton up to the causeway.

At the bottom end of the region, PTH #7 will get a new concrete surface from the junction with PR #321 up past Stony Mountain to PTH #67. PR #223 will be graded and gravelled from the Stonewall junction on PTH #7 right over to PTH #9.

Manitoba chief bridge engineer, George DePauw explained that a new Parks Creek Bridge on PTH #8 will be constructed to eventually carry traffic for a proposed four-lane highway. When the four-lane route is built the present bridge will be used for southbound traffic and the new bridge will carry the two lanes of northbound cars.

PTH #9 around Selkirk will get four lanes of concrete. PR #320 will receive another three miles of asphalt running north from Selkirk, while the Petersfield access will be graded and gravelled for two and a half miles. PR #230 will be asphalted from it's junction with PR #223 up to it's junction with PTH #9. PR #222 from Camp Morton to Arnes will be graded and gravelled.

All highways construction undertaken this summer will be 100 percent provincially funded since FRED funds allotted to roads have been spent.

## Interlake Farm Placement Program

Interlake farmers requiring hired help and farm laborers desiring employment can now be quickly and suitably matched through the new Farm Labor Placement Program.

The Interlake farm labor placement office, A-301 McLean Avenue, Selkirk, is headed by Paul Palsson, who can also be reached by dialing 482-6381.

Designed to efficiently coordinate agricultural jobs and agricultural workers, this farm labor pool does not replace existing labor placement agencies, but supplements them by dealing only with farm labor.

Farmers desiring assistance in obtaining workers can fill in a form that describes the type of farm, housing available, eating arrangements, closeness to stores, churches and other facilities and kind of worker required. Farm workers looking for a job can fill out a form that describes past farm experience and desired conditions of employment.

These forms are used to make each employer-employee contract as suitable as possible to both parties involved. Interviews can be arranged, negotiations are held and a contract is signed between the farmer and the worker, with the government also being a party to the contract. The Department of Agriculture pays the worker bi-weekly and the farmer pays the Accounts Branch of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture at the end of each month. Along with this service the government also handles all payroll deductions and bookkeeping.

All contracts will ensure basic safety standards, living conditions, minimum wage and other employment standards that are occasionally not met in farm labor situations.

Application forms and complete details for farmers and workers can be obtained from any extension office, municipal offices, or the post office.

On the Fairford, Lake St. Martin, and Little Saskatchewan reserves, applications can be obtained from Indian Affairs placement officer, Alvin Thompson of Fairford. Ernie Murdock of Koostatak is the Indian Affairs placement officer for Peguis and Fisher River.

The farm labor placement office is primarily concerned with placing farm workers on suitable farms. Both the farm labor office and the Indian Affairs placement officers can assist a non-agricultural laborer to enter the farm labor market. Training sessions and allowances are available for new farm workers and higher level, specialized training for both farmers and experienced farm workers can be arranged through this program.

Mrs. Eunice Pommer, receptionist-payroll clerk in the Selkirk farm placement office, indicates that the program will also be closely associated with Canada Manpower Centres, rural counsellors, agricultural representatives, farm advisors, the provincial Department of Health and Social Development, L.I.P. and S.T.E.P. programs, and any other resource that can benefit the farm worker or the farmer.

## **Branchline Abandonment Attitude Survey**

How would branchline abandonment affect you? That's the basic question being asked during June in an attitude gathering survey of the Interlake grain delivery communities on the Argyle-Hodgson and the Stonewall-Arborg branch lines.

Three teams, of two students each, will be interviewing Interlakers to determine personal opinions and reactions as to how abandonment would directly change their lives. Three students will also be working throughout the summer at the Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg to organize and analyze the information.

The survey, dealing with such issues as standard of living and prospects for the future, will consist of a section of general questions concerning everyone and specific sections to find out the unique reactions of businessmen, community leaders, railway employees, grain elevator employees, secretary-treasurers of R.M.'s or towns, and school administrators and high school students.

The survey is being conducted by the Manitoba Department of Agriculture and Planning and Priorities Committee of Cabinet and will be staffed by nine university students hired under the Summer Student Employment Program.

The Grains Group and the Canada Grains Council have carried out extensive research into the rationalization of the grain handling and transportation system and the Interlake Branch Line Committee is presently studying the economic feasibility of continuing the branchline service. The Department of Agriculture survey is intended primarily to allow individuals to express their own personal views on the matter of branchline abandonment.

## **New Look for Health and Social Development**

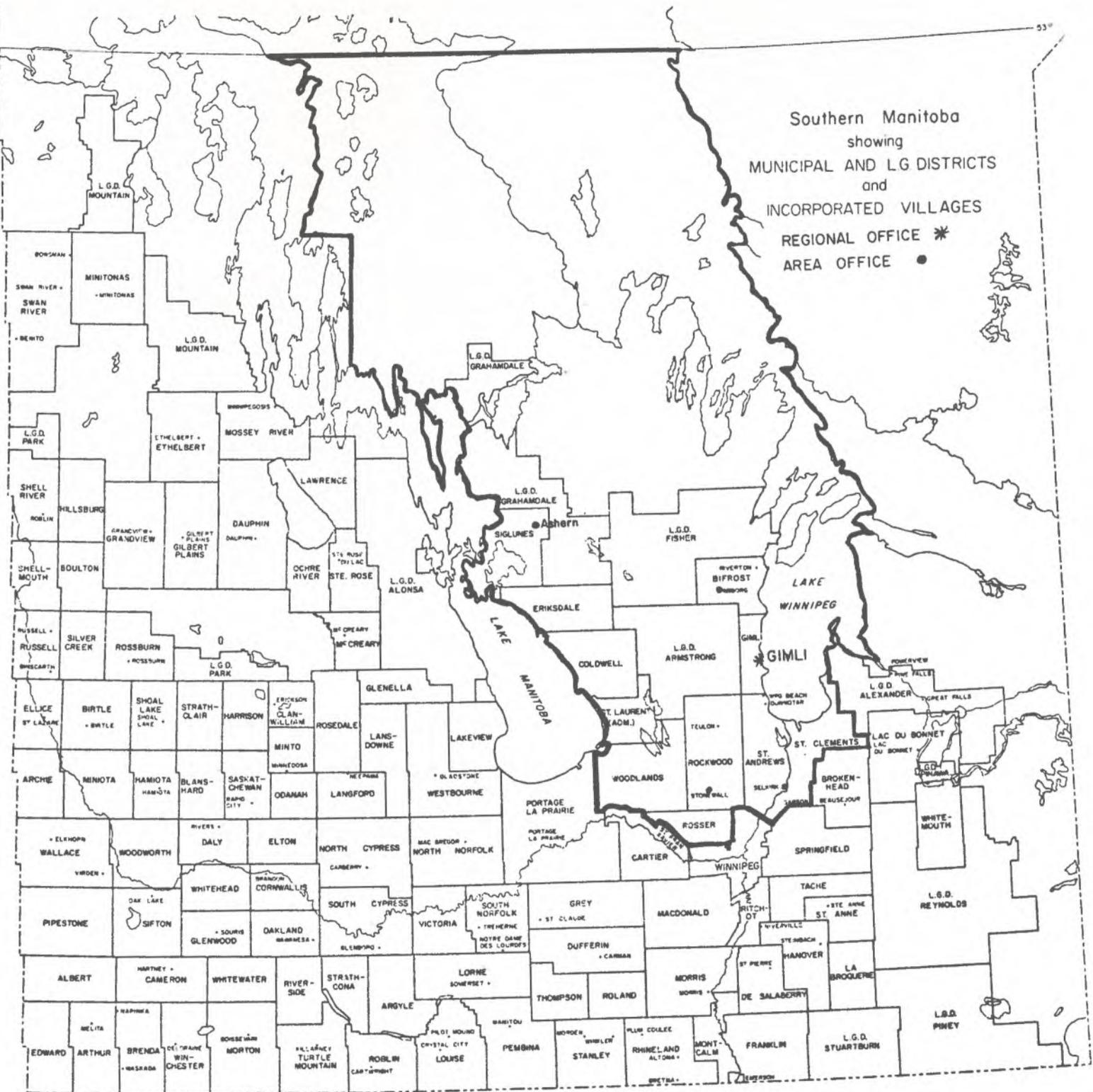
Interlake operations of the Manitoba Department of Health and Social Development are being reorganized. The result will be easier access by Interlake citizens to a wider range of services. These services will be designed with strictly Interlake needs in mind.

The changes became official on May 15 and some went into effect at once. Others will take several weeks while staff is located in new offices and arrangements with Interlake communities are worked out.

In a nutshell, here's what the reorganization involves and what it means.

- The Interlake, by itself, has become a separate region. The boundaries of this region are shown on the map on page 6. Before May 15 the Interlake was only a part of a much more vast region stretching north to south from Grand Rapids to the U. S. border and including two former suburban municipalities. It included, apart from the Interlake, such communities as Charleswood, Altona, Morris, and Emerson.

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The meaning of these boundary changes are obvious; focus of the department's programs can now be concentrated on Interlake needs and not diluted over such a diverse territory as was once the case.

- Operating offices will be located in the Interlake. The regional headquarters will be at Gimli, while area offices are being set up at Arborg, Ashern, Stonewall, and Selkirk. "Primary care" staff (home care workers and public health nurses) will remain in other communities and may be placed in additional communities. Health nurses at Warren and Eriksdale will remain, while a posting at Fisher Branch is being discussed.

This move toward regional offices ends the era when most staff (not all) commuted into the region from Winnipeg and thus spent more time travelling than carrying out routine duties.

- Bob Burns, regional director for the Interlake, will coordinate staff from Gimli. Mr. Burns has budget funds for the Interlake under his control and has the authority to design health and social development programs to meet Interlake needs. Central office specialists will consult with him and will assist him upon his request.

- One condition of employment for new staff will be that they take up residence in the Interlake, Mr. Burns said. This has double-edged benefits and liabilities. It means that department staff will have a greater feeling for the region in which they work, but it also puts a focus on the quality and availability of housing in several communities.

- Area offices will be staffed by teams of such specialists as social workers, counsellors, public health nurses, probation officers, vocational rehabilitation workers and income evaluators. The makeup of these teams will be flexible from area to area.

This means that each area will be provided with the staff that can handle a range of department services. As well, the intention is to recognize that the Interlake differs from area to area and so select the team members that can best meet the area needs. It is likely that no two teams will be exactly alike.

The team approach also has some suggestion of adjustments in that major towns in each area will share a broader range of services, but cannot lay claim to all services. In short, more intercommunity sharing will be necessary if the team idea is going to work.

Mr. Burns also said that the department intends to work with school divisions to set up counselling programs. A childhood day care program is also being planned and will be launched in the fall.

# Training Goes On

Interlake adults by the hundreds continue to improve their skills and their education by devoting weeks and often months to training courses and projects.

During the 1972-73 fiscal or budget year (April 1, 1972 to March 31, 1973), a total of 1,027 adults from the region were enrolled in a variety of training and educational programs with financial assistance from Canada Manpower and the province and by the Interlake Manpower Corps.

Of these 1,027 men and women, 781 registered during the 1972-73 year, while 246 were continuing a project begun earlier. In all, there were 607 graduates who had succeeded in their efforts.

The totals refer to the number of "training spots" used last year, rather than to how many separate individuals were involved. There is some double counting since some persons complete one course or project and enroll in another. For example, a graduate of one level of BTSD might enroll in the next level if possible, or a Manpower corpsman may decide to take BTSD or a vocational skills course at a community college.

The most popular training program again last year was the Manpower Corps with 377 "new" corpsmen. Vocational skills courses were chosen by 106 persons, while 131 adults enrolled in BTSD classes started during the year. One hundred and twenty-seven farm operators signed up for farm production courses lasting from six weeks to four months. There were also eight persons starting in apprenticeship programs.

A closer look at some of the training programs might be of interest.

## MANPOWER CORPS

There were 23 Manpower Corps projects in 13 Interlake communities in operation last year including 16 new ones and six carried over from the year before. Of the 473 corpsmen involved at some time during the year, 304 are listed as graduates, or ones who remained with the project throughout. Withdrawals, often to take other jobs, accounted for 84 men.

During the year 74 trainees were employed at the Selkirk Training Plant or the "Parks Furniture Plant". Eighteen were working in the Louis Riel Industrial Park at St. Laurent, 68 worked on the Hecla Park and 24 built the large arena at Peguis.

## VOCATIONAL PREPARATION (BTSD)

Courses were held in Selkirk, Fisher Branch and Gimli in the region. Thirty-three Interlakars enrolled in Level I courses (the highest levels) and in "continuous intake" (study at own speed) courses in Winnipeg. Only 13 persons registered at Fisher Branch, but there were 27 who signed up at Gimli and 58 at Selkirk.

One-third of the registrants graduated. Most of those who failed to graduate withdrew sometime after the courses started. Some did not show up after registering. There were only two failures among those who "stuck it out".

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING

A list of the types of career courses attracting Interlake residents mainly to Red River Community College would fill a page.

Practical nursing was the single most popular course while clerk-typist training, auto mechanics repair and commercial business operating machines (CBOB) were next in that order. There were Interlake students in 27 other courses. The total of 106 new students enrolled in vocational training represents only a portion of those taking their training in the community colleges, since many others enroll without registering for Canada Manpower assistance.



### FARM AND AGRICULTURAL COURSES

Of the 127 persons who enrolled in the farm courses in the region, only four withdrew and three failed to report.

One farm management course (the four-month course) was held during the winter. It was at Selkirk, where 16 farm operators enrolled and 12 graduated. Also at Selkirk was a six-week course in farm business planning that attracted 19 farmers. Stonewall was the location of a similar course, with 17 enrolled.

Two beef production courses were held at Fisher Branch and at Teulon. There were 19 farmers in each course.

Two dairy production courses attracted 36 operators, 20 at Arborg and 16 at Eriksdale.

These in-depth courses are operated jointly by the department of agriculture and education. Canada Manpower takes care of training allowances. Candidates are selected by committees of local area residents.

Also connected with farming and agriculture in general are courses offered at the University of Manitoba. Some "training spots" are provided through Canada Manpower for the two-year diploma course in Agriculture (18 last year) and in a cheese manufacturing course (one student).

The training assistance programs are continuing this fiscal year. Residents of the region interested in any one of the training programs should contact their manpower agent or agricultural representative in the department of agriculture extension offices. Carrying out intentions should not be left until fall because many of the programs require a rather rigid requirement of advanced commitment. In other words let the extension office people know now what you hope to do.

## Partners In Forage

Four Interlake farmers, using their own land, labor and equipment, are taking part in a carefully controlled, tame grass pasture experiment this summer. Preparations, seed mixtures, fertilization and grazing are being closely supervised by the Interlake Grassland Society. The seed and fertilizer for these experiments is being provided by Western Federated Co-Op.



Dairymen Jim Whittenden and Gordon Reed from the Teulon area have each planted 25 acres of mixed tame grass. Jim's plot, like Gordon's, is rocky, low value native pasture traditionally used for grazing sheep. This spring, after having rented a D9 to break the sod, Jim ran his disc and harrow over the field five times to properly prepare it for seeding.

Using a press drill, as recommended by the Grassland Society, Jim put in 10 pounds per acre of tame grass along with 50 pounds per acre of oats for a nurse crop and 100 pounds per acre of 11-48-0 fertilizer. He will follow this with 150 pounds per acre of 34-0-0 and later in the summer, depending on the growing conditions, 23-23-0 will be applied. Both plots will be divided up with electric fencing to allow rotational grazing. Jim and Gordon are confident that intensive grazing of tame grass pasture will permit them to expand their dairy operations.

Another part of the Co-Op's \$4,500 research grant to the Grassland Society is being used for a 53-acre cow-calf experiment on the Reykdal farm at Oakview. Steven and David Reykdal have planted 32 acres of former stubble field and 21 acres of newly turned native sod with the tame grass mixture. They are following the same seeding and fertilizing procedures as the Teulon farmers and will divide the pasture into 10 and 15-acre sub-plots for rotational grazing. By the end of June they expect to put 40 cows and 40 calves onto the 53 acres.

The fourth farmer to be taking part in the Co-Op sponsored experiment is Clive Campbell. Following all the same procedures, he will divide his 50 acres into paddocks for cow-calf grazing and for grazing market steers.

## SHORT HONKS

● RECENT P.F.R.A. REVISIONS LAST MONTH ALLOW INTERLAKE FARMERS TO NOW receive up to \$550 casing and cribbing allowance for bedrock wells. P.F.R.A. grants previously paid 50 percent of the cost per foot for cribbing and casing in wells that went into till. They have now expanded that part of the program to include footage drilled into limestone.

Application forms and complete details on the P.F.R.A. program can be obtained from rural water services agent Craig Doan, Teulon extension office. He will be in his office every Tuesday and can be reached by phoning 886-2696.

● THE INTERLAKE CAN BOAST ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE CEREAL CROPS GROWN in the region, if protein content is the key measure of quality. Last year's crops of wheat, barley and oats rated high compared to other regions in the province. In fact, protein in Interlake-grown barley and oats couldn't be topped.

Based on sample tests taken by the feed testing service of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, the results were as follows:

PERCENTAGE PROTEIN (air dry basis)

<u>REGION</u>	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>BARLEY</u>	<u>OATS</u>
Central	12.7	10.4	9.5
Eastern	13.0	10.2	8.8
Interlake.....	12.8.....	11.0.....	10.5
Northwest	11.8	10.5	9.3
Southwest	12.8	10.6	8.7
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TOTAL PROVINCE (average)	12.6	10.5	9.5
(range)	9.8-14.0	9.4-12.1	7.0-11.7

## Correction

We got fouled up in our article on the Peguis arena in the May issue of the Interlake Flyer. Thanks to Judith Cochrane, administrator for the Peguis Band, we can now straighten out our misinformation.

We quote Judith's letter:

"In the third paragraph of this article it was stated that 'All materials were supplied by the Department of Indian Affairs through the band council.' This is wrong. The Department of Indian Affairs provided us with \$30,000.00, the greater part of which was used for the piling and foundation (including labor as this was on a contract). We received a grant of \$20,000.00 from the Manitoba Lotteries Fund, and the balance of material costing some \$110,000.00 was made up of \$50,000.00 raised by the Peguis Band over the years, and a \$60,000.00 bank loan which must be paid back by the Band over a period of 7 years."

Our apologies to the Peguis band for not fully describing the very real financial and community involvement in the arena project.

# Around the Boards

**Bifrost**—Meeting of April 4 at Riverton. Six members present.

Gunnar Helgason reported that the R. M. of Bifrost is still determining to what extent it will share financing of fire protection with the Town of Arborg.

Reports were heard concerning adult education courses, community pasture land and a special course attended by Joe Klym. Herb Schultz reported on the P.F.R.A. well assistance policy as it existed at that time.

*(Editor's Note: The policy has since been revised in consultation with the province to be more useful to Interlake farmers.)*

The board approved selling the book "The Land in the Middle" at one dollar per book. Copies will be placed in stores, local government offices and the department of agriculture office.

**Fisher**—Meeting of February 23 at Chatfield. Six members present.

The board agreed to look into a query by Walter Klimchuk about the selection of candidates applying to attend the beef cattle and farm management short courses offered by the province and Canada Manpower. Mrs. M. Kubas of Fisher Branch and Mr. Carl Josephchuk, administrator for the L.G.D. of Fisher were to be contacted about the possible placement of a public health nurse in Fisher Branch.

The board will also contact the Fisher Branch Hospital Board about dental services for the area.

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Meeting of March 21 at Hodgson. Eight members present.

The method of selection of farmers for short courses was discussed and considered by most members as adequate.

An appointment of a district health nurse was again considered along with health care provided through the hospital at Hodgson. Members were informed that a local hospital board would be responsible for operating the Hodgson facility.

The board agreed to invite A. Gulay to the next meeting to determine if or to what degree the board could support Mr. Gulay's application for a charter flying licence.

Ed Schreyer moved that the Manitoba Telephone System be asked to combine telephone service of Fisher River, Fisher Branch, and Poplarfield with no toll charges within the enlarged area.

Myrs Tretiak was named chairman of the Fisher Board for 1973-74. Mr. Tretiak, former secretary of the board, will name a new secretary.

**Lundar**—Meeting of April 11. Nine members present.

Joe Sigurdson reported that, generally, farmers directly involved in extension of dykes to protect East Meadows goose sanctuary were in favor of the project.

Bruce Breckman kept the board up-to-date on his application to the Manitoba Dairy Board to set up a cheese plant.

Jim McCaffrey moved that the Lundar board persist in it's request for improvements to Lundar Beach.

The board members also approved a motion by Faye Goranson that the provincial department of agriculture sponsor a short course in horticulture and/or tours of experimental stations and nurseries.....in the spring of '74.

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Meeting of May 9. Six members present.

Extension agent, John Corbey reported that the board's earlier request for a horticultural short course and/or tours would be forwarded to the regional office of the department of agriculture.

Bruce Breckman's cheese plant application sits.

Lawrence King told the members that progress was being made on the giant Canada Goose statue. He suggested that the statue be designed to pivot with the wind to cut down wind pressure on the large wing surfaces.

The book The Land in the Middle was to be distributed to board members and local businesses.

**St. Laurent**—Meeting of April 9. Seven members present.

Ray Bernard and Abe Giesbrecht presented a brief they had prepared on

environmental issues as outlined in the Man and Resources literature sent out earlier to all area development boards. Wilf Chartrand moved that the Interlake portion of the report be rewritten and a copy sent to the Stonewall Argus.

Following discussions on the use of some road allowances for parties Jack Spruyt and Wilf Chartrand moved that a number of roads be closed off where they were not needed by farmers in the area. Specifically mentioned were the road east of Delason's, the road north of Perron's and a road east of Jack Spruyt.

The board members also approved motions requesting:

- 1) That a game bird refuge be set up in the St. Laurent area;
- 2) That acquiring of a resident police unit be looked into;
- 3) That lack of garbage pickup and proper disposal be brought forward to the municipal advisory board;
- 4) That the board support a request for culvert repairs by Mr. Bernard;
- 5) That the municipality consider buying fire fighting equipment;
- 6) That the book The Land in the Middle be distributed to stores, schools, and public offices in the area.

### **Selkirk**—Meeting of March 27. Eleven members present.

The minutes are duplicated as follows.

LIBRARY--L. Wersch reported that the Town of Selkirk will pay Mrs. Romanica's full-time salary as librarian, plus \$1,000.00 book grant, if the R. M. of St. Andrews and the R. M. of St. Clements will contribute \$1,000.00 each towards the purchase of the books. Books would be available to the public at either the Selkirk Regional Comprehensive or Robert Smith schools.

After this arrangement is set up, we should qualify for a Public or Regional Library Book Grant which would be applied for.

CABLE VISION--L. Breese reported on a meeting with the Managing Director of Cable Vision. If utility facilities such as telephone poles and towers could be used, the fee could be \$5.00 per month, depending on the number of people in Selkirk who wish to have cable vision. A survey will be made of the town to see if this is feasible.

INTERLAKE BOOK--This book has been completed and is now being distributed. Information is now being assembled for the new book "Selkirk Today". Advertising in this book will cost \$375.00 per page.

SOVERAN--PRUDEN: That the S.A.D.B. purchase a jointer-planer and sander for the School of Retardates at an approximate cost of \$400.00 CARRIED.

L. Wersch has agreed to carry on as Chairman for one more meeting with D. Pruden, A. F. Stewart and S. Schofield as nominating committee to bring in a new executive.

## **Interlake Development Corporation Meetings**

The April 26 meeting of the Corporation, held in Dunnottar, was the first meeting under the new system of municipal representation. Every member municipality and town can name a director. The system will be tried for one year and then evaluated.

Among the speakers at this meeting were John Gottfried, M.L.A. for Gimli, Doug Rowland, M.P. for Selkirk, and Ernie E. Robertson, Bromass Energy Institute.

Eric Stefanson reported that P.F.R.A. had been contacted by the Corporation and asked to revise the recently announced water well support programs so that it applies to regions such as the Interlake.

He also said that only the R. M. of St. Andrews has yet to rejoin the Corporation. The L.G.D. of Fisher has again been invited to join, but has not indicated a willingness to date. There are now 19 member governments and 22 associate member organizations in the Corporation.

Frank Malis asked the Corporation for help in his efforts to get assistance for larger towns to meet police costs.

The directors approved a suggestion from Bob McKnight of Dunnottar to hold a one-day meeting on local government problems. The meeting has been arranged for Teulon in June.

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The board of directors met in Riverton on May 24.

Mr. Al Miller director of the provincial Community Recreation Branch informed the board that his branch was pleased to allow use of the Gimli Recreation Centre grounds by the Lakeshore Light Horse Association, and suggested riding trails might be cut in the general area. He also said that the Community Recreation Branch would be willing to set up a workshop on cross-country skiing and/or snowmobiling.

Stonewall, Teulon and Matlock will be receiving summer recreation co-ordinators this year.

Corporation expenditures during April were \$4,443.84. Receipts were \$6,182.60.

Jack Litton, chairman of the education committee reported that returns of questionnaires were poor. Fourteen rural counsellors and eight school board members returned the forms. The directors agreed to release the Education Report to the press.

The Railline Abandonment Committee met on May 31 in Riverton.

In response to a request for support from the Icelandic Festival Committee, board members approved the motion that:

"No monetary contribution be made to any festival or special event, but that the Corporation continue to promote and advertise all activities in the region as effectively as possible and that the Corporation offer the assistance of staff where needed."

Dori Holm will keep the board of directors informed on negotiations between the Gimli Kinsmen Club and the Gimli Industrial Park committee concerning long-term lease of the recreation centre in the industrial park.

A special seminar on local government has been postponed from June to September 6. One representative of each council, the secretary-treasurer and one representative of each school division board will be invited.

The continued non-use of the Evergreen Apartments in Gimli, apparently because of a long-term lease with the Department of National Defense, concerned board members. Councils of the Town of Gimli and the Rural Municipality of Gimli will be consulted.

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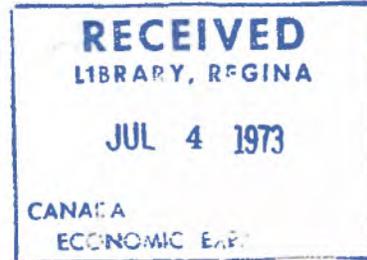
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