THE HOG SITUATION

As the period of the five-year agreement made at the Ottawa economic conference in 1932 advances, Canadian farmers may well give some thought to the future of the hog industry. Particularly is this true when one considers that the British government has decided to scrap the quota arrangement so beneficial to Canadian hog prices and replace it by an import levy on all imports. Add to that the aim of a gradual and sustained increase in British hog production, even to the extent of self-sufficiency, which was featured in the report of the British re-organization commission for pigs and pig products and later implemented in the British pig scheme.

The more favourable prices for hogs prevailing during the last two years more than any other factor have been instrumental in dulling any objective interest on the part of producers in the future of the industry. As usual our farmers will probably let matters drift until aroused by the return of lower prices instead of using their present opportunity so to improve their production and marketing efficiency that they will be able to present a strong competitive front when the change in the British market arrives," as Prof. W. M. Drummond has conselled in a recent bulletin.

So rapid and so extensive have been the changes in the hog industry, both in our export and home markets, that the efforts of the producer to be informed, have been further confounded. Although it is many years since the majority of hogs were slaughtered on farms or by local butchers rather than processed in centralized packing plants, other significant changes have marked recent years. The former butcher has become quite definitely a retail meat-merchant while the drover, in respect to market hogs at least, has become not a dealer but a commission agent for some packing plant or a trucker of live stock.

These changes have resulted from general trends in certralization of industry, specialization, improved transportation facilities and elimination of intermediate charges in the wayonly should payment to producers be of stockyard fees. As pointed outmade on the basis of carcass quality by B. N. Arnason of the Saskatch-but the charge for retailed meat ewan department of agriculture "direct shipments to packing plants have tended to lower prices, but farmers continue to ship direct for the immediate advantages which appear to be available"; they have increased this practice to such an extent that in 1933 fully 63 per cent of the hogs marketed in Canada were literally thrown into the hands of the packers.

This condition greatly increases the bargaining power of the packers while practically eliminates all bargaining power on the part of the producer. When one considers that Canada Packers Limited and Swift Canadian Company Limited handled 85 per cent. of the Canadian packing business in 1933 and that the former alone managed 59 per cent. of it the efforts of the individual producer appear puny indeed.

In its report the royal commission on price spreads has recommended "that all shipments of live stock should be made to the public market where reasonably possible, to give all buyers an opportunity of competing for them and to prevent direct shipment being used as a club in the hands of the packers to break down prices on the public stock-yards." Yet it is not likely that individual farmers will carry this out at inconvenience and expense to themselves, nor is it clear that a return to competitive methods is desirable even if it were possible.

The existence of the first co-operative packing plant at Barrie is an evidence that farmers can co-operate on the common basis of hog producers. If conditions in the industry become sufficiently serious, producers might be led to organize on an extensive scale to at least promote more orderly methods of marketing and more effective means of bargaining with the packers.

The question of hog grading has been a controversial one for some years. While quality has been so improved by this method until in 1933, 57 per cent. of the hogs marketed graded selects and bacons, much more remains to be done. Grading on the rail is coming and with it should come greater reward for select grades. Not only should payment to producers be on the basis of carcass quality but the charge for retailed meat should be on the same basis. In order to do justice to the British market the practice of exporting inferior grades should be discontinued.

Canada's future in the export market could be greatly strengthened by assuring the provision of a regular continuous supply of hog products of superior quality. Justice to her producers could be assured by collective marketing carried on by themselves in order to provide a reasonable bargaining power.

Movie fame seems to consist of turning an actor's or actress' domestic affairs inside out.

Ontario nurses have decided in favor of an eight-hour day but we understand the idea of taking temperatures on a piece work basis has not attracted much support as yet.

Late Robt. Alexander

The funeral of the late Mr. Robert John Alexander, who passed away very suddenly from a heart attack on Monday morning, took place from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon, and was attended by a wide circle of friends. His pastor, Rev. W. J. Scott, had charge of the service bringing a message of comfort to the family and friends. Interment was made in Flesherton cemetery.

Friends from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Causher, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Causher of Hagerstown, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eiback of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brooks and Mr. Arthur Brooks of Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander and daughter, Mrs. McKee, Mr. Wm. Alexander of Feversham; Mr. Wm. Stoddart of Markdale; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Yates and daughter, Lillian, Mrs. Wm. Colquette and son, Alan, and Mr. Ivan Alexander, all of Owen Sound, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brownlee of Collingwood.

A DOG'S LIFE

Counsel (in divorce case): "Is it true your husband led a dog's life with you?"

Wife: "He did. He came in with muddy boots, leaving footprints all over the carpet. He took the best place near the fire and waited to be fed. He growled at the least provocation and snapped at me a dozen times a day."

SCHOOL REPORTS

Flesherton Public School

4th — Aileen Hopkins (H), Iva Brown (H), Alan Chapple (H), Evelyn Leavell, Ruth Turney, Jack Hopkins, Ben Bellamy, Delmar McClean, Eldon Fisher, Thelma Miller, Alice Thompson, Oly McDonald, Betty Teeter, Jack Loucks, Dorothy Welton, Dorothy Patton.

Sr. 3rd — Joe Banks, Fred Conking, Bernice Leavell, Stewart McRae, Jim Thurston, Florence Newell, Marjorie Thistlethwaite.

Jr. 3rd — Jean Duncan (H) and Dian. Goldsborough (H) equal, Jean Loucks, Jean McTavish, Bob Banks, Marjorie Newell, Doris Loucks, Margaret Thompson.

Sr. 2nd — Arlene Taylor, Ruth, Leavell, Ted McCracken, Earle Thurston, Ethel Taylor, Evison Wilson, Carman Loucks, Stanley McClean, Elmer Clarke, Munroe Scott.

Jr. 2nd — Ken Henry, Mary Banks, Margaret Turney, Edna Thompson, Jack McDonald.

1st — Jean McCracken, Marjorie Brackenbury, Gordon Dungey, Genevieve Milne, Helen Brown, Rob. Meggitt, Shirley Marriott.

Sr. Pr. — Geo. Potter, Norman Dungey, Edmund Thompson, Geo. Meggitt.

Jr. Pr. — Ted Banks, Evelyn McTavish, Gordon Miller, Bob Turney, Billie Solomon, Elma Talbot, Margaret Meggitt, Ruth Marriott, Eileen McClean (abs.)

Priceville Public School

5th — Jamie Sutherland 87, Tom Aldcorn 71, Evelyn McDermid 61, Archie Sturrock 57, Marie McLauchlan 50, Jack McArthur 48.

Sr. 4th — Laurie Sutherland 78, Tommy Mather 77, Winnifred McConkey 69, Bill McBride 68, Gwynneth McLean 55, Garfield Teeter 52, Emerson Watson 46, Donald Nichol 40.

Jr. 4 — Bobbie Odell 75, Dorothy Watson 70, Ross McConkey 70, Kenneth Nichol 59, Bernice Carson 55, Douglas Weir 54, Doreen Teeter 50.

Sr. 3rd — Bobbie Sutherland 85, Eleanor Johnston 72, Walter McBride 62, Kathleen McArthur 57, Elmer Turnbull 57, Lorne McArthur 54, Julia Scheuerman 52, Sam Scheuerman 41.

Jr. 3rd — Isabel Karstedt 74, Jean Mather 67, Jack McConkey 65, Thomas McKeown 62, Beatrice McDermid 58, Betty Watson 54, Viola McDermid 52, John McMillan 52, Hector McLean 49, Angus McVicar 49.

Sr. 2nd — Virginia McDermid 80, Margaret Johnston 60, Donald McMillan 54, Clarence McArthur 51, Mabel Scheuerman 51, Percy Stonehouse (absent).

Jr. 2nd — Jane Karstedt 82, Lawrence McArthur 79, Sarah McMillan 79, Isabelle Weir 61, Mack Watson 50.

1st — Laurie McKechnie, Vern Scheuerman.

Sr. Pr. — Sheila Weir, Sadie McKeown, Marie Weir, Jimmie McArthur.

Jr. Pr. — Allen McLauchlan, Reta McDougall, Angus McLauchlan, Victor Sheuerman, Irene Turnbull, Cecil McDermid.

—E. B. FROOK, Teacher Sr. Room
—ELEANOR L. MATHER, Teacher, Jr. Room.

S. S. No. 6, Osprey

4th — Alan Tupling, Lola Thompson, Mae Maxwell, Neil McKenzie and *Norma Long equal, Mina Douglas*, Bruce Douglas*.

Sr. 3rd — Norma Maxwell*, Eleanor McKenzie.

Jr. 3rd — Blanche Long.

Jr. 2nd — Hartley Tupling*, Margaret Douglas*, Winslow Hutchinson.

Sr. 1st — Shirley Maxwell, and Leona Short*, equal, Jean Cox, Ione McKenzie*, Ruby Dobson, Donald Wilson*.

Sr. Pr. — Eunice Dobson and Kenneth Long*, equal, Douglas Davidson*, Beverley McKenzie.

Jr. Pr. — Mildred Poole*, Jimmie Cox.

* Denotes perfect attendance for April.

—N. SHORT, Teacher

Springhill School

5th — *Winnifred Pattison.

Sr. 4th — Keith Parker, *Lucille Goetz, Eileen Pattison, *Lorene Johnson, Lloyd Allen and Roy Best absent.

Sr. 3rd — Bruce Beard.

Jr. 3rd — *Edna Doupe, Eugene Goetz, *Leone Johnson, Grace Parker and Ruth Blackburn absent.

2nd — *Bernice Johnson, Allister Pattison, *Shirley Hindle, Eunice Allen and Elgin Waller absent.

1st — Gordon Waller, absent.

Pr. — *Eva Doupe, Elmer Best, Jean Hindle.

* denotes perfect attendance.

—INEZ BROWN, Teacher

Orange Valley School

Sr. 4 — Gerald Hill, Minerva Stafford, Muriel Teeter, Harvey Hill, Clifford Littlejohns, Elmer Russell, Don Russell.

Sr. 3rd — Verna Russel, Mary Whitehead,

Jr. 3rd — Levi Stafford, Pauline Stephenson, Annie Stephenson.

Jr. 2nd — Muriel Gilchrist, Ernie Russell.

Sr. 1st— Burton Russell, Jack Gilchrist, Eileen Stafford.

Jr. 1st — Oscar Irving and Nina Teeter, equal, Oscar Brown and Fred Gilchrist equal, Gerald Stafford.

Pr. — Dorothy Brown and Ivan Russell equal, Melville Irving, Emerson Brown.

—A. I. MARTIN, Teacher

U. S. S. No. 15, Proton

Sr. 4th — Verna Baker*, Harold Sims*, Joe Stainsby*, Hilda Sims*, Ernie Barker*, Mae Corbett, Kathleen Barker, Areline Whyte, Ken Sims.

Jr. 4th — Clarence White, Vern Corbett, Marjory Bates.

Sr. 3rd — Jacqueline Sims*, Laurie Sims*.

Sr. 2nd — Fred Batchelor*, Helen Pevey, Jack Barker*, Irene White, Zella Lyons.

Jr. 2nd — Marvelle White*, Kenneth Bates.

Jr. 1st — Margaret Mills*, Henrietta Sims, Bert Badgerow*, Velma Sewell*, Cecil Barker.

Sr. Primer — Marion Baker*, Marion Lyons*, Everette Lockhart.

Jr. Primer — Ruth Lyons.

* Denotes perfect attendance.

—G. B. LITTLEJOHNS, Teacher

Finest Fish Catch From Flesherton

Large fish have not been the order of the fishing season so far in this locality, although a Dundalk man got one opening day that weighed about two pounds. H. Whitehouse of Owen Sound won the Slater trophy for the largest speckled trout taken to the Slater headquarters at Owen Sound. This fish only weighed one pound and 13 ounces; quite a difference from J. O. Dargavel's monster of last year which weighed four pounds. Flesherton sportsmen have won the fly rod three out of five times, which should be satisfactory to all here.

The finest catch of the day was made by Frank Slater and C. Buzza of Owen Sound when they caught their allotted number in the Akitt & Bellamy fish pond here. The longest fish was fourteen inches. The picture of the catch appeared in a county daily, but the location where they were caught was not given.

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