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OTTAWA NEWS LETTER

Outstanding war contribution of Canadian farmers is emphasized by lifting of meat rationing because production reached such a peak that storage and transportation facilities are taxed to capacity. Last year Canada sent more than 675,000,000 pounds of bacon to Britain and Federal experts estimate that the Dominion this year could supply the United Kingdom with 1,000,000,000 pounds. Despite huge exports, big meat surpluses have piled up in the Dominion, due to the unprecedented production.

Rationing began May 27, 1943, to accumulate stocks of shipment to Britain and to ensure fair distribution throughout Canada of the balance left for domestic supply. Amounts of meat available now are beyond the capacity of available shipping space, so meat is once again released for sale to the public without restriction. Farmers are again permitted to slaughter and sell direct to consumers anywhere.

It will at least be months before meat rationing is restored and it is quite possible that it may never be resorted to again. Federal authorities are negotiating for outlets for accumulated surpluses, chief of which might be shipment of beef to Britain, if this could be arranged. In the meantime, increased buying by Canadian consumers is expected to reduce storage stocks and improve the demand throughout the Dominion. Hog marketings during the first eight weeks of 1944 were 80 per cent above the same period last year; cattle 50 per cent; calves 20 per cent and sheep and lambs 35 per cent. Suspension of rationing focused public attention on the splendid record of Canadian producers, despite serious shortage of farm labor.

Health Insurance

The new health insurance plan, designed to afford medical and hospital services to everyone in Canada and full dental care to all children under 16, shares the Ottawa spotlight. It is estimated the benefits will cost $250,000,000, besides administration costs, or an average of $22 for every man, woman and child in the Dominion. Of this, the Dominion would pay an estimated $100,000,000, while $150,000,000 would be contributed by the public under a graded system.

Under the proposed National Health Act every person over 16 would have to pay a flat rate of $12 a year, if able to do so. In addition, single persons would pay three per cent of income over $660, but no such payment to exceed $30; married persons would pay five per cent of income over $1,200, the maximum of such payment to be $50. A married man would also pay $12 a year for his wife and for all dependents over 16, but nothing additional for children under 16 who, however, would get all the benefits of the plan. Thus a single person earning $1,000 a year would pay a total of $22.20 and if earning $1,400 a year, would pay $34.20. Single persons earning $1,500 or more would pay the maximum of $42.00.

Married men earning $1,500 a year would pay $39 annually; those earning $1,800, would pay $54. At $2,000 the annual fees would be $64 to cover all medical and hospital services for the family and at $2,200 a year or more, the fee would be the maximum of $74. Single persons earning less than $660 a year and married persons $1,200 or less would pay only $12 a year.

Announcing the revised plant to the Social Security Committee of the House of Commons, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of Pensions and National Health, said it would "provide health insurance for everyone, irrespective of income, thereby bringing adequate medical care within the reach of all."

Mrs. Robt. Stevenson Dies

Mrs. Robt. Stevenson, resident of Kingston, died suddenly on Monday of last week in the Kingston General Hosptial from a severe heart attack. She was in her 56th year and was born at Bowmanville, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Topliff. In June, 1913, the late Mrs. Stevenson was married to Mr. Robt. Stevenson of Bath, where they resided for twelve years and then in Kingston for nineteen years. For many years she carried on with her chosen profession, nursing.

Besides Mr. Stevenson, she is survived by two sons, Dr. James, now Major Stevenson, and John Earle, both of Kingston and daughter, Marie (Mrs. D. Chambers) of Kingston. Surviving also are two sisters, Gladys (Mrs. R. Watson) of Owen Sound and Ethel (Mrs. J. O. Dargavel) of Flesherton, and one brother, Dr. E. E. Topliff, Rossland, B.C. One grandchild, Dale Ann Chambers, also survives.

Service was held from her late Residence on Arch Street, Kingston, on Wednesday, March 1st, at 3.30 p.m., and was in charge of her pastor, Rev. Dr. Brown. Interment was in Cataraqui Cemetery.

Mrs. R. Watson of Owen Sound and Mrs. J. O. Dargavel of Flesherton and Miss E. A. Dargavel of Toronto attended the funeral.

In addition to ships and planes it looks as if the Japanese are about to lose one Truk.

W. E. White Passes

William Ezra White, a resident of Markdale for many years, and well known throughout the district, passed away in Markdale Hospital Sunday afternoon, following an illness of three months, in his 78th year.

The late Mr. White was born in Leeds on June 3rd, 1866, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John White. He was married to Miss Annie Stewart of Flesherton, who predeceased him by one year. He leaves to mourn two brothers, James of Markdale and Edward of Los Angeles, Calif.

Deceased was of a cheery disposition and had many warm friends. He served on the Markdale council for several terms. He conducted a store in Markdale for a number of years, retiring about ten years ago, and prior to that was a traveller.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, with service conducted in the Oliver Funeral Chapel, with Mr. Paul Rumball in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. J. R. Bythell. Interment took place in Markdale Cemetery.

The pallbearers: were Messrs. Wm. Hill, Silas Hill, Walter Plewis, Thos. Wilson, Robt. Wiley and T. Reburn.

Among those who attended the funeral from a distance were: Mr. Ben White of St. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. H. Capstick of Toronto and Pte. Geo. White of Hamilton.

BUCKINGHAM

The Club met at the home of Mrs. Alf. Hawton on Thursday, March 2, with six members and five visitors present. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn "Blest be the Tie That Binds" and repeating the Lord's Prayer. In the absence of the secretary, notes were taken of the business and discussion, which included plans for a bazaar to be held later in the year. A worthy suggestion by one member was that the members as a whole should register at the nearest blood donors' clinic. Several completed blocks of the autograph quilt were handed in, and later all enjoyed a very dainty lunch served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hutchinson attended a family gathering Monday evening, March 6th, in honor of the 80th birthday of the latter's mother, Mrs. J. Tyson, at her home on the townline. Mrs. Tyson enjoys fairly good health and takes care of her household duties.

Messrs. D. Stephens and Kendall Hawkins, secretary and convener respectively of the Eigth Line branch, were instrumental in organizing a Farm Radio Forum at a meeting held at the home of Mr. A. Hawton on Feb. 21st. After listening to the broadcast and being acquainted with objects of the Forum in furthering the interests of the farmer in general and in obtaining, through organization, some of the conveniences which a great many farm still do not enjoy, of which a majority of those present were in favor. Mr. Leslie Hawton was appointed convener and Elmer Mullin secretary. The meeting last Monday night was held at the home of Alex. Mullin and this coming week will be at the home of Mr. Arnold Hutchinson.

RATION NEWS

ZONING MILK AND CREAMERY COLLECTIONS

Savings in gasoline, rubber and trucking equipment has resulted from the order on transportation of milk and cream issued by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board over a year ago. The services administration report that the zoned collections have resulted in reductions up to 44 per cent in the number of trucks used for collecting the products, which has brought about this saving.

Producers, truckers, and processors have been consulted as far as possible in determining the zones, all of which are expected to be laid out by the end of March. Every effort has been made to preserve the balance between operators in the same field and to maintain a choice of outlets for producers in practically every zone. Adjustments will continue to be made where any undue hardship results or where the necessities of production require, according to the services administration.

RATION DUE DATES

Coupons now due are sugar 14 to 28; preserves D1 to D16; butter 50 to 53; tea-coffee 14 to 29 and E1 to E4.

MEAT RATIONING ENDED

Effective from March 1st, no meat coupons are needed for meat purchases. The release from the rationing of meat, which has been in effect since last May, is only a temporary measure, the consumer is warned. Meatless Tuesdays are also dropped for the time being. The suspension of meat rationing was made necessary by the enlarged Canadian livestock production and shipping difficulties which prevented the sending of surpluses to the United Kingdom. The suspension will continue until both storage and transportation difficulties are cleared up.

Guard Ontario's Forests

Creation of an Ontario Forest Resources Commission to preserve and properly promote our forests under long range plans, is the intention of the Ontario Government, Premier George Drew told the Legislature last week.

The Premier said such a commission would prohibit improper cutting methods and would be a safeguard against ghost towns in the province similar to some of the run-down communities in mining areas where the mines were exhausted.

"The commission will be divorced from politics and will be given full administrative powers," said the Premier. "There is no reason why Ontario should not be just as successful as Sweden, Norway and Finland were in preserving and properly promoting forest wealth. A great era of expansion in the use of wood products was dawning and it imposes upon the government the necessity of most careful supervision."

Premier Drew said that sound forestry practice demands that we have the same stands of timber 20, 50 or 100 years from now.

More and More Cream Wanted

There is a great demand for butter now. The price being paid to the producer, plus the 10 cent subsidy, makes the returns to you worth while. You will benefit by feeding your milch cows extra grain or concentrate.

Bring you cream to the Flesherton Creamery for best results and quick service.

A WORD TO THE WISE

Our meat lockers are fast being rented.

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BANKING IS ADAPTABLE

...it changes constantly to meet this country's changing needs

FOR INSTANCE...

Ever wonder where your ration coupons go? The answer is that your grocer takes your sugar, butter and other coupons to his bank, which acts as the government's agent in identifying and accounting for millions of spent coupons. This vast bookkeeping job—known as "Ration Coupon Banking"—is just one of the new, additional assignments which the banks have assumed as part of their wartime service.

Another is the payment, on behalf of the government, of certain subsidies arising out of wartime price control. Still another is the handling of exchange transactions as agents of the Foreign Exchange Control Board.

At the same time the banks have arranged facilities to serve military establishments and new war-industry centres alike.

Through loans to industry and agriculture, they have helped to increase the supply of raw materials, weapons and food.

They have acted as issuing agents for approximately $5,700,000,000 worth of Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates, as well as lending direct financial aid to the government through short term loans.

...All this in the face of widespread staff changes resulting from enlistments of 8,360 trained bank employees.

The war emergency has proved the readiness and ability of Canada's banks to adapt their services to new conditions. It has proved, once again, the strength of your banking system, which is providing a firm base of financial service for the greatest economic effort in the nation's history, and will with equal resourcefulness meet the challenge of the years ahead.

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