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The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP)—Preliminary discussions of the 1945 farm program have indicated that the Dominion Farmers' task of food production will remain as important as in the past four years, whether peace has come or not.

While there has been some qualification of estimates of amounts of food which will be needed for European relief purposes in the next season, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and other authorities say the requirements will be large.

Canada has a major surplus in crop wheat. Drought conditions in Australia which has cut production in that Dominion may mean that New Zealand and some other dominions normally dependent on Australian supplies may have to draw on the Canadian stocks. But even with relief needs at a high level and new markets to be supplied, authorities say it is questionable whether Canada will be able to export the 400,000,000 bushels she could easily spare in the crop year 1944-45.

This condition indicates that the Dominion-provincial agricultural conference, expected to assemble in Ottawa in December, again will suggest that prairie farmers might well concentrate on crops other than wheat. With major bean and clover contracts with the United Kingdom to be met, and with an assured market for meat and poultry products, the continued high production of feed crops probably will be suggested.

Although hog marketings have been heavy this year, officials said there have been signs of a tapering off in production which may mean that fewer animals will be sold next year. In 1945 as well as in 1944 the Dominion has agreed to provide 300,000,000 pounds of bacon to the United Kingdom. The hope is the young hog crop early next year will be larger than in any previous year by some authorities. Numbers of hogs on farms at June 1 showed a decline of five per cent. from the same date in 1943.

Income in Outlook

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported a new high record in the number of cattle on farms, with a total of 1,138,000 head, representing an increase of seven per cent. over June 1, 1943. Sheep numbered 3,736,000 head, a gain of nearly eight per cent. in a year.

A reflection of the demand for eggs and poultry meat for domestic and export markets, the total of hens and chickens on farms was reported at 36,787,000, or nearly 16 per cent. above the previous year.

In one category of livestock no increase was reported, only a continuation of the decline which has been in evidence for several years. The number of horses reported on June 1 was 2,735,000, a decline of 40,000 in a year. The decline was common to all provinces except Nova Scotia and Quebec.

One nurtured hope went glimmer-

ing during the week. Farmers who have read of the success of the jeep in war have believed it would be a useful vehicle on the farm, able to pull plows and take the family to town on Saturday night. But expert agricultural engineers put the jeep to work at farm chores in Saskatchewan and found it was not a success as it had never been intended for such jobs and could not be made to accept them.

And, for good measure, they warned that tractors were suitable only for mowing themselves with unskilled operators were the solution to farm housing problems. Out of all their recommendations came only the prospect that military trucks, of all the residue of materialized warfare, would find a part-time job on the farm front without extensive alteration.

CANADA YEAR BOOK FOR 1944-45 READY

The 1944-45 edition of the Canada Year Book, published by authorization of the Hon. James A. Mackenzie, M.P., Minister of Trade and Commerce, is announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

On the grounds of war-time emergency, the 1943 edition of the Year Book was not published and the present volume has therefore been planned to cover developments over a two-year period, perhaps more important from the standpoint of the changes in our internal economy than any other like period in the Dominion's history. The problem of including all necessary new material and at the same time keeping the volume down to convenient limits has had been an easy one to solve and, where possible, space has had to be saved by reference to earlier editions for standard material.

The Canada Year Book is the official statistical journal of the country and contains a thoroughly up-to-date account of the national resources of the Dominion and their development, the history of the country, its institutions, its demography, the different branches of production, trade, transportation, finance, education, etc.—in brief, a comprehensive study within the limits of a single volume of the social and economic conditions of the Dominion.

By special arrangement, a limited number of paper-bound copies have been set aside for ministers of religion, home file students and school teachers who may obtain such copies at the nominal price of \$1.00 each. Applications with remittance for these special copies must be forwarded to the Dominion Statistician, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EXPECT RECORD RICE HARVEST

SYDNEY, Australia (CP)—This year's rice crop in Australia is expected to be a record. All of it is grown in New South Wales. With an average yield of about two tons to the acre this should provide at least 75,000 tons of "paddy", compared with about half that total in pre-war days.

The whole of the crop is required for the Allied forces and for consumption in the island territories of the Southwest Pacific. The quality is excellent.

LESSER OPERATING FARE

Farm machines operated for longer than the average season usually get better than average care. Their owners are more inclined to keep them in good repair. The Dominion Department of Agriculture says that when a farmer increases the operating time of his machines either by exchanging work with a neighbor or by custom work, he lengthens the life of the machine and cuts its hourly cost of operation.

CAN USE MACHINERY MORE HOURS PER YEAR

Although the average farm tractor is used less than 350 hours a year, many well-balanced farms operate their tractors more than 500 hours a year. Tractor equipment averages only 300 hours' useful operation a year, but in the hands of some owners it is used for as many as 450 hours a year.

The annual use of harvesting equipment is 120 hours a year on the average, but on some farms it is engaged in useful work for 225 hours a year.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture, these comparisons indicate that most machinery on Canadian farms can be used more hours per year at greater savings to their owners and reduced costs to the farming community as a whole.

HEARS EVIDENCE


HALIFAX (CP)—The provincial department of lands and forests had hearings on 111 hours this year, with the high score, 28, going to Annapolis County. Minimum heard is 12.

COOK BATTERS ON ICE

HALIFAX (CP)—A kitchen caught in a flaming house here, ran to the ice box, jumped in and sat on a chunk of ice until flames heard its cries and receded.

STUDENT FIGHT FIRE

CHAPLIN (CP)—School teachers took a day off from lessons to help battle a public fire which destroyed 20 to 25 acres of crops on the farm of a district farmer.



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