

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP)—A suggestion that Canada's hog production should be maintained at its present level during 1945 and 1946 has been advanced by J. C. Taggart, chairman of the Canadian Meat Board.

The United Kingdom will require more bacon from Canada than the Dominion is likely to be able to deliver in the years 1945 and 1946, even if a large hog production is maintained, said Mr. Taggart.

The meat board, charged with purchasing the Canadian bacon required to maintain the slender British bacon ration of four ounces a week, has observed "with concern" reports indicating that a decline in hog production is in prospect next year.

Some of this reduction may be due to the belief that with an end to the war, bacon shipments to the United Kingdom will be restricted immediately and surpluses will develop at once. Mr. Taggart said any such belief was incorrect.

Information assembled by the board has shown that Denmark, with its hog population no more than 80 per cent of pre-war, would not be able to resume heavy exports to Britain until feed could be imported after the war. It might be some time before shipping space was available to transport feed to Denmark. Other European countries which exported bacon to Britain prior to the war were in worse positions than Denmark. Britain could not enlarge her hog production extensively without importing feed.

Under agreement with the United Kingdom, Canada plans to supply 200,000,000 pounds of bacon both in 1944 and 1945, a total of 1,000,000,000 pounds as a minimum.

Heavy marketing in early 1944 made it possible that total shipments in 1944 will be 700,000,000, all of which will be required by the United Kingdom to maintain its ration. The need will be equally great in 1945 and 1946.

Canada would like to be in a position to secure the United Kingdom that at least 9,000,000 pounds a week could be shipped. This would require the hog population to be kept near its present level.

While Mr. Taggart looked to the post-war so did Prime Minister Mackenzie King. The prime minister announced the establishment of three new departments as part of the government's post-war administrative set-up.

Department of Reconstruction
The new department of reconstruction will be headed by Munitions Minister Howe, who will retain his present portfolio. Pensions Minister Mackenzie will head the new veterans affairs department and Hon. Brooke Claxton, former parliamentary assistant to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, will be the Dominion's first minister of health and welfare.

The reconstruction department will operate for four years after the war, but the other departments will be permanent. And while the department heads looked to the post-war, the Dominion bureau of statistics looked no farther ahead than next

winter and indicated that the latter supply situation would be tight.

The board said there was a tendency in the last few months to reduce cow holdings.

After successive years of difficulty with the winter butter supply, mathematicians said the 1944 situation was no better than in 1943. The latter ration eight ounces a person a week all ready has been temporarily reduced three times this year by the cancellation of butter ration coupons. An additional temporary reduction will be made shortly.

By the cancellation of two more coupons for an estimated saving of 5,000,000 pounds of butter.

The statement that numbers of dairy cows were on the decline, based on reports from Dominion Bureau of Statistics dairy correspondents, counterbalanced a more cheerful report on the condition of pastures. During September, moisture supplies were adequate in most parts of Canada and weather was suitable for dairy production.

Associated with the report of a reduction in the number of cows was a drop in the percentage of cows actually milked as compared with 1943.

A bright spot in the situation was the increase recorded in the number of cows bred for dairy purposes, so that while immediate freshenings are considerably reduced, it is possible that greater numbers may be coming into lactation during the winter or early spring.

From agriculture officials came the warning that the Canadian hen that cackles proudly when she lays an oversized egg may find her head on the chopping block soon afterwards.

The officials said in an age where the bigger and better usually is sought the problem of the oversized egg is becoming acute. The hen that persists in laying "jumbos" is apt to find her life short, if merry.

Oversized eggs are too large for standard trays and fillers and are lost through breakage. No market, export or domestic, has yet paid a premium for oversized eggs commensurate with their weight.

SEVERAL HINTS FOR HOME FRONT

By The Canadian Press
Now, when hints are being wartime duties—in the kitchen, garden, canteen or factory—they need more care than ever to keep them beautiful.

A good lemon lotion can be made at home in a jiffy with ingredients that may be found in the medicine chest or can be purchased from the corner drugstore.

You can prepare the lotion by combining two parts fresh lemon juice, one part rubbing alcohol, one part glycerine, and perfume as desired.

It can be used on the elbows, too. If they are in that condition, scrub them first with warm soapy water with a bit of pumice stone, then cut the lemon in half and place an elbow in each half for a few minutes each day.

CONCRETE RINK

STURGIS, Sask. (CP)—Farmers of Sturgis district recently went to work with tractors, scrapers and scoops, but they weren't harvesting—they were building a skating rink. A curling rink with two sheets of ice will also be erected.

HUNGARIAN CAPITAL BIG NAZI ARSENAL

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Budapest, on a line along which Russia's Red Army is advancing has served Germany as a distribution centre and an arsenal for the Nazi war machine.

Actually emerged from four ancient towers—Buda, Ouda, Pest and Kispesya—on a site once inhabited by the Romans, the capital of Hungary lies on both sides of the Danube at one of the few good approaches to that river across the hills. This is a city of culture and age, with shabby, yellow plastered houses, headless granite buildings, crowned by its citadel and 18th century royal palace.

With a normal population of over a million, Budapest is the junction of 12 main railroads, the hub of a new system of arterial highways and the site of strategic airports. The Nazis long have double-tracked freight to the southeast, adding to a bottleneck at rail crossings over the river.

Turning industries there have turned out Messerschmitts, varied other war material, atomic products, shoes and textiles. Budapest, after Minneapolis, is reputed to be the world's largest milling city. Bombings considerably have reduced production, however, and increased the city's acute housing shortage.

Regina Boys Have Owl Pate

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"Owl" of The Hospital Wrote White Station in the Hospital

REGINA (CP)—"Owl" is a great horned owl. He is quite a temperamental owl that to make up for this falling, he tries to make Regina's young hospital patients happy by visiting them occasionally.

Every so often, his two masters, Bill Martenson, 13, and 12-year-old boys, 13, both of Regina, take him to the hospital to entertain the youngsters. Although the owl allowed inside, "Owl" flies up to window sill where he can be seen. Since the winter months in the hospital, much to their delight.

"Owl" first came in contact with civilization when he was hatched this spring. Christian Owl because this name sounded well, he did not take kindly to captivity. He hit the ceiling to his left leg and flew to a rooftop. There the owl nesting built all and screech, to the great annoyance of the neighbors. Bill said "Owl" climbed the roof and got within arms-length of him when he decided to fly to the roof. This kept up for half a dozen rooftops until "Owl" either got tired or hungry and let himself be caught.

Now, grown quite big, he lives in a cage and spends most of his time sitting and screeching. His favorite food is meat and the combs from bread and milk "lumpy stuff." Bill and Dick have tried to teach him to rattle on the handlebars of a bicycle that the owl screech when come go by. But "Owl" knows his name now—and the responsibility of it too, if he holds in the present.

English Youngster Is Sold On Canada

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Strong for Baseball, Hockey, the English Youngster Will Show His Wits

INOT MURPHY (CP)—George might almost want to leave Canada and over. The little war refugee from Germany, Eng. 11-year-old and hockey two much.

He liked them are still an strong as ever. But he hopes that his parents will make in new home here so that the army continue to enjoy the sports the home country in Canada.

Five years ago, Marshall and Dorothy were just fascinating mysteries to the little Briton. Then along came the war and with it, the little off Britain, and George, with his younger brother, Tony, was packed off to Canada.

George, keen as mustard for anything athletic, is thoroughly Canadianized now. He understands for Marshall knows no baseball.

As a hockey player, George is "all right," his coach Alon. Hira, will tell you. "He took to the game more quickly than in lot of our own boys." "There's more room to play games here," George says. "And there's more chance for little to play them than back home."

Belgium Curls Eat First Ice Cream

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Three Visitors from Northwest Will Spend at Civilized Ways

TURBANS, Ont. (CP)—Three shy Belgian girls got their first taste of civilization a few days ago when they arrived here for hospital treatment. Coming all the way from Northwest Ontario, for northern fur trading post on the shores of James Bay, they tasted their first automobile and experienced their first automobile while before entering the hospital.

The girls—Aile Marie Bismark, 10, Anabelle Gille, 10, and Lottie Thallmeyer, 24—were brought here by train and boat by Rev. Paul Hengstler, a Roman Catholic missionary.

They witnessed at their first taste of a soda and jumped at the glass of a newspaper photograph of their little, they gazed with amazement at people in clothes and bicycles.

There's MORE to do

On the fighting front our men are still "digging it out". Each advance . . . each new sector . . . each mile of the battle front is extended . . . it's hard going. More fighting lies ahead.

There's more to be done on the home front, too. More money is needed to enable our country to carry her share of the war's cost.

Our duty is clear . . . we, at home, must provide the money. Canada must get this money from Canadians.

for EVERYBODY

LONG DISTANCE CALLING IS NEARER THAN EVER

PERHAPS you thought that Long Distance Lines were long, crowded now. Actually, they are carrying an average of 4,000 calls per day more than a year ago.

YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED if urgent war messages are to go through promptly. Please use Long Distance only when you must, especially to busy war centers.

REMEMBER—NIGHT RATES NOW BEGIN AT 6 P.M.

On Action Service *Doing Things to Make*

Fortunately, most of us have good incomes. We can do our share.

But it is the extra effort that wins battles and we must be prepared to make extra effort on the home front. Canada's borrowing needs have been increased by some three hundred and twenty million dollars. That's extra effort that we, at home, must make. We must provide the money that is needed . . . more money than ever before.

We must keep faith with our fighting men. We must continue to work and save . . . and lend. We must all lend more.

Get Ready to buy VICTORY BONDS

BUY ONE MORE THAN BEFORE