

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP) Meat, wheat and the government's first test of strength in the new parliament combined to make it an interesting week in the national capital.

Meat rationing, the most general issue, got the most attention. With retail butchers across the nation protesting the rationing system as wasteful, a delegation of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada came to Ottawa to talk it over with government officials.

Representing more than 50 per cent of Canada's retail meat trade, the delegates told Finance Minister Halsey Agriculture Minister Gardiner and Prices Board men there was wastage in the present system. They proposed suspension of the ration and its replacement by a plan of requisitioning meat and meat products to meet Canada's overseas commitments.

The government says it is the main reason for rationing. They pledged the honest effort of Canadian meat dealers in making the alternative work.

Rationing ended left the one-day, close conference, thought it over, but decided they didn't want to go that far. On Friday Finance Minister Halsey told the commons that rationing would remain, but fancy meats including liver, heart, kidney, tongue, sweetbreads and head sausage, would be temporarily lifted from the ration list.

The suspension may last six or eight weeks, but it does not include fancy meat packed hermetically or processed meat containing any of the byproducts as an ingredient. Meatless days are unaffected so that still no meat can be served in public eating places on Tuesday and Fridays.

Meat men generally agreed it was a step in the right direction, though most felt it did not go far enough and expressed the hope other concessions might follow. At the week's end it appeared that the government step had not entirely staved off strikes threatened by butchers in some localities.

While the government was considering what to do about the ration, Agriculture Minister Gardiner announced a new government wheat policy. He told the commons that the export price of Canadian wheat would be \$1.55 and regardless of what might happen to world prices during the next five years the government would guarantee wheat growers \$1 a bushel. Both prices were on the basis of No. 1 Northern at the head-of-the-lakes at Vancouver.

The \$1.55 price represented a nine-cent-a-bushel boost over the price formerly charged under mutual aid to Britain and other United Nations countries. It brought the price of wheat in line with that charged to the United States and certain neutrals.

The minister's announcement left the way open for a change in the export price whenever the government sees fit, but the floor price will not be changed before 1950. But, important to every Canadian wheat grower, there will be no immediate change in the initial payment of \$1.25 to the grower by the Canadian Wheat Board which also gives the grower participation certificates entitling him to a share in any profits the board might make in any crop year.

Later in the week Mr. Gardiner announced the advance equalization payment on barley had been increased from 15 to 20 cents a bushel. He said that because of a short crop this year when barley would be needed for feed, no exports of this grain will be permitted during the present crop year.

Discussed in Commons The minister's wheat policy announcement came under fire in the commons by P. E. Wright (C.C.F., Melford) and Robert Fair (C.C.F., Battle River). Mr. Wright said the \$1 floor would mean a loss of 45 per cent in the purchasing power of Western farmers. When Mr. Gardiner said the \$1 floor did not mean the government would pay just that, but that the price would be higher, the Melford member replied it was his experience that prices usually stuck very close to the minimum set. Mr. Fair called for a floor price of \$1.25 and both he and Mr. Wright expressed the hope the government would not allow the Winnipeg Grain Exchange to function again in the handling of wheat and coarse grains in Western Canada.

The first commons divisions of the new parliament saw the Progressive Conservative opposition and Social Credit members joining with the government to defeat a C.C.F. motion of non-confidence by a vote of 193 to 29. The amendment criticized the government for failing to propose fundamental social and economic changes to meet the needs of peace and urged immediate steps to assure full employment, adequate purchasing power and homes for Canadians.

The House no sooner got rid of that amendment than it was faced

with another proposal by Rev. E. G. Hensel (S.C. Marleedy). The Social Credit amendment was in the form of an addition to a Progressive Conservative motion put before the house earlier in the session, but also yet to be dealt with.

At the week's end the throne speech debate was still in full swing, but it was indicated it would end early this week. After the two more bills of strength on the two remaining amendment motions, the government can get down to business in presenting legislation.

Ontario Publisher Now Heads Weeklies

Hugh Templin, Fergus News-Record is C.W.N.A. President for 1945

QUEBEC (CP) Hugh Templin of the Fergus News-Record, was elected president of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association at the closing session of a three-day convention here. He succeeds F. P. Galbraith of the Red Deer (C.A.R.) Advocate.

Major W. Ashfield of the Grenfell (Sask.) Sun was elected first vice-president, R. A. Giles of the Lacouture (Que.) Watchman second vice-president, and C. V. Charter of the Brantford (Ont.) Conservator managing director and secretary to the association.

Directors appointed were: British Columbia: J. G. Bowland, Penikese Herald; Erie Dumfries, Hanley Gazette; Alberta: Charles A. Clark, High River Times; Clyde Jessup, Nanton News; Saskatchewan: F. Whiskin, Punichy Touchwood Times; J. A. McGowan, Watrous Manitou; Manitoba: A. W. Hanks, St. James Leader; and W. K. Marsh, Dauphin Herald and Press.

Ontario: John Marsh, Amherstburg Echo; Frank MacIntyre, Dundalk Herald; K. Walls, Barrie, W. Leavens, Bolton Enterprise; Quebec: Hugh McCormick, Montreal Monitor and Gerard Veilleux, Maritimes; S. D. Granville, St. Stephen (N.B.); St. Croix Courier; G. Murray, Pictou (N.S.); Advocate; C. J. Allison, Springhill (N.S.) Record.

WOULD TRANSFER CONTROL. QUEBEC (CP) Quebec administrative council gave approval to a resolution asking the federal government to take control of Quebec harbours away from the national Harbours Board and place it directly in the hands of the transport minister.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, FEED, ETC. The undersigned has received instructions from:

MARTIN KELLY to sell by Public Auction at Lot 19, on Massawessy-Emmusing Townline, 5 miles S. W. of Acton, 2 miles west of Speyside, on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st Commencing at One o'clock, the following: HORSES: Belgian Mare, 5 years old; Clyde Gelding, 6 years.

COWS: Jersey Cow, 6 yrs. old, due in April; Red Cow, 3 years old, due in April; Spotted Heifer, due in April; Black Heifer, milking, fresh; Red Cow due in March; Red Cow, 6 years, due in April; Black Cow, 5 years old, due in April; 2 Red Heifers, due in April. All hand milked cows.

YOUNG CATTLE: Etc. Shorthorn Heifer, rising 2 years; Steer, rising 2 years; Spring Calves, 2 Steers, 2 years old; 4 Goats, a good Collie Dog.

IMPLEMENTS: M. H. Binder, 6 ft. cut; M. H. Mower, 5 ft. cut; 10 ft. Steel Dump Rake; Newon Seed Drill; Frost & Wood Disc Seed Drill; 11 ft. Disc Outthrow Disc; 1 Section Harrows; 3 Section Harrows; nearly new; Sautter No. 2 M.H. Blow, new; Hay Rack; Steel Wheel Truck; Lumber Wagon; Hugs, Pulper; Set Backband Harness; Chains; Etc.; Hay Knife; Hay Fork; 120 ft. Hay Rope; Car for Wooden Track; 30 ft. Ladder; Forks; Hoes; Shovels; Chains; Crow-bars, Etc.

HAY AND GRAIN: 3 Loads oat SEAVES; 20 Tons Hay. HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS: Happy Thought Range in good condition; DELAVALL Separator.

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Louisiana Wars On Water Pest

Hyacinths Made to Grow Too Fast to Live

LAFAYETTE, La. (CP) Scientists at the Southwestern Louisiana Institute believe they have developed a way to rid the state of a "beautiful nuisance" water hyacinths by making them grow too fast to live.

The plants, reportedly first brought to Louisiana by Japanese visitors to the New Orleans Cotton Exposition in the 1490's are truly beautiful — lovely lavender blossoms atop green leaves and a bulbous, floating stem.

Certainly they are a nuisance, and an expensive one, clogging the state's thousands of canals, lakes, bays and ponds with a growth thick enough to destroy fish and impede navigation.

The new treatment, spraying with a hormone-like compound that stimulates some plant cells to an almost cancer-like rate of growth, is the latest of a dozen methods tried in the last few years as the plant threatened more and more waterways.

Simple poisoning, the state wildlife department reported, killed too many fish. Development of a machine that picked up and chewed the plants to tiny pieces worked, but the cost was excessive and the method slow. One other recent attempt, burning the plants to the water with flame throwers, was also expensive, and it appeared to stimulate the plant to better growth within a few weeks.

The men who developed the treatment with the aceticarboic acid derivative have been cautious in their announcements, insisting that further toxicity tests are necessary to prove it practical. But they do admit that so far it seems harmless to fish, and, of equal importance, that treatment may cost as little as 30 cents an acre.

FITS THE CRIME. WINNIPEG (CP) Two juveniles who poured gasoline on a cat and then burned it to death have been ordered to clean the cat pens at Winnipeg Humane Society twice a week for the next year.

Take Steps To Ensure Beets

British Airmen and Soldiers Go Harvesting

LONDON (CP) — To ensure that the home-grown sugar beet is harvested this season, Sir Ben Smith, food minister, has taken steps to impress on services' departments, the need for aid. Here are plans announced recently.

A limited number of former skilled agricultural workers in the R.A.F. will be released for harvesting for periods up to three months expiring not later than Dec. 15. Periods of release under this scheme will not count as war service for the purpose of demobilization and the arrangement applies only to personnel serving in the United Kingdom.

The Navy is brought into the 28 days' agricultural release scheme hitherto applying to the R.A.F. and the Army. Only men not eligible for foreign service will be released.

Submarine Coal Will Be Mined

Cumberland Miners To Work the Seams 10 Miles Out to Sea

LONDON (CP) — Cumberland miners may produce coal from working 10 miles out to sea if transportation and ventilation problems can be overcome, a survey by a committee of coal owners, mine workers and others from the Ministry of fuel and power showed.

According to the survey proved reserves in Northumberland which are capable of being worked at present amount to more than 1,700,000,000 tons. In addition, it is estimated 310,000,000 tons be in seams not definitely proved.

Main reserves in Cumberland are under the sea, limiting proved reserves to 310,000,000 tons, but the total including unproved workable reserves, is estimated at 583,000,000 tons. The committee considered that the

time spent by miners walking to and from working places is excessive and should be reduced by additional shaft sinking or provision of underground transport or both. The time lost in this way in Northumberland was estimated at 1,700 man-shifts a day and in Cumberland at 250 man-shifts a day.

Special attention to the introduction of intensive mechanization, with accompanying improvement in loading and transport arrangements was recommended for both areas by the committee.

FIDDLING WHILE...

WINNIPEG (CP) While fire was destroying a 200-foot brick kiln here, firemen from Winnipeg and suburban St. Boniface were arguing a boundary dispute. Winnipeg firemen said the kiln was in St. Boniface and St. Boniface firemen said it was in Winnipeg. The kiln was a total loss before they both agreed to pitch in and put the fire out.

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The only controls that are being maintained are those that aid the production of needed supplies and their speedy and fair distribution to the public, and which prevent an inflationary price rise. As soon as conditions warrant, these will be dropped. Until industry gets back to normal production, price ceilings, rationing and some controls are a necessary safeguard for everyone of us. Keep them working. IT'S YOUR JOB AND YOUR SAVINGS THAT ARE AT STAKE