The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP) A deep question of constitutional authority arose in the Parliament during the week, a question which left veteran legislative authorities pondering. It all revolved around a statement in the Commons by Acting Prime Minister Ilsley to the effect that while the government was responsible to Parliament, the government's authority was not delegated to it by Parliament but by the Crown. And he quoted the British North America Act to prove it.

Mr. Ilsley's statement came after Progressive Conservative Leader John Bracken had tried unsuccessfully to have the government produce certain correspondence in the Commons. The government had declined on the ground it was not in the public interest and the opposition leader had declared he was determined to "ensure that this country is governed by this House of Commons." That statement, Mr. Ilsley said, was neither historically nor constitutionally correct.

The Commons, he said, had not an inalienable right to the disclosure of all actions of the executive and ministers might refuse to disclose matters if refusal was in the public interest and was so stated by the ministers.

"The authority of the government is not delegated by the House of Commons, the authority of the government is received from the Crown" said Mr. Ilsley. "The membership of the government is not limited to members of the House. The true relationship of the House of Commons and cabinet is a relationship of confidence." And he went on to cite his point as contained in the British North America Act.

Opposition Objects

Mr. Bracken replied that whatever the technical position, his party believed the representatives of the people were entitled "to know what is going on and we are going to try to keep on finding out." C. C. F. Leader M. J. Coldwell also disagreed with Mr. Ilsley. He said responsible government meant the government was responsible to the elected representatives of the people.

Next day authorities outside the Commons were expressing their opinions. A Liberal lawyer regarded by many as a constitutional authority took issue with the stand of the acting Prime Minister and claimed that for all practical purposes the cabinet was a committee of the House of Commons and could not function without the confidence and the authority of Parliament.

The weakness of Mr. Ilsley's statement, he said, lay in the fact that the King of the United Kingdom was a constitutional sovereign who could not maintain in office a ministry which did not possess the confidence of the House of Commons.

Constitutional authorities conceded the argument was one of far-reaching effect and one which may be renewed again before the session prorogues, possibly early in December.

Wheat to Europe

Canada and her wheat have emerged as the saviour of a hungry world. There has been a steady flow of wheat overseas to meet demands of breadless Europe, so much so in fact that it has reduced the supply available for export from 407,000,000 bushels at July 31 this year against 632,000,000 bushels a year ago, to 328,800,000 at October 1st, compared with 582,3000,000 at October 1st, 1944.

At the present rate of export, agricultural officials expect total Canadian wheat stocks to fall to 75,000,000 bushels by next July 31. Wheat experts add it may even be necessary to curtail our exports to ensure the surplus does not go below that figure which they consider the minimum without endangering Canada's wheat position.

At July 31 this year the end of the 1944-45 crop year the carryover from last year was 258,100,000 bushels against 356,500,000 at the end of the previous year. To this was added a small 1945 crop latest estimates place it at 308,600,000 bushels against 435,500,000 bushels in 1944 bringing total supply to 567,000,000.

Canada's domestic requirements are expected to remain unchanged at approximately 160,000,000 bushels and almost all the rest 325,000,00 bushels in all will go overseas. A total of 110,000,000 bushels have been exported so far.

Officials pointed out however, that while there is a tremendous demand for Canadian wheat at present, there is no assurance that the demand will continue. Future supply is highly uncertain.

Debate Flag Issue

The question of a distinctive Canadian flag which has been debated without decisive action since the days of confederation, has been approved by the House of Commons. The Commons voted 187-2 to establish a committee to decide upon a suitable design for such a flag.

The government called for the vote after more than a score of members on all sides of the House had taken part in a debate lasting several days. Only votes cast against the motion were those of T. L. Church, Progressive Conservative from Toronto Broadview who declared "they won't haul down the Union Jack with my vote," and Norman Jacques, Social Credit member for Wetaskiwin.

The House had a statement on the atomic bomb during the week. It was the statement issued in Washington by President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Prime Minister Mackenzie King at the conclusion of their atomic energy conference. Members applauded loudly as Justice Minister St. Laurent read the part saying the three countries were willing to share scientific and atomic information with other countries who would reciprocate and that a commission was planned to study ways of preventing use of atomic energy for war.

FINES FROM $14 to $1000

"There were 58 convictions for price control violations in Toronto courts during October," Dalton Wells, WPTB Chief Enforcement Counsel for the Toronto area stated recently.

"48 of the convictions," Mr. Wells said, "resulted in fines ranging from $14 to $1000. 17 cases involved failure to price tag food properly, and 5 failure to price tag garments. 8 cases involved overcharges for meat and 5 overcharges by restaurants for meals. There were 6 used car cases and the rest were ration, rent, degradation of qualition of quality and kindred offences."

The highest fine to a wholesale butcher for illegal prices was $800 and to a retail butcher $400, Mr. Wells stated. "Other high fines were for charging too much for meals, $200 for a used car price boost, $500 for buying payments over the ceiling, $250 for excessive rentals, $140, for ration illegalities, $1000.

Very few of the cases involved second offenders, Mr. Wells said.

CLEARING
AUCTION SALE
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ERAMOSA

OF FARM STOCK, TRACTOR AND THRESHING OUTFIT, IMPLEMENTS, HAY, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from

JAS. DUFFIELD & SONS

To sell by public auction at his farm adjoining Oustic, Eramosa on

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1945

Commencing at 12 o'clock the following

HORSES 1 Bay Horse rising 10 years 1700 lbs. 1 Black Percheron Mare rising 8 years 1700 lbs.

COWS 1 Black Cow 6 years bred June 1st. 1 Red Cow due in December. 1 White Cow rising 6 yrs with calf at foot fresh 4 weeks. 1 Roan Cow rising 4 yrs with calf at foot, fresh 4 weeks. 1 Hereford Cow, rising 5 yrs due in Jan. 1 Blue Cow rising 5 yrs due in Jan. 1 Hereford Cow rising 4 yrs bred June 1st. 1 Red Cow, rising 3 yrs, bred Oct. 1st. 1 Black Heifer 2 yrs with calf at foot. 1 Red Cow 6 yrs milking well. 1 Registered Shorthorn White Bull 22 months old.

BUTCHERS AND FEEDERS 10 Steers rising 2 yrs. 6 Heifers rising 2 yrs. 7 Yearlings.

SHORTHORNS AND HEREFORDS 8 Angus Yearlings. 6 Spring Calves. These cattle are well bred beef type stock and in real good condition.

PIGS 20 Chunks 60-75 lbs. 5 Shoats 40-50 lbs. 3 Sows bred Oct. 1st. 1 Young Sow, bred Oct. 20th. 1 Tamworth Hog 2 yrs. old.

HAY AND GRAIN 200 bus. Carter Oats mixed with Barley; 1500 bus. of mixed grain; 40 ton of good mixed Hay; 50 Plymouth Rock Pullets.

IMPLEMENTS 1 M. H. 7 ft. Binder, cut 100 acres; 1 M. H. Rake Bar Hay Loader; 1 M. H. Side Delivery Rake; 1 Frost-Wood 6 ft. cut Mower; 1 Cockshutt Manure Spreader No. 4; 1 set of six section Harrows, 1 Fleury Scuffler; 1 M. H. 21 Walking Plow; 1 Turnip Sower, 1 M. H. Pulper; 1 low down Wagon; 1 Truck Wagon, 1 set Cockshutt Sloops new, with flat rack; 1 Wagon Box; 1 Basket Hay Rack, new; 1 Gravel Box; 1 Cutter; 1 Buggy.

TRACTOR EQUIPMENT 1 1937 Fordson Tractor on steel recently overhauled; 1 M. H. No. 27 2@2 Bottom Tractor Plow, used 2 yrs.; 1 17-tooth Cockshutt Power Lift Cultivator; 1 Fleury 16 inch Grain Roller; 1 No. 6 24-42 George White Threshing Machine, new in 1941, fully equipped. Quantity of Lumber; Saws, Forks, Shovels; Rope, Sash Chains, Barrels; 1 Hay Fork; 1 Iron Vise; 1 Hog-tight Fence 15 Cedar Posts; 20 Steel Posts; 1 Beatty Waterbrough; 1 Renfrew 1500 lbs. Cream Separator; 1 set National Scales; 1 set Blankets, good; 1 set Doubletrees; new; Number of Doubletrees and Whiffletrees, Neckyokes; set of three horse steel Whiffletrees; Grease cuts and Grease Guns; 3 self feeding Hoppers for pigs; 1 Extension Ladder, Beatty; 1 Colony House 10-12; 1 Gilson Brooder Stove.

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS 1 Washing Machine equipped for motor; Princess Pat Stove, new; Victor Victrola; Chest of Drawers; Writing Desk with Chest of Drawers, 2 sets Bedroom Crockery, 1 Bedroom Suite; 1 Dresser and Washstand; 2 Iron Beds with Springs; 2 Stretchers; Sideboard; Extension Table and Leaves; Small Tables; Leather Rocking Chair; Chairs; Hanging Lamp and extra Globe; 1 Carpet; Dishes; Sealers, Gasoline Lamp; Set Irons, Pictures; 2 large Crocks; Oilcloth; 2 Feather Beds; Beatty gasoline motor Washing Machine, if not previously disposed of. A number of articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS: Cash on days of sale.
No reserve as the farm is sold.

N.B. If you are interested you will find a herd of choice feeders and a line of implements in 1st class condition.

The farm is 5 miles north of Rockwood on a county road.

Refreshment booth on grounds.

We must start this sale promptly as the days are short.

ROY HINDLEY, WM. GIBSON,
Albert Grey, Clerk Auctioneers.
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ANAEMIA OF HORSES

In the past, infectious anaemia of horses has given rise to great economic loss, states the annual report of the Science Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture. The disease was at one time confined to Western Canada but in later years has made its way into the Eastern Provinces and become important, particularly in the lumbering districts of northern Ontario and northern Quebec. There are many features of interest concerning this disease, says the report, and from time to time attempts have been made to immunize against it. Using newer methods of study, attempts have been made to propagate the virus under artificial conditions but it appears to be one of those which does not lend itself to this purpose. Newer methods of preparing specific vaccines have been employed and these vaccines are at present under critical study to determine their potency.

AUCTION SALE

OF REGISTERED AND GRADE HOLSTEIN

The undersigned has received instructions from

N. J. DUCKETT

To sell by public auction at Lot 29 Con. 3 Township of Esquesing, farm adjoins town of Acton on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1945

At 1 pm. the following

REG. HOLSTEINS Fairholsomm Lady Peach Waldorf, freshened Sept. 20. Topsy Lead Beets due May 3, Jewel Beets Peach due March 16, Tulantha Julia War Dance due Mar. 21. Floosy Beets Lynch due Apr. 12; Bull Reg. Apple Harlop Captain, Young Bull Calf Maughlin J. H. Sir Hengerveld. 1 Yearling Heifers; 4 Heifer Calfs. 1 Bull Calf.

GRADE CATTLE 1 Ayrshire, 5 years. 1 Holstein, 6 years. 1 Ayrshire Heifer Calf. 1 Red Cow, 6 years, due Jan. 10. 1 Jersey Cow, 4 years old, due Feb. 17. 2 Jersey Heifers.

TERMS Cash on day of sale.

ROY HINDLEY J. A. ELLIOTT,
Wm. Bracken Clerk Auctioneers
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EXECUTRIX
AUCTION SALE
IN NASSAGAWEYA

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, HAY AND GRAIN, FURNITURE, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from the Executrix of the estate of the

LATE JOHN H. SIMPSON

To sell by public auction at the south half of Lot 20 Con. 4 Twp. of Nassagaweya situated on the Guelph Road 1 mile south of Ebenezer on

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Commencing at 12 o'clock the following

HORSES Team Gray Percheron Mares, 10 & 11 yrs. Bay Team Percheron Mares 4 and 10 yrs. Percheron Colting, rising 3 yrs. Percheron Gelding, rising 2 yrs.

COWS Jersey Cow, fresh, calf at foot. Roan Cow bred Aug. 7th. Roan Cow bred May 14. Brindle Cow bred July 6th. Red Cow bred July 14th. Roan Cow, fresh in July, retired. Red Cow, fresh in October, retired. Black Cow, milking will. Brindle Heifer 2 year old milking well. These cows are hand milked.

YOUNG CATTLE Shorthorn Bull, Reg., born April 20, 1942. 6 Heifers, 2 yrs old. 3 Steers, 2 year old. 2 Yearlings. 5 Spring Calves.

IMPLEMENTS M. H. Binder, 6 ft cut. M. H. Mower, 6 ft., M. H. Drum Hay Loader; Hay Tedder; Dump Rake; Single Furrow Riding Plow, I.H.C. 2-furrow Plow; Tolton No. 7 Plow, Punch Sod Walking Plow; 2 Scufflers; M. H. 13 Hoe Seed Drill; Out throw Disc; M.H. Spring Tooth Cultivator; Stiff Tooth Cultivator, Corn Rack; M. H. Manure Spreader; Hay Rack; 2 row Corn Cultivator; Steel Wagon; 5 section Harrows; set of Scales, steel wheel Truck Wagon; 2 Buggies; 1 Wagon Wheels, Set of Sloop Sleighs; set of Light Sleighs, Stone Boat, Cutter; Pulper, Democrat; Pig Crate Wheelbarrow, Fanning Mill, Electric Fence; Forks, Neckyokes; Hoes; Chains, Melotte Cream Separator; Shovels, 100 ft. ½" rope, new Barrels etc.; M. H. Cream Separator.

AUTOMOBILE AND ENGINES 1936 Chev. Sedan with four new tires; Trailer with Racks, M.H. Engine 3 H.P. Hoag Diesel Engine 6 H.P.; I.H.C. Engine, 6 H.P.; Vessett Grain Crimper.

HARNESS Set of Brown Harness, Collars etc. Set of Light Band Harness. Set 1 Single Harness.

HAY GRAIN, ETC 20 ton Hay; Cedar Posts 1000 bus. Mixed Grain; Cedar Poles.

POULTRY 75 Yearling Rock Hens; 70 Leghorn Rock Hybrid Pullets; Coal Oil Brooder.

FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS 2 Kitchen Stoves, Kitchen Cabinet, 2 Wood Heaters (Box Stove) Buffet, Coal Oil Heater; Bread Sheing Rack; Cupboards; Butter Bowl Print and Ladle; Kitchen Table; Butter Scales; Food Chopper; Sifter, Large Oak Couch with black leather upholstering suitable for large room or office; Walnut Cupboard; Large Mission Rocker with brown leather upholstery; Large Glass Cupboard; Small Walnut Table with Drawer; Oak Buffet with large Mirror; 2 pieces of new Congoleum; Crokinole Board and Discs; Dishes, Ornaments, etc.; Rocking Chairs; Wicker Rocker; 2 Arm Chairs; Lawn Swing Couch with Mattress; 14 brown rubber Stair Pads 24 x 9½ with nosing (new) and other articles too numerous to mention; 6 Kitchen Chairs; Kitchen Stool; Wringer with Ball Bearings; Large Clothes Dryer; Sleeve Board; Lamps, lanterns, etc.; Hanging Lamps, Shades, etc.; Lamp Shades, etc.; Battery Radio; with Springs; 3 Iron Beds; 3 Wooden Beds; Wash Stands; Dressers, etc.; Chest of Drawers; Childs' Cradle; Childs Oak Rocking Chair.

TERMS: Cash on day of sale.
No reserve as the farm is sold.
Lunch Counter
Please come on time. Night falls early in November.

ROY HINDLEY, J. A. ELLIOTT,
Auctioneers.

NEW VARIETY OATS PROVE SATISFACTORY

The new variety Beaver which was distributed for the first time by the Cereal Division, Central Experiment Farms in the spring of 1945, has, in general, shown up quite well in spite of unusually severe growing conditions, says R. A. Derick, Cereal Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. A very heavy infection of leaf rust was general throughout Eastern Canada, even in areas normally more or less free from this disease. Severe damage, however, was much worse on the later sown crops. Damage from stem rust was much more localized and could in most cases be traced directly to barberry bushes in the vicinity.

Beaver oats is the result of a cross between Vanguard and Erban and combines the qualities of the two parents. It is medium early maturing, has fair length and strength of straw, yields well and produces a kernel of good size and fair quality. Beaver has the same degree of resistance to stem rust as Vanguard and to leaf rust as Erban. Previous to 1945, the degree of rust resistance carried by the parent varieties as well as Beaver was sufficient insurance against severe attacks of the prevailing races of both rusts in Eastern Canada. The sudden increase in 1945, however, of new races of both rust to which neither of the parent of Beaver is resistant, coupled with the extremely favorable conditions for rust development was largely responsible for the serious damage to Beaver this year.

Farmers, 164 with Beaver numbering over 50 in 1945 were widely scattered in Ontario and reports so far reviewed are in general quite satisfactory. Over 1,000 bushels of seed of Beaver oats were distributed to seed growers in Ontario in the spring of 1945 and it is estimated that between 20 and 30 thousand bushels of seed from this source will be available to growers for the 1946 crop.

WHIPPING CREAM STILL OUT

Because the butterfat content of cream is still limited to 18 per cent, whipping cream is still banned, Wartime Prices and Trade Board pointed out in a recent announcement.

Before November 1 sales of butterfat in the form of cream were limited to the amount sold by a distributor in June 1944. However at that time a 10 per cent increase was allowed in the total quantity of cream put on the market. This was done to take care of the increase in population including the repatriation of servicemen during the last year and a half.

COTTON IS ANCIENT

Of all products of a sub-tropical clime, cotton is commercially the most important, and dates back to the earliest times of which there is any record. The first mention of it is found in Indian books written more than 800 years before the Christian era. The first European writer who is known to have mentioned it is Herodotus who wrote in the 5th century B.C. He spoke of a tree which he knew by repute as growing in India and bearing, instead of fruit, a wool like that of a sheep.

CLOCK CONTROLS LONDON'S LAMPS

LONDON (CP) Ninety per cent. of London's 10,000 gas lamps are now operated by automatic clock control, and the city's lamplighters have been reduced to 40.

"Lamplighting now is just a romantic conception of London life," a gas official said. The 40 lamp attendants, as they prefer to be called will not lose their jobs when the remaining lamps are mechanized. They will be needed for lamp maintenance.

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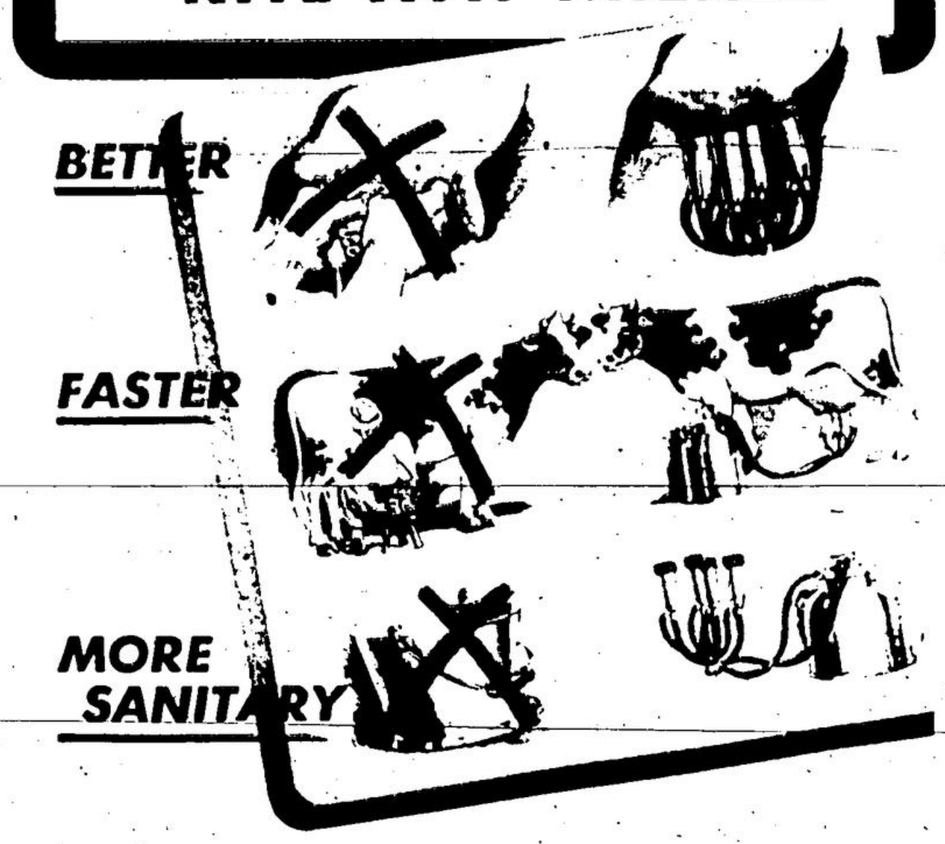

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