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Fear of Embargo Being Lifted

Worries Hog Producers

During recent weeks the hog producers of the Province have been very much concerned about the danger of the embargo being lifted against United States pork. As a matter of fact when Hon. J. G. Gardiner made his announcement of the \$32.50 support price early in January, it was stated at that time by some of our agricultural leaders at Ottawa that the 80 million pound bacon contract with Great Britain would be filled by the end of June. True hog market prices to date are considerably in excess of last year. However, the domestic market is consuming a far greater amount of pork than was generally anticipated. As a result only slightly over 5 million pounds has been exported to date and it does not appear as if very much more will be going to Great Britain until fall. In fact W. P. Watson, Ontario Live Stock Commissioner, still questions if Canada in 1950 will have much if any surplus over the 60 million pounds for Great Britain. When we were talking to Mr. Watson on Friday evening last he had just returned from Ottawa and in his opinion there is no likelihood of the embargo being lifted as long as our bacon contract with Great Britain is unfilled. Due to the fact that pork products are selling below those of beef for about the second time in thirty years our domestic consumption of pork has been phenomenal.

In fact it is our understanding that the domestic consumption of pork products is up 15 to 20% over a year ago. True, if our bacon contract is filled earlier than anticipated and we are faced with a surplus, then we fail to see how our authorities can do otherwise than remove the embargo and permit pork products to flow freely both ways across the line. The price of live weight hogs in United States is about \$16.00 per 100 lbs in Chicago, which is equivalent to about \$22.00 per 100 lbs carcass weight. However, we should not forget that with the U.S. dollar worth about 10% more than our dollar that would automatically bring their price up to about \$24.20 in our money. Then there is the duty of 1 1/2 cents per pound which again raises their price to approximately \$25.70, which isn't very far short of our own.

In short, while prospects for the future may leave something to be desired, in general the hog picture looks pretty safe for the next six or seven months. The most unfortunate thing at the present moment is the price of feed. However, it is our opinion that Halton Hog Producers would be well advised to stay in the game. We are going to be very much surprised if hog prices do not increase materially during the summer months due to tight marketings and the tremendous consumer demand.

Daughters of Maple Bull Surpass Their Dams

Loneim Texal Antony, one of the Holstein herd sires in the stud owned by the Maple Cattle Breeder's Association gives promise of being one of the great sires of the breed. The records of his first eight daughters to finish on Record of Performance are now available. The eight heifers as two year olds (owned in six different herds) averaged 14,715 lbs. of milk and 522 lbs. of butterfat. All eight records were made on two time milking. Seven of the heifers dams have records, in fact the seven dams have a total of 17 records. Their average at an average age of 3 yrs 296 days was 12,947 lbs. milk and 462 lbs. of fat. All 17 records were made on 2 time milking but it is interesting to note that five of those records were made as mature cows; four as four year olds; two as three year olds; and six as two year olds. If that is any criterion of what Antony is doing Halton members of the Unit may be hanging on to their Antony heifers. It will also be of interest to Halton members to learn that the membership at Maple on April 27th was 2230, an increase of 360 since the first of the year. Another item of interest is the fact that the Maple Unit inseminated 2815 cows in Halton in 1949 in comparison to 2049 in 1948. In another year or two when dam-daughters comparisons are revealed by the Dairy Herd Improvement groups in Halton we should have a lot of very interesting data.

Milton Juniors Win W. I. Dick Trophy

The W. I. Dick Trophy donated in 1934 for Junior Farmer dramatics was this year awarded to the winners in the Halton Junior Farmer Debating Series. Milton and Palermo Clubs met in the finals on Thursday evening of last week in the Milton High School. The subject under debate was, "Resolved that the drift of population from rural to urban centres has not thus far been a detriment to Ontario Agriculture." The affirmative was upheld by Evelyn Course and Don Holmes of the Milton Club while Lorna Lawrence and Pete Fisher of the Palermo Juniors supported the negative. The judges, Messrs G. E. Elliott, L. L. Skuce and K. Y. Dick awarded the decision to Milton. All three officials commended the young debaters for their able contributions. In the absence of Mr. W. I. Dick Hevey K. Y. Dick made the presentation of his father's trophy to the winning debaters from Milton Juniors Stanley Jay, president of Halton Juniors was the able chairman of the evening programme.

Everything points to a record membership. Should there be any other Halton rural young people between the ages of 12 and 20 years who wish to participate they should immediately contact the Agricultural office at Milton. It has just been announced that Eric Roger, who has just completed his third year at the O.A.C., has been appointed as summer assistant for the Counties of Halton and Peel. Mr. Roger is a native of Perth County. Prior to enrolling for his course at the O.A.C. he was an active Swine, Calf, and Grain Club Member, and also an officer of the Perth Junior Farmers in his home county. In brief, he comes highly recommended as a young man who will be able to give good leadership to Halton Juniors.

Blasting Demonstration Well-Attended

Professor Jim Scott of the Agricultural Engineering Dept. at the O.A.C. who demonstrated blasting of big boulders, stumps and ditch bottoms on the W. R. G. Johnston farm of Milton on Friday afternoon of last week. In short he was an able demonstrator and he gave some of the old veterans who were on hand a few new ideas on the most effective way of getting rid of boulders and stumps which interfere with cultivation. The field in question on the back of what is generally known as the Walter Elliott farm had not until last fall been plowed for some forty years. Mr. Johnston is to be congratulated on the initiative and energy displayed in bringing this very excellent 25 acre field back under a regular rotation. The demonstration should enable many of those who have the old nuisance boulder or stump to eliminate such with a minimum of labour and expense.

NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF SCOUT

His Excellency Viscount Alexander, as Chief Scout for Canada, has named Jackson Dodds, C.R.E. of Montreal, as Canada's first Deputy Chief Scout. Mr. Dodds, who has been active in Canadian Scouting for over 25 years has been Dominion Commissioner since 1947, a position that is superseded by the post of Deputy Chief Scout.

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These are real benefits to Canadians and they will increase as more oil is found. But to find more oil and to spread the advantages it brings, oil men must continue to work against long odds.

Sometimes a job that must be done can't be done without great risks.

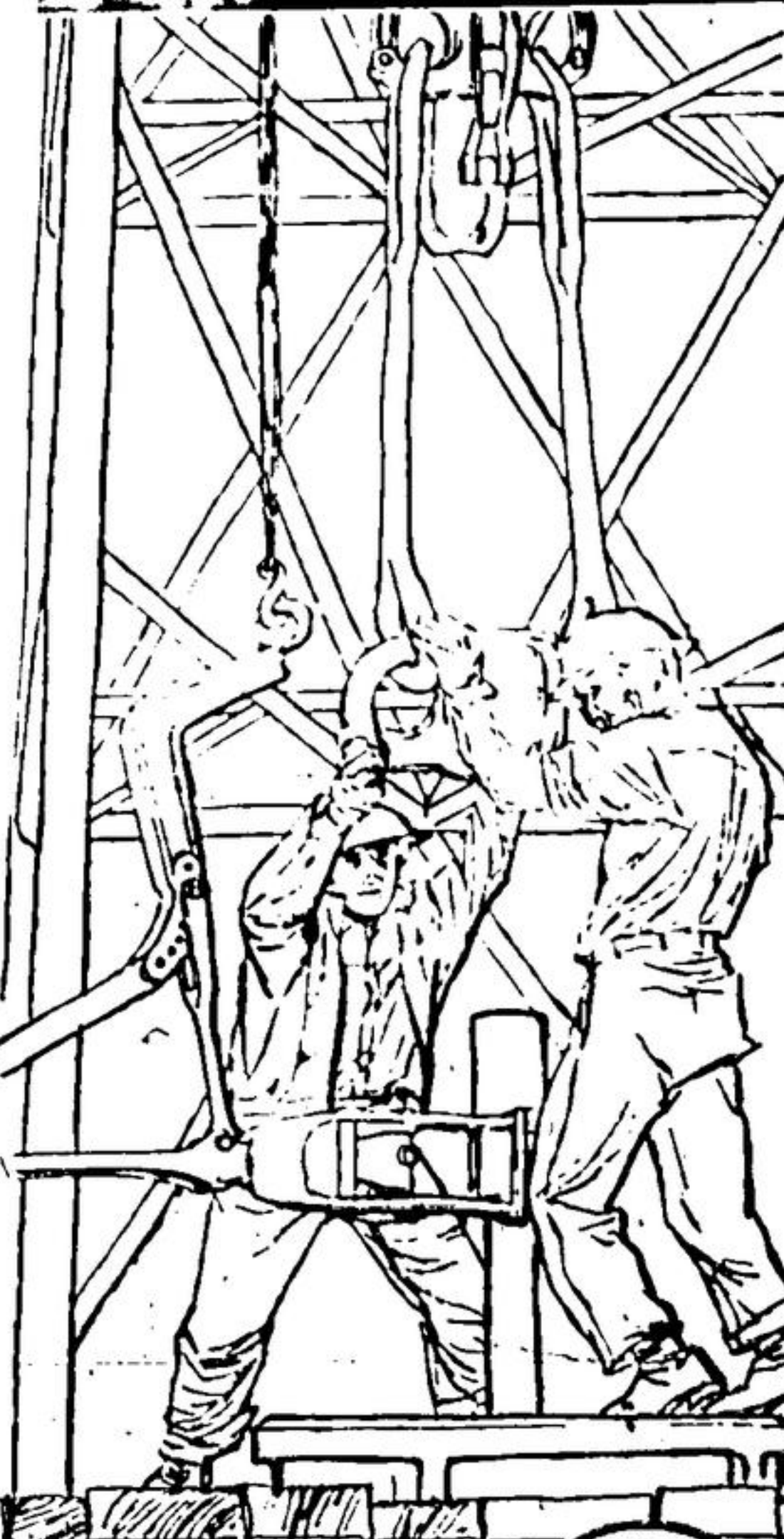
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