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FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

1952 ENDS WITH GLUTTED MARKETS

The closing days of 1952 saw the stock yards of Canada literally deluged with hogs. Hog producers from coast to coast were making a real effort to get their hogs on the market before the 23 cent floor went into effect on January 1st. Whole milk shippers find their markets in a similar surplus position.

Over the holiday season a large percentage of Halton shippers received instruction from their respective distributors to hold back their shipments from two to five days. Four of the larger Toronto dairies recently advised those who had not been shipping at least 200 lbs. daily during the past three months that their product would not be required after January 1st.

Just last week, eight local shippers representing some 22 cans of milk per day were advised by their dairy that their milk would not be accepted after January 31st.

All this adds up to lack of markets. Needless to add, the U.S. embargo has played an important part in creating that condition. To the best of our knowledge it is the first time since Confederation that Canada's agricultural products have been shut out of Great Britain and United States, both at the same time. It is indeed fortunate for Canada that our domestic markets have expanded tremendously in the past ten years, otherwise the lack of export markets would have made itself manifest earlier in the year and even more seriously.

embargo should ease our present glutted markets.

OUR PRICES ARE TOO HIGH
That may sound like heresy to some of our farmer friends. Nevertheless, it is true in so far as export markets overseas are concerned. In short, our standard of living on this continent has resulted in pricing ourselves out of the export market—that despite the fact that the Ontario farmer has been operating on a very narrow margin for some time.

The 40 hour week with high wages per hour in industry has increased agricultural cost of production to the point where irrespective of the pound sterling-dollar impasse, we can't compete with other world producers. This was made very clear at Ottawa recently by Mr. Fulford, the member for Leeds County. As reported in Hansard, Mr. Fulford presented comparative prices for some five agricultural commodities. Carcass beef in New Zealand sells at 14c—in Argentina at 18.7c with the Canadian price at 44c. Butter in Denmark is 40.7c, 37.8c in Australia and New Zealand and the Canadian price 32c. Passing on to cheese, the New Zealand and Australian price 21.2c against 32c per pound in Canada.

In eggs the prices given by Mr. Fulford were as follows: Denmark 46c, Australia 52c, Ireland 54c and Canada 61c. Finally, coming to bacon, and we presume he is referring to Wiltshires, 30.2c per lb. was the price in Denmark and Holland, against 38c in Canada.

These prices may in some cases have changed materially in the past few weeks—in fact, on reliable authority we are informed that the Dutch and Danish price of bacon has dropped 10 shillings per cwt. since that time.

That should be fairly good evidence to substantiate our statement that we have priced ourselves out of the export market. The high wages

in industrial centres has in the main been responsible for our high cost of production of agricultural products. It would seem that it may now be boomeranging on industry. The recent lay-off by two of our larger farm implement manufacturers is no doubt largely due to their inability to market their products—or to put it another way, the inability of the farmer to buy agricultural machinery at present prices. Leaders of labour unions would in our opinion do well to remember the fable of "The man who killed

the goose which laid the golden egg."

However, we would not like to close this article without a little brighter note. From a long time viewpoint we are confident of better days for the agricultural producer. It should not be necessary to remind our readers that in 1951 our production of dairy products was just about equal to our consumption. Consequently, once the U.S. embargo is removed it should not be too long before we are back in the same position. In fact, many of our leaders feel there is need for increased production of dairy products.

Junior Farmers See New Year In

The Halton Junior Farmer held a New Year's Eve dance Wednesday evening, December 31 at Trafalgar Hall, with Lorne Bentley's Orchestra supplying the music. The hall was gaily decorated and also overflowed with the dancers.

At five minutes to twelve hats and whistles were distributed by the executive. At twelve midnight Mac Sprowl, County President of the Halton Junior Farmers and chairman of the hockey executive called on everyone to join hands and sing Auld Lang Syne.

Lunch was then served and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

The average Canadian spends 3.6 per cent. of his income on tobacco, 5.4 per cent. on drink.

Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of John Given.

All persons having claims against the Estate of John Given, late of the Township of Erin, in the County of Wellington, Retired Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the Twenty-eighth day of November, 1952, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned before the Seventeenth day of January, 1953, when the assets will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which shall have been filed.

Dated at Acton, Ontario, this Twenty-fourth day of December, 1952.

C. F. Leatherland, Acton, Ont., a 28-3 Solicitor for the Executor.

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IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS NOT BRIGHT

The prospects for any improvement are far from bright for the early part of 1953 at least. Certainly the removal of the U.S. embargo on March 1st should be beneficial not only to the dairyman but to some degree at least, should help the hog producer and steer feeder.

It is questionable if prices will strengthen materially, since American prices for some of our commodities are lower than our own. However, it should result in the Ontario dairymen being able to dispose of some of our surplus cows and heifers, all of which should help to relieve domestic milk markets. It should also result in some of our heavier steers going across the border—also some of our better quality bacon cuts going to the same market.

Personally we do not anticipate any immediate improvement in prices but at least the removal of the



Medal Metal

IT'S HARD to realize that less than one hundred years ago aluminum was a precious metal, priced at \$17 an ounce. In fact, Queen's University at Kingston, Ont., presented the first graduate from its chemistry course with an aluminum medal in 1858.

Nowadays the price of aluminum is 18c a pound. How is it that a dollar buys as much aluminum today as it did before the war, while it buys so much less of most other things? One big reason is the increasing use of aluminum—ten times that of 15 years ago. Volume production keeps production costs down. Aluminum is not only light and strong—it is low in price too. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).

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