

# OUR Farm Page

Items of Interest to the Local Farmer

## EXPORT OF BACON GOV'T CONTROLLED

There is an idea in some quarters that meat exporting packers ship bacon products in any manner and condition they see fit. This is not so. The meat packer is the manufacturer. The Government may be said to be the shipper. According to regulations under the provisions of Part II of the Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act, bacon is graded according to actual standards and packaged as may from time to time be prescribed by the Minister of Agriculture, and bacon being exported must receive such care and handling in transit as may from time to time be prescribed by the Minister, to whom each exporter of bacon must issue a signed statement in the form prescribed by the Minister respecting each shipment of bacon being exported. Such statement must be signed by a Government inspector and one copy of the statement forwarded to the Marketing Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Exporters of bacon must be licensed by the Minister and the license may be cancelled at any time if the holder violates any regulation of the Minister respecting the quality of bacon that may be exported within prescribed periods and the proportion of Whitehead sides to other cuts that are included in such shipments.

All Grade "A" sides must bear the official brand "Canada" in the form of an arc, above the proprietary brand of the exporter. Grade "B" bacon must be branded with the proprietary brand of the exporter only, such brand to be different from the proprietary brand included with the word "Canada" for branding "A" bacon. Grade "C" must not be branded. Proprietary brands must not contain the words "Canada" or "Canadian". The official brand "Canada" consists of block letters not less than five-eighths of an inch in height. Not only are all bacon sides and bacon cuts inspected and graded by Government inspectors at the various plants but are again inspected at seaboard. Improved refrigerator cars, under controlled temperatures carry the product under Government supervision to seaboard. Export of bacon from Canada is carried out in accordance with Government regulations and under Government supervision.

### SET THE MOUSETRAP THIS TIME OF YEAR

At this season of the year, mice, in seeking suitable winter quarters, find their way into dwellings, sometimes in quite appreciable numbers. This is particularly noticeable in rural districts but also occurs to some extent in suburban areas and in city dwellings.

The common house mouse is the chief offender, states the Division of Entomology, Science Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, but field mice will readily establish themselves in a very short time. Both species in their quest for more comfortable quarters with the approach of winter are driven indoors. Mice are very prolific, and, if not checked, soon become a nuisance. The house mouse begins to breed when three months old and has litters at intervals of eight or ten weeks throughout the year.

Unlike many other animals, mice are not particularly wary of baits and traps and are therefore fairly easily controlled. While poisoned baits are effective, they are not recommended for use in dwellings, traps being satisfactory, safer and more sanitary, as the bodies of the mice may be disposed where they will not create an offensive odour. The ordinary gulle-

line or "snap" trap is the most satisfactory. Cheese, fried bacon, raw meat, oatmeal, and fruit are suitable baits for these traps. A good combination bait is a mixture of peanut butter, rolled oats, and chopped raisins. A drop or two of aniseed oil may be added. If the mice are numerous, several traps should be used, placing them where the mice are known to frequent.

### CO-OP. ORGANIZATIONS BY CANADIAN FARMERS

There are almost 450,000 members of shareholders in farmer's co-operative companies in Canada. In 1938-39, the total business of these organizations was over 200 million dollars according to information compiled by the Economic Division, Marketing Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture. Farmer co-operatives thus occupy a very important part in Canadian business.

But not only are there a great many co-operatives—there are a great many different kinds. Most people are aware of the marketing co-operatives in fruits and vegetables, live stock, wheat and dairy products, but other associations exist across the country which are perhaps not so well-known.

For instance, in British Columbia at Saskatoon, the Home Sound Gibson's Landing Canning Association, Co-operative Manufacturers Jam from small fruits such as strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and plums. In some years this little group of about 100 farmers manufacturers \$8,000 lbs. of jam.

Just outside the city of Regina in Saskatchewan is the refinery and cracking plant of the Consumer's Co-operative Refinery. High above the main office building stands a sign which reads "Farmer-owned and controlled." The Sherwood Co-operative oil in the city of Regina and in the country. In the showroom of their new station you may purchase various articles such as electric washing machines, spark plugs, batteries, oil and grease. Saskatchewan officials are presently engaged in the preliminary organization of a co-operative farm machinery company.

At Barrie, in Ontario, farmers own and operate a co-operative packing plant. This group, organized in 1929, now has over 1,200 shareholders and in some years has packed and sold over a million dollars worth of live stock and poultry products.

The Maritime Provinces are well advanced in co-operative activity. Farmer-fishermen along the south shore of Guysboro County in Nova Scotia own a canning factory. During the lobster season, the plant is used to can sea-food and in other seasons to can small fruit. Tor Bay canned blueberries are a product of this co-operative.

Farmers' Co-operatives are branching into new types of organization and activity. They have been in marketing and purchasing activities.

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The Dominion Department of Agriculture has established an efficient system which will operate to the producer's benefit if he will only take advantage of it.

Farmers who do not receive statements of grade within a few days after marketing their hogs should apply to their shipper, if this fails communicate with the official grader at the point where the hogs were slaughtered, the day after arrival, and the grader issues the grading certificate immediately after slaughter. The commission, form or packer at once computes the settlement and the complete information is then available to the farmer, either direct by mail, or as is usually the case, through the shipper or trucker.

### NEED CERTIFICATE FOR APPLES TO U.K.

Before shipment of apples to the United Kingdom can be made to members of the C.A.S.F., Canadians serving in the British or Allied Forces, or to civilians, a certificate must be obtained from a Dominion Fruit Inspector certifying that the apples comply with the requirements of the Destructive Insect and Pest Act. The Department of Trade and Commerce emphasizes that the greatest care must be taken in conforming to the regulations governing package weights and methods of shipment.

Cuts of apples may be sent to civilians in the United Kingdom by freight or express through trade channels only. Such packages must not exceed 15 pounds weight, must be individually addressed before leaving Canada, and forwarded to an authorized importer in the United Kingdom for distribution by parcel post. In addition individual parcels not exceeding 20 pounds weight may be sent direct by parcel post from Canada.

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### HOG CARCASS GRADING STATEMENT AVAILABLE TO EVERY PRODUCER

Farmers are entitled to individual statements, from the shipper or trucker, covering hogs which they have sold showing:

1. The official carcass grade.
  2. The carcass weight.
  3. The price per pound for the basic grade.
  4. Price differentials for the various grades.
  5. Any deductions such as transportation and commission.
- The official grader of the Dominion Department of Agriculture is responsible only for the grade, and issues a statement showing the grade for every farmer's lot of carcasses graded.
- Most commission firms and packing houses are now issuing individual statements of settlement for every farmer's lot of hogs. In some cases these are mailed direct to farmers, but for the most part they are turned over to the shipper or trucker, and it is his responsibility to see that they reach the farmers concerned, and are not discarded as sometimes happens.

### The Hog Carcass Grading Regulations require the shipper to:

1. Identify the hogs.
  2. Provide the grader with a manifest showing particulars regarding ownership identification.
  3. Issue to the farmer a statement, as outlined above.
  4. Make settlement to the farmer according to the official grade.
- It is very much in the farmer's interest to see that whoever delivers the hogs to the market meets all these requirements.

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Air Vice-Marshal R. W. Stedman, O.B.E., who is a member of the Air Council for Engineering and Supply. He interrupted an engine test with the Royal Naval Air Service, and became technical director of Canada's young air force in 1939 and has remained with that branch.

the C.A.S.F. or to Canadians serving in other British or Allied forces when forwarded by express or freight. When sent by parcel post from CAN., however, the parcels must not exceed 20 pounds weight. Cuts forwarded to individual members of the C.A.S.F. by freight or express must be addressed to the forwarding agent to enable clearance through customs. Carlots of individually addressed packages should be consigned to the Senior Officer, Auxiliary Services, C.M.H.Q., Cockspur St., London. Similar gifts to Canadians serving in British or Allied forces should carry the name, number, rank of the consignee, and the name of the unit and be addressed in care of the Canadian Auxiliary Services, 6 Dilke St., Chelsea, London, S.W.3.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture points out that while there is no regulation against the sending of apples from Canada by parcel post to the United Kingdom up to a maximum weight of 20 pounds, except that they require inspection by a Dominion Government inspector, the sending of such parcels is not considered practical and therefore is not recommended. The reason for this recommendation, states the Department, is that due to the fact apples are a perishable product, they are not likely to arrive in good condition, because when sent by parcel post they do not forward under favorable shipping conditions.

## SPAIN AND THE WAR

### HOT-HEAD PHALANGISTS CRAY FOR KEEPING SUT-FRONS FOR NEED PEACE AND BREAD

by E. D. GARDNER

Spain holds a key neutral position in the Mediterranean. Will she remain neutral? Will Hitler and Mussolini, in order to attack the British hold on Gibraltar and the Western Straits, force the Spaniards to enter the war on their side?

Here are certain facts bearing on Spain's decision.

First, Spain needs peace. For two and a half years, she was ravaged by a civil war, intensified and prolonged by foreign intervention, in which the losses in men-power, material and trade were very heavy.

In transport alone, half the railway rolling stock and road vehicles were destroyed. At the end of the war, eighteen months ago, production had fallen very low. There were no reserves from foreign markets and there was great civilian distress.

The food situation is still serious; only 25 per cent of the national consumption of milk is being produced, 25 per cent of the wheat supplies have to be imported at heavy cost and there is a shortage of bread in many parts of the country.

There is also a shortage of cattle, particularly draught oxen for ploughing.

In order to develop her great potential agricultural and mineral wealth Spain needs peace.

### PAYING FOR AXIS AID

But the price of victory has to be paid, and Germany and Italy are not allowing Nationalist Spain to forget that they are the authors of her success.

The present form of government, a Dictatorship under General Franco, with the administration organized in syndicates, and political power concentrated in a single party, the Falangists, owes much to Nazi and Fascist influence.

Sr. Bertrando Sumer, brother-in-law (cousin in Spanish) of the Generalissimo, is the outstanding politician of the regime—hence his nickname the Cunaadissimo.

He controls the Police and the Press, and while claiming full national independence, is strongly pro-axis in sympathy.

Spanish pride demands independence, and Spaniards know quite well that it was not love of Spain that sent Germans and Italians to Franco's help. Nevertheless, Axis pressure is strong, and it more open and perhaps less dangerous form is shown in the violent anti-British tone of the controlled Press, the demonstrations on the arrival of the new British Ambassador in Madrid a few weeks ago, and in the renewed claims to Gibraltar.

## DRIFT TOWARDS WAR

On the surface, indeed, it has at times appeared that Spain is drifting towards complete alliance with the Axis powers. In July 1939, in an interview he gave to a Portuguese journalist, General Franco, stressing Spain's need for reconstruction and peace, said that in the event of a European war Spain would be "as neutral as possible."

On the outbreak of war Spain declared herself completely neutral, and though military missions visited Rome and Berlin, the neutral attitude was correctly maintained, and even as the invasion of the Netherlands in May.

But after Italy's entry into the war Spain adopted a policy of "non-belligerency" and the Press, which hitherto done little more than suggest the news favourable to the Allies, broke out in exaggeratedly cordial Axis sympathy.

In June, the Spaniards occupied the International zone of Tangier; this, the first consequence of the French collapse, was a reminder of the Imperialist ambitions of the new Spain. The move, Italians have claimed, was made in the Falangist paper, "Arriba," said later in the whole press, showed that the desire for "reconstruction and peace" did not preclude a lively interest in foreign affairs.

There is a good deal of artificial stimulation by foreign propaganda behind the Press campaign for Gibraltar, the recovery of which, though a patriotic aspiration, has never been for the ordinary Spaniard a vital issue.

### THE REAL ISSUES

The only vital issues in Spain today are bread and work, and though both heads in the Falangist may have immediate ambitions to close the Straits of Gibraltar from both sides, there are signs that the Spanish Government realizes the danger of adventuring in the wake of Germany and Italy. The eastern of the Spaniards who, after fighting alongside them, have a low opinion of their valour. The Germans are better respected and better liked; the Spaniards have a ready admiration for technical efficiency, and moreover, the Germans in Spain behaved well. They have some control over Spanish industry—e.g. air transport is German operated—and are aiming at monopolizing the rich mineral resources of Spain.

But the Hitler-Stalin pact was a setback for Germany in Spain, for hostility to Russia is a fixed principle in this Catholic country which underwent nearly three years of civil war to destroy Communism.

Then the French collapse brought the German army to the Pyrenees; there are now signs that Spain mistrusts German military ambitions. A proposed parade of victorious Nazi troops at San Sebastian, near the Franco-Spanish frontier received much

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