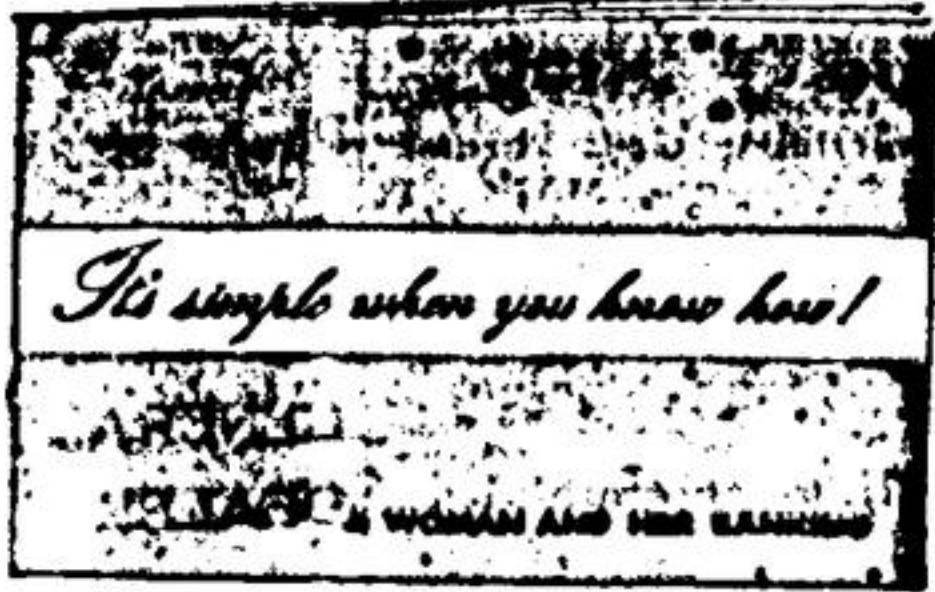


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## FARM NEWS

### Canada Storages Filled to Capacity Will Floor Prices Hold Up?

Storage stocks of pork on April 1st totalled 31,764,000, which is nearly 10 million pounds higher than the storage stocks in April 1st a year ago. In addition, we have some 15 million pounds of canned pork available for consumption. This 15 million lbs. of canned pork is the equivalent of 20 million lbs. of domestic cuts, so that actually on April 1st our surplus of pork products was approximately 50 million pounds. According to W. P. Watson, Ontario Livestock Commissioner, all storages in Eastern Canada on April 30th were filled to capacity with pork and poultry and no export outlets for beef or pork appeared to be in sight. We understand that the Dominion Government dispatched two of its senior officials to the Old Country about mid-April in the hope that they might be able to negotiate a deal for beef or pork or both. Until the most recently announced outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease about two weeks ago officials were hopeful that the embargo would be lifted in September. This most recent outbreak would seem to eliminate any such possibility. If the embargo remains in effect after September, Canadian cattlemen will be faced with a much greater crisis than at present Canada, according to Mr. Watson, has a surplus of about 400,000 head, hence turning more cattle on grass is simply postponing the marketing date. If the American market is available again before the end of the grazing season, cattle owners who turn their cattle on grass have more than an even chance of profiting thereby. If the embargo is not lifted, an exceptionally large number of cattle will have to be marketed in Canada next fall. While the producer is guaranteed a floor, it does not necessarily follow that it will be at the present figure. It is not likely to be higher and it could be lower.

**When a Floor is Not a Floor**

About a month ago the Federal Government announced its intention of establishing a floor price for cattle. It will be recalled that the floor established was \$25 per cwt. for good cattle at Toronto, with appropriate differentials for other grades and other markets. This floor would be applicable for the months of April, May and June, and would be reviewed thereafter, with the price for each succeeding month announced 30 days in advance of the month when it would apply. It was further announced that the Government would maintain a floor price for as long as the present U.S. embargo was in effect. However, one of the "jokers" in the picture is that the Government cannot pass regulations making it an offence for any person to buy below the floor as such action would be construed as price fixing—a practice declared illegal by statute at the last session of parliament.

The obvious alternative was for the Government to authorize the Prices Support Board to offer to purchase any or all beef at prices consistent with the floors for the various grades of cattle. In so far as we can ascertain the Board is prepared to carry out its responsibilities in this regard, but is powerless to act because of the lack of storage space or an export outlet for any beef that it might require. Until some relief, by way of more storage space or an export outlet,

President Bob Lane attended a tentative plan was drawn up for 1952. Georgetown plays its first game at Campbellville on May 17th. And the big opening game at home on Saturday, May 24th. Let's make this the biggest baseball opening ever put over in Georgetown.

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can be found, officials of both Federal and Provincial governments are urging producers to market only finished cattle, so that our markets will not be unduly depressed by large numbers of thin animals.

## PLAY BALL... SEASON OPENS HERE ON SATURDAY, MAY 24th

by Elmer  
Has that man seen you yet, What man you ask... Why the man who is out canvassing the town in the interest of the Intermediate ball team and selling booster tickets.

These tickets only cost \$1.00 and for that \$1.00 you get two admissions to the opening game, plus a chance on 3 lucky draw prizes. These 3 prizes are in the form of vouchers donated by three enterprising stores in the town of Georgetown who are interested in good sport. They are Silver's, Brill's and Richardson's. So it will be well worthwhile to win one of these valuable prizes. To win one of these prizes, it is necessary that you be present, so plan now to take your best girl or if you are bashful, your best friend out to the opening ball game. It will probably be on the 24th of May afternoon. This date is not official yet as the league has not met to draw up the schedule for 1952.

President Bob Lane of the local Club has just returned from the annual meeting of the Ontario Baseball Association which was held in St. Catharines this year. He reports a fine meeting with the Halton League taking an active part. By the way, the annual meeting for the local baseball club will be held Thursday evening, May 8th at 8 p.m. at Hotel McGibbon. Plan now to attend and give the local boys a boost with your presence. Yes, everyone interested is invited.

The Halton County League looks to have a very interesting baseball season coming up. Teams entered so far are Oakville in B, Milton and Waterdown in C, Campbellville in D (a new classification) and Georgetown in B. Acton is an unknown quantity at present. They called one meeting when all the old executive resigned. And no one would take over the reins. So up to now it is possible that some of their best boys will be wearing Georgetown uniforms. We could do with a couple more pitchers and a couple of good infielders.

Now that Daylight Saving is here the local boys will be getting in more practice and coach Vern Bowman will be able to give all those wanting to make a place on the local team a chance to show their wares. Will tell you more about our prospects next week.

At a league meeting held at Milton on Thursday, May 1st, which

### FORMER DISTRICT RESIDENT DIES

A former district resident, Mrs. Antonio Venchiarutti died suddenly in St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Venchiarutti lived on the old John Miller farm on No. 7 Highway across from the Stone School until moving to the city fifteen years ago. Their son, Sullio, graduated from Georgetown High School while they lived here, and is now an architect in the city.

She is survived by her husband and four children: Sullio, Doris, Livio and Silvio. Interment was made in Mount Hope Cemetery after a solemn Requiem mass Saturday

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