production in Canada by Sandy it has of course, particularly in erable interest. It may fall as high prices paid to farmers for level most of the time—in two Best, Halton M.P. in a speech in past years, played an important well, partially at least, to the re- beef, and the large export beef years they ran to over 200 million the House of Commons on April part in our agricultural export sponsibility of the Dept. of Trade market. In addition we had a near pounds—to the 1920's when the

Mr. Best's speech is reproduced below in its entirety.

talk briefly today on these agricul- tions and individuals across Cana- quantity conditions in Canada.

bring up today specifically are currency problems, but it is a very and pork to the United States. Danish market and because of the

of hogs. This is, and has been, ernment premium system as it all hon members, in the govern- million, and Canadian pork exports ally, is a position we still face, a traditional industry in Canada now exists and the possibility, and ment support policy with regard to for 1958 were at a record high lesince the standards of the industry and of great' importance, as all indeed the strong desire of many hogs. I must say that the minister's vel to a value of over \$20 million, in Denmark, possible by means or hon, members know. It is one people, that a greater differentia- comennts and proposals this after- the largest proportion of which methods of control which we would which today, to my mind, is in a tion should be made between the noon were helpful. As a matter of went to the United States. So that not advocate in Canada, have instate of considerable flux, and A and B-1 grades of hogs. In addi- fagt, on March 23 the minister while we had a vast increase in evitably resulted in a product there are many problems and ma- tion, as a hog producer I realize said in this house that the support hog population and production in which is uniform and which has a ny directions in which it is pos- that our record of performance or price of hogs would be lowered, Canada, the domestic consump very high efficiency in arriving at sible to travel, and we are seeking advanced registry stations are to a and that there would be a differsolutions. I might say that the fi- certain extent crowded in Canada. ent method of approach toward ume of exports, helped us very efficiency for Denmark has been gures for the industry as a whole my own specific knowledge con- government assistance to hog far- considerably. have indicated in the past years, cerns mainly one at Waterloo, On- mers. I had some worries about . The value of this industry is pounds of ration to a pound these matters, not with regard to difficult to estimate, and I have gain, a figure which is most ex-

> siderable extent. I would like to go back and talk considerable importance. We all of a variety of types, some of briefly about the importance of know, and this is familiar to those which yielded good bacon or meat, the industry. One can examine who have travelled in the United but most of which were of the fat various tables of figures and look, States, that Canada's reputation in or lardy type, and these were not for instance, at the current review the hog business is high. We generally wanted by our export ada for January, 1959, and examine as a producer of quality hog prod- course, a large domestic consumpthe hog population and markets as ucts and it is this quality which I tion. The hogs were bought and they existd in 1957 and '58. One wish to emphasize today, because sold on a flat basis, regardless of sees that the population of hogs it is something which I feel to be quality, so the incentive to the on farms as of June 1st, 1957, was of considerable importance. We farmer for supplying the consumer, 4,857,000 and one year later it was must ask ourselves how we can either here or abroad, with a qual-6,164,000. This total increase per- maintain and even increase the ity product did not exist. It was in centage wise for the whole of Ca- quality of our production in the these circumstances that in 1921 a nada was some 26.9 per cent, a face of possible future competi- conference of producers, packers,

> are drastic, are unfortunate prob- States. lems which we are facing today. It might be said Mr. Chairman, that one of the saving graces at this estic consumption of pork and pork erable extent the traditional British basis, paying premiums for top time and during 1958 was the domproducts. This was, I believe, at market which had been built up by quality hogs, a significant step a record high for the year. The Canada over a number of years, along the road to uniformity and

severe crowding, particularly in the moment for 1958 was 750 mil- figures since confederation and see the last few years. Thirdly I would lion pounds, and for 1957 the fig- that in the year 1900, for instance, like to emphasize the point that ure was 85 million pounds less, or we exported some 134 million our traditional British markets 665 million pounds. So we did pounds of bacon and ham to the may be beckoping again, and I have high domestic consumption United Kingdom-a very significpresent government policies were a very significant proportion of ture and his department are exam- which was perhaps, comparatively period of the first world war when suggested for pig marketing and our total agricultural industry, and ining this possibility with consid- speaking, made possible by the these exports were at a very high and Commerce, and possibly the record year, I think it might be figure was declining largely due The matters which I want to Dept. of Finance with regard to said, for exports of bacon, ham, to increased competition from the

those which have been brought to enticing market at certain times, The figure for exports to the efficiency and quality standards Mr. Chairman, I would like to my, attention by various associa- depending of course on price and United States, of Canadian bacon and closeness of control that Dantural estimates about the subject da. First, they involve the gov- Fourthly, I am interested, as are pounds, to a total value of 4.5 effect at that time. This, incident-

> lowered floor, but with regard to no exact figures on it, but one traordinary. This has been brought quotas and deficiency payments, would gauge it each year at sever- about by constant selection and imas possibly also did other hon. al hundreds of millions of dollars provement of the Landrace breed members, and I feel the explana- when we are talking in terms of of pig, which is most largely used tion which was given this after an output figure of some six mil- in that country. noon has assisted us to a very con- lion pigs per year. Thus, we are After the first world war we dealing here with an industry of were dealing in Canada with hogs very considerable figure and one tion and probably, of improved officials of the government and which, though I do not think they quality standards in the United others interested was held in Ot-

tawa, and in 1922 the grading of Hog improvement in Canada has live hogs was initiated by the Detaken place particularly over the partment of Agriculture. last 40 years. After the first world war we began to lose to a consid- make all hog purchases on a grade

tario, which has experienced very estimated figure which I have for We can go back and look at the Admire, But Don't Pick Wildflowers Lovers Urge Public In their natural woodland set-

ting, the trilliums are one of the most attractive of spring wildflowers. The trilliums at Terra Cotta Conservation area were particularly beautiful last Sunday, dappling the forest floor with gay

The young city man noticed the trilliums, too. But he wasn't content to admire them in their native environment. He had the notion that a large bouquet of trilliums would look smart in a vase on the living room table back home. He and his son began picking them. By the time at Terra Cotta conservation staffer caught up with them they had plucked almost every tril-

Of course the harm had been done. The Conservation man patiently explained that wildflowers, wih few exceptions, do not take kindly to being picked. The trilliums wilted within half an hour and wound up in an ash can. "We like to make people feel at

home in the conservation areas, declares field officer Ted Sutter, "but we're hoping that the public becomes sufficienly conservationminded that it won't be necessary, eventually, to have to remind them about such things as picking wild flowers and carving trees."

Live and let live, that others may also enjoy the beauties of natof agricultural conditions in Can- have been famed for many years markets although there was, of conservation around the subject of a only succeeds in killing the flowers and in depriving others of a wood-

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is a non-profit-making organization of public service minded men. They are dedicated to atnumber of projects all of which come under the heading of conservation. A word which means many different things to many different people. It means flood control reforestation, restoration of fish-In 1927, the packers undertook to ing and wildlife, prevention of pollution, establishment of recreation areas, protection of water tables in brief, the safeguarding of our Canadian heritage.

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FARM NEWS

product in this country. In 1928,

live hog grading was made com

pulsory in Ontario, followed in the

early thirties by other provinces,

of gradual transition from the grad-

carcass grading was designated as

the only system of government

grading in Canada, though not

Thus we have seen a transition

which is of great interest to those

engaged in the industry and it has

had a very significant effect on

hog quality as one can see if one

examines the various figures which

are available. For instance, statis-

tics provided by the Department

the original top live grade, called

select live hogs, and judged on the

was made the only system of government grading, this figure had increased to almost 28 per cent, almost twice the proportion of

hogs in that category during the

If one looks at the reverse side the sol called butcher live or

fat hogs-one would see that the

number fell from a figure of 35

per cent in 1929 to a figure of

approximately 8 per cent in 1940,

so that under this live and optional

carcass grading system there was

a very definite increase in the

quality of hogs produced in Can-

fact that grade A carcass figures

weight of hogs has increased rather

markedly during this period. Thus,

these figures may indicate a con-

siderably greater rate of improve-

It is interesting to note that

Canada's share of the British mar-

Ket came back during that period

Britain, during the early thirties

appear to indicate it.

earlier period.

necessarily of market purchase.

and so the movement grew across MRS. MABEL BORGSTROM Canada. In 1934 provision was made LEAVING HALTON AND PEEL for optional carcass grading and

we were coming then, to a period It has been announced that Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, Home Economist ing of hogs on a live weight basis in Halton and Peel Counties, will to optional grading on a carcass be taking a year's leave of absence basis, though under optional confor further study. ditions. In that year, however,

Mrs. Borgstrom was appointed to the Home Economics Service of the Extension Branch in Halton, Peel and York counties in 1953, served in the three counties until 1956. Since 1956, Mrs. Borgstrom has acted as Home Economist in Italton and Peel counties. During time Mrs. Borgstrom has worked in connection with Junior Institute and Senior Institute programmes, and has supervised and the 4-H Homemaking of Agriculture show that in 1929

Clubs programme leave of absence will commence on June 1st. The appointhoof, comprised about 16 per cent on a successor will be anof the hogs marketed; and that by during the month of June 1940, the year that carcass grading

WEED CONTROL NEWS

by V. E. McArthur County Weed Inspector

A BAD WEED?

We must admit that Rocket is ada. This has to a certain extent spreading at an alarming rate in been the situation, too, under the Halton County. While it belongs to mandatory careass grading system the mustard family it differs from 'Wild Mustard' in that it flowers although the figures do not always nearly a month earlier, has several This is one of the problems roots and smooth leaves. "Wild which producers and government Mustard" has a single tap root and

officials must ponder, namely the quite hairy leaves. Many of our farmers are con in 1940 comprised virtually 28 per cerned about Yellow Rocket and try cent of the hogs marketed in that to keep it pulled when it first year and that this has shifted dur- appears but when it becomes estabing the late forties and early fifties lished they try to cut it before to somewhat over 30 per cent, seeds ripen and in some cases the though it has now gone down again infested fields are used for grass to just under 30 per cent. It is silage. By these practices the plants are kept in check but Yellow a fluctuating figure. However, one Rocket being a perennial continues can add the fact that the live to persist. When it appears in meadows consisting of grass only, it can be killed quite readily by applying 8 - 10 ounces of 2, 4-D ment than they may show on the acid per acre; but in sod fields containing alfalfa or certain other

clovers this method cannot be used in this amount of 2, 4-D per acre will damage the clovers. Do not underestimate this weed as well; a tribute o this system, I if it appears on your farm because think one might say. In Great once it gets started it will spread

Yes "Yellow Rocket" is a bad PUNCTURE our exports of bacon and ham, for weed and is recognized as such by PROJECTION instance, were down in the year the Field Crops Branch of the On-1929 to 25 million pounds; remain- tario Department of Agriculture, ing at this level for the next two who have it listed on the noxious or three years, hovering around 10 list of the Ontario Weed Control Act.

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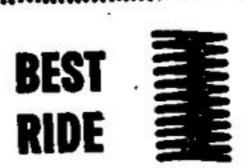
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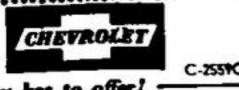


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to 30 million pounds, but during

the latter years of the thirties the level had gone up to well over 100 TRiangle 7-2251 million pounds.