

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP)—Preliminary discussions of the 1945 farm program have indicated that the Canadian farmers' task of food production will remain as important as in the last four years, whether peace has come or not.

While there has been some qualification of estimates of amounts of food which will be needed for European relief purposes in liberated areas, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and other authorities say the requirements still will be large.

Canada has a major surplus in one crop—wheat. Drought conditions in Australia which has cut production in that Dominion may mean that New Zealand and some other territories normally dependent on Australian supplies may have to draw on the Canadian stocks. But even with relief needs at a high level and new markets to be supplied, authorities say it is questionable whether Canada will be able to export the 400,000,000 bushels she could easily spare in the crop year 1944-45.

This condition indicates that the Dominion-provincial agricultural conference, expected to assemble in Ottawa in December, again will suggest that prairie farmers might well concentrate on crops other than wheat. With major bacon and cheese contracts with the United Kingdom to be met, and with an assured market for meat and poultry products, the continued high production of feed crops probably will be suggested.

Although hog marketings have been heavy this year, officials said there have been signs of a tapering off in production which may mean that fewer animals will be sold next year. In 1945 as well as in 1944 the Dominion has agreed to provide 500,000,000 pounds of bacon to the United Kingdom. The hope is the young hog crop early next year will be larger than is at present forecast by some authorities. Numbers of hogs on farms at June 1 showed a decline of five per cent. from the same date in 1943.

Increase in Cattle

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported a new high record in the number of cattle on farms, with a total of 10,346,000 head, representing an increase of seven per cent. over June 1, 1943. Sheep numbered 3,726,000 head, a gain of nearly eight per cent. in a year.

A reflection of the demand for eggs and poultry meat for domestic and export markets, the total of hens and chickens on farms was reported at 86,792,000, or nearly 16 per cent. above the previous year.

In one category of livestock no increase was reported, only a continuation of the decline which has been in evidence for several years. The number of horses reported on June 1 was 2,735,000, a decline of 40,000 in a year. The decline was common to all provinces except Nova Scotia and Quebec.

One nurtured hope went glimmer-

ing during the week. Farmers who have read of the prowess of the jeep in war have believed it would be a useful vehicle on the farm, able to pull plows and take the family to town on Saturday night. But expert agricultural engineers put the jeep to work at farm chores in Saskatchewan and found it was not a success as it had never been intended for such jobs and could not be made to accept them.

And, for good measure, they warned that tanks were suitable only for moving themselves and universal carriers were no solution to farm haulage problems. Out of all their examination came only the prospect that military trucks, of all the residue of motorized warfare, would find a peacetime job on the farm front without extensive alteration.

CANADA YEAR BOOK FOR 1943-44 READY

The 1943-44 edition of the Canada Year Book, published by authorization of the Hon James A. MacKinnon, M.P., Minister of Trade and Commerce, is announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

On the grounds of war-time economy, the 1943 edition of the Year Book was not published and the present volume has therefore been planned to cover developments over a two-year period, perhaps more important from the standpoint of the changes in our internal economy than any other like period in the Dominion's history. The problem of including all necessary new material and at the same time keeping the volume down to convenient limits has not been an easy one to solve and, where possible, space has had to be saved by reference to earlier editions for standard material.

The Canada Year Book is the official statistical annual of the country and contains a thoroughly up-to-date account of the natural resources of the Dominion and their development, the history of the country, its institutions, its demography, the different branches of production, trade, transportation, finance, education, etc.—in brief, a comprehensive study within the limits of a single volume of the social and economic conditions of the Dominion.

By special concession, a limited number of paper-bound copies have been set aside for ministers of religion, bona fide students and school teachers, who may obtain such copies at the nominal price of \$1.00 each. Application with remittance for these special copies must be forwarded to the Dominion Statistician, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EXPECT RECORD RICE HARVEST

SYDNEY, Australia (CP) — This year's rice crop in Australia is expected to be a record. All of it is grown in New South Wales. With an average yield of about two tons to the acre this should provide at least 75,000 tons of "paddy", compared with about half that total in pre-war days.

The whole of the crop is required for the Allied forces and for consumption in the island territories of the Southwest Pacific. The quality is excellent.

LONGER OPERATION PAYS

Farm machines operated for longer than the average season usually get better than average care. Their owners are more inclined to keep them in good repair. The Dominion Department of Agriculture says that when a farmer increases the operating time of his machine either by exchanging work with a neighbor or by custom work, he lengthens the life of the machine and cuts its hourly cost of operation.

CAN USE MACHINERY MORE HOURS PER YEAR

Although the average farm tractor is used less than 350 hours a year, many well-balanced farms operate their tractors more than 800 hours a year. Tillage equipment averages only 300 hours' useful operation a year, but in the hands of some owners is used for as many as 450 hours a year.

The annual use of harvesting equipment is 120 hours a year on the average, but on some farms it is engaged in useful work for 225 hours a year.

To the Dominion Department of Agriculture, these comparisons indicate that most machinery on Canadian farms can be used more hours per year at greater savings to their owners and reduced costs to the farming community as a whole.

ENFORCEMENT

It would appear that the motor car wields a bad influence judging by the fact that nine current WPTB enforcement cases in Central Ontario concern infractions in that field.

Two war workers in Hamilton were fined \$25 each for making false statements to the oil controller in order to obtain extra gasoline. Two other Hamiltonians paid \$20 each, one for illegally selling a used tire and the other for the purchasing of it. A Welland resident was assessed \$25 for charging more than the ceiling price for a used car. Similarly in St. Catharines sale of a trailer at too high a price brought a fine of \$50.

Having counterfeit gasoline coupons in his possession brought a Thorold man a fine of \$100. In Toronto, a woman paid a fine of \$100 for having four loose gas coupons, while a man was levied \$300 or 3 months for possessing an invalid gas ration book. Another Toronto resident elected to spend one month in jail in lieu of \$100 fine for unlawful possession of a gasoline book.

Schoolmaster: "Now, Willie, if the earth's axis is an imaginary line, can you hang clothes on it?"

Willie: "Yes, sir."

Schoolmaster: "Ha, ha. That's good. And what sort of clothes, Willie?"

Willie: "Imaginary clothes, sir."

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| Place of Sitting | Day of Sitting | Jan. | Mar. | May | June | Sept. | Nov. | Jan. 1945 |
|------------------|----------------|------|------|-----|------|-------|------|-----------|
| 1 Milton | Friday | 7 | 10 | 5 | 23 | 8 | 10 | 5 |
| 2 Oakville | Tuesday | 4 | 7 | 2 | 27 | 12 | 7 | 9 |
| 3 Georgetown | Wednesday | 5 | 8 | 3 | 21 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| 4 Acton | Thursday | 6 | 9 | 4 | 22 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| 6 Burlington | Monday | 10 | 6 | 1 | 26 | 11 | 6 | 8 |

All Times Mentioned are Eastern Daylight Saving

Names and Addresses of Clerks—1, B. Knight, Milton; 2, John Chambres, Oakville; 3, Elmer Thompson, Georgetown; 4, Wilfred Coles, Acton; 6, J. E. Jarvis, Burlington.

County Court and General Sessions, Monday 5th June, 1 p.m., Monday 4th December, 1 p.m.

Sittings of County Court without Jury, Monday, 3rd April, at 10 a.m., Monday 2nd October, 10 a.m.

Audit of Criminal Justice and County Accounts, Thursday, 6th January; Thursday, 6th April; Thursday, 6th July; Thursday, 5th October.

By order W. I. DICK, Milton,
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