

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

The number of hogs graded in Canada during 1936 was 3,745,498 as against 2,969,311 in 1935, an increase of 776,187.

The year 1936 was the fourth in succession in which the Canadian wheat crop has been estimated at less than 300 million bushels.

The Poultry Market

Prices of poultry in the Canadian domestic market in 1936 were lower than in 1935. The poultry crop of 1936 was marketed by producers at prices which represented a substantial increase over those of the years immediately preceding.

There is every reason to expect a satisfactory movement of the 1936 poultry crop both in Canada and in export trade. This should have a strengthening influence on the situation during the marketing season of 1937.

Sugar Beet Production

With the run of sugar beets for 1936 completed the Canada and Dominion Sugar Company of Chatham and Wallaceburg, Ont., have announced that more than 350,000 tons of beets have been handled.

Yield of sugar beets per acre was above the average over the entire growing territory, but, according to officials, the crop was not as rich in sugar as is usual.

The future outlook of beet prices show no encouraging signs, say officials of the company. The large world surplus of sugar, which had been cut down somewhat since 1933 will be increased again by the coming world crop, they say.

Current Reports

Bruce County reports plenty of hay on hand, but grain very scarce in some cases. In Grey County a canvass has been conducted, with 95% of the farmers favouring a restricted T.B. area for the county.

O.A.C. College Royal

On March 3rd, the live stock of the Ontario Agricultural College will be on parade as a part of the Thirtieth Annual College Royal Show.

In the gymnasium will be staged a large number of educational exhibits by the various student societies and groups. Here again will be a spirited contest on the part of the students on the basis of display and showmanship.

Friends of the College are invited to attend the College Royal which is under the leadership of a group of students headed by N. J. Denholm, F. J. Archibald, W. A. McCall and B. S. Beer.

Plowmen's Meeting

Directors of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, meeting last week in Toronto, elected J. W. MacRae, Lochiel, Glengarry County, as 1937 President, and selected Wellington County as the scene of the annual international match.

The meeting was the best in the history of the association, with farmers from all parts of the Province attending it. Officers choosing the site of the annual match were elected by directors named at the annual meeting.

Mr. Newman also believed that the annual plowing contest might be enlivened by a tug-of-war between two horses and eight men. He claimed that eight men on one side could defeat two horses on the other side.

Other officers elected were: Vice Presidents, William Newman, Lorneville, and L. H. Hanlan, Kapuskasing; Directors: W. C. Barrie, Galt; N. Calder, Holstein; J. J. Duffus, Peterborough; E. G. Fuller, London; D. D. Gray, Ottawa; W. D. Lindsay, Hagersville; George B. Little, Agincourt; Alex. McKinney, Brampton; James McLean, Richmond Hill; Elliot Moses, Ohsweken; G. V. Robinson, Dresden, and J. J. Tierney, Brockville.

The artistic temperament is much like any other kind except that it takes more praise to keep it happy.

The lungs of an average man weigh approximately 40 ounces.

The Week in Parliament

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The Dominion Government has not lost faith in the "drought-stricken" West; it is confident that five years from now or ten years from now the "open prairie" will still be supporting close to a million people.

Such was the message given to the House of Commons by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, on the second reading of the Drought Rehabilitation Measure.

Mr. Gardiner recalled the cycles of drought and hard times through which the prairies had passed, and reminded the house that an overwhelming proportion of the government assistance rendered to the farmers in the drought area of 1914 was returned to the government as soon as the farmers were able to sell two or three good crops at reasonable prices.

(Finest Wheat In World)

There are nearly a million people in the affected area. The Minister explained why that country, under favorable conditions, produced the finest hard spring wheat in the world. He showed that it had been a combination of low prices and light yields that had driven the people into destitution; before, there had been periods of low prices and good yields, and also periods of good prices and low yields.

The original Drought Rehabilitation measure contemplated the expenditure of \$750,000 the first year and a million a year for four subsequent years. The present bill permits larger expenditures if necessary. The Minister recalled that the drought had cost the Dominion Government at least 50 millions; and it would be money well spent now, if ten millions or so were put into measures which would help to prevent another disaster of the same sort.

(Program of Government)

The steps being taken by the federal government, in co-operation with provincial and municipal authorities, individual farmers, the railways, the organized grain-growers and other societies include the following:

Dams and dugouts, to preserve "run-off", small irrigation schemes at which farmers and ranchers can grow sufficient feed to tide them over dry years; hardy grasses; community pastures; demonstrations of new types of culture to end soil-drifting; introduction of drought resistant varieties of grain and other plants; tree-planting wherever practicable.

The Dominion Housing Act, though very slow in getting started, promises to do much better in 1937. Hon. Charles Dunning told the House last week. In the first six months the money loaned for the building of homes was only \$810,000; in the second six months it jumped to \$3,037,000.

The session to date has been one of unusual serenity. There are indications that the Defence issue will liven matters up a bit. In addition to the estimates, which are providing an opportunity for much discussion, a Liberal member has placed a resolution on the order paper which calls for a referendum of the Canadian people in the event of war breaking out elsewhere, regarding which Canada might be inclined either to join or to declare her neutrality.

JOHN WALKER

The death occurred last week in Alliston of John Walker in his 79th year. Mr. Walker was a resident of Albion township for many years where he first farmed and later worked on both the C.P.R. and Grand Trunk Railways.

wages, hours of labor and so on, other competitive services, such as truck and bus, water-borne traffic, and aviation are not.

The proposal is to bring these other types of transportation as nearly as possible within the same type of control, in fairness to the railway. Interested parties are appearing before the Senate Committee.

Rates on grain from the west appear to be involved. It looks as though the major battle will be fought out on the question of competition on the Great Lakes.

T. R. Enderby, of Canada Steamship Lines, one of the largest companies operating on the Great Lakes, commended the Government's action in seeking to regulate freight rates on water-borne traffic. "We see in this bill," he said, "a court of appeal or a referee in the matter of disputes regarding freight rates, and perhaps a conservation of the revenue of the various transportation companies which at present are being sacrificed."

"We are not particularly favorable to section 22 which provides that carriers may make such charges for the transport of goods as may be agreed upon between the carrier and the trader, provided that any such agreed charge shall require the approval of the transport Board. We think that in part this section is helpful but it might be dangerous."

(Opposed By Shippers)

The bill is being opposed by the Shippers and Exporters' committee of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. George S. Mathieson, secretary of that committee, asserted:

"Such licensing and regulation of tolls as proposed would seriously interfere with the free movement of Canadian grain, with the adequate adjustment of rates to meet continuously changing conditions, would tend toward monopoly and to increase in the cost of lake transportation of Canadian grain." This, he added, "would be to the detriment of the producers of Western Canada and be the means of diverting considerable traffic to other channels, to the detriment of Canadian lake carriers."

A vigorous protest was also lodged by Robert D. Smith of the Northern Chartering Co. Ltd. of Winnipeg, who said that if conditions were unsatisfactory now on the Great Lakes it was due to the ill-advised purchase of ships by parties not particularly cognizant of the lake-shiping business. "They saw others making money under abnormal conditions and they took a flier. Now they want someone else to hold the bag... The proposed legislation would be of benefit only to a couple of lines and would be detrimental to the other steamship owners and would tend to reduce the price the farmer receives for his grain."

The first rift in Social Credit ranks at Ottawa occurred when P. J. Rowe, member for Athabaska, quarrelled with his colleagues over the performance of Premier Aberhart.

Mr. Rowe takes the stand that as a true disciple of Social Credit he cannot but deplore the failure so far on the part of Premier Aberhart to introduce Social Credit measures into Alberta. He argues that things have got worse instead of better, and challenges his own group leader to show where the principles of Social Credit have been put into effect in Alberta.

The leader of the group at Ottawa, however, re-affirmed his confidence in Mr. Aberhart's plans. He observed that it was necessary to put Social Credit into effect by the use of strategy, and pointed out that Mr. Rowe could not be aware of the plans Mr. Aberhart had in mind to bring about Social Credit principles in the province.

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE Farm Stock, Implements, Hay, Grain, Tractor, Threshing Cleaner and Furniture

The Valuable Property of JOSEPH WATSON

Lot 20, Con. 3, Vaughan Township

1/4 miles east of Maple on sideroad between Maple and Richmond Hill

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

- HORSES: 1 Bay Mare, H.D., 1 Black Horse, H.D. CATTLE: 1 Holstein Cow, fresh, 1 Red and White Cow, bred June 1, 1 Holstein Cow, bred June 18, 1 Red Cow, bred June 26, 1 Holstein Heifer, fat, 1 Black Cow, in full flow, bred, 1 Holstein Cow, in full flow, bred, 1 Holstein Cow, in full flow, bred, 1 Heifer Calf, 9 weeks old, 1 Yorkshire Bull Calf, from Registered stock, 9 weeks old, 1 Durham Bull, 2 yrs. old, well bred. The above cattle are all government T. B. Tested.

TERMS: — Tractor and Threshing Cleaner 1/2 cash; balance 8 months credit on approved joint notes bearing interest at 6% per annum. All other chattels including Grain, Hay, Furniture and Potatoes, cash.

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AUCTION SALE OF Farm Stock, Implements, Household Goods, etc. THE PROPERTY OF R. F. KLINCK Lot 24, Concession 4, Markham VICTORIA SQUARE THURSDAY, MARCH 4th

- HORSES: 1 Bay Horse, H.D., 14 years, 1 Bay Mare, G.P., 11 years, 1 Grey Mare, G.P., 10 years, 1 Bay Horse, H.D., aged, 1 White Horse, H.D., aged. CATTLE: 1 Black Jersey Cow, due Feb. 25, 1 Black Jersey Cow, due time of sale, 1 White Cow, due May 1, 1 Brown Cow, due June 28, 1 Black Cow, due April 24, 1 Black Cow, bred Nov. 23, 1 Black & White Heifer, due July 27, 1 Black Heifer, due August 30, 1 Black and White Yearling Heifer, 2 Black and White Heifers, 7 months. POULTRY: 50 Barred Rock Pullets and Yearlings. HARNESS: 2 Sets Team Harness, 1 Set Single Harness, 6 Collars. GRAIN AND ROOTS: About 400 bus. Mixed Grain, 100 Bus. Choice Velvet Seed Barley, Also a Quantity of good seed, Alaska Oats and Marquis Wheat, About 200 Bus. Mangels. IMPLEMENTS: 1 Fordson Tractor and Plow in good running order, 1 Deering Binder, 7 ft., 1 Deering Grain Drill, 13 disc, 1 McCormick Mower, 5 ft., 1 Deering Rake, 10 ft., 1 Deering Spring tooth Cultivator, 17 tooth, 1 Deering Spring tooth Cultivator, 13 tooth, 1 Deering Stiff Tooth Cultivator, complete with wide, medium and narrow points, 1 Two-Drum Verity Roller, 1 Set Bissell Disc Harrows, inthrow, 8 Section Drag Harrows, 4 Section Drag Harrows, 1 Frost & Wood one-horse Scuffer, 1 Cockshutt 2-Furrow Riding Plow, wide bottom, 1 Cockshutt 2-Furrow Riding Plow, narrow bottom, 1 Cockshutt 1-Furrow foot-lift Riding Plow, 1 Fleury Walking Plow, No. 21, 1 Fleury Walking Plow, No. 12, 1 Wilkinson Gang Plow, 1 2-Furrow Perrin Riding Plow, 1 Speight Wagon, good, with box and springs, 1 Set Low 4 in. Truck Wheels for above, Speight.

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