

Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF IDA E. CLARK, late of the Township of Markham, in the County of York, spinster, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Ida E. Clark, deceased, who died on or about December 26th, 1938, are required to forward their claims duly proven to the administrators of this estate or to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of February, 1940, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed, having regard only to claims of which the Administrators shall then have received notice.

Dated at Toronto this 20th day of December, 1939.

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BLACKWOOD LODGE MEMBERS INSTALL 1940 OFFICERS

Wor. Bro. Roy H. Barker was installed master of Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, A.F. & A.M., in the Masonic Hall at Woodbridge. Installing master was Rt. Wor. Bro. G. W. Shore.

Other officers installed were: J. W. Roe, I.P.M.; Cameron McClure, S.W.; A. K. Watson, J.W.; W. Bro. Sam. McClure, chaplain; J. A. Fraser, treasurer; A. E. Kearney, secretary; G. L. McGillivray, D. of C.; Robt. N. Mitchell, S.D.; A. B. Cousins, J.D.; W. R. Scott, I.G.; M. K. Ross, S.S.; Alf. McKinnon, J.S.; Tyler, Wm. Hollingshead; Visiting Com., G. L. McGillivray, G. W. Bagg, Robt. N. Mitchell; charity com., Sam. McClure, J. A. Fraser; W. R. Scott; committee of general purposes, G. W. Shore, A. E. Kearney, Cameron McClure.

The lodge received a visit from R.W. Bro. Earl Stoddart, D.D.G.M. of Toronto District "D", accompanied by V. Wor. Bro. Haslam of Wellington Lodge. Wor. Bro. Barker presented the retiring master, W. Bro. J. W. Roe, with a past master's jewel.

Other visitors were present from Vaughan, Mizpah, Robertson, Antiquity, Schomberg, Bay of Quinte, Wellington, St. George and Huron-Bruce lodges. After the ceremony lunch was served and several good addresses on Masonry were given by R.W. Bro. Shore (Blackwood), W. Bro. Bigford (Vaughan), E. O. Lockhart (Mizpah), W. Bro. Hollingsworth (Robertson), W. Bro. Boland (Antiquity), W. Bro. G. F. Kline (Union), W. Bro. J. Young (Wellington), V.W. Bro. Haslam (Wellington), W. Bro. P. Morley (St. George), and T. F. Graydon (Huron-Bruce).

Agricultural Outlook for 1940

(By Hon. P. M. Dewar, Ontario Minister of Agriculture)

While farm revenue in 1939 showed little change from the previous year, present indications are that prices for farm products in 1940 will show increases. These may be small in some cases but in others they are certain to be more substantial than anticipated a few months ago.

When farm incomes do improve, every effort should be made to conserve and use these increased returns to the best possible advantage. Farm mortgages should be reduced and farm surroundings improved, rather than unwarranted investments made in more land at inflated values as was the case in the last war.

In summing up agricultural conditions a year ago there was no anticipation of the anxiety which the last months of 1939 would bring to the people of Canada and the British Empire.

War conditions have naturally upset the ordinary calculations of farmers. They have brought about increased overseas demands for some farm products and have reduced the demands for others. With deep and unwavering loyalty to the Mother Country, we cannot and will not complain if she requests concentrated and essential foodstuffs rather than those which require undue space in transportation.

Altered market demands due to war call for careful thinking and planning for 1940. It is our sincere hope that governments may be able to give a fair and wise guidance in the months immediately before us. In the universal urge to increase production, we should stress quality in every product - especially in bacon and cheddar cheese.

Let us briefly review the present agricultural outlook in Ontario.

FIELD CROP BASIS

Field crops are the basis of all live stock production. With a wartime demand for bacon, cheese and concentrated milk products, all of which must reach Great Britain in large quantities, the Ontario farmer must first produce the field crops with which to feed hogs, dairy and beef cattle. He must wrest from the soil every bushel of oats, barley and mixed grains it will produce. He has been under a handicap in the fall of 1939 owing to a lack of moisture. But this handicap can be partially offset by the use of good seed, the judicious use of fertilizer and by good cultivation in the Spring. We may get a January thaw that will provide sufficient moisture for Spring crops - and we may not. But good seed, fertilizer and proper cultivation provide a combination of immense value in increasing crop production.

With the Mother Country's call for a minimum of 4,480,000 pounds of bacon and ham per week - with a proviso that if sufficient supplies are available, she will take up to 5,000,000 pounds per week - Ontario hog producers have been most active in increasing their breeding stock. The established price of 102 shillings per long hundredweight (112 pounds) is expected to average about \$9.00 per cwt. to the farmer and appears satisfactory unless feed prices advance too rapidly. There may be some danger of this owing to an advancing wheat market which will probably carry other cereal prices higher in sympathy.

At any rate there has been considerable activity lately in swine breeding stock in Central and Western Ontario with many large shipments being made to Eastern Ontario as well as to Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is naturally a matter of pride to the Ontario Department that this breeding stock has been available for the western provinces.

CHEESE PRICES UP

There has been a decided rise in the price of cheese since the first of September and shipments to the Old Country have increased. In October, 15,280,000 pounds were exported to the United Kingdom as compared with 11,583,000 pounds in October of 1938. The diversion of milk from the manufacture of butter to cheese in 1940 to a satisfactory price level would do much to improve revenue of dairy farmers who have been suffering from low prices caused by surplus butter production.

The demand for powdered and evaporated milk has also increased rapidly and will be a factor in war supplies of the food front. The Netherlands and Denmark have been supplying 64 per cent of the world's total volume of exports of condensed

and evaporated milk and their exports will undoubtedly suffer as a result of reduced shipments of feedstuffs and fertilizer reaching their shores.

From personal observation in the Old Country last summer, there was an increasing demand for grade dairy cattle. Regular shipments were being made to Wales and Scotland and the breeders seemed pleased with these foster mothers for their beef calves. Shipments, of course, were discontinued at the outbreak of the war but the market, it is hoped, will be there once the conflict is over.

Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the fact that quality must rule in all overseas shipments of farm products if this market is to be retained for Canada after the war. Every effort will be made by the smaller dairy countries of Europe to capture pre-war British trade for their own. Canadian products must be of pleasing high quality to keep Britishers breakfasting on Canadian bacon and using Canadian dairy products at every meal in post-war days.

It has been observed that in times of strain and stress there has been an increasing use of tobacco and it is anticipated that two-thirds of the Ontario crop of some 76,000,000 pounds will be used in our own country. With a two shilling preference in favour of Empire tobacco, to say nothing of exchange rates as compared with United States, it is confidently hoped that British manufacturers will gradually use more Canadian tobacco. But owing to the conservation of the Old Country manufacturer, no rapid increase in British purchases can be expected.

POTATO PRODUCTION LOWER

Potato production in Ontario in 1939 was about 4 per cent less than last year's small crop and has resulted in lower storage stocks in the hands of growers. Purchase of seed potatoes by farmers for planting in 1940 has been greatly in excess of former years. Shipments have been made to British Columbia and the Maritimes have been enquiring for certified Katahdins and the United States for certified

Chippewas. However, an adequate supply is being saved for Ontario use. The quality of Ontario potatoes has been better than in 1938 and prices to the grower are about 25 per cent higher than a year ago.

The commercial sugar beet crop in Ontario was processed by the end of the first week in December with the beets averaging over 17 per cent sugar which calls for a considerable bonus for sugar content.

While fall fruit prices were depressed owing to the sugar shortage, surplus apples have been used for processing and efforts have been made to increase home consumption. Exports of canned fruit and vegetables to the United Kingdom have increased and there should be a good canning factory demand in 1940.

Taking all the available agricultural data into consideration, the outlook for the Ontario farmer is brighter. Increased demands for certain farm products and improving values will obviously prevail during 1940. Careful planning, however, is essential. The war - which has brought about a temporary buoyancy of demand for farm commodities - will not last forever.

To conclude, with words previously used - "Let us build up farm programmes that will have every element of permanency and which will make for progressive agriculture when the war is over."

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