

Mainstream Canada

**Just in time -
some progress
on U.I.**

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People operating the country's small and medium-sized enterprises and their employees may not be overjoyed with recent increases in the premiums they pay to the Unemployment Insurance fund, but it could have been much worse.

The reason? A devastating 56 per cent general premium rate increase that would have been required to balance the government's Unemployment Insurance account, didn't happen.

Instead, both employers and higher-paid employees will pay about 10 per cent more come January 1, 1984.

"Our concerted efforts to eliminate or postpone a massive increase in premiums paid of," said John Bulloch, president of the 64,000-member Canadian Federation of Independent Business. "The politicians accepted our advice, which is encouraging indeed."

Nevertheless, many employees will pay an extra 92 cents per week, bringing weekly premiums to \$9.78. Contributions by many employers will rise by a maximum of \$1.29, to \$13.69 per week.

What's intriguing, though, is that Ottawa is finally coming to understand that dramatically raising payroll taxes such as Unemployment Insurance is tantamount to killing the small business goose that is providing a majority of those precious golden eggs called jobs.

Even better, politicians from all the federal parties have generally agreed with a

Federation proposal to consider holding a full public inquiry into the way the Unemployment Insurance system works.

"There are very real problems in an Unemployment Insurance scheme that will cost Canadians between \$55-billion and \$65-billion over the next five years unless it is tightened up," says Bulloch. "We have already proven that smaller firms are paying much, much more than their fair share of payroll and indirect taxes, and we're seeking major changes in the system to overcome these difficulties."

Still, Bulloch agrees it will be tough to make substantial changes before the next federal election, which is one reason he's so pleased with Ottawa's decision to shelve a general Unemployment Insurance rate increase of 50 per cent or more. That would have left firms in the small business sector paying an onerous \$18.60 per week per employee.

Under such a system, a lot of smaller companies attempting to survive couldn't have paid this high price of hiring people.

"Sometimes governments forget that payroll taxes such as Unemployment Insurance must be paid, regardless of whether employers are breaking even, losing money or earning profits," Bulloch points out. "Thankfully, this time, the politicians decided in our favour. I only hope they've finally come to recognize that payroll taxes are creating serious problems for the small business sector."

**Kimberly Clark -
Camp 53 most
improved in
3rd Quarter**

130 employees and guests gathered to recognize members of Camps 53 and 61 for Safety Improvement, at a dinner and dance at the Longlac Curling Club. Camp 53 Safety Committee members, Tom Glendinning, J.P. Lauzon, Harri Hakkarainen, Robert Bois and Steve Crawford received the Productions Managers Plaque from Production Manager, Kerr Angus, for most improved safety performance (138 points) in the July-September period. Camp 61 was a close second with 131 points. Their Safety Committee includes Gary Selinger, Ron Miron, Ray Lecuyer and Nelson Costello.

Don Penna, Vice-President and Woodlands Manager, presented a silver hard hat to J.P. Alarie for 15 years without a lost time accident and gold hats (20 years) to Yvon Ouellet and Aarne Suutari, both of Camp 53. This camp had 93 working days without a serious injury.

David Linton, Vice-President, Woodlands and Business Planning, commended both camps on their efforts to improve their performance. These achievements help the Pulp Operations maintain a competitive position in the pulp market and this helps assure steady employment for all Woods employees.

Frozen Foods

Niagara, 12½ oz. tin
ORANGE JUICE.....79¢

McCain, 1 kg.
PEAS.....1.79

Frozen Vale 500 gram
**MIXED VEGETABLES, ITALIAN BLEND,
WINTER MIX, CALIFORNIA BLEND...1.79**

Beatrice, none better, 2 litre
ICE OLD FASHION.....3.99



Seven Farms, 500 gram pkg.

WIENERS

99¢ ea.

Semi-boned
POT ROAST or CROSS RIB ROAST

1.68 lb.

Tender and juicy
PORK BUTT STEAKS

1.28 lb.

Lean chunks of beef
STEWING BEEF

1.88 lb.

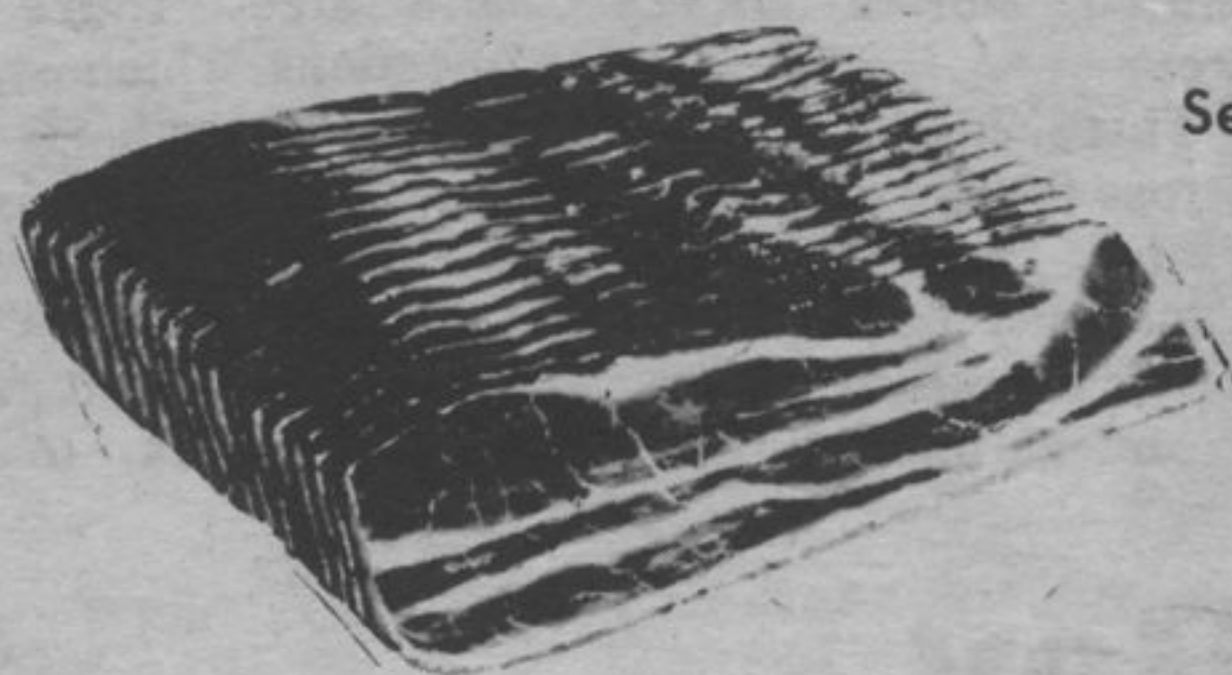
Porketta style, seasoned just right
PORK ROAST

1.38 lb.

Aged for good eating
SIRLOIN TIP STEAKS

2.68 lb.

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savings**



Seven Farms, 500 gram pkg.

BACON

1.98 ea.

Family pak, 9-11 pkg.

PORK CHOPS

1.34 lb.

Extra lean
GROUND CHUCK

1.68 lb.

Foodmarket quality
GROUND BEEF

1.08 lb.

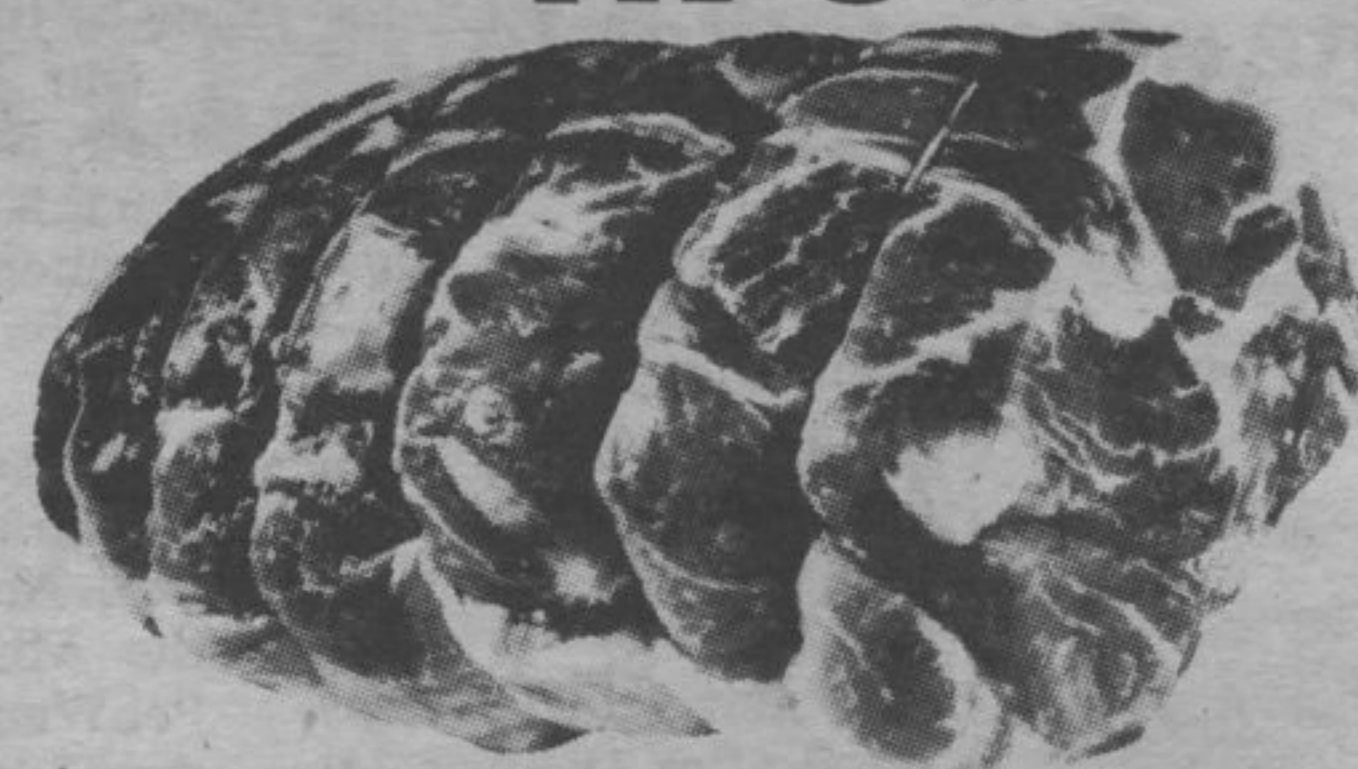
For meat pies
GROUND PORK

1.29 lb.

Great with apple sauce

PORK SHOULDER ROAST

1.78 lb.



**PRODUCE
NONE FRESHER**

Golden Yellow
BANANAS

3 lbs. **1.00**

Florida pink
GRAPEFRUIT

10/1.99

Ontario No. 1, 10 lb. bag
POTATOES

1.69

California Canada No. 1
BROCCOLI

79¢ lb. **/1.74** kg.



First of Season Japanese
8 lb. box, **1.19** lb.

**MANDARIN
ORANGES**

7.99

Ontario No. 1, 2 lb. bag
CARROTS

49¢

Ontario Fancy Macs, 5 lb. bag
APPLES

1.99

Florida Canada No. 1
CORN ON COB

3/1.00

Medium cooking, 25 lb. bag
ONIONS

5.99

TOM-BOY FOODS

