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Notes and Comments

If you are interested in how hog and cattle prices are fixed each day by the packers, read the Stevens enquiry report on hogs in this issue.

Mae West, the movie star, should feel elevated if she learns that a "Bible Class" up in Stouffville has patterned after her to the extent of holding a carnival in her name.

Mr. Morgan Baker, who has addressed several Liberal meetings in the south of his riding during recent weeks, is meeting with a good response, and thus is winning his way before the people of his riding in an admirable manner.

The water supply in Newmarket was so low one day last week that water from a pond near the town was pumped into the mains to keep up a supply. The extra supply was properly chlorinated but the water was so muddy in appearance that many feared to make use of it in their homes. This was caused by the mains becoming partly empty, and the water slushing to and from stirring up the sediment in the mains.

Gasoline revenue during the fiscal year was \$13,458,105, according to a statement made by Premier Henry in the legislature last week. The sum of \$329,048 was rebated to farmers and others who burned gasoline in tractors or in mills. The tax is collected by the retailers who are paid for their work, and they got \$223,519 which means the government got the gas tax collected for only 1.66 per cent. What the government does with the thirteen millions would be interesting to know, as it is not all spent on highways. Is it fair to the motorist to tax him specially to maintain any other branch of government.

The Stevens investigation now going on at Ottawa is a grand thing for the common people, but it has one bad possibility. That is, after all the evidence is in showing how the farmer and other members of the community are gulled by big interests, there is the fear that nothing will be done to remedy the matter. The public still have a recollection of the Ottawa investigation last year into the price of Welsh coal. The man who duped the people of millions was fined a paltry \$25,000, and so far as we can see the people are paying the same high prices for the Welsh coal.

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SWEEPSTAKES BILL NO CREDIT TO SENATE

On a vote of forty to twenty-three the Senate has again passed a bill legalizing sweepstakes in Canada. It would be a mistake however, to interpret the Senate's action as representative of public sentiment. It is rather an indication of how far out of touch with public opinion the Senators can sometimes be. What the people really think of such a measure will be disclosed in the House of Commons when the bill is thrown out.

Sweepstakes can serve no good purpose; they would, on the contrary, provide an inducement for thousands of people to part with money badly needed for food, clothing and other essentials. The worst feature of the sweepstake evil is the fact that money is taken from the many and diverted to the pockets of a few. The big prizes attract dollars from persons who can ill afford to spare them and have only one chance in ten thousand or more of reaping a return.

Canada is well supplied with facilities for those who enjoy gambling as a recreation. Sweepstakes would only provide new opportunities for extracting money from people who have little if any to spare. The argument that a portion of the proceeds would be diverted to hospitals and that the element of risk would therefore be justified is simply sugar coating for an unwholesome pill. The financial needs of the hospitals can be supplied from the public purse without at the same time taking therefrom an equal or greater amount for the promoters of lotteries. Sweepstakes would only add additional and unwarranted taxes to an already tax burdened community.

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Dear Sir:— Gradually but surely, the need for a planned economy and a fuller measure of social justice is beginning to draw upon the consciences of leaders of political thought still outside the ranks of the C.C.F. Day by day more of our leaders arrive at the conclusion that the capitalistic system, in spite of all it has achieved, has brought about its own destruction, and that the time is now past due for a general adjustment to meet modern requirements. We quote some of these courageous prophets, who have dared to voice their convictions despite the displeasure of party machines and vested interests.

Mr. Hon. Arthur Meighen gives public expression of sympathy with the courageous efforts of Pres. Roosevelt, states his lack of faith in the policy of restricting cotton or wheat production and says, "I do not believe we are ever going to borrow ourselves out of adversity into prosperity." Further he says: "I do believe that industry as it is constituted to-day cannot operate under the old principles that we thought were eternal, such as 'Free competition, the better surviving.'"

Hon. Wm. Finlayson, Ontario Minister of Mines & Forests says, "A few years ago I would not have tolerated the word 'Socialism,' but now I can see some features of it that might be incorporated into the present system."

Sir Wm. Clark, British High Commissioner to Canada asserts that Great Britain and U.S.A. have abandoned the laissez-faire principle, and insists there must be a greater degree of "reasoned co-ordination of production, commerce and finance" under government supervision as an "essential to the future prosperity of the world."

Hon. Vincent Massey: "It must suffice for me to say that national planning will have to be the foundation of Canada's international relations."

Finally, an admission by Mr. Bennett himself leads him to bring forward a bill to investigate "the causes of the large spread between the prices received for commodities by the producers thereof, and the prices paid by the consumers thereof."

All of which are sure, though feeble, advances towards the positive and essential position of the C.C.F.

Thanking you for space in which to express my thoughts, I remain, Sincerely Yours, Progress

Judge Parker has been appointed to enquire into the charges made against the York Children's Aid Society or certain phases of it. This is as it should be, and Premier Henry in granting a public hearing is taking the right course.

Clifford Case, member for North York, has a bill before the Ontario Legislature seeking to give townships the same power to license huxterers, peddlers and hawkers as is now enjoyed by towns and cities. The bill has been approved and may become law this year.

DENIES PACKING CONCERNS DEPRESSING STOCK PRICES

No Arrangements to Hold Off Making Purchases of Hogs and Beef Is Claim Says Witness at Ottawa Enquiry

Ottawa, March 12—Blanket denials were made by J. S. McLean, president of Canada Packers, that there is any arrangement among the packing concerns in Canada for depressing the price of hogs and beef. Mr. McLean was closely examined by Norman Sommerville, K.C., counsel for the price fixing and mass buying committee.

Mr. McLean declared that the buyers for his firm and others as well go on the markets when livestock is required; but do not buy when the outlet does not demand it. He says there is no practice among the buyers to hold off in making purchases until late in the day, so that prices may be depressed.

Present low prices of cattle is due to a surplus, Mr. McLean affirms. Sale of an additional one hundred thousand head to Britain would raise the price materially.

"Who fixes the price of pork each day?" asked Mr. Sommerville. "Ten thousand people."

"Who instructs your buyers as to the price they shall pay?" "Our general manager and provision manager have a discussion three or four times a day with the chief buyer and they fix the price that will be paid for hogs that day. They decide the price they think they should pay."

"When they go into open competition at the Union Stockyards?" "Yes."

"At the conference before the buyer goes on the market is there a limit set as to what he shall pay?" "Yes."

"There could be if we don't want hogs above a certain price. Ordinarily he is told to buy as near a price as he can."

"Is any conference held at any time with the buyers of Swift's or the other packers as to the price to be paid?" "Of course the buyers are in the yard all the time and I have no doubt they discuss matters every day, but there has been no agreement."

Sam Factor: "Do the packers' council discuss prices?" "No. There has never been any combined action in buying livestock."

"The suggestion has been made," observed Mr. Sommerville. "There has been a lot of talk about the beef trust. There is a general impression that there is a combination, but there is no truth in it. There is no combination or agreement in regard to buying in the packing industry," replied Mr. McLean.

"Have you heard that your buyers compare figures with Swift's buyers and settle prices from time to time?" "I wouldn't say they don't, but there is no such thing as a combination."

Mr. Sommerville: "Does this happen, that there may be a great many livestock in the market, and your buyers look at the stock and don't bid?" "That frequently happens. If we don't want the livestock we don't buy."

Will Buy if Needed "Does it happen your buyers withhold buying in the morning and wait until the afternoon and then get the cattle at their own price?" "If the buyers are anxious to get cattle they will buy. If they don't want them they will take their time."

"Why wouldn't they be anxious to acquire the cattle?" "We try to conduct our beef business so that our beef doesn't get stale. We adjust our buying and killing to our requirements. We try to finish the week with as little beef as possible in the collars."

Mr. McLean said there was nothing iniquitous in the buyers withholding their purchases. "They might want them badly at three o'clock," inquired Mr. Sommerville. "It might happen."

"It is sometimes said your buyers agree with Swifts they will only buy a certain percentage of the requirements." "It has never occurred. There is no foundation to it."

"Your buyers and Swifts buyers operate independently?" "Yes."

Mr. McLean denies that there is an arrangement between the companies to divide the market, nor is there any allocation of territory.

Mark Senn inquired if the buyers arrange to keep out of the alloys at the stockyards in Toronto. Chairman Stevens: "You mean to say that the commission men invite the buyers to stay out of an alley?"

May Have First Look "No, but commission men may arrange in advance with the buyer of our firm or Swifts, that he will have the first look over his alley in the morning," said the witness.

Mr. Sommerville: "A commission man may give preference to Canada Packers or he may give preference to Swifts?"

"Yes, there may be an arrangement in advance."

Mr. Senn: "I have heard a great deal of criticism of that practice."



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"I have heard plenty of criticism of all these things. I have heard thousands of times, ten thousand of times, but the point is there is absolutely no basis in fact for that."

"You would say that it does not work to the injury of the producer?" "No."

"Or consignor?" "I do not think there is as competitive a business in Canada as the packing house business; I do not think there is any other business as competitive as the packing house business."

Mr. Sommerville—Have you heard of this practice, that your buyer goes up an alley—say he is given the preference, looks over the alley and makes a certain bid, and then he waits until Swift's buyer has gone up the alley and has made certain bids, and the two of them compare the bids they have made on the cattle in the alley?"

"That is absurd."

"Yes."

"That information has been given to me and that is why I am asking it."

"It carries absurdity on the face of it, because Swift's buyers and our buyers are in competition for those cattle, and they are trying to out-pitch each other in their buying."

"Is it a fact, Mr. McLean, that both of you might keep your buyers from buying until after the market report has gone out from the Union Stockyards to other stockyards in Canada, intimating that there is a substantial supply of cattle at Toronto, that the market is drabby, that there is no bidding and leaving it to the other markets to be affected by that?"

"Thought Up"

"I do not think any packing house man ever thought of that in his life. That is something somebody has thought up for him."

"Is the price affected by the export market?" "Yes."

"No."

"It is affected by domestic consumption?" "Yes."

"What portion of the cattle on the market is handled by the packers?" "Probably 50 per cent."

"Competition fixes the prices in the stockyards?" "Yes."

"How do you account for the low prices of cattle in the West?" "It is because there is a surplus of cattle, more cattle than this country will absorb except at a very low price," said Mr. McLean.

Chairman Stevens—"It is not encouraging for a farmer to ship steers and get 3 or 4 cents a pound."

"A year ago the packers were being blamed for the price of hogs, but the packers weren't any more responsible for the low price than for the advance in price."

Mr. McLean said Canada has a surplus of 250,000 cattle a year. For years Canada shipped this number of cattle to the United States, until the Fordney-McCumber tariff cut it off entirely. The only other outlet is England.

"If we could ship another 100,000 cattle to England it would raise the price 3 or 4 cents a pound. If we had an outlet for 100,000 head in the States it would make a big difference."

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