

Sale of Ontario Scotch Pines to Help Reforestation Areas

Ontario counties which operate reforestation areas under Lands and Forests Departments direction will benefit to the extent of nearly \$500,000 this year from about a million Christmas trees being shipped to the United States, mostly from the Georgian Bay district. Export of the trees fits in nicely with the Province's reforestation plans because the trees concerned are mostly Scotch pine, little valued here commercially.

Provincial Forester E. J. Zavitz explained that the wiry Scotch pine never has been favored here for use in Christmas decoration, the more pliable spruce and balsam being much more popular, even though they lose their needles quickly. Scotch pines, which retain their needles throughout the year, have a ready market in Buffalo and New York areas and are shipped by United States buyers as far south as Miami. Most Christmas trees for Toronto are trucked in from private properties in the Barrie district.

Scotch pine is being steadily cleared out of county forests and is being replaced by red pine, according to Lands and Forests Deputy Minister Frank MacDougall, since it is more readily utilized industrially.

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While out hunting with her husband six of seven miles from the village during the recent deer hunting season she shot and killed a nice doe.

"Rural School Lunches" is the title of a recent filmstrip produced by the National Film Board and available for the use of teachers through regional film libraries across Canada.

Parrington, "I wasn't worrying about the car; the dog was all I cared about. I value him very highly and would have been very upset if he had been killed."

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

You read and hear about accidents and what should be done to prevent them. I am only one in a million but my idea is not to put all the blame on the motorist and pedestrians. I think 98 per cent of the blame should go to the manufacturer. Why I say that is because if cars were not built to go so fast, we, the motorists could not drive them so fast. Oh yes I can hear some people now calling me down but if they would take time out to figure the difference in time of a car travelling say 40 miles per hour and a car travelling at the rate of 80 miles per hour they would find that the difference is not worth the risk. Other people laugh at the idea they try and give me the argument about keeping up with the times. Well that is alright but all these people who are getting killed every day are they keeping up with the times?

Some say put the old cars off the road. How many old cars do you find in these bad smashups. If you will take notice they are nearly all new cars, cars that will do 50, 60, and more miles per hour.

As for keeping up with the times, we are the times. If we slow down I think times would slow down too. If all cars were built to go no more than 50 miles per hour nobody would be left behind. It might take you a little more time to get to where you are going, but does that matter if you get there alive instead of never getting there. Some say motorist should be more courteous. Courtesy is a fine thing for motorist to learn but you can not obey that rule if you are driving fast for you do not have time to give pedestrains courtesy.

No my idea still haunts me. Cut down accidents by cutting down speed and you can not cut down speed unless you can control it so if cars were built only to go a moderate rate of speed we would only be able to drive them so.

Contributed

OVER \$12 MILLION BET AT RACE TRACKS

During the 1945 horse racing season in Canada a total of \$42,193,258 was wagered through the pari-mutuel machines. This was \$5,125,059 more than was wagered in 1944 and the largest amount bet since the record amount of \$45,580,845 in 1929.

In 1945, the Dominion Department of Agriculture supervised pari-mutuel betting at the tracks of 26 racing associations, which held 35 race meetings for a total of 307 days' racing, nine more days that there were racing in 1944. Trotting or harness racing do not come under the supervision of the Department.

Supervised horse racing is held in six provinces. Ontario, with 98 days' racing accounted for a total of \$25,907,764 wagered, at which \$17,459,110 was clicked through the machines at four tracks in Toronto with 56 days' racing. Hamilton, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Ottawa absorbed the balance of \$8,448,054. British Columbia wagered \$6,859,334 during the 5 days the horses ran at four tracks. About 80 per cent of the total was bet at three tracks at Vancouver in 42 days, and the remainder at one track in Victoria which had 14 days' racing.

In Manitoba \$3,869,183 was wagered in 28 days at two tracks in Winnipeg.

Money wagered in Alberta totalled \$2,667,823 in 30 days, 19 in Edmonton, 19 at Calgary and one at Claresholm where a one day meet rang up \$1,279 in bets.

In 70 days' racing in Quebec \$2,179,529 was rung up in the pari-mutuels at four tracks in Montreal.

The largest amount wagered at one meet was \$2,419,059 at the spring meeting at Woodbine Park, Toronto.

During the 1945 season \$1,588,345 was paid in prize money to the owners of the winning horses.

The Dominion Government takes five per cent of every dollar wagered on race tracks, the provincial government takes five to ten per cent, five in Alberta and Saskatchewan, five and one-half in Quebec, seven in British Columbia and 10 per cent in Ontario and Manitoba. The racing association takes seven per cent on the first \$20,000 bet on each race, and one per cent less as the total bets advance by \$10,000 with the minimum at 3 per cent.

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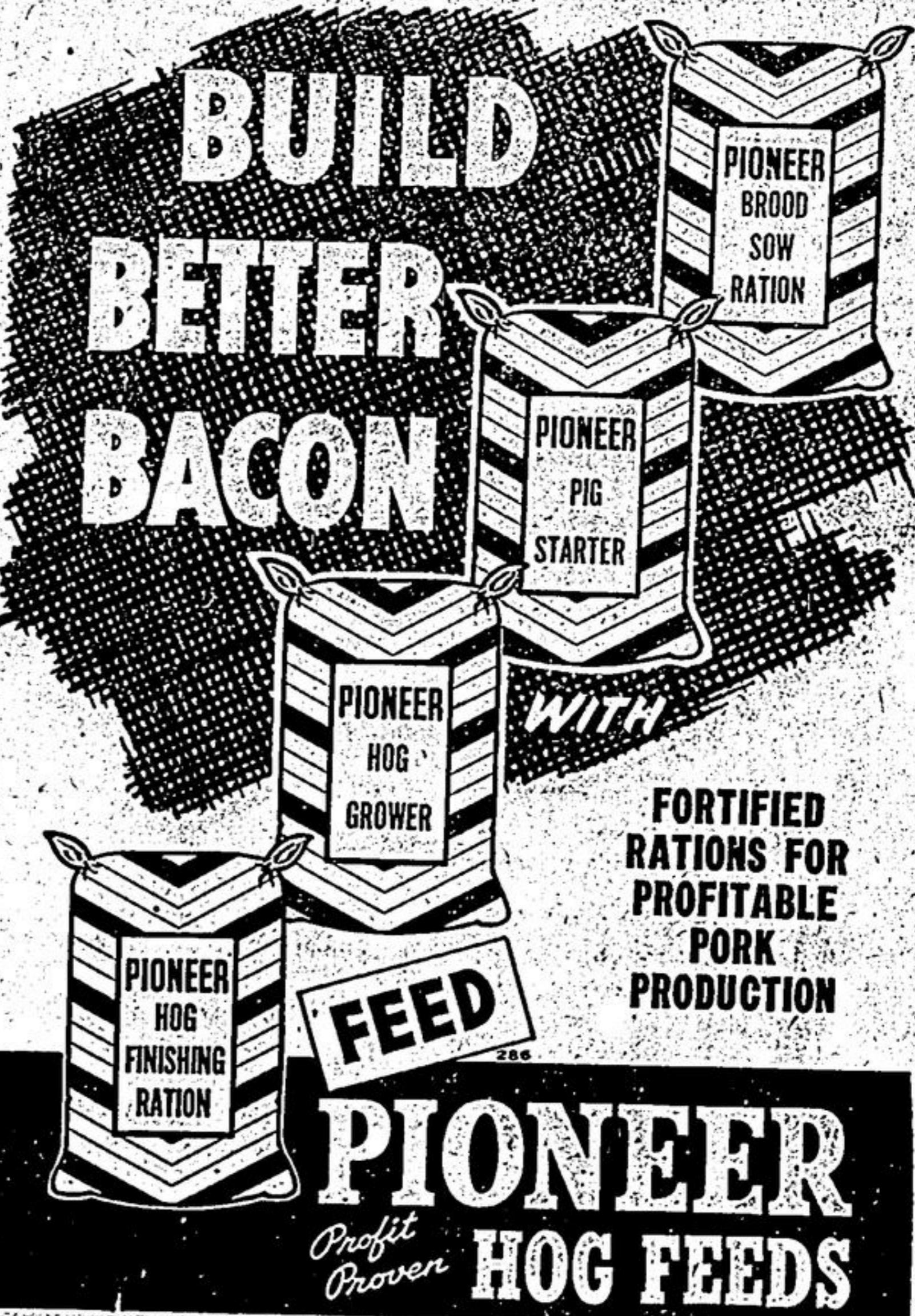
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