

Shackles Coming Off British Farmers

By George Abell of Stouffville
The price of pulp and paper should take a big drop before long for the number of controls and restrictions that are being scrapped over here lately is growing all the time. This is a good thing for the farmers for with all the reports, forms, requisitions, permissions, allocations and so on and on and on that they have had to handle for so long it's hard to see how they got anything done outside at all. Here's the latest list of freedom moves. Feed stuffs and all grain to come off ration April 1st. Eggs to be derationed March 26. Poultry keepers no longer restricted as to

numbers of birds allowed. Pig keepers free of rules after March 1st. No longer have to register each animal and providing meat ration coupons for entire family is surrendered. Two pigs a year can be slaughtered by pig keepers for his own consumption. The farmers have, and with every right, been complaining bitterly about government interference in their affairs and now you would suppose they would be as happy as sandboys. Ha, ha, the removal of the feed stuff controls also means the removal of the feed stuff subsidy which was a healthy chunk amounting to several million pounds a year. In reply to the formal de-

mands of farm organizations to keep the feed stuff subsidy or the government has said this: "You can't have it both ways, you have continually asked for less restriction, now you've got it so grin and bear the consequent loss of privilege." But floor prices have been put under all produce for years to come. Whole milk is to be £1 for an 8 gal. can; cattle on the hoof, £6 a hundredweight (112 lbs. here); hogs on the rail, £2 a score (20 lbs.); eggs £1 for 6 doz. With the £ at \$3.00 work them out for yourself. These are minimum prices and bear no relation to present ones but the British farmer knows that he can go ahead on a long term basis and his markets are sure no matter what happens. I should think that production costs are about the same as in Ontario with one big exception. That is the initial outlay for a decent farm or small holding. The prices are fantastic and how a young man on his own ever gets started here is beyond me. That is probably the main reason for so much renting of farms. One way to accumulate enough pocket lettuce to buy some land has been to keep a good bunch of laying hens the last few years. The eggs from any flock bigger than back garden size all had to be sold to the packing stations. This qualified the flock keeper for his subsidized and rationed feed. But according to the records of production that have to be kept a big percentage of the flocks laid only a few small eggs the year round. Of course the same thing has happened for years that happened with other things in Canada when they were short, the eggs went out the back door to private people at a lot more than the packing station price. Perhaps there will be some nice fresh ones for sale in the stores again after March 26th and the farmers market on Saturday morning will have something to sell besides raspberry canes, vegetables and collie pups. The day may even dawn before long when all rationing will finally be over. "That will be the day."

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they have been carefully checked by experts and finally filed. About half of the 4,000,000 Canadian taxpayers this year will be claiming refunds, and the government promises that cheques will go out within a month after filing. Here Jean Storey, one of the hundreds of civil servants engaged in such work, sorts tax returns. Deadline for returns is April 30.

Canadian Warship Stars In Rescue Role



Looking more like an oversize papoose than a navy jet pilot, Lieut. Robert B. Stamatis of San Francisco, attached to U.S. navy carrier Philippine Sea, swings from highline as he is transferred from the Canadian destroyer

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CEDAR GROVE

(Thursday, March 26)

With the first production of the "Great Choice" due for presentation on Saturday evening, the young actors in Cedar Grove are hard at it this week to reach a state of perfection. The lines are under control and the concentration now is on polishing, costumes scenery and make-up.

This year a new and welcome member of the cast is a newcomer to the community, Gib. Whittamore who, not so long ago bought the old Milroy farm and became a gardener, has proved to be a willing actor and, according to his neighbours who hear him singing in the fields, a happy one. Now he has added acting to his accomplishments and he is good at that too.

Prince Reesor's proud owner, Ruby, can boast of high honours for her dog this week. Prince was shown at the Sportsman's Show last week and came home with a first, a second, a fourth and a reserved champion. Great honours

LEMONVILLE

(Thursday, March 26)

There seems to be quite a number in our community who are ill and we wish them a speedy recovery.

We welcome to our community Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and family who have moved to their new farm, the former Nieghorn place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and family of Uxbridge were Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Sharp and family.

The regular Sunday School and Worship Service in the local Church on Sunday at 9.45. We would like to see more of the local residents attending this service and giving their support to this very necessary part of Community life.

for a small pup.

Raymond Reesor celebrated his third birthday on Monday. One member of the family who did not share the birthday cake was Robert Tapscott. He caught the flu bug instead.

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