

Compensation to Farmers for Animals Destroyed

Following last week's Cabinet meeting Right Honourable J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, announced that it is the intention of the Government to introduce amendments to the law governing the payment of compensation to owners of livestock slaughtered for the purpose of disease control. Consideration of this question by the Cabinet followed the commitment given by the Prime Minister on June 24th when he was speaking at Wingham, Ont.

The existing law provides maximum compensation which may be paid for individual animals. In the case of hogs the limit values are \$30.00 for grades and \$50.00 for pure-breds. In the recent outbreak of Hog Cholera it has been found necessary to destroy some 2,800

hogs for the control of this disease. For light-weight hogs the full commercial value has been paid, but for heavier hogs, which had a higher value than the limits provided in the law, owners have received less than the market value. It is the intention to amend the law so that the full market value of each hog at time of slaughter can be paid to the owner. Records of all animals slaughtered in the present outbreak have been kept in such

a way that where full value has not been paid this can be done after the law has been amended. Commenting on the Hog Cholera situation generally the Minister observed that there had been no new cases in the present outbreak since June 19th. This fact, said the Minister gave reason for hope that the disease was under control but veterinary officers had urged that every precaution should be continued and that farmers report any signs of the disease.

Terms of Will Offer Province Famous Farm

The famous Don Head Farms 513-acre estate of the late Willy Redelmeler at Richmond Hill, may eventually be donated to either the Provincial or Dominion governments as experimental farms according to provisions in the will of the wealthy Amsterdam banker who became one of Eastern Canada's largest dairy farmers.

Included among assets totalling \$3,743,000, the farm will, following Mrs. Redelmeler's death, and the death of three sons be offered first to the Ontario government, and, if not accepted, to the Dominion government.

Mr. Redelmeler, a collector of 17th century Dutch paintings, left three to his widow. Upon her death they are to be given as a bequest to the Toronto Art Gallery. The Gallery may sell them and purchase other paintings with the proceeds on condition these are known as a bequest of Mr. and Mrs. Redelmeler.

HOUSECLEAN GRANARIES

Last fall many farmers who had not taken the precaution to houseclean their granaries had considerable trouble and loss from grain weevil in their bins which could have been prevented before threshing. Grain weevils take shelter in carried over grain or in cracks, corners or crevices until the new grain is stored. By the time heat develops from their activity, it is dangerous to fumigate because the cattle have been housed in the stable underneath.

Agricultural Representative W. M. Cockburn, Newmarket advised all farmers whether they had weevils or not to clean their granaries before threshing or combining. He quotes the following from Extension Circular No. 68 entitled "Guide to Crop Production": "The important time in control is just before harvest when grain stocks are at a low level. If a small amount of infested grain is left over, move it to another storage if possible. Clean granaries thoroughly and apply hydrated lime liberally to all cracks and corners. The bins themselves should be sprayed with DDT or kerosene. Do not apply DDT to the grain itself. If kerosene is used, soak the boards, taking precaution concerning fire. A pressurized air, knapsack or wheelbarrow sprayer is very suitable for this work. With DDT the five percent oil spray applied as purchased; DDT 25 percent emulsion 1 quart added to one gallon of kerosene or water; or DDT 50 percent wettable 1 lb. in 1 gallon of kerosene or water may be used.

"Do not hold infested grain from one year to the next unless it is fumigated or removed from the granary where the current crop is to be stored. If two grain storages are in use on a farm, plan to have one empty each year and carry out a complete clean-up on this one as given above." For instructions regarding fumigating, follow the manufacturers' recommendations or contact your Agricultural Representative.

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