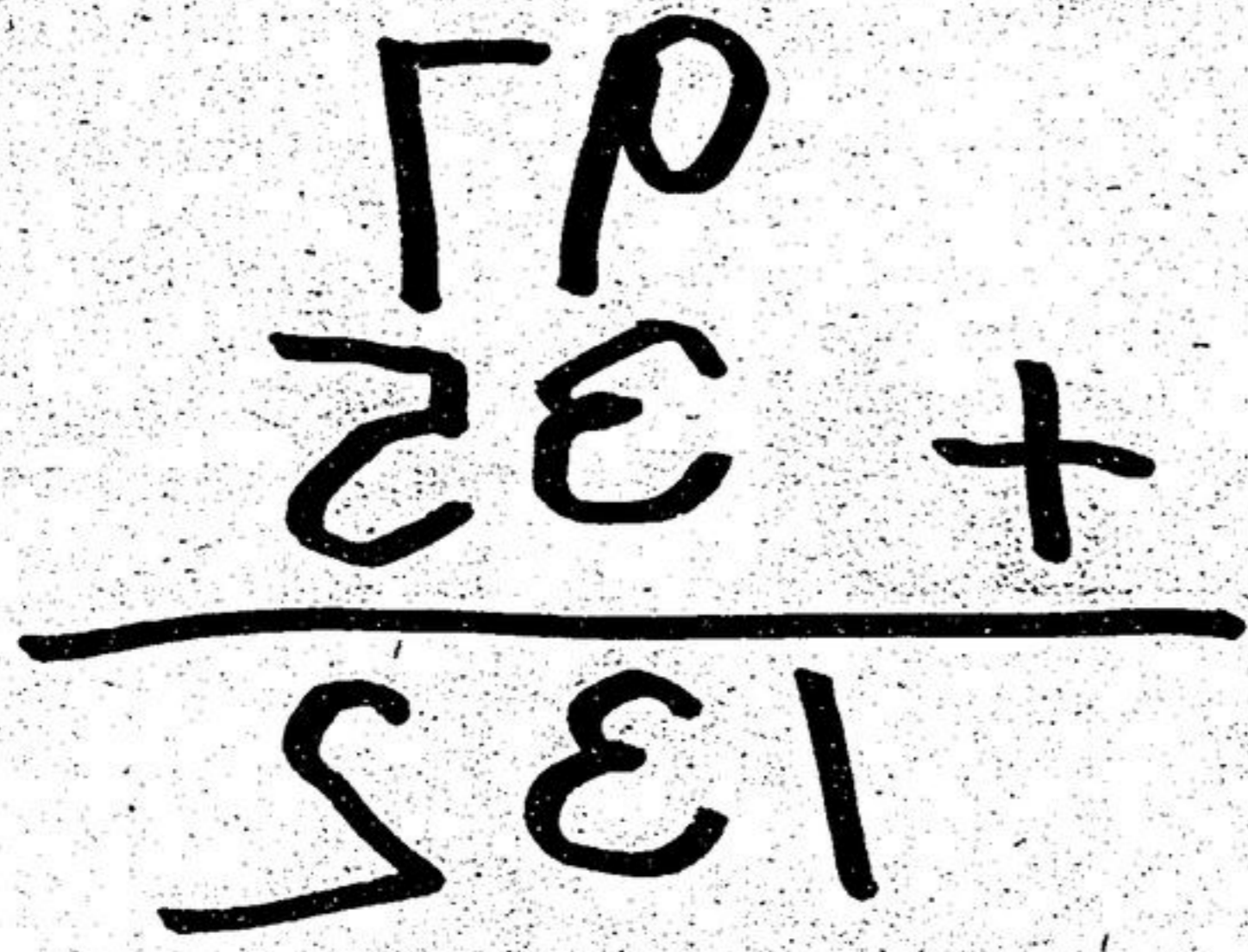


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# Weaker Canadian dollar hurting York Region farmers

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because of competition from subsidized U.S. farmers. And during the three weeks of soybean sales in October on which crop insurance rates are based, the market was flooded with five boatloads of American soybeans, further

reducing prices.

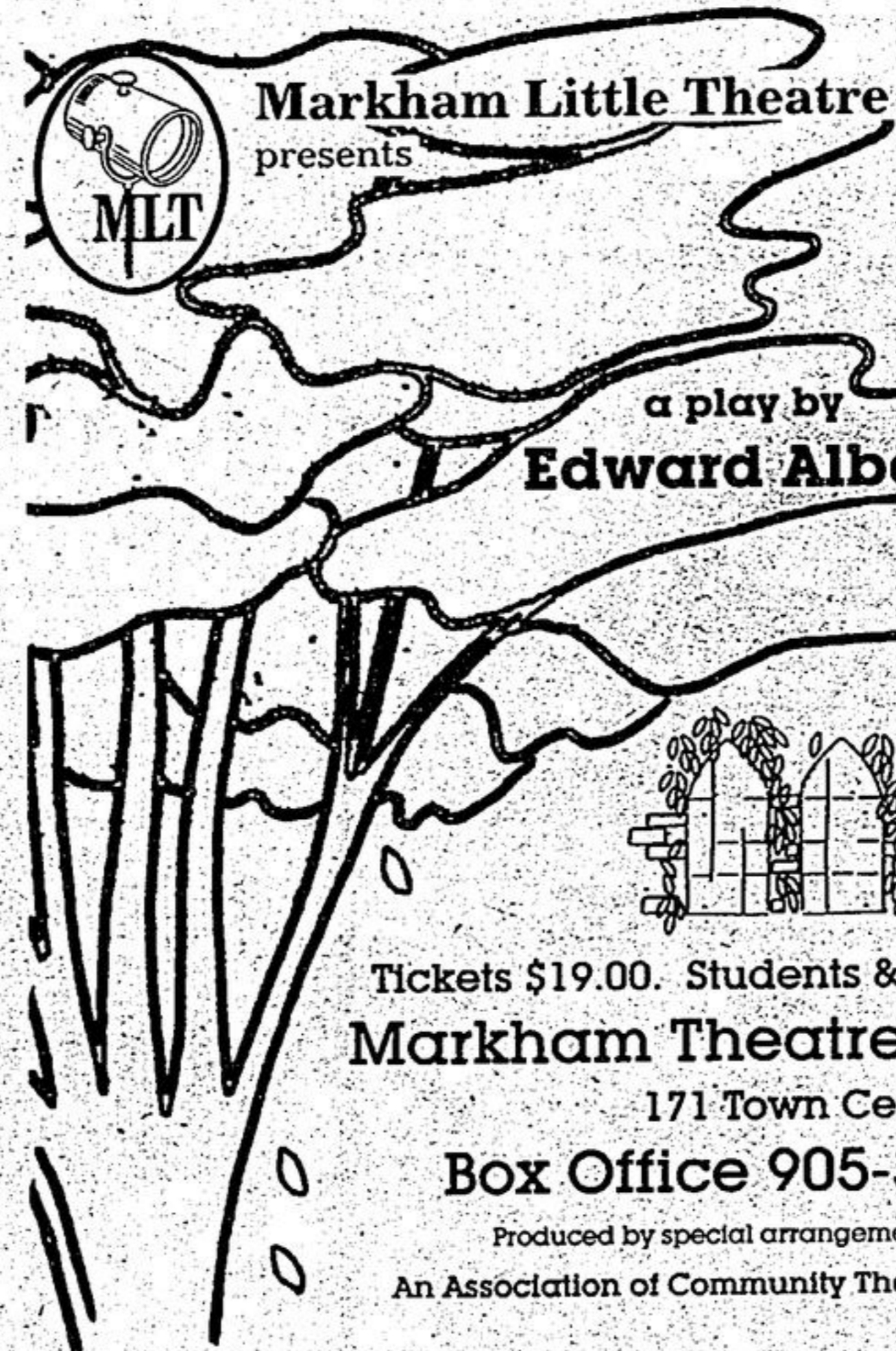
Subtracted from battered incomes are the necessary costs of crop production. The weakened Canadian dollar often makes these items more expensive, Mr. Doner said.

In an attempt to improve safety net programs, officials from the OFA and the CFA met

with federal MPs this week.

For Mr. Doner such improvements are critical.

"We want change that's going to make it profitable to farm. We want our sons to farm," he said. "The only thing that is going to keep our sons on the farm is money. We don't have enough money."



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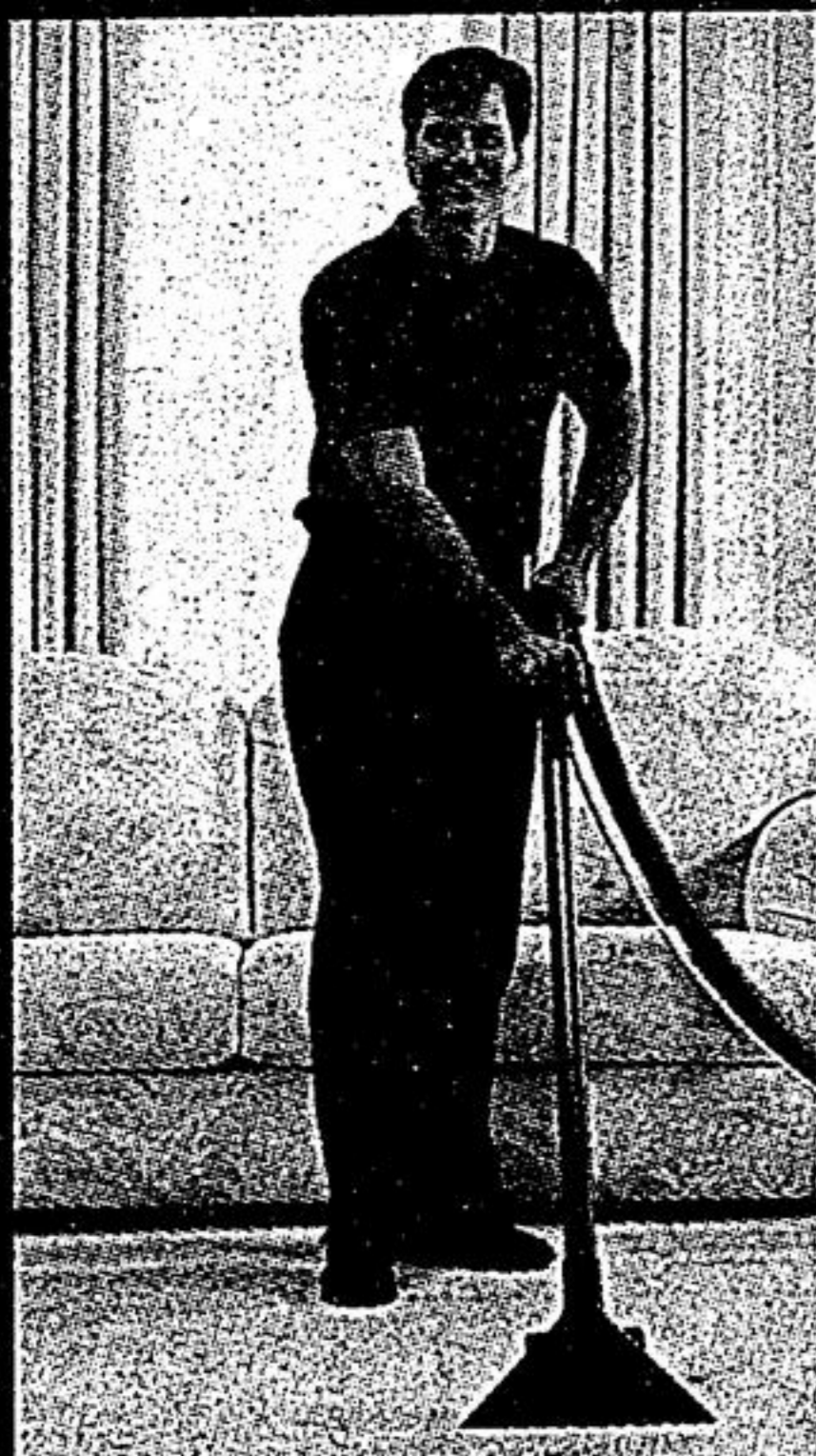
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