

# FARMERS

You Get What You Pay For!

A recent meeting of the Grey County, Ontario, Federation of Agriculture recently heard some very interesting remarks which all farmers would do well to note. C. H. Millard, National Director of the Steel Workers of America, one of the leading Trade Unions in Canada, pointed out that the 7,200 farmers in Grey County were paying, on the average, less than \$1.00 per year to their Federation of Agriculture.

Probably that figure is reasonably representative of the whole of Canada. If it errs as an average figure, it probably errs on the side of extravagance! Mr. Millard then went on to compare this condition with that of his own Steel Workers' Union. These workers, said Mr. Millard, would be contributing \$3 per member, per month. Applied to the Grey County farmers, contributions on this scale, would bring in over \$250,000 per year, from Grey County alone!

That figure is very striking—very striking indeed! It is not uncommon for farmers and those of us who are in the same boat with farmers, to look with some envy on the achievements of the unionized workers. Sometimes that envy is tinged with disapproval, owing to the high-handed and selfish attitudes which appear every now and then among the union leaders. There is also the tendency to feel that the unionized urban worker gets more than his fair share of the consumer's dollar—particularly when compared with the share the farmer gets. On the whole, this feeling is well justified.

But all these comparisons—whether justified or not—boil down to the hard fact that the urban workers have done two things which the farmers have not done. They have—after many years of weakness and failure—realized that "you can't get something for nothing", and they have therefore decided:—(a) to submit to discipline, and (b) to contribute their money, in order to be powerful in the industrial world, of which they are a part.

So far, farmers, taken as a whole, have been willing neither to submit to discipline nor to contribute generously to their organizations. Consequently, farmers are still weak, and this weakness becomes the more marked—and the more unfortunate in its results—as the urban workers become stronger.

Exactly what should be done about this situation, we cannot say. But it must be, and should be, fully understood and recognized by every one whose interests lie in the agricultural world.

—Family Herald and Weekly Star.

## FARM PRICES

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November 25th, 339 cars were shipped by rail, and large shipments were also made by water and truck. There is really no price resistance, and it is encouraging to note that the consumers are taking potatoes at current rates without complaint. There is a consistent pressure to sell and a great deal can happen if this pressure continues active. It will be interesting to watch for the next production record which we hope will be favourable to the maintenance of a healthy price level.

The Potato Marketing Board announces that they have established minimum price levels for tablestock so that producers now must be paid at least \$1.90 for a 75 pound bag, bulk, graded, delivered at producers' shipping point. Seed prices, of course, were earlier established at \$1.80 to \$1.95 per bushel. New prices on tablestock have been made in order to avoid any tendency to cut prices to lower levels. The imposition of a minimum price may have the effect of easing up shipments for a period, but this restraint will be all to the good as it will ease pressure on the market and possibly readjust market health all along the line.

As most of the potatoes now in danger spots outside of storage are on the market from this Province it should not be difficult to ease up on pressures for a while. About 2,400 cars have gone forward by rail at the present date in comparison with 698 cars last year. Along with boat shipments the total export has been well over 3,000 cars. The latest reports of Canadian potato production indicate a Canadian crop of almost 59 million bushels; about 10 million bushels larger than last year's production. In any event steadiness and fair dealing are very necessary.

The following are the prices being offered at the present moment from different points in the Province:

Tignish: No price on Seed—none moving. Tablestock \$1.95 per 75 lbs. at car. Considerable moving.

O'Leary: Tablestock \$2.00 per 75 lbs. loaded. Sebago Seed \$1.80 per bushel loaded. Limited movement.

Wellington: Tablestock \$1.75 per 75 lbs. at warehouse. Sebago Seed \$1.80 per bushel delivered.

Summerside: Tablestock \$1.85 per 75 lbs. delivered. Fair movement. Sebago Seed \$1.80 per bushel delivered. Cobble Seed \$2.00 per bushel delivered. Considerable seed now assembled, waiting for a boat.

Kensington: Tablestock \$1.90 per 75 lbs. delivered at car. Sebago Seed \$1.80 per bushel. Cobblers \$2.00 per bushel delivered. Large movement in both seed and table.

Cardigan: Tablestock \$1.80 per 75 lbs. delivered at car. Fair movement. Cobble Seed \$2.00 per bushel delivered. Not much moving.

Vernon River: Tablestock \$1.90 per 75 lbs. loaded. Sebago Seed \$1.80 per bushel loaded.

Morelia: Tablestock \$2.00 per 75 lbs. loaded. Sebago Seed \$1.80 per bushel. Cobble Seed \$2.00 per bushel loaded.

Souris: Tablestock \$1.80 per 75 lbs. loaded. Katahdin Seed \$1.80 per bushel loaded. Cobble Seed \$2.00 per bushel loaded.

Elmira: No movement in Tablestock during past week. Katahdin Seed \$1.80 per bushel loaded. Cobble Seed \$2.00 per bushel.

Murray Harbour: Tablestock \$1.90 per 75 lbs. loaded. Nothing loading past week. No seed moving this week.

Montague: Tablestock \$1.90 per 75 lbs. loaded. No seed moving at present.

Borden Line: Tablestock \$1.95 per 75 lbs. loaded. Very little movement in seed this week.

Charlottetown: Tablestock \$1.90 per 75 lbs. delivered. Sebago Seed \$1.80 per bushel delivered. Cobble Seed \$2.00 per bushel delivered.

Dairying

Dairy markets have not changed since last Thursday, and demand seems steady. While there have been many disturbing influences at work in the dairy industry, there are evidences of faith in the future, even in view of destructive competition, high costs, and unspectacular market conditions. The demand for good dairy cows is particularly keen and prices are reasonably good. It might be interesting to note that the dairy cow in Canada contributes over 700 million dollars annually to our national economy. She provides, in addition to her milk, about 40% of our meat and 60% of our veal. 450,000 farmers depend on receipts from dairy products alone.

### 82 YEARS YOUNG

LEWISPORTE, Nfld.—(CP)—Robert Woolfrey, pioneer resident of this seaport on the northeast Newfoundland coast, celebrated his 82nd birthday. Now he is looking forward to crisp winter weather so he can get into the woods for another season's cut of firewood.

## North Winsloe W.I. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of North Winsloe Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Younker on November 2nd.

The meeting opened by singing "Old Black Joe" and repeating the "Creed" in unison. There were nine members and one visitor present and roll call was answered by members paying fees for the coming year.

The minutes of the last annual and monthly meetings were read and signed, followed by an address by the president.

The financial report for the year showed that \$113.22 had been raised, expenses were \$83.12, and balance on hand amounted to \$30.10.

The school committee had no report. The sick committee reported one call made. A thank-you card was read from Miss Rita MacNeill for fruit she received.

It was moved and seconded to send the president to the Leadership Course to be held in Parkdale Hall, also to have the First Aid Instructor come to the hall or school to conduct a class in First Aid. Two members were presented with gifts from the Institute who are moving from the district.

The next meeting was invited to the home of Mrs. Claude and Heath Craswell, roll call to be answered by an exchange of a 50c Christmas gift. Lunch committee for that meeting will be Mrs. James Cudmore and Mrs. C. L. Cudmore. Mrs. Claude Craswell will be in charge of the program.

The meeting closed by singing "God Save the Queen, after which lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

The following are the officers elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. Stanley Younker; vice-president—Mrs. Walter Roberts; secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Grant Leard; auditors—Mrs. Leigh Carter and Mrs. Alton Younker; directors, Miss Rita MacNeill, Mrs. C. L. Cudmore, Mrs. Albert Younker; school committee—Mrs. Leigh Carter and Miss Rita MacNeill; sick committee—Mrs. C. L. Cudmore and Mrs. Alton Younker.

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## Czech Gov't Calls For Death Sentence For 14

VIENNA, Nov. 27 — (AP) — Czechoslovakia's Communist Government Wednesday demanded a sentence of death by hanging for 14 former leading Communists who for a week have poured out long and fantastic confessions of crimes against Communism and Russia.

Sentences are expected to be imposed in Prague tomorrow on Rudolf Slansky, former secretary-general of the Czech Communist Party, Vlado Clementis former foreign minister and 12 others. All but three of the defendants are Jews.

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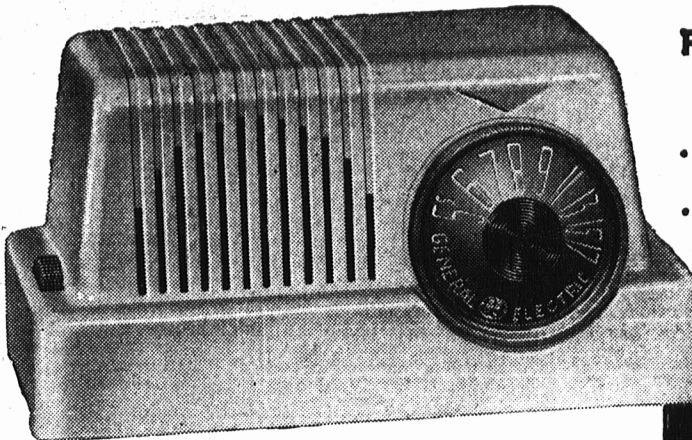
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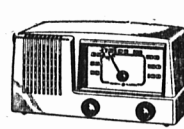
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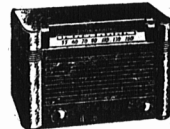
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