

Reserve Grand Champion



John Sanderson enters the ring at the Fat Stock Sale yesterday with his Hereford steer weighing 1,114 lbs. This animal was reserve grand champion and was purchased by T. Eaton Co. at 58 cents per lb.

Baby Beef You Will Like



Sold! shouts auctioneer Claude Craswell as this beautiful young Hereford owned by Robert Borden of North River, is knocked down to the Swift Canadian buyer for 27 1/2 cents per lb. This calf weighed 716 lbs. A huge crowd witnessed the sale of fat stock yesterday.

Suggest Grain Surplus Be Fed to Livestock

EDMONTON (CP)—While Canada's grain officials are, to quote Trade Minister Howe, being "run ragged" trying to market last year's wheat crop, meat packing firms are sitting pretty.

An Edmonton packing plant official says business is "buoyant." He explains that grain is clogging the elevators. Markets are limited. What's the farmer to do with his surplus?

Answer: concentrate on livestock, and feed them the grain. Sell the livestock. Convert grain into cash through "middle men," his cattle.

Meat packing is one of Alberta's chief industries. Fifteen firms registered \$86,370,151 worth of meat products last year. They employed 1,799 persons on a total annual payroll of more than \$9,000,000.

Many Goods Produced

Output includes besides meat,

lard, shortening, tallow, vegetable and other oils, stock and poultry feeds, hides, hair and fertilizer.

At its peak in the Second World War, Alberta meat production topped 500,000,000 pounds a year.

In 1953, Alberta's livestock industry had a production value of \$156,358,310. The previous year, the number of cattle on provincial farms was estimated at 1,754,000. There were also 387,000 sheep and lambs and 1,170,000 swine.

Last year's marketings were 471,634 cattle, 113,676 calves, 112,533 sheep and lambs and 1,432,438 swine.

Livestock

MONTREAL (CP)—Trading was moderate this week on Montreal livestock markets. Cattle prices were higher while calves dipped slightly. Sheep, lambs and hogs were steady.

Receipts: 1,675 cattle, 5,200 calves, 60 sheep and lambs and 3,300 hogs.

Good to choice steers 18-19.50; medium 17-18; common 11-17; medium heifers 13.50-15.50; common 8-13.50; good cows 12-13; choice 13.50; medium 11-12; common 9.50-10.50; canners and cutters 6-9; good bulls 13-14; choice 15; good and medium 10-13.

Good vealers 10-21; choice 22-23; common and medium 10-19; grassers and yearlings 7-11.0.

Lambs 16-20; sheep 5-13. Hogs grade A 34-34.25; sows 24.50-25.50.

Minister Reviews

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nnew on a permanent basis." He stated that during the present year there has been a considerable drop in the number taking teacher training. Mr. Clark added that if this full year of professional training is continued in its present form it is the intention of the Government to increase the grant portion of the assistance to \$200. He estimated that the annual wastage from the teaching profession is estimated as high as \$50.

The Minister reviewed the teacher training loans and grants from the time they were originated in 1942 and he showed that

they had been quite instrumental in increasing the number of people enrolling for teacher training courses up to this year.

Teachers' Salaries

In speaking of the estimates for the coming year the Minister noted that the largest increase is an additional \$58,000 to provide funds for increased teachers' salaries of \$50 per year general increase plus \$50 for those experienced teachers who will become eligible for an additional increment.

He stated that the total ordinary and capital expenditure vote for the current fiscal year was \$1,354,060 while the amounts which we estimate we shall expend will be \$1,318,266.

The estimate of expenditure for the new fiscal year ending March 31, 1955 is \$1,325,605 and a capital expenditure of \$140,000, making a total proposed expenditure for the Department of Education of \$1,465,605, he stated.

He stated there were proposals for some minor adjustments in salaries at Prince of Wales College and a further proposal to increase the salaries of experienced school inspectors from \$2700 to \$2840.

Vocational Schools

"In the capital section we have put an item of \$30,000 for Vocational Schools. We normally spend about \$5,000 for capital equipment for our Vocational School and I do not anticipate the additional expenditure will be made unless we are able to foresee additional money available from the Federal Government when a new agreement is negotiated before the end of the fiscal year March 1955.

"The final item of \$110,000 for Assistance to Rural and Senior High Schools is \$12,000 over the actual expenditure of the current fiscal year and I may say the claims paid under this section are difficult to forecast. For example the recent fire at North Rustico will necessitate a considerable increase in this item during the next year," he stated.

Mr. Clark pointed out that reductions in expenditure were difficult to achieve but the Department had dropped several officials at a saving of about \$5,000 a year.

Physical Fitness

Speaking of the Physical Fitness program in the Province the Minister recalled that the Federal Government passed the National Physical Fitness Act in 1944.

"A quarter of a million dollars was made available in the form of matching grants to the Provinces in proportion to their relative populations. This worked out to the sum of \$1,861 for the Province of Prince Edward Island.

"The first year we received \$774.49 and the next year the sum of \$1,861. Later this amount was reduced slightly to \$1,858.50 and we continued to receive this amount until the end of the fiscal year 1951-52.

"During the next fiscal year on the adoption of the 1951 census figures the amount available from the Federal Government was increased from \$225,000 to \$232,000 but the amount designated for the Province was reduced to \$1,630.

"At that time it was decided by the Government of this Province that this agreement should be terminated and since that date we have been assuming the cost of the Physical Fitness Program in this Province. During the present fiscal year our expenditure will be approximately \$15,700.00. Of this amount \$10,000 will be expended on behalf of expenses and supplies and the remaining \$5,700.00 will be allocated for the payment of salaries.

Useless To Province

"This, Mr. Speaker, is an example of the wrong kind of an agreement with Ottawa. What can a Province do with a few hundred dollars Their grant wouldn't pay the salary of one man. Even to carry on with a minimum program we have the services of Brig. Reid on a part time basis and two other full time men.

"The Province was informed through its representative on the National Council of Physical Fitness that the original grant would be increased as soon as the program got well underway. No overall increase in the sum granted by Ottawa has ever been made although this and other Provinces continued to ask for it.

"Some time ago I decided that if this small insignificant grant, peanuts in relation to the size of the work to be accomplished, was still worth asking for. Even a small,

undernourished and undergrown peanut is better than no peanut at all. So I negotiated with Ottawa for a renewal of the agreement.

The Minister of National Health and Welfare informed me that nothing could be done for the current fiscal year but that consideration would be given to my request for the coming year. I must say, too, that I rather sense that the Government of Canada is no longer interested in the Physical Fitness Program which they initiated.

"And further it would not surprise me if they now try to get out of the program altogether. We should take warning that this can happen to any program which the Federal Government may foist on a Province, then neglect it so completely or ultimately discontinue it leaving the Province holding the baby. At the present time even our present expenditure \$15,700.00 can only scratch the surface and is insufficient to make the effort on a full Province-wide basis."

Student Aid

The matter of student aid was thoroughly discussed by the Minister. He stated that the Federal Government had made available on a matching grant basis the sum of \$7,000 for such assistance.

Of this amount \$5,500 is to be spent assisting University students, \$500 of the Federal money will be given to each of (A) Agricultural training, (B) Women's Courses, (C) Occupational training.

Student aid is designed to help students attending a university and nurses in training in a hospital. To be eligible for such assistance the student must be a full-time student of university grade (graduate or under-graduate) registered in a course leading to a degree granting university or a college affiliated, federated or associated therewith. Theological students are not eligible for such assistance.

Students shall be selected by a committee composed of the regional director of the Dominion Department of Labour and representatives of the Provincial Department of Education and P.W.C. on the basis of academic merit plus financial need and such selection shall be confirmed to students who, without this assistance, could not enter or continue their course.

The average assistance for university students shall not exceed \$300 per year but the amount shall be graded in accordance with the need of each individual student. At the discretion of the Province assistance may be given as a grant or loan or as a combination of both.

Student Requirements

The aid to any student shall be subject to discontinuance at any time for cause or at the discretion of the selection committee on the recommendation of the university or college concerned.

"No form of work shall be required from any student in return than diligent application to the course of studies in which he or she is enrolled.

"The program which started in the fiscal year 1945-46 made available the full amount of \$300.00 to each student, and this continued until the fiscal year 1949-50. The following year the number of applicants increased and the avail-

able amount was cut to \$200.00 which was continued for three years and finally in the present year the amount was again reduced on account of the increase in applicants to \$175.00.

"It appears to me that most people have found out about the availability of this assistance rather slowly and with proper advertisement I believe that many more would apply. It is therefore apparent that we must follow the agreement more closely in future and attempt to select the applicants.

Screening of Applicants

"Up to now there has been very little screening of applicants as it was felt this would be a heavy task. I must add that I was rather surprised to see the names of some people who had received assistance because I felt the parents had some substantial means.

"I fully realize it is a difficult matter to select students for this assistance but this job can be best handled by a responsible committee, the recommendations of which I would expect to be able to accept in full and with complete confidence.

"I know if the numbers which apply increase, as I expect they will substantially increase, that many applicants may have to be rejected. In order that the amount available to each acceptable needy applicant may be a substantial amount. And the selection will be made without discrimination against, or favour for, in relation to religious views or political affiliations.

"I must therefore inform my friends, the Honourable members of this House that any representation of their constituents will not be acted upon by me but will be referred direct to the Committee.

"I felt that although these difficulties exist that fair selection can be made, based on academic merit plus financial need. Our school inspectors may be used to make investigations concerning the financial need of the applicants and check and supplement the information which I plan to ask for on a new type of application form.

"The present form in use is very brief. The student applicant must state that he is in necessitous circumstances but students generally are in necessitous circumstances. It is the parents' financial obligation is concerned. Consequently, new forms are be-

ing prepared requiring full details of the financial position of both the student and parents and a declaration that the statements are correct.

"Consideration is being given to making this aid in the form of a loan. This will tend to keep people of substantial means from making application as well as reducing the financial load on the Government ultimately making it possible to increase the size of the fund so that more students might participate.

"Then, too, students who obtain a university education are in a position to pay back their loan after graduation without too much difficulty. If we change this aid to a loan basis it would be my intention to apply to the Government at Ottawa for an increased grant."

Suggested Preferences

The Minister stated that possibly the Committee which selects the students should give preference to the following:

1. Preference to undergraduates. Previously many students received assistance not only to graduation but for post graduate work.
2. Preference be given to those who intend to reside in Prince Edward Island.
3. Preference be given to those with physical disability.
4. And such other approved preferences which the Committee feels to be in the interest of this Province.

The Minister stated that since the programme had been started in 1945 a total of \$80,536 has been received by students. This consists of \$57,647.50 loan and \$22,888.50 grant. Of the \$57,647.50 loaned the sum of \$13,038.21 has been repaid, leaving a balance of \$44,609.29 plus interest outstanding.

Mr. Clark pointed out that there are now 63 current loans. 26 loans have been fully repaid and 72 loans are due for repayment. The number of students who have received aid totals 191. Of the 72 students whose loans are due for repayment 22 are actually repaying and 15 have made promise to pay shortly. The remaining balance of 35 have received a further request for repayment on March 8, 1954.

Mr. Clark noted that in the estimates there was an item of \$20,000 for the schools of the deaf and blind. He stated that both schools are located at Halifax, N.S. and are used cooperatively by all four Atlantic Provinces. "The Department of Education pays for the board, lodging and tuition of each pupil from this Province at the rate of \$90.00 per month while the parents pay for transportation, clothing and incidentals," he stated.

He said that the total payments made to the school for the blind for the fiscal year amounted to \$4,680. Six pupils were paid for during the first part of the year and four during the latter part.

There are 12 students from this Province attending the school for the deaf. The total paid out of the Provincial Treasury for the present fiscal year for P.E.I. students was \$10,290.78.

Mr. Clark pointed out that the Province might have to consider further contributions by way of capital grants as both schools are in need of major capital repairs or expansion. He estimated that this Province's proportion of capital costs for the school of the blind would amount to \$8,475.

The Minister stated that the Department has had certain demands at certain times from certain groups who were interested in introducing into the schools new programs or promoting still further programs already introduced.

Music Instruction

He said there was a request from the P.E.I. Musical Festival Association urging the appointment of a qualified Supervisor of Instruction in Music for the schools. He also stated that the Temperance Federation who are interested in promoting their ideals through the schools, sought the appointment of some qualified person to be a promoter and instructor of Temperance Education.

Mr. Clark pointed out that of the 746 classrooms presently in operation in the Province, 249 have instruction in music from special music teachers. He added that the regular teachers receive some instruction in music during normal training and those with ability in any subject may teach and many do teach a period each week.

He stated that the Department had five special music teachers on a part time basis and six on a full time basis while it assisted the City of Charlottetown in paying the salaries of four part time instructors.

He did not think, however, that the time is yet opportune to go all out with a full fledged program of instruction in music. "We shall have to give it a lot of careful consideration and planning before it can be considered a fully integrated part of our public school program," he stated.

In connection with the Temperance Federation request Mr. Clark pointed out that considerable attention was paid in the school curriculum to health studies on the effects of alcohol in the body.

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