

Most Drug Companies Said Not Members Of Association

By BRENDA LARGE
OTTAWA (CP) — More than two-thirds of Canadian drug companies are not members of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association because they cannot meet its standards, the association's president, Dr. W.W. Wigle said here.

The report says 171 individual pharmaceutical manufacturing establishments are listed by the bureau of statistics. It also says only 53 manufacturing companies are members of the association. In an interview, Dr. Wigle said: "Our 53 companies manufacture about 85 per cent of all prescription drugs bought by Canadians. There are many firms outside the association because their products do not meet our standards of quality control."

SET HIGH STANDARDS
Dr. Wigle said firms were being urged by both government and industry to upgrade standards and become members. "But we have to set our standards high for the good of the industry."

The pharmaceutical association founded in 1914 requires its members to meet or exceed Canadian government specifications, board requirements, and to adhere to ethics and marketing codes.

The report says: "All drug manufacturers in Canada do not have membership in the association. So far as it is possible to judge from available information, many of them would not meet PMAC standards."

B. G. Barrow, federal deputy industry minister, Tuesday urged association members to bring individual marketing and research problems to the department.

WANTS TO HELP
"We don't have any preconceived idea as to how we can help you. We want to find out what is worrying you. What factors are going to make it difficult for you to expand in the future?"

He outlined government tax incentive programs designed to encourage more Canadian companies to do advanced research and development in Canada rather than by parent firms in the United States.

"There is no doubt that Canadian producers must continue to import a sizable part of their technological knowledge. We are not suggesting that such imports be stopped."



PART OF RUSSIAN FISHING FLEET

A low pass by aircraft afforded this close-up view Tuesday of two vessels in the 45-vessel Russian fishing fleet now working off Canada's west coast. The Arsenjev (left) is a 5,524-ton refrigerator ship. On the right is the 3,762-ton fish carrier Jana. Appearance of the fleet has caused some concern among Canadian West Coast fishermen.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)—The Johannesburg Star says that G. Mennen Williams, U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, plans to resign in February to seek a U.S. Senate seat from Michigan. The Star's correspondent in the United States reports from New York that he has learned on the "highest authority" that Williams' current tour of Africa is his farewell visit to the continent.

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FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Growers' Suggestions Have Precedent in B.C.

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR
CROP LOSSES

Following the presentation made by the frozen food growers to the Minister of Agriculture we received in this office a newsletter from the Canada Department of Agriculture outlining the assistance agreed on for the fruit and grape growers of British Columbia. In certain areas of that province growers suffered very severe damage due to heavy frost last winter.

The assistance will take two forms. In the first case growers will receive 75 per cent of the difference between the ten year average crop and their crop this year. For fruit trees killed or severely damaged by frost the grower will receive \$2.50 for each tree replaced to a maximum of two thousand trees and 40 cents per vine up to ten thousand vines per owner.

SUGAR BEETS

On their 1964 crop sugar beet

growers will receive a deficiency payment of \$3.15 per ton. This payment is the difference between the market and the support price of \$13.72. For the 1965 crop the support price is \$14.35 per ton.

HOG MARKETINGS

The Maritimes are showing a clean pair of heels to the rest of Canada on hog markets for the last quarter of 1964 and for this year as well. The increase is 18 per cent and a further increase of eight per cent is expected in the first quarter of sixty-six. For the last quarter all other provinces show a decline as high as 18 per cent, however, in the first quarter the decline in other provinces will not be quite so marked.

NOVEMBER

We are now in the eleventh month of the year, the period which can show very great contrast in weather behavior ranging all the way from quite mild to zero and from warm rains to fierce snow storms.

We have always for some reason associated November with turnips (beg pardon rutabagas). In handling this crop the eager beaver farmer followed the pioneer precept that everything should be under cover by Halloween. There always was the possibility that fine weather would produce extra growth and even a blanket of snow seemed to stimulate the vegetable in question. Certainly if harvested too early and in mild weather, keeping problems were apt to be encountered. One thing, we like about harvesting turnips was the absence of complicated machinery to get out of order, a turnip knife could usually be relied upon to last the day, only two hazards were to be feared — a sore back and gashed thumbs.

Some thirty or forty years ago the general practice was to trim the turnips, throw them in a pile of approximately a cart load and cover with the tops. This steamed the turnips off and protected them in case of severe frost. The next step was to pile four rows dropping them together. This was faster and they could be picked up and thrown onto a vehicle from both sides. A "slapdash" approach was to cut the tops off with a life and then harrow out the crop. It was violent business and the end result had some messy aspects. Other experimenters used the hoe and the beater digger, this operation was probably superior to harrowing.

Finally our last observation on labour saving was the use of a potato combine which put the turnips in barrels and these were hoisted by a crane onto a large trailer.

We are glad no longer to be growing turnips (rutabagas).
ARDA
Recently to our desk has come

a pamphlet which we had been hoping to receive. The publication is entitled "The ARDA Catalogue" and lists province by province all projects either completed or underway under the program with the cost involved. Details are given on all projects which fall into five main categories. (1) Alternate land use. (2) Soil and water. (3) Rural development. (4) Research. (5) Federal research.

Expenditures province by province range from the Island's modest \$473,000.00 to Quebec's \$23,000,000.00 followed by Saskatchewan with well over \$12,000,000.00. The total of all provinces is an excess of sixty millions of dollars. This province's most expensive project is a community pasture at Lot 16. Generally a high proportion of the other thirty-four projects listed run to dams and parks.

EDUCATION

Subject to correction we express the opinion that this year's enrollment of Island students at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College is the largest for many years — possibly the largest ever.

While there is still great room for improvement this year's response is encouraging and indicates that with increased effort it should be possible to have many more young people equip themselves with training which will be of real assistance in managing their future farm operation.

FARM POLICY

Elections always produce a variety of promises and very special interest in farm problems. We are inclined to give the politician credit for sincerely wishing to help agriculture and realizing that once they are in power they of necessity learn that the solutions do not come easy.

One prospect that seems to be in the offing regardless of which major party wins is \$4.00 milk for manufacturing. Should this dairy Utopia materialize then the manufacturing people will probably, all things considered, be in a comparable position with the fluid milk men. All parties are vowing to put new life into ARDA and really get it rolling on its destiny of upgrading rural life.

All parties are, of course, committed to increasing the farmer's income through price supports and the provision of capital for expansion on favourable terms.

Unemployment insurance in some form for farm workers appears to be a real possibility for the first time in many years. Policies are well tended towards consolidation of small farms and the paying of the owners to retire and sell their farms appear to be receiving favour.

Finally based on premises we would expect that after November 8th important things will really happen and possibly some of them will. Generally those who understand it best, realize that agriculture is not an industry which can be remodelled overnight.

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