

Dairying Problems Discussed in Report Of Superintendent

The following report on dairying in Prince Edward Island was submitted at yesterday's annual meeting of the P. E. I. Dairymen's Association by Mr. Warren L. Brenton, Dairy Superintendent.

Gentlemen:— I beg leave to submit my annual report for year ending December 31st, 1940.

The procedure followed in the work was as in previous years, to a large extent routine. In the first months my time was fully occupied in office work, the attending of special and annual meetings of the Local Dairy Committees conducting classes in Agriculture Course; re-checking quality of butter held in silo age, cream grading, testing and milk dairy activities.

In the year 1940, from the Dairyman's net receipts, was not altogether a satisfactory one. Owing to the war and other economic conditions, the possibility of receiving a remunerable price for our Dairy Products was very difficult to attain.

General conditions of dairy plants with a few outstanding exceptions are very creditable. As a result I wish to make the statement: This province has too many competing factories and too low milk and butter production. With increased plant production, the manufacturing cost per pound would be materially reduced—consequently a better selection of milk and cream supply—and take more advantage of the salesmanship of our products.

Efforts have been made in the past to improve our methods of marketing, only a few companies are in a position to successfully market their surplus. The ultimate recipient of the primary producer depends on low production and manufacturing costs and good salesmanship.

Our Dairy Division office of the Department of Agriculture, by the assistance of regular Market Reports from the Federal Dairy Division at Ottawa, endeavored at all times to furnish information to the dairy companies and assist in the consumption of sales of their products. This service takes a great deal of time, yet I fully believe it is a service that means many extra dollars to our Dairy Industry.

The general end of the Maritime market during the winter months, the time of highest costs of production, and in the summer months, the time when the greater percentage of our milk takes place, did not compare as favorably with the Montreal quotations as in previous years. Our wholesale dealers were very difficult in their offerings for average stocks.

In the fall months the price of butter advanced, such advance acting as an incentive to greater production, and plans were being made for a winter supply of cream. Late in December the "War Time Prices and Trade Board" issued the following ruling as follows: "Until further notice, the maximum price per pound wholesale at which any grade or quality of butter may be sold or offered for sale in any place shall not exceed the maximum price for round wholesale creamery butter for that grade or quality, on the 12th day of December, 1940, whether in solids, rolls or prints. This order shall be effective on and after December 28th, 1940."

This order brings chaos into our butter transactions. In Charlottetown on the 12th day of December, a difference of two cents prevailed on prices paid wholesale for our Creamery butter. Much speculation exists as to what is the maximum price set and until some more definite and reasonable ruling is made by the Board, interest and loss to the primary producer and factory operator is bound to continue.

The dairymen of Prince Edward Island are as loyal and patriotic to Britain as any class of people in the whole Commonwealth. It is our duty to give a clear and plain ruling in line with other loyal Canadians. The feeling is general that the manufacturers and food dealers have as yet a distinct advantage over the dairymen as to war time rulings.

Educational Butter Grading. The Educational Butter Grading from the carton sample taken by the butter maker at the creamery was again carried on with the valuable assistance of the Federal Dairy Produce Grader, Mr. W. F. Rogerson.

By the experience gained in not gathering these samples every few days, it was found that the grade of the butter held in these cartons was lowered and really did not fully indicate the exact quality of the butter represented; and further seldom was the price offered by the wholesale buyer made on graded days. The wish of our Department that more time be given to cream grading, I considered it best to discontinue Educational Butter Grading much earlier than in other years.

Company at Charlottetown. Mr. Cox, the manager is deserving and has his hearty attendance for his busy co-operation.

Having in mind the bonusing of 83 and 94 scoring cheese, I asked for and received the full assistance of the Chief Federal Dairy Produce Grader, Mr. T. J. Hicks of Montreal, and Federal Graders Messrs. W. J. Davies of Moncton, and W. F. Rogerson of Charlottetown.

The weatherman behaved very badly and a number found it impossible to attend owing to travelling conditions. This course although of short duration, was a great help to all attending and plans are in the making for another course of this nature later in the season. A getting-together of makers, graders and officials to discuss matters relating to cheese making in the most up-to-the-minute manner by competent instructors is highly beneficial.

It is a national policy to supply Britain with her cheese requirements and we should produce all the high quality cheese possible without interfering too much with our neighboring creamery which may cause the lowering of their milk price. It is a national policy to be financially unable to purchase War Savings Certificates.

May we hope for a fuller and wiser co-operation in carrying out the factory operations—each keeping in mind the rights and privileges of others that all unscrupulous dealings may be eliminated. On May 1st, representative cheese operators and salesmen met in Summerside for a full and free discussion of all matters relative to the cheese industry. Later on June 27th a full representative meeting of cheese men met in the Agriculture Offices. Wholesale dealers were in attendance and were asked to make offers for the handling of our export shipments. An unanimous decision was made to ship the first shipment at least through Mr. J. D. Frier, a representative of Messrs. Hudson Rawson, Ltd. of Montreal. This was the only concrete offer made at this meeting. Favours to or discriminations against any dealer did not enter into such transactions.

Price pegging of export Cheese by the War Time Prices and Trade Board and regulations governing such exports as far as the Province of Prince Edward Island was concerned, was to save the least, disappointing. Our first export shipments which went to Montreal, there being no qualified wholesale exporter here or at Halifax making any offer for our cheese, only realized our factory operators a net return of 12 cents for First Grade cheese—the difference in the pegged price of 14 cents at boat side Montreal being taken up in freights, handling charges, and commission charges. Many reports have been printed and statements made, yet the above is what our cheese industry received. The pegged price was later raised from 14 to 14.4 cents.

Later in the season our local wholesale buyers entered the market and absorbed our full make for local consumption. (A detailed statement of these factory operations is listed.)

Butter Production. The total make of creamery butter for the calendar year of 1940 was 1,940,000 pounds. (Some of our creameries' year-end figures for December 31st, and may not correspond exactly with these figures.) The pounds manufactured by months were:

Table with 2 columns: Month and Pounds. Rows include January (65,441), February (58,092), March (61,117), April (89,215), May (106,816), June (314,782), July (413,784), August (512,784), September (170,770), October (106,560), November (97,433), December (1,955,348).

An increase of 3.7 per cent over 1939. Please note that in the months of June, July and August, the

1940 CHEESE FACTORIES PRODUCTION. Table with 10 columns: Name of Factory, Total Pounds Milk Received, Average per cwt. Butter-Fat, Pounds of Butter-Fat in Milk, Pounds of Cheese Made, Pounds of Milk to make 1 lb. Cheese, Average Price per pound Cheese, Gross Value, Net Value, Value of 100 lbs. Milk, Net Value per lb. Butter-Fat, Number of Factories.

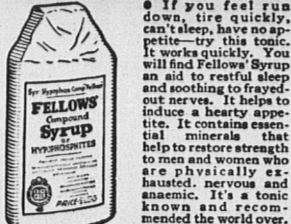
1940 CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION, ETC. Table with 5 columns: Name of Creamery, Number Factories, Number pounds Cream received, Pounds Butter-Fat received, Pounds Butter made, Gross Value, Net Value.

TOTALS 5,233 6,240,956 1,574,053 1,964,807 463,378.52 454,137.61

* Only surplus cream of own Pasteurizing Plants used in making butter



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FELLOWS' SYRUP. 70 pounds of butter made were 1,043,930 as against the remaining nine months of 931,448 pounds. This forcibly brings to our attention the calling for our surplus stocks, not only in prices received, but in the quality put in storage. A nervous feeling is sure to prevail because of this war-time fixing of price and quantity, and of those who are qualified to do business under such regulations.

We feel assured a fair and reasonable course will be formulated so that our surplus stocks may be taken up from the creamery operators who cannot personally store this make. (A detailed statement of creamery operations is listed.) I do not share the belief that there will be a shortage of creamery butter and hope the price fixings will be fair and not with the idea that something special must be done at the expense of our creamery operators, to make it possible to meet our overseas requirements. Our surplus stocks are considerably lower than in previous years. Dairy farmers can and will produce all extra that will be necessary. A reasonable price and orderly marketing are all that is necessary to accomplish our aims in this line of the dairy work.

The Federal Dairy Produce Grader's report will show a lowering in average grade as compared with last year. To a great extent my report on the quality of our butter, mould or other defects or storage butter took place. There were a few complaints yet, the percentage was small. The quality of our butter and cheese makers took place during the year. This involves extra inspection work by the County Exhibitions were held, namely, at Alberton and at Edmond Bay. Our Dairy Division assisted in the work.

War Services. Volunteers for active and home defence war services have and will continue to leave many of our dairy companies short of trained men. To give other men, teachers and assist in the general factory operations, plans are being made to conduct classes for young women in milk and cream making. Such women will be granted certificates by our Dairy Division only.

Ice Cream Makers. Representative ice cream manufacturers met in Charlottetown on April 8th for general discussions on ways and means of more successfully carrying on this important branch of the dairy industry. Being present at this meeting, I was greatly impressed with the attitude taken by those present relative to the other branches of our industry. The "craveous" idea, that all is well, and that the ice cream business is quite prevalent, and many of our companies attribute all successes of other companies to their own ice cream business. Such is not the case.

Milk. Approximately 7,361,440 pounds of milk were delivered to the cheese factories. Much of the milk was not first grade. The greatest defect was that it had not been properly cooled and contained a high per cent of acid (sourness) when arriving at the factory.

DAIRYING PROBLEMS. Cheese. Following is the amount of cheese manufactured by months:

Table with 2 columns: Month and Pounds. Rows include March (750), April (6,761), May (9,258), June (186,088), July (178,376), August (115,600), September (83,612), October (9,663), November (2,865), December (683,399), Total (4,727,000).

VERNON SCHOOL. The following is the class standing in Vernon School for the month of February.

- Senior Department: Grade X-1. Lloyd Furness; 3. Amanda Murphy; 3. Perley Drake. Grade IX-1. Anne Furness; 2. Elmer Power; 3. Beth Jenkins. Grade VIII-1. Marion Furness; 2. Marjorie McQuaid; 3. Isabel MacLeod. Grade VII-1. Arthur Merrill; 2. Georgina Murphy; 3. Don Drake. Teacher, Lorne Burdett.

- Junior Department: Grade VI-1. Russell Jenkins; 2. Buddy McQuaid; 3. Camella J. J. Grade V (Senior) -1. Audrey Henry. Grade IV - (Junior) -1. Joan Murphy; 2. Joan Murphy; 3. Patrick Murphy. Grade III-1. Eugene Doherty; 2. Jimmy Jay; 3. Helms Doherty. Grade II -1. Olga Jenkins; 2. Mary Sullivan; 3. Francis Murphy. Teacher, Margaret Sullivan.

when we consider them fully qualified to do such testing in a capable manner, fair to all.

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It is not suggested that this country has its fifth columnist, yet Norway has her Quisling and France her Laval. Let us be ready to put into deeds and action the words of the National Anthem of our Dominion: "O Canada we stand on guard for thee."

MONASTERIES DESTROYED. "St. Peter's Bote" German language weekly, Muenster, Saskatchewan. Reliable information has been received which confirms the abolition of the Benedictine abbey at Seckau (Austria) and Wiblingarten, Neresheim and Grassau, Germany. The same source states that the suppression of the Benedictine ab-

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Jews Under Soviets. "Canader Yiddische Vochenblat" (Canadian Jewish weekly) Toronto: "According to the new treaty of January 10, concluded between the Soviet Union and Germany, many thousands of Jews will find refuge in the Soviet Union. The treaty covers Baltic countries, now part of the Soviet Union. Former residents of those countries, now living in Nazi controlled territory, will have an opportunity to return to their homeland."

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New Canada Speaks

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An enjoyable pre-Lenten dance was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McAleer, St. Patrick's.

Sgt. Paul Fleming of the R. C. A. F. visited his home on his furlough recently.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dolron, New Orleans on the birth of a daughter (Vivian Mae) on Wednesday, February 26, 1941.

The death took place at Pleasant Valley on Feb. 27, of Thomas Bertram at the age of 83. A short funeral service was held at the home of his daughter Mrs. Thomas Wigmore on Saturday. Interment was in Hunter River Cemetery.

Mr. James McKenna, returned to his home in St. Patrick's from Debert, N. S., where he was employed during the past few months.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Ann's Church, Hope River, on Monday, Feb. 24, when Rev. Earl Dalton united in marriage Miss Melina Gallant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O. Gallant, St. Marys and Mr. Angus Pineau son of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Pineau also of St. Marys. The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for a short honeymoon in St. John and Moncton. On their return they were tendered a reception at the groom's home in St. Marys, where they will in future reside. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Fleming were the attendants at the marriage ceremony.

Mr. Leo Gallant returned from Debert, N. S., during the past week.

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The attention of all property owners in the City is drawn to the above section. J. A. FULLERTON, City Clerk. March 13, 1941.

SEED GRAIN. If you have seed grain for sale notify our Department, giving variety, quantity, for sale, the price, and whether it contains wild mustard or not. To parties wishing to buy seed, what variety do you need, and what quantity? We intend to use our Department as an information bureau to assist both purchasers and dealers in the distribution of seed throughout the province. Signed W. H. DENNIS, Minister of Agriculture.