

Annual Meeting

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market outlets for both lamb and wool are considered. Realizing that sheep have continued to be profitable and are likely to continue to yield profits, it is advisable that a flock of sheep should be started on every farm that is not now raising sheep. In the past many farmers, particularly in Western Canada, have gone into sheep raising extensively without previous experience, the results usually being disastrous. In most of these cases had a start been made in a small way gradually developing and increasing, the flock with experience, these farmers would have had profitable flocks today.

With a view to creating an interest in sheep raising, the Dominion Live Stock Branch with the approval of the Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, and the co-operation of the Provincial Department of Agriculture purpose inaugurating a Sheep Club Policy for Boys and Girls and Junior Farmers, getting the young people interested in a sure way also interesting the parents. Prizes will be given for Sheep Club Fairs and sales. Sheep Club Judging Competition and Wool Competition and in the Wool Competition prizes will be awarded on the basis of preparation of fleeces, general condition and grading of cooperative shipments from the various Clubs in the Dominion. A bulletin will be issued giving the rules and regulations for the clubs, also a list of money prizes given in the various competitions.

The Dominion Live Stock Branch will loan each a ram and when necessary two rams for two years and Club Purchasing Agents will be assisted by the Dominion Sheep Promoters in the selection of breeding ewes.

When we consider the market outlets for wool and lamb, not only in Canada, but also in the United States and Great Britain, where we have now a good reputation for the product, why is it that in this Dominion of Canada we have only a sheep population of 2,877,363 and a wool production of approximately 15,000,000, while in Great Britain which could be put in one of our lakes, has 40,000,000 sheep? Scotland, not by many thousands of sheep the size of one of our provinces, outside of Prince Edward Island, has a sheep population of over 6,000,000, and as the Scots have a World's reputation for their sheep they would not be in the thrift business if it was not a profitable one. With our present sheep population of 2,877,363 we have a revenue of \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 from our lambs and approximately \$4,000,000 from wool. If we had 10,000,000 breeding ewes we would have approximately \$70,000,000 to \$75,000,000 from lambs and 17,500,000 in wool. We see from these figures that they are a very conservative estimate, the possibilities for the sheep industry in Canada not only as a personal gain, but a very great asset to our Country. We are importing almost as much wool as we grow and in value for nine months ending December 1926 we imported wool and wool products amounting to \$35,959,754. There is no reason why we cannot take care of a very large proportion of this amount and in co-operation with the Dominion Live Stock Branch which believe is the key to the whole situation, we can do it as the best results can be obtained in any industry by co-operation rather than individual actions. I need not advise you on cooperative marketing as Prince Edward Island, or the Island as it is familiarly called, has been marketing cooperatively its products successfully for many years and I do not know of any province that has been more successful in cooperative marketing. When I first visited the Island in 1915, the Eggs and Poultry Association was established in Charlottetown and we know the success that has been obtained and the reputation the Island has gained for its eggs. Then in that year you had your first cooperative marketing of wool and had in one year as high as 40,000 pounds. The fox industry has also benefited by cooperative marketing, also the butter and cheese industry, and the last baby to be born, which is a very husky infant, is your potato growing association which has been so successful that it is hardly conceivable that out of the smallest province in the Dominion you have had through your Association over \$1,325,000 in return. Some farmers I believe, are confining their farming activities to potatoes, but it is not good business to grow only one crop in one basket and in my opinion a few sheep could be taken care of with very little interference with your potato growing or any other farm activity. There is other live stock that will give you better returns for your labour than sheep. You have the wool crop in the spring and the lambs in the fall. Eggs, poultry, butter and cheese and furs are necessary, but we cannot do without wool. There

is no person living outside of the tropics, but requires some part of their clothing which is made from wool and a great many other things that we are indebted to the sheep for. Even those who live in the tropics will read a book or newspaper on the manufacturing of paper. Wool is a very important factor and paper manufacturing is going to be one of our greatest industries in Canada. The International Paper Company is now erecting a very large plant in Quebec and with the other plants in Canada will use a large quantity of wool felt which is used to carry the pulp and paper through the process of manufacture.

This industry uses millions of pounds of wool every year and the quality of wool grown on the Island is very suitable for the trade but greater care must be taken in the care of the fleece as weakness of fiber send. This year Canada will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation and there will be thousands of tourists from the U. S. A. and Prince Edward Island will get a fair share of them, therefore, you want to have what they consumed three times more lamb than any other province. You want therefore to have your lambs ready for July and August to meet this trade. Lambs weighing from 75 to 90 lbs. on the farm, well finished, is what we consider choice lambs and by getting your lambs early in the season you can reasonably expect to get better prices in October when the largest runs come on the market.

What then is the reason we have so few sheep in Canada. It cannot be the initial cost of going into the business nor expense in housing, as they do not need extensive buildings nor the feed bill as all their things are negligible in comparison to other live stock. The cost of fencing is given as one reason for not keeping sheep, but this cost has been greatly reduced during the last few years. Dogs is another reason given but we have Provincial Laws that will recompense the owner of sheep if they get worried by dogs. However, there is the social side to be considered, as I have known farmers having their sheep worried by dogs belonging to their neighbour rather than their own. They have sold their flock. If the owners of dogs were compelled to tie up their dogs from sunset to sunrise, I believe the dog question would be solved as most of the worrying is done before the sun sets.

In view of the fact that we have a good outlet for wool and lamb and our supply very limited in comparison with other Countries we could have 10,000,000 more sheep and still have good markets for the wool and the lambs. We are operating and on a graded basis I have no brief for the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, but gentlemen you have in them an organization that has a very successful record and although prices for wool are low, they are not as low as they were in 1921, they cannot be held responsible for the low price. It is due entirely to the world condition in the wool market. I believe, however, that the prices for the 1927 clip will be much better than last year's clip, except for some of the Western Wool which is all sold. You are fortunate in having a quality of wool that commands a ready sale and this can be said of the Maritime wool in general, consequently, you had your return early in the season. We can help to boost the sheep industry and our wool by insisting on getting woolen goods made in Canada. Our manufacturers are making goods equal to and a long way better than a very large percentage of what is imported and it is a well-known fact that some of the cloth made in Canada is sold as imported. Some people think if an article is imported it is all right. If our manufacturers had the manufacturing of only 50% of the cloth imported, we would not have any woollen mills closed in Canada, nor would there be any need for protection for the industry.

I noticed some time ago in an Old Country paper, where they have formed a league to boost made in the Empire goods, each member gets a button to wear with the words 'I have resolved to buy made in the Empire goods' and it was very pleasing to see that the Prince of Wales was a member. Why could we not have a league in Canada and wear a button with the words 'I have resolved to buy made in Canada goods'. We are a young Country and need more industries outside of farming and if we ever hope to be a country with a population as that country to the south of us, we will have to do some boosting and Canada surely is a country worth boosting for.

Mr. Thompson's address was listened to with the greatest interest and appreciation by all present, and at the conclusion he was heartily thanked by the meeting, which decided to include the address in their next annual report.

Directors for Ensuing Year Retiring—James McGrath, Prince County Retiring—Geo. H. Boswell, Queens County Appointed—Joseph Dunbar, Prince County; Oliver Saunders,

Queens County. It was moved by Mr. McLellan and seconded by Mr. P. A. McIsaac that Mr. W. H. McGregor, President of the Association be appointed as a delegate to the annual meeting of the Canadian Wool Growers which takes place at Lethbridge, Alberta on March 31st. Mr. McGregor thanked the meeting for their confidence saying that he would try and prove worthy. No further business, meeting adjourned.

Egg and Poultry

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decrease in egg receipts. This condition was general throughout Canada. Although the volume of eggs showed a decrease of 6% the net gain was \$8,027.58 greater than in 1926; the rebate to members being paid, on a basis of 17%, in cash.

The total amount of eggs marketed in 1926 was 1,129,442 dozen the average price returned for all grades to members being 28.86 per dozen. Special mention must be made of Mr. James Staver, Central Bedouque circle who marketed 1,115 dozen at an average price of 34.6 a dozen; also Mr. Samuel McPherson, Martinevale Circle who sent 2,390 dozen. Mr. James Connors, Bangor Circle who sent 2,314 dozen. Mr. Preston McLeod, New London North Circle who sent 2,258 dozen.

These gentlemen are evidently convinced that it pays to raise eggs, and their example is a shining light for other members to follow; especially when we find that the average quantity per member was 305 dozen for the past year. Your company exhibited eggs at the Winter fair held at Amherst and won first prize for Specials, Eggs and first.

Elmsdale Circle leads the list for production with \$4,311 dozen. Southern Kings is a good second with 55,292 dozen. Bangor third with 44,412 dozen. Bloomfield once more has the distinction of the largest increase over the past year and holds fourth place with 35,229 dozen replacing Millview circle from this position in 1926. Production gains were also made in the following circles: Egmont Bay, Hope River, Kensington, Morell, Mt. Carmel, Orwell Cove, Pisiquid, Rollo Bay, Red House, St. Peters, St. Nicholas, Strathcona Tignish and York.

We also had a gain in membership from 3,636 to 3,702 a net gain of 66 for the past year. The Community Hatchery was operated successfully during 1926, the number of chicks hatched and shipped comparing favorably with 1925, a late cold spring cut down the percentage of hatch, nevertheless a small profit was realized on the seasons operations. Your directors cannot too strongly urge upon all members the advisability of taking full advantage of the splendid opportunity offered by the hatchery, to increase the laying ability of your flocks and having well matured cockerels to fatten when marketing conditions are most profitable.

Live Poultry shipments to the amount of nine carloads were handled during the past season and splendid returns made to members the average price for No. 1 Fowl weighing 4 1/2 lbs. being 19 1/2 a pound.

The Dominion Live Stock Branch through their Island representative Mr. F. M. Nash cooperated in this work. In the matter of dressed poultry, the Directorate recommended that individual members and Circle officers take more interest in the cooperative marketing of this important branch of the poultry industry and take advantage of the service offered our farmers by the Federal Department of Agriculture the modern method of crate fattening, killing and plucking. Elmsdale was the only circle fully organized in cooperative marketing of dressed poultry the past season; the results obtained by this circle was a source of great satisfaction to the circle members and officers.

During the past year your directors built a new warehouse 70 x 100 to be used for the storage of cases, fillets and equipment. This was necessary on account of the expansion of our business during the past three years. A saving of over four hundred dollars a year is thus secured for our members, the difference between rent paid for building hired, and interest charge on capital expended.

This year we made further extensions and additions to our new valuable trade connection, a start in overseas export having been started with Glasgow, Scotland. It is the intention of your management to further extend this line of export should market conditions and production warrant it. What is now needed is greater individual effort on the part of members to increase the production of eggs, as we are still losing many valuable orders by not having sufficient volume of eggs to meet the demands of our clients. It is therefore entirely a matter in each individual members hands just how successful your business will be, no one man, or circle can unaided make for success, it is only by whole-hearted effort and loyal support that we may hope to move forward in this great undertaking.

Our Manager Mr. Geo. Lightizer, now having an Assistant with him, is able to pay greater attention to the question of increased production and assures your directors that this is the Keystone in our arch of success, and we look forward to this as a basic principle upon which to hope for a continuance and an increasing measure of success.

A casual glance at our achievements of the past thirteen years and a comparison of the marked change in conditions and prosperity of P. E. Island farmers must convince the most skeptical

that our principles are sound and effective. The splendid financial position of your Association has been maintained as the Secretary's and Auditor's report will show.

With one exception, circles sent collateral notes in promptly and your management had no difficulty in financing the past year business.

Your directors wish to express their thanks and appreciation of this Association to all who have contributed to the success of the past years operations; to the press for its co-operation and support, to the Federal, and Local Departments of Agriculture and to the loyal individual members of our Organization. Stand by your Association and keep Prince Edward Island in the lead as the banner Co-operative Province of this Dominion.

(Sgd.) Directors.

In the course of presenting the report Mr. Lightizer remarked that one man had received a check to the amount of \$54 for twenty-five dressed cockerels. After the Directors report was on motion adopted the Secretary submitted his report which was read as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To Pres. J. R. Munn and Directors P. E. I. Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association.

The Secretary Treasurer read the Balance sheet for the year, which showed the Association to be in sound financial condition having a stock credit balance of \$23,690.39 over and above all liabilities.

During the past year I visited and addressed meetings at the following circles: Aston, Bonshaw, Bangor, Bloomfield, Cornwall, Central Lot 16, Darney, Egmont Bay, Elmsdale, Freetown, Glenwood, Kensington, Lot 46, Millview, Mt. Carmel, Morell, Murray Harbour North New London North, Rollo Bay, Rustico, Springfield West, St. Theresa, Ugg and Kinross.

On many of these occasions I had the valuable assistance of Mr. F. Nash the District Poultry Promoter, representative of the Department of Agriculture Live Stock Branch, Ottawa.

I noted a deplorable lack of information as to many circles; the financial report as sent to the secretary, at the close of our year, was very seldom referred to; and in the majority of instances, the circle board of Directors took very little interest in promoting the welfare of their circle.

I also attended the Convention of the Canadian Produce Association at Winnipeg where a Standard for dressed poultry was adopted. It is the intention of the Federal Department of Agriculture to draft legislation and regulation to cover, grades, packing and inspection of dressed poultry to be made legally effective Sept 1 1928; for the coming season voluntary inspection etc. will be in effect.

Two grades, viz Milk fed, and chickens were adopted with subclass of each grade as follows: Specials, Standard "B", "C" and in the case of chicken a subgrade of "D" now known as culls.

Owing to some doubt as to the legal jurisdiction reinforcing the Egg Grading regulations, no changes were suggested in these regulations at the Convention. Respectfully submitted, James Lightizer, Sec'y Treas.

On motion the Auditor's report which is given below, was adopted:

Auditor's Report

Gentlemen: I beg to report having made a monthly audit of the Cash, Bank Account, Books and Vouchers of the Prince Edward Island Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association, and found them all correct and in order.

I have also audited the Statements of Profit and Loss Account, Assets and Liabilities, Expense and Inventory Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1926 and found them correct.

Mr. Holl is as I reported before a very competent and thorough accountant, having had much experience in the keeping of Books and Accounts. Miss Macdonald, the Assistant Accountant is very capable, keeps her Cash and Books correctly and up to date. Miss Wisner the Stenographer is attentive and painstaking in her work.

During the year two thousand four hundred and seventy-seven registered letters were dispatched, and one thousand five hundred cheques issued for payment of eggs to the circles, besides the cash paid at the office, this responsible work being done in a highly satisfactory manner.

The Profit and Loss Statement showing a net gain of fifty thousand and five hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-two cents (\$50,566.62)

again proves the wonderful administrative ability of the Manager Mr. George Lightizer. The Association is most fortunate in having Mr. James Lightizer as Assistant-Manager, as he is a thoroughly competent business man and has all the affairs of the Association well in hand.

Yours faithfully,

R. V. LONGWORTH

One delegate raised a discussion by taking objection to the building of a warehouse without the knowledge of the associates and asked if the necessity of such was known at the time of the last Annual Meeting. He was answered that the Association had been paying \$600,000 as yearly rent for warehouses. They bought land for \$2,400 and sold it for \$3,900. Thus the new warehouse really cost them approximately \$1,700.

Mr. Lightizer explained the necessity of the warehouse and remarked that boxes were able to be made now which helped to keep the help in steady employment. Several delegates spoke in approval of the move of the directors and one Mr. McGillivray remarked that it would be much better if farmers would look after the condition of their eggs instead of worrying over the cost of selling them. He informed the meeting that he had made experiment if by selling eggs to the stores more money would be realized. In a year's selling he found that he could get \$10.15 more from his quota than he could from the stores in the same volume.

The following committees were appointed: By-Laws: T. J. Inman (chairman); G. M. Bernard, O. C. LePage. Resolutions: George Myers (chairman); Russel McLaren, H. L. Machon. Credentials: J. J. McGillivray (chairman) C. B. Clay, W. B. McLellan.

The delegates from the different counties met privately assembled and elected the following directors: Prince County—W. B. McLellan, J. A. Thompson, Fulton Simpson. Queens—J. R. Munn, E. Howatt, J. J. McGillivray, John McLean. Kings—J. E. Dingwell, R. G. McLaren, J. W. McLean.

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Moved by T. J. Inman, seconded by Herman Myers. Whereas the Murray Harbor branch of the Canadian National Railway has not yet been widened to standard gauge, and whereas, on account of the all freight going abroad has to be transferred from narrow to standard gauge cars, causing considerable inconvenience and loss to shippers. Therefore resolved that the Prince Edward Island Egg and Poultry Association in annual meeting urgently request that the Murray Harbor Railway be widened to standard gauge in time for shipping of produce in 1927.

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and suggested that a crate of one-half dozen or one dozen of pure bred cockerels be placed on sale for the convenience of the farmers so that the quality of breed could be improved. Mr. F. M. Nash replied that there was a pure bred cockerel service in force in fall and winter until March and will be open again next fall. He gave advice as to preparing poultry for market and of the profit in breeding-pens. He also stressed the need and profit gained in marketing poultry cooperatively.

During the discussion Mr. Hughes, Brookfield delegate to the meeting said that he was thoroughly satisfied with the way the Association was doing business, but would ask on behalf of his circle how it was that individual producers received a larger price for their eggs from stores than was being paid by the P. E. I. Egg and Poultry Cooperative Association. Mr. Hughes continued, saying that his circle was losing members as a result.

Secretary Lightizer in answering showed figures whereby the producers who stay by their circles may reap a greater benefit. He gave a clear, satisfactory and concise answer. He said he was not criticizing Mr. Hughes and knew he was a splendid collector. The speaker after a lengthy and instructive speech, asked his large gathering what they thought was the best plan—"With or without Cooperation?"—and judging by the applause at the conclusion of the secretary's remarks, the former proved unanimous. This was the message that Mr. Lightizer wished all delegates to take home to their circles.

He wished to impress upon this meeting that he was not entirely in the business for the salary, if so he could command greater remuneration elsewhere. "No, that's not my idea said the speaker, I'm here to try and fill the shoes of a better man, Mr. George Lightizer—and to even try and do better." Mr. George Lightizer jokingly replied, "try and do better."

Mr. Lightizer made the announcement that his association intended supplying pure bred eggs gratis to school clubs for the purpose of raising chickens for themselves. Then we'll see what Prince Edward Island can produce in the shape of poultry said the speaker.

The committee on by-laws reported and found everything to their liking except one clause to which they disagreed. They said that there were some Egg Circle members who sold eggs to private hatchery which was not in sympathy with the Association and suggested that the selling of hatching eggs be confined to circle members only.

Several present objected to this change pointing out that there would be results injurious to the Association and its members if such were added. A vote was taken and the unanimous voice of the meeting rejected the amendment. Mr. D. B. McDonald reporting for the committee appointed to wait upon the government in regard to the skunk menace said that the Premier had been interviewed, who, when told of the facts, realized the seriousness of the menace, asked by a memorandum be sent him by the Association and the matter would receive full and careful consideration.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

THE MARKETS MONTREAL, March 3.—Owing to the fact that foreign bids were below local exporters views, the export trade in Canadian grain on the Montreal market today was quiet. The trade in cash grain on the local market was of car lot character and prices were unchanged. The flour market was without any new feature to note. Prices being fully maintained for spring and winter wheat grade but the volume of business showed no improvement. The demand for all lines of millfeed continued fair and values ruled steady. A moderate amount of business was done in standard grades of rolled oats and prices were firm of owing to the higher prices ruling in Chicago for eggs a better and steadier feeling prevailed in the local situation and a larger volume of business was done. The receipts were 1,252 cases. The potatoes continued quiet and the feeling was easy. Car lots of Prince Edward Island Green Mountains were quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.60 per bag of ninety pounds, and Quebec varieties at \$1.00 per bag of ninety pounds, in bulk export track New Brunswick Green Mountains sold at \$1.00 to \$1.05 per bag of eighty pounds export. The trade in butter was more active and the undertone was steadier. New Zealand grades were quoted at 41 1/2 to 41 3/4 per pound. And eastern townships regarded No. 1 pasteurized at 41 1/2 to 41 3/4 cents per pound. The receipts were 331 packages. Extreme dullness marked the cheese trade and prices were unchanged. Western grades were quoted at 18 per pound. The receipts were 53 boxes. OTTAWA, March 3.—No changes have been reported from Canadian egg markets today. Eastern markets are still quiet but are exhibiting some steadiness due to the arrival of the lenten season. Chicago spot is higher today.

Toronto dealers are quoting country shippers for ungraded eggs delivered extras 26; firsts 33; seconds 28. Prices to retailers extras 41; firsts 39; seconds 36. MONTREAL—Dealers are quoting country shippers for ungraded eggs delivered, extras 38-39; firsts 34-36; pullet extras 30-32; prices to retailers are extras 42-44; firsts 40-41; pullet extras 38-39. For ungraded eggs dealers are quoting country shippers firsts 40-41; pullet extras 38-39. WINNIPEG—Dealers are quoting country shippers for ungraded eggs delivered extras 43; firsts 41; seconds 35. Prices to retailers are extras 51; firsts 49; seconds 40.

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