

Farmers Make

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The root crop was of approximately the same acreage as in 1942 and the yield was of a satisfactory nature. The yield was also very favourable, and although the cutting period was wet and broken on the crop was generally, however, in very fair condition. There was a strong tendency on the part of farmers to increase the production of mixed grains and hay and good yields were secured. Evidently the upward swing in live stock production was the major factor in respect. Excellent pasturage was experienced until a late date in the fall and assisted materially in keeping up the flow of milk and in the general condition of the field live stock.

Production Figures

The following figures, which are not final, will indicate the production during the season:

Dairy Supplies

The over all picture of the dairy situation has been satisfactory. In creamery butter production the increase over the previous year has been approximately 25 per cent with a corresponding decrease in cheese production. This was to be expected in the latter case in view of the price level on cheese, which was announced in the early part of the season. A thorough investigation was carried on by the officials of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. A close examination of creameries was also made by Mr. W. C. Cameron of the Federal Dairy Division, and reports dealing with the condition in each has been presented to the respective Boards of Directors. As a result of recommendations made, substantial improvements have taken place in equipment and services.

One of the notable features in regard to cheese manufactured has been an almost complete turn over from larger sized cheese to smaller sizes. This has been due to the fact that larger sizes have been housed, there has been a very serious reduction in production of dairy products. While this is to be expected in any normal year, the drop in production during the present season has been more pronounced. Clearly a portion of the contraction in this respect may be due to the shortage of protein feeds, which has been experienced by the average dairyman. Dairy cattle have been in demand and large numbers of the cream of our dairy stock have been shipped to United States, Canadian, and Newfoundland points. The shortage of feeds has been a serious factor in many instances to dispose of a portion of their herds.

That Prince Edward Island offers unusual opportunities for a live cattle trade, has been demonstrated through the large influx of buyers to the Island province. It is questionable if any area the world over can present a finer picture of Bovine health than we have here in the Island province. The fifth general test for Bovine Tuberculosis, has just been completed and over 100,000 cattle, all that could be found to be infected was 11 animals. A most notable feature in addition, it may safely be stated that our record in the matter of contagious abortion is equally enviable. It is not surprising then that we have so many buyers coming to the province, and such a demand for our live stock. This situation offers a unique opportunity for Prince Edward Islanders in the way of development of a select and compensating industry.

Swine and Sheep

In swine production, we have experienced a definite upward swing. The total hog population of the Island will be from 10 to 15 per cent higher than the record level of 1942. A much larger number of sows were bred and in fact, the industry has been exercised in order to influence quality production. Practically all the boars in service in the province are now under inspection, and this is reflected in the records evidenced at packing plants, which show the Island in a leading position as far as our percentage of "select" hogs is concerned. Hog marketings in the province through inspection plants increased from 56,000 in 1942 to approximately 61,000 in 1943. There has been a substantial export of sucker pigs to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

A quota system applied during the season in the latter market offered some discouragement to our shippers and producers. Some considerable encouragement was also offered in the export of beef cattle to Newfoundland through a rearrangement in trade conditions between Canada and the colony. Pressure is being brought to bear in order to have the previous satisfactory arrangement re-established. Temporarily, however, considerable set back was given to the live beef cattle trade as a result of the regulations referred to, and the situation is not yet satisfactorily cleared as far as demand and market levels are concerned.

The sheep industry has also been on the up grade. A large number of new flocks have been established under the Provincial Sheep policy, and definite expansion has taken place in sheep flocks. It is estimated that this increase will range between 15 and 20 per cent in our sheep population in this branch of the live stock industry. In addition, there has been keen interest in the use of improved sires, and over 30 inspected rams have been distributed within the province. Occasional importations add new blood and vigour to the industry. During the year, a new Federal-Provincial wool bonus policy was brought into effect, which will undoubtedly influence better care and feeding and handling of this live product.

Poultry

Remarkable interest has been evidenced in the poultry industry. There has been a substantial increase in chick distribution from established hatcheries, the total distribution being almost 500,000 this year.

Notice to Farmers

I have in stock for sale a number of new Cream Separators for immediate delivery upon receipt of your permit.

Live Stock taken in exchange. WALTER S. WEEKS, Bayview.

To the People of Prince Edward Island

There is a new spirit abroad on the eve of this New Year's Day, 1944, as we ring out the old and ring in the new. It is the spirit of Victory!

We look forward with hope and confidence to the achievement of this great objective in the coming months, realizing nevertheless that many sacrifices also lie ahead.

Continually we are reminded of the part played not only by our gallant fighting forces overseas, but by our farmers and fishermen on the food production front. Their achievement, too, has been magnificent.

But there is still much strife and toil ahead. Let us bend every effort to our tasks, in whatever line of duty they may be, and help make 1944, in very truth, VICTORY YEAR.



GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

J. WALTER JONES, Premier.

TIME has reaped a harvest of blood and tears during the year just past, but there have been good things, too. There has been the conviction that the effort, the material goods, the precious human lives that have been sacrificed have been given for a profoundly worthy cause. There has been the feeling of brotherhood in working together toward a common aim — the disappearance of much petty selfishness — the growing realization of the meaning of a large view, a world view. It is our privilege, in 1944, to strive to bring these good things into even greater prominence, to fight a hard fight with a goal in sight that is richer, finer, because of knowledge that the struggle has given us.

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Allies Step Out on Nature's Road to Rome



The capture of San Pietro, in one of the bitterest battles of World War II throws open the Liri-Sacco Valley to Rome-bound American troops. Gen Mark Clark's troops are advancing swiftly toward next Nazi stronghold on road to Rome. Inset map shows closeup area in relation to whole of Italy.



(U. S. Signal Corps Radiotelephoto from NEA)

A tearful, frightened Italian woman comes to Lt. Louis Ochoa, of Laredo, Tex., to give medical aid to her husband on the stretcher. Brutally beaten by the Germans for protesting against their looting, she was taken to a U.S. field hospital for treatment.

year, as against 356,000 in 1942. Co-operation in Government services between the Federal and Provincial has been responsible for full application of policies common to both departments. Greater care in housing and nutritional conditions have been greatly in evidence. Egg production has increased, and a large volume of the receipts have gone into an increased domestic demand. In addition, 12 carloads in state have been submitted to the Poultry Products Board. The high quality of Island eggs and poultry has been well maintained and possibly improved egg grading stations have been expanded and carried on with excellent satisfaction. The broader house policy of the Provincial Department of Agriculture has been maintained. Up to 200 brooder stoves were placed with farm poultrymen during the season. An important service to be rendered poultrymen is that involved in the work of a new Provincial Pathologist and Veterinarian, Dr. George Bishop, whose services were secured a short time ago. The Department has established a laboratory for Dr. Bishop in future, blood samples for Pulletum in poultry and investigations in a number of other directions will be conducted through Dr. Bishop and the Provincial Laboratory. Arrangements are made to exercise the closest possible supervision on policies concerned with live stock diseases.

Limestone and Fertilizer

As a result of increased demands for food production, increased supplies of commercial fertilizer and sulphur limestone have been used. Serious difficulty has been encountered in securing the latter commodity, on account of excessive demand and labor conditions. Arrangements, however, have been made with lime production quar-

ries, which will insure an adequate supply of ground limestone for future use. A decrease in the quantity of ground limestone since April 1st of 30 cents per ton has been provided. Approximately 20 thousand tons were imported into the province in the calendar year.

Importation of Feeds

Large quantities of raw feeds have been imported into Prince Edward Island during the season to take care of increased livestock commitments. From October 1941 to October 1943, 62,658 grain tons were delivered on Prince Edward Island on which \$513,795 was paid in freight by the Dominion Government. We may fully expect an increased supply for the next calendar year, providing the live stock population keeps up to its present level. It is rather surprising to know that we are so dependent in this province upon imported grains and the amount of money which has been saved to farmers on grain costs as a result of the policy referred to.

Educational and organizational work was carried on on practically the same basis as in former years. Youth Training courses were conducted in Charlottetown in practical farm crafts and household science. In the men's division a decided falling off in applications was experienced. Nevertheless, valuable training has been given.

This War—Four Years Ago

(By The Canadian Press) DEC. 31, 1939—Finnish announce Russian division mostly destroyed in two-day battle at Lake Khatka on Eastern Front. Russian bombers raid six Finnish cities. Western Front remains quiet.



U. S. Marine Corps engineers in the South Pacific will match their Gremlins with those of any other outfit, and offer the photo-flying "Gremlin" is a bug that crawled between camera lens and film when photo of pitfall was snapped. (Marine Corps photo.)

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