

Farmers Finding Hay Crop Lighter Than Anticipated

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Everywhere farmers are asking "What happened to the new meadows?" The problem appears to be divided into two classes. First the new meadows that have a fair stand have suffered from lack of warmth in May and lack of moisture in both May and June.

Lead is the killer in both cases and a form of poisoning that is quite difficult to treat. So batteries and paint cans should all be suspected where livestock are involved.

ing up of a fairer basis of registration.
SCHOOL TAXES
At a recent meeting of Federation Directors it was obvious standing exists with respect to the application of the dual rate for school taxes. Generally the understanding has been that the dual rate is compulsory where more than 50 per cent of the rate payers are non-farmers. It has been suggested that the rate may be applied in other circumstances, this is where some doubt exists. The other area of argument was the poll tax and whether there could be two poll tax rates, one for property owners and one for non-property owners. The Minister of Education is being written to in both connections and the information received will be passed on to our readers.

The second class is the new meadows and here really good land is involved that have no worthwhile stand of either clover or timothy. Usually where the clover does not catch the timothy does but in this year's poor meadows there is little of anything. It needs to be recognized that the hay crop has a very short growing period—really only two months and this leaves little time to compensate for unfavourable conditions.

INCOME IMPROVEMENT
We have had recently brought to our attention a proposal designed to improve the income on farms and to promote the livestock industry at the same time.

DAIRY PAYMENT
The attention of dairy producers is again drawn to the need of filling out claim forms for the supplementary dairy payment. Producers who are already registered will have received these forms through the mail, those who have not received them should contact their dairy plant and if a record has not been kept of the milk and cream shipped between May 1, 1964 and April 30, 1965, then that information should also be obtained from the dairy plant. The completed form should be returned before July 31st.

It now begins to appear that the hay crop is even lighter than was suspected, we base this on reports from farmers who have been harvesting the crop and find it to have even less bulk than was expected.

SALES TAX, TRUCK FEES
Last week we mentioned those two items and would again refer to the removal of the sales tax on farm wagons and trailers as being welcome and appreciated. Farmers are advised that they will no longer be required on registering these vehicles to pay sales tax. There is, of course, also the question of refunds of tax collected under a ruling which to say the least was quite far fetched.

ATLANTIC WINTER FAIR
Next Monday, July 12 at 9.00 p.m. in Birch Court exhibitors and other interested parties will have the opportunity of meeting and discussing with Don Oland

CHEMICAL DANGER
Many of the compounds used to treat seed, to spray crops, and to fertilize the land are poisonous to livestock. For this reason care is indicated in the use of these products and there is no room for careless practice in the use or storing of them. Cattle are very often attracted to these materials and should not be exposed.

The refund that truck fees should be reduced should not in any sense be considered a concession, rather the nature of the use these trucks are put to make the application of the full tax a discrimination which is difficult to justify. Simple justice indicates that this is a matter which shouldn't be dropped and the Federation plans to maintain its efforts for the set-

To give an idea of what is involved we can take as an example a producer who ships 120,000 pounds of milk in the period. On the first 48,000 at 25 cents per hundredweight he would receive \$120.00, on the next 48,000 at 20 cents per hundredweight he would receive \$96.00. On the remaining 24,000 pounds at 10 cents \$24.00 for a total of \$240.00. A shipper of 4,300 pounds of butterfat as cream would receive the same total

payment at the rate of 7.1 cents on the first 1,680 pounds, 5.7 cents on the second 1,680 pounds and on the balance of 840 pounds at the rate of 2.8 cents. These figures indicate that the claim forms are worth filling out.

HAY PRIZES
Attention is directed to the ads recently appearing announcing special classes for hay at this year's exhibition. The prize money offered is up to \$100.00 for a first prize providing there are sufficient entries. In total \$600.00 is available and now is the time for the ambitious hay maker to start thinking of making some extra money out of this year's short hay crop.

GETS POST IN U.S.
OTTAWA (CP) — Brig. Norman G. Wilson-Smith, 46, of St. Catharines, Ont., and Winnipeg, has been appointed Canadian military attaché to the United States, the defence department announced Wednesday. He succeeds Brig. J. A. W. Bennett, 53, of Ottawa, who is retiring.

START WORK ON REACTOR
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