

Among The Farmers

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

58 CENTS FOR BUTTER

While there has apparently been little, if any, press comment on the Honorable Mr. Gardiner's announcement that a floor price of 58c on butter would be continued for another year, we are still inclined to feel that this was a very important and significant decision on the part of Federal authorities.

While there was considerable comment before the announcement on the part of many connected with the dairy industry we had always been confident that the floor would be maintained at the same level. There were three reasons:

1. If the floor had been lowered the government would have suffered loss on all the butter presently in storage.
2. The price of the vegetable oil substitutes for butter would also have been lowered — an action which would not suit the manufacturers.
3. Organized agriculture had fought strongly for the retention at the same level on the floor.

These factors taken into consideration and added to the generally important one of the great wealth of the dairy industry in the national economy, in national health and in soil conservation, combine to produce the decision as noted.

The government's decision recognizes the fact that during the war years the dairy industry operated under greater handicaps and received less in the way of encouragement than had other branches of agriculture, added to this situation was the fact that before dairying had gotten its post-war feet under it, it was faced with competition from a cheaply produced substitute. No one questions the importance of dairy products from a nutritional standpoint and those of our citizens who stoop to think of convenience will realize that in dairying the nation will find the surest guardian of its soil resources.

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Following the war by the Spring of 1947 the lack of balance in world economy between the dollar and sterling currency bloc was causing real concern and strangling trade. Secret negotiations carried on at that time between Canada and the United States indicated that the latter country was in the humor to consider a general lowering of tariffs, this feeling took the form of public expression in the arrangement made between a number of countries to set up the "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" later given the hideous name of GATT.

Information made public early last winter indicated that current negotiations on the renewal of the agreement with the thirty-nation suggestion that the United States was the stumbling block. The soundness of this belief has now become apparent with the announcement that while the U. S. will continue to play on the GATT team it plans to make it its own rules and may even require the other players to abide by the book. It would indeed be unfortunate if the United States is embarking upon a new era of tariff lunacy and subscribing to GATT only on a heads I win, tails you lose, basis.

BUTTER COLOUR

The promoters of vegetable oil substitutes for butter having introduced the product in sight of ten Canadian provinces are now concentrating on encouraging the housewife to demand a yellow colored product. We see in this demand a strong element of inconsistency, it is not yellow colour that the substitute peddlers really desire, it is the same colour as butter, and if that product were blue we would have numerous protectors of our basic freedoms speaking in eloquent terms of the denial of freedom to all who would favour the blue substitute.

While freely granting that it is inconvenient to the housewife to be mixing the colour with the substitute we submit that this is a minor handicap when compared with what will happen when yellow colour is legalized, inevitably the consumer will be paying the price of the real product for a substitute masquerading in the garment of the real McCoy.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS

At a recent meeting of the Federation Executive plans were made for the holding of Federation meetings in the School Districts of the province. These meetings will provide each school district with the opportunity of appointing or re-appointing chairmen and secretaries who are the delegates entitled to attend annual and semi-annual meetings. In addition the opinion and reaction of members will be obtained on a number of questions and action taken to put new vigor into the various programs of the organization.

FARM FORUM

This coming Monday night will mark the conclusion of the current Farm Forum season. In this province interest has been well sustained throughout the year, more than enough new groups appeared to make up for the number that went into retirement.

The election for a member from each county to the Provincial Committee returned Charles Yeo, Sherbrooke in Prince County for a second term and elected Keith Rackham, Wheatley River for Queens and Arthur MacKinnon of Brooklyn for Kings. In communities where a Farm Forum is promoted and actively supported the value to the community is clear apparent. In addition where such groups hold joint meetings, relationship with other communities are put on a more satisfactory basis. Under existing arrangements Farm Forum is an economical project to administer, the results achieved would justify a much larger expenditure.

MILK PRICE IN HOLLAND

In the Netherlands a fairly comprehensive policy for agricultural prices is in effect. This policy is designed partly to give farmers a reasonable income and partly to restrain prices and prevent inflation. Each year the government announces a guaranteed minimum average milk price to be paid to producers in the dairy year (November to October). The guaranteed minimum price for the present dairy year has been set at 22.0 cents per kilogram (\$8.54 per cwt. at January exchange rates) for 3.7 per cent

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BREADALBANE PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, March 27th. Rose Valley 11 a.m. North Granville 3 p.m. Pleasant Valley 7.30 p.m. Rev. W. B. MacPhail, Minister.

HAMPTON PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, March 27th. Victoria 11 a.m. Hampton 3 p.m. Bonshaw 7.30 p.m. Rev. R. H. Baxter, Minister.

milk. This is about 7 cents (Canadian) higher than the guaranteed price for 1953-54.

MAINE POTATO PRICES

Maine prices for potatoes at Presque Isle to the grower last week were mostly from \$2.40 to \$2.80 per barrel or roughly 12 cents less than the previous week. Maine still appears to be having some difficulty in getting into high gear so far as movement is concerned, the volume of potatoes still on hand is indefinite but is apparently sufficient to prevent any optimism at the moment.

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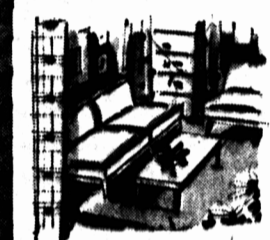
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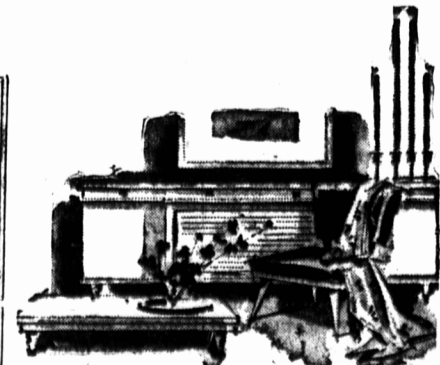
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