



GUERNSEY AWARDED CERTIFICATE

The Canadian Guernsey Breeders' Association recently informed J. Eric Hurry, Winkloo, that his 15-year-old Guernsey, Patosie Verbena (above) had been awarded the Association's Diamond Medal Certificate of Honor, their highest award, and given only to cows which, on approved test, have produced 5,000 pounds of fat or better. In nine lactations completed last December, Mr. Hurry's Patosie Verbena produced 94,485 pounds of milk, containing 5,345 pounds of fat, with an average test of 6.30. The first seven lactations covered a period of 365 days and the final two 305 days. Also a top-grade show animal, Patosie Verbena was Grand Champion of the dairy class at the Charlottetown Exhibition in both 1950 and 1952. At the same time Mr. Hurry was also informed by the Association that his nine-year-old Patosie Ida had been awarded the Silver Medal Certificate of Honor, having produced 64,807 pounds of milk containing 3,259 pounds of fat in nine lactations.

Gov't Tables Report On 1958 Economic Prospects

By HAROLD MORRISON, Canadian Press Staff Writer, OTTAWA (CP) — The government was confidentially advised last April that the 1958 recession might persist "for months to come" and could probably spill over in 1959. However, the advice by trade department economists appeared to be based on estimates a little more pessimistic than borne out by subsequent events. Made public in the Commons Friday at the Opposition's request, the 42-page annual forecast—at one time a confidential document for the eye of government only—predicted 1958 national production would decline. In fact, volume remained unchanged from 1957 while a rise in prices pushed value up by two per cent. The production decline, forecast by the trade department, differed with the estimate given by Finance Minister Fleming in his June 17 budget speech. Mr. Fleming predicted a rise in the gross national product—value of all goods and services produced—to \$32,000,000,000 for 1958 from \$31,400,000,000 in 1957. The bureau of statistics now has confirmed that estimate, based on a two-per-cent rise in prices. **THREE SOURCES** Mr. Fleming, in making his budget estimates, takes into consideration not only the advice of the trade department but also


that of his own department and of the Bank of Canada. These latter predictions remained confidential. The trade department forecast became a hot political issue when Prime Minister Diefenbaker early last year described the 1957 forecast as a "hidden report" that the Liberal administration had not heeded in preparing for the predicted recession. Opposition Leader Pearson subsequently charged the Progressive Conservatives had not heeded the 1958 forecast and demanded it be made public. The demand was renewed in the Commons Friday and Mr. Diefenbaker, noting he previously had promised to publish the forecast after the year ended, promptly announced that Trade Minister Churchill was tabling it. **YEAR OF ADJUSTMENT** The report called 1958 a "year of adjustment." It estimated that the 1958 recession would be much greater than the relatively mild one in 1953-54 and that it would be accompanied by the heaviest unemployment in the post-war era. It estimated that the 1958 labor force would rise to 6,020,000 from 5,915,000 in 1957 and that the number of those without jobs and seeking work would increase by 67 per cent to 425,000 from 254,000. In his June 17 budget speech, Mr. Fleming said: "There are hopeful signs that we have reached the end of the recent decline." Perhaps in one field that the report fell particularly short of the mark is in exports. It forecast that exports, one of the keys to Canadian economic strength, would drop to \$4,750,000,000 in 1958 from \$4,936,000,000 from 1957. Latest estimates indicate that 1958 exports were unchanged from the previous year. **COUNTER-MEASURES** The report observed that "vigorous counter-recessionary measures" would moderate the 1958 recession. "Nevertheless, certain key factors underlying the present contraction, namely weakness in international commodity markets and declining investments in commodity-producing industries, seem likely to persist for the current year and probably beyond and may well dominate the economic situation for months to come. In view of the downward momentum now present in the economy, it is questionable whether any firming trend in the latter part of the year would be sufficient to bring over-all production for 1958 as a whole up to the level of the preceding year. **SLACK ECONOMY** "Meanwhile, available manpower, plant and other productive facilities will continue to increase. This means that considerable slack is likely to persist in the economy throughout 1958 with unemployment remaining well above the level of any preceding post-war year." The issue of whether confidential reports by civil servants should be made public boiled up when Mr. Diefenbaker disclosed the 1957 document and used it to attack the former Liberal administration. The issue boiled up again last summer when the Toronto Star published what it said were excerpts from the 1958 report—then still prepared after the Progressive Conservatives took office. The Star quoted from the document and said it was a less rosy picture of the economy than the one given by Mr. Fleming in his June budget. The quotes used by The Star were identical with those passages in the report, it was shown Friday. Last summer, under questioning in the Commons, Trade Minister Churchill would neither confirm nor deny The Star's quotes were from the report. **LONGER, MORE SEVERE** The report said the 1958 recession appeared to be longer and more severe than the 1953-54 contraction. Generally, the trade department found that over the years unemployment had a tendency of increasing in Canada. In effect, it indicated what later appeared to be a widely-held view that the "bloom is off the boom"; that future Canadian growth would be less spectacular than the big early post-war rises that resulted from world shortages of raw materials abundant in Canada.

YORK NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodridge, Covehead, were visitors to York on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Woodridge's mother, Mrs. W.D. Cooke. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey, York, spent Wednesday in Charlottetown.

Miss Shirley Vessey, Charlottetown, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vessey. Miss Fern Vessey, Charlottetown, student at P.W.C. spent Sunday at her home in York. Miss Hazel Vessey, student nurse of the P.E.I. Hospital, spent Sunday at her home in York. Mr. Irving Kinch has returned to York after spending his holidays with his parents, Alberton. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crockett, York, spent the weekend in Glen Valley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacDowell. Mr. John MacLennan, Glen Valley, is the guest of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Laken Lewis, York. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Birt and son David, York, spent Sunday in Clyde River at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gillespie. Mr. Leonard Andrews, Summerside, spent the weekend in York with his wife and family. Miss Connie Birt, Covehead, is employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, York merchant. Miss Anna MacEwen, Charlottetown, spent the holidays in York, the guest of Mrs. Will Cooke. The winners of this week card game in York Hall were Mrs. Utley Birt of Charlottetown and Mr. Sedic Baltham, Marshfield. Mrs. Lloyd Vessey entertained the York Institute on Tuesday, January 6th at her home in York with a good attendance. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott, York Manse, spent the season holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, at Margate Manse. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones and Mr. and Mrs. MacRae, Hazelbrook, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey, York. The many friends of Mr. Arthur Simpson were glad to welcome him home, after having been a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital. He is much improved in health. Mr. Frank Watts, York, was a visitor to Charlottetown recently. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, York United Church Manse.

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Your particular attention is called to the requirements outlined in Section 66, Sub-section (4) of the above Act which reads as follows:—

"(4) Where any work within the scope of this Part is undertaken by a contractor, the person for whom such work is undertaken shall, within seven days after the making of any such contract notify the Board in writing of the making of such contract and in such notice shall state:

(a) The name and address of the contractor;
(b) The nature of the work to be performed by the contractor;
(c) The amount payable under the contract, whether a lump sum or in proportion to the amount of work done, and in the latter case give the full particulars;
(d) The probable length of time for completion of the work to be performed by the contractor."

Strict compliance with the above provisions is now called for by those responsible to furnish such information and failure to do so will result in imposition of the penalties provided for in Section 78 of the Act.

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