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Analysis

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ate. Unfortunately a set of conditions has combined to demoralize marketing conditions. United States potato production is approximately 100 million bushels above the percentage set for the needs of that country. The Canadian yield is over 97,410,000 bushels or approximately eight percent above last year's high level, while exchange difficulties in South America and other potential marketing areas have reduced marketing opportunities in these areas. In addition Price Support in the United States has been substantially lowered and under these general conditions a more or less depressed marketing situation is to be expected.

To date 2,248 carloads have been shipped as against 5,583 carloads in 1949 to the same date. Prices have ranged in the vicinity of 30c to 40c per bushel according to classification and variety. During the year a Potato Marketing Board has been established and this Board has been endeavouring, in co-operation with departmental and dealer interests, to establish a measure of confidence and improvement in the situation. Quite recently Board action has set a minimum price on potatoes offered to the trade.

Definite representations have been made to the Dominion Government by the Potato Committee of the Canadian Horticultural Council of which I have the honour to be Chairman, for a potato support price and in making these representations invitations were extended to representatives of the Potato Marketing Boards in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, and to other officials as well, to support the demands of the Horticultural Council Executive for a support under potatoes. Since that time, as Chairman of that Committee, and representing the Department of Agriculture, I have consistently encouraged action on the part of Federal authorities in order to improve the position for potato producers.

While no definite commitments have been made up to the present time hopes are entertained that some form of support may be ultimately provided. At the same time I do not look forward to any spectacular appreciation in potato prices but rather to a freer, normal, flow of potatoes to market during the season which may be associated, toward the end of the year with improved returns. In view of discussions that are now pending further references to the whole situation would be inadvisable other than to state that producers should move potatoes to market in a normal manner at prevailing Board prices.

Potato Committee

The Potato Promotional Committee published a very splendid bulletin during the year in both English and in Spanish, and this bulletin has been distributed to trade commissioners in various countries of the world and particularly through the trade. The bulletin has served to bring to the attention of prospective buyers the merits of Prince Edward Island seed and has also done much to popularize Prince Edward Island potatoes over an extended area. The committee suffered as well as our Province generally the regrettable loss through death of Col. C. G. Thompson in the early part of the year.

Dairying

The dairy industry has given a good account of itself considering seasonal conditions. The attached statistical figures deal with returns on a departmentalized basis. An improvement has taken place in organizational activities and considerable portions of butter and cheese have been marketed on a co-operative basis. The Dairy Products Board purchased considerable quantities of butter. The Island Co-operative Services used its facilities for the handling of the product and assisted also in the selling of cheese and additional quantities of butter. One of the new innovations in processing and marketing was that connected with the change in the form of packaging. A number of packaging machines putting out

one pound prints are now being utilized and this form of print, along with a new Island wrapper of an attractive and artistic design, has helped to popularize the Island product. All creameries are doing a meritorious job in the way of improving the attractiveness and quality of the product. Cold storage facilities through Government Cold Storage helped materially to facilitate the movement of butter and cheese to market in a regular and methodical manner. It is interesting to note that Prince Edward Island cheese has developed a favourable reception in the trade and quantities have been sold in the Upper Canadian markets. The Prince Edward Island Cheese Board has assisted in marketing the product. Quality in both butter and cheese has been maintained on a high level and approximately 85% of our butter and 90% of our cheese is now being graded.

Butter - 1950

Total production to end of November - 4,444,000 lbs.
Estimated production for December - 243,000 lbs.
Total production for year - 4,687,000 lbs.
Decrease - 151,000 lbs. or 3.1%.

Cheese - 1950

Estimated production of Cheese - 681,000 lbs.
Production for 1949 of Cheese - 745,714 lbs.
Decrease for 1950 - 65,714 lbs. or 8.8%.

Ice Cream - 1950

Production for 1949-146,000 gals
Production for 1950-153,000 gals.
Increase (approx.) - 7,000 gals. or 4.7%.

Milk - 1950

Estimated Total Production of Milk - 194,669,840 lbs.
Decrease (approx.) - 2.4%.
Estimated total production bottled and sold - 20,000,000 lbs.
Estimated amount manufactured into Butter - 107,801,000 lbs.
Estimated amount manufactured into Cheese - 7,245,840 lbs.
Fed to Livestock - 2,780,000 lbs.
Used in Ice Cream, home consumed dairy butter and otherwise used. - 56,843,000 lbs.
Amount of butter sold to Dairy Products Board - 500,976 lbs.
Value of butter sold to Dairy Products Board - \$271,156.00.
Value of butter manufactured in 1950 - \$2,589,000.00.
Approximate average price - 55% Value of cheese made in 1950 - \$245,180.00.
Value of cheese made in 1949 - \$237,747.00.
Increase in value - 1950 - \$7,433.00.
Average price of Cheese - 36% Value of butter, prints and solids outside Dairy Products Board sold by Island Co-operative Services - 287,552 lbs.; value - \$158,153.00.

Cattle

Exceptional prices for both dairy and beef cattle during the year have provided a fine stimulus to improved breeding, feeding, and maintenance practices. Breed Associations have been particularly active under special policies designed to promote their interests. Exports of cattle to the United States amounting in 1949-50 to 480,000 head from Canada in addition to 114 million pounds of dressed beef helped to keep meat prices at a high level. Cattle of all kinds have moved readily to market at previously unheard of prices. Good beef reached as high as 26c per pound and relatively favourable prices were secured for good dairy cattle. Under this stimulus possibly too many cattle have been sold, particularly calves and young animals. The increase in sales in these bore heavily on the heifer sections and we will possibly not distinctly feel the effects of this exodus for a year or two.

Unquestionably the cattle population is being depreciated as a result of high prices. Producers would be well advised particularly in view of prospects for sustained good prices on meats, to stay their hand in the sales of animals necessary for herd building and expansion. As a result of a grant provided to Breed Associations some very exceptional work has been performed

ed in establishing better bull services. Importations of outstanding animals have been made and arrangements are existent for future purchases.

Hogs

Hog production has been maintained on its usual level of excellence. The reputation of Prince Edward Island breeding stock has brightened and large numbers of our animals have gone out to United States and Canadian points where previous shipments have demonstrated the merit of Island hogs. Production has been well maintained and about 20,000 more commercial hogs have gone to market this year to October 31st than in the similar period last year. About 400 breeders of pure bred hogs are now listed and are breeding their animals through Advanced Registry.

There is a keen, healthy, competitive spirit abroad as a result of the excellent work performed and the breeders are recognizing with pride that they are leading the North American Continent in the type and excellence of bacon hogs. Over 50% of the qualified sows in Canada have been produced in Prince Edward Island and a much higher percentage of sows qualifying in the higher scores.

As a matter of fact the Island has almost a monopoly on sows scoring 90% and over. The consistent adherence through exhibitions and private activities to high standards and policies over a number of years has brought about the strong position which Island York-shire men now occupy. Breeding stock has gone to every Province in Canada during the year except British Columbia and to most of the Northern States as far as Iowa. Over 230 head were distributed in Manitoba and Saskatchewan of a total of upwards of 400 registered animals sold during the year.

As an evidence of the interest in Advanced Registry production a standing order has been placed from Quebec for a carload of Advanced Registry producing sows for spring delivery. In commercial hogs the high record in 1949 of 32.6 Grade A's going through commercial plants will no doubt be exceeded this year.

Sheep

One of the new departures in sheep raising is involved in the importation of a number of breeding ewes of the North Cheviot breed. These sheep have been tested out for crossing purposes in both the Old Country and Canada and have proven satisfactory. Ewes have been placed in the hands of a number of farmers who placed orders and will be carried on as the basis of flock expansions under proper direction. The Provincial Department of Agriculture and the P.E.I. Sheep Breeders' Association have subsidized the importation.

It is felt that the infusion of this blood under proper supervision within our Island bred flocks will create a very beneficial influence on the production and quality of market lambs. Approximately 20,000 pounds of wool were sold through the Sheep Breeders' Association during the season and prices have ranged up to over 50c per pound. Since these sales were made the price of wool has further advanced. Lamb prices have also been exceptionally favourable, the present market level being 57c for Rill Grade A lambs at Charlottetown and 24 cents for live lambs.

There is an evident interest in sheep husbandry, particularly among farmers who have not been able to carry on the heavier projects of farm production and a steady expansion is taking place. Assistance has been rendered during the year in treatment of parasites in sheep, while the use of Ram Premium Policy has also been carried into effect.

Poultry

Poultry production continues to exert a beneficial influence on farm economy. The total egg production in 1950 to date is 95,297 cases in comparison with 104,175 cases in the same period in 1949, with an average price for 1950 of 1.12c per dozen compared with 45c in 1949 for Grade A Large. The price improvement has been rather spectacular going from 22c in January of this year to a high of 57c. The support price of 38c out-of-storage exerted a very beneficial influence on the industry.

In poultry the production has been an estimated 1,432,425 pounds handled by registered stations for the year as against 1,148,494 pounds in 1949. The average price in 1950 for chickens was 32c per pound with 173 1/2c as against an average of 30c and 23c in the previous year. Chick hatcheries turned out 571,040 chicks in 1950 as against 769,970 chicks in 1949 and 485,014 in 1948. In addition about 25,000 chicks were imported in 1950.

Constructive work was performed during the year in rural education and a marketing plan was agreed upon based on a centralized marketing programme. This has not yet been presented, however, to the Government for approval.

Approximately 100 approved flocks are now under test all of which shows a high level of health. Eggs diverted to hatcheries were from pullorum free flocks only, and it is interesting to note that our Province is possibly the only one in Canada which conducts two general tests for pullorum during the year. Under random sample tests conducted for Newcastle disease no reactions were found and we may assume that our Province is free from this serious malady.

In company with Mr. F. M. Nash, Dr. Frank, officer-in-charge of the Animal Pathology Division, University of Mt. A. visited a number of farms during the year and gave the producers the benefit of their wide experience on poultry husbandry and the control of disease. The marketing of eggs and poultry in Canada during the season was performed in an exceedingly satisfactory manner and helped to sustain prices at acceptable levels. A light volume of poultry and eggs moved to the United States, but this market had

some influence nevertheless on the domestic situation.

Exhibitions

The record of Prince Edward Island livestock, poultry, and field production, at the main exhibitions has been rather outstanding. At the Maritime Winter Fair a great measure of the attractiveness of this Show was due to Prince Edward Island's livestock contribution. In hogs Island exhibitors practically swept the board. The winnings of commercial hogs at the "Royal" were also a marvellous demonstration of our supremacy in hog breeding. In the outstanding "Brethcu" trophy for a single Wiltshire side fourteen of the first sixteen prizes were won by Island exhibitors while in the "Todd" trophy for the best bacon carcass practically all top placings except second were won. The decisiveness of these winnings completely devastated any criticisms of Island hogs that may have been entertained in competitive circles and indeed rather confounded the judgment of the experts who in their superior knowledge had treated with scant recognition Island entries in the live hog sections at that show.

The winnings at the "Royal" of Jersey cattle chiefly from the herd of Edison Mutch of North River were also outstanding considering the keen competition and the size of the herd from which Island exhibits were drawn. Winnings on potatoes at the Maritime Winter Fair and again at the "Royal" were also meritorious.

With reference to the latter exhibition large numbers of entries are necessary in order to emphasize the real quality and importance of Island seed. Some prizes were also won on mangel and turnip seed. Very splendid wins were also secured in poultry. Eight boxes of packed poultry were forwarded by Swift and Company, Canada Packers, and the Royal Poultry Club, and Mr. Dingwell MacLeod of Vernon River. Five placings were secured from the eight boxes against very heavy competition.

For the best box of special capons the Royal Poultry Club Company, the first and second prizes were won by the Royal Poultry Club in that order.

Junior Farmer Activities

Junior Farmer activities are occupying an increasingly important place in Extension Work in the Province and plans are now under way to further emphasize these activities. A Leadership Course held at St. Dunstan's University in January attracted 50 boys and girls. The following clubs were organized under administration: Junior Farmers - 12; Calf Clubs - 22; Poultry Clubs - 5; Swine Clubs - 1; Grain Clubs - 1; Clothing Clubs - 75; Food Clubs - 5. Total membership - 1,500.

This number of studious, trained boys and girls in the Province are having a great influence in the uplift of community and farm life. A large Field Day was held at the Experimental Farm in July and attended by from 600 to 800 young people. The Junior Calf Club competitions held late in September at the Exhibition Grounds provided an amazingly successful feature and were attended by large numbers both old and young.

It is planned to hold a two day Junior Farmer Field Day and Competition in 1951 some time in September during which extended activities of an educational nature will be developed.

Junior Farmers are on the march toward definite objectives in the agricultural life of Prince Edward Island. The Livestock Clubs are under the jurisdiction of the Fieldmen in the Department of Agriculture, while the Fine Expansion in Clothing and Food Clubs is under the administration of the Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor of Women's Institutes.

Farm Organization

During the year there has been a consistent development in farm organization among both juniors and seniors. Progress has been made toward improved marketing practices and it is pleasing to note that the farmer and the dealer and operator are coming closer together in mutual understanding and mutual efforts to establish in the Province organizational activities that should be to the best interests of all concerned. This is something that can be done if the whole situation is stripped of preconceived prejudices and suspicions.

Marketing Boards on potatoes and on dairy products have already been established, and it is inevitable that further expansion in other fields will also take place in due course. It is desirable that in this evolutionary process due consideration be given to those closely connected in both production and marketing processes, and that a development which may mean greater revenue to our Province and greater prosperity for all classes of our citizens should be furthered.

Farm Prices

While prices on most of our primary products have been at substantial levels during the year it must not be assumed that farm people are making extraordinary profits. Costs of material, equipment, fertilizer, feed and grains have increased at a tremendous rate and the farmer has had very definite difficulties in competing with industry in securing necessary labour requirements. These outstanding costs back of the front window of production and marketing reduce margins to a very narrow range.

Increased freight rates are a matter of very grave concern. When it is considered that the farmer is getting about 30c per bushel for potatoes, while the freight rate to Toronto is 39c per bushel and rates

on other commodities are of a relatively high character, we begin to realize the impact of freight rates on farm economy in this Province. With periodic increases in freight rates and another increase now applied for is it any wonder that the people on the farms, dependent on distant markets and on supplies of machinery, and feeds, and fertilizer, and other equipment available only at distant points, should be apprehensive regarding the future?

People in this country have been aroused to great levels of intensive thinking regarding international tariffs. It is near time that there should be some very definite understandings among our people regarding internal tariffs that are providing walls between the producers and consumers of this country which are almost impossible to hurdle and which seriously menace our whole economic situation.

In looking into the future it would seem to be of very vital importance that our farm people should make a thorough and exhaustive analysis of those factors outside of their farms which definitely influence their economy and of the internal factors such as quality of product, type of product, lowered cost of production, and the type of farm production program that should be established all of which also bear a direct relationship to net returns.

Falconwood Farm

Very excellent progress has been made at Falconwood Farm. Changes have taken place in the housing for farm help which has brought about a happier relationship on the part of the farm personnel and the development of greater effectiveness in the handling of farm labour problems. The Farm Manager, Mr. Unsworth Gurney, and his staff are performing a service of great efficiency. The care of buildings and equipment has received extra attention and it can be accurately stated that thousands of dollars have been saved through the efforts of the farm help in work that ordinarily would be considered outside of regular farm duties.

This work includes the building of cart and wagon boxes, the utilization of old car wheels and axles for garbage and farm wagon conveyances, the building of new team wagons, bob sleighs, and the construction of sleigh boxes. This work involved painting, carpentry, and expert work with tools on wood and iron. A large building was moved 50 yards for an extension to the piggery. Five new range shelters were constructed for chickens. One hundred and fifty loads of clay were transported to grade the barn yard.

A connecting link between the new silo and the barn was constructed, as well as the cement work in the barn floors. New doors were built on the piggery and for the following winter shed was constructed by the farm personnel the previous year, while a barn 28 x 80 was moved 50 feet by means of jack screws and placed on a cement foundation, thus giving a very much improved barnyard prospect. These extra tasks were conducted by a very busy farm staff.

Practical experimentation with farm crops is going on at Falconwood under the direction of the Department of Agriculture. One of the interesting productions is that of fall rye. Between twenty and thirty acres of this is seeded out each autumn. This crop gets an excellent start and the following spring vigorous growth takes place early. A small quantity of the area is saved for rye seed but the great bulk is plowed down for roots and corn. It is intended to try this material out for pasture next spring with the idea that the pasture season may be extended at least two weeks before regular pastures are available for cattle and thus cut down costs of production.

Grass Silage Experiment

During the year a very interesting experiment was carried into effect in the form of a saving of grass silage. A trench silo 6 feet high and 10 feet wide and 70 feet long was constructed and 20 acres of grass were cut the third week in June and packed into this type of silo. The grass was treated with 2 gallons of molasses and 2 gallons of water per ton, and the tractor was used for consolidation purposes. The commencement of feedings of this excellent material was about August 20th. Seventy pounds of silage per cow were fed per day and young cattle a somewhat less quantity. It is expected that the material will last until the end of February.

As a result the dairy ration has been cut by approximately 25% with cows milking to usual standards. The cattle seem to be in better condition than for many years. The silage is saving in excellent shape and its use points to a practice of feeding in this Province which should help to revolutionize farm livestock practices. This practice is similar to that which is generally applied in the Scandinavian countries and in Scotland and Ireland.

It is interesting to note that half the grassland which was cut in June was pastured in August while the other half of the acreage was plowed the last days of June and sown with oats, peas, and vetches. Over 70 tons of this excellent material were cut later and stored in an upright silo. A total yield of over ten tons of both types of silage were thus secured per acre. This interesting experiment is being watched very carefully and further extensions to this policy are to be considered during 1951.

The Holstein herd at Falconwood Farm is being gradually improved and representatives of the herd were shown at the Charlottetown and Amherst Exhibitions. The Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion Female at Charlottetown was won while the Junior Reserve and Grand Champion Male at Amherst and the Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion Female at Amherst was also captured by this herd.

A flock of upwards of 1,000 laying pullets is carried and the egg

supply for the Falconwood Institution is kept up to a high level.

Favorable Factors

In looking back over the twelve months now drawing to a close we have a great many things for which to be thankful. Farm production and farm prices have been generally very favourable and we can, I feel sure, all agree that it has been a good year. When we reflect on the disturbances that are taking place in other parts of the world and the experiences with wars, rebellions, storms, poverty, and distress in other lands, and compare these conditions with our goodly conditions and associations here in this God blessed Province of Prince Edward Island where we live with full and plenty, and in peace and happiness, our hearts should be filled with gratitude and good will. The little problems that we are dealing with and which worry us are only small after all in comparison with the dire calamities that are affecting other peoples. May we leave then the year of 1950 with gratitude in our hearts, and a prayer on our lips, that the new year just opening may be a year of peace and prosperity and good will among men.

BURGESS BEDTIME

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The tree showed this, and he knew that Chatter had then turned and while clinging head down to the trunks of the tree had scolded as only he can. He never misses such a chance to use that saucy tongue of his.

Reddy had hunted faithfully, poking his inquiring black nose into every place where there was a chance that any one might be hiding. He had met Fricky Porky and politely stepped aside to let Fricky Pork pass, no Fox with any sense at all will seek trouble with a Porcupine.

At another place Reddy had met Mrs. Lightfoot the Deer and her two half grown children. Mrs. Lightfoot had plunged at him and Reddy had dodged and kept at a safe distance.

All this Farmer Brown's boy had read written in the snow. Then he came to where another trail joined Reddy's. These footprints were those of Mrs. Reddy who had circled around? The answer lay just ahead. The snow was trampled and pressed down by warm bodies lying down. All about were scattered brown and gray feathers. Mrs. Reddy had had good hunting and had brought a breakfast to share with Reddy. Then together they had headed back for the Old Pasture.

"I always want a story to end happily," said Farmer Brown's boy as he started home.

TORONTO STOCKS

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6300 Nubar	25
6500 Obaska	30
505 OBrien	130
1000 Orama	12
5700 Oil	18
6200 Okalta	192
6500 Oskisko	133
500 Pac East	6
7235 Pac West	750
18900 Pan Pest	44
7500 Paymast	68
2000 Perron	44
400 Pick Crow	165
400 Polar	325
4000 Pore Pen	5-7-8
1500 Pot Rt	107
130 Preston	138
100 Proprietary	16-1-2
2000 Que Gold	50
1000 Que Lab	18
2500 Que Man	235
2000 Que Mont	59
2030 Quemont	295-7-8
3800 Quevasb	47
1000 Quesb	26
6000 Red Pel	26
4000 Red Pete	26
120 Robinson	14-1-2
10300 Roxana	28
230 Royalite	11-7-8
2000 Rupununt	2
18000 Ryan Lk	22
3000 Ryanor	9-1-8
100 San Ant	235
4000 Scar Fr	80
4900 Sebel	127
100 Sheep Cr	127
12250 Sherritt	278
415 Silgan	610
5000 Silanco	34-1-2
3400 Sil Mir	87
2000 Sou Braz	9
2345 Siscoe	60
1000 Starratt	49
28750 Steep Ro	800
500 Steigon	14
300 Suller	285
2900 Superior	75
1000 Surf Inlet	70
3200 Sylvanite	108
2500 Taku	7
125 Tay P C	6-1-4
4400 Teek	205
6500 Thom Ld	6-1-2
1050 Toburn	28
2000 Tobwill	23
1200 Torbet	23
15600 Trans Tv	35
1000 Trow Pet	40
3000 Trend Pete	58
5000 Un Min	12
23900 Un Ashes	102
100 Un Keno	825
100 Un Oil	44-1-2
200 Upp Can	171
4180 Ventures	10-1-8
600 Ventr	7
2800 Violamac	80
2745 Water	10-1-3
25 Waterous A	10-1-2
1000 Wekusko	5-1-2
1100 West Ash	81
29750 W Homestd	23-1-2
2000 Winchester	7
3500 Windward	82
8000 Wingat	4-5-8
200 Wr Hag	150
10800 Ya. Ld	120
1000 Yellorex	10
1200 Yk Bears	78
377 Cdn Brew	17
585 Dom Magnes	15
605 Simp A	35
550 Do B	28
20 Do Pr	99

BANKS

110 Bk Tor	31
100 Bk Mt	41-1-2
1175 Cdn Bk Com	28-7-8
30 Dom Bk	31-1-2
150 Imp Bk	34
120 Royal Bk	29-1-2

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SHIPPING NEWS

AT SAINT JOHN-

Arrived Thursday
None

Sailed Thursday

Manchester Division, for Manchester
Alcoa Pennant, Halifax
AT HALIFAX—
Arrived Thursday
Seaboard Trader, London
City of Philadelphia, Aden

Sailed Thursday

Imperial Halifax, for Sydney, N. S.
Monarch, sea.

LONDON, Dec. 27

(Reuters) — Ships of the United States navy will join in exercises when the British home fleet goes on its spring cruise next month, the Admiralty announced here today. The British ships will sail Jan. 15 for Gibraltar where they will be joined by the U. S. Sixth Fleet and the British Mediterranean Fleet.

CANADA PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

IN THE PROBATE COURT

The 6th day of December A. D. 1950.

IN RE ESTATE OF BESSIE JANE STEWART

late of Union Road, Lot 33, in Queen's County in the said Province, single woman, deceased, testate.
To the Sheriff of the County of Queen's County or any Constable or literate person within said County

GREETING:

WHEREAS upon reading the petition on file of Robert Bruce Stewart of Union Road aforesaid, and T. Ambrose Rodd of Milton in Queen's County, aforesaid, Executors of the above named estate praying that a citation may be issued for the purpose hereinafter set forth: You are therefore hereby required to cite all persons interested in the said Estate to be and appear before the Judge present at a Probate Court to be held in the Court House in Charlottetown in Queen's County in the said Province, on Wednesday the tenth day of January next, coming at the hour of 10th day of January next coming, at the hour of eleven o