

Potatoes A Hot Issue In Aroostook County

FRESQUE ISLE, Me. — Unrest over the potato situation boiled closer to the surface in Maine recently when two groups of growers took action relating to government price controls and marketing agreements.

More than 100 Aroostook county growers signed a petition expressing their "unalterable opposition" to further government restriction, and yesterday, Frank W. Hussey, president of Maine Potato Growers, Inc., announced the withdrawal of the organization from the 1949 Dealer Certification program of the Production and Marketing Administration.

A copy of the petition was wired to Senator Allen J. Ellender, chairman of the Senate sub-committee on agriculture and forestry, in Washington, D. C.

The telegram to Senator Ellender follows: "We, all potato growers of Aroostook county who have signed our names to this telegram, hereby state that we are all unalterably opposed to any further legislation by the Congress which would impose further restrictions, quotas, or controls, either on acres or bushels on the producer.

"Rather than accept further regulation, we would prefer that all legislation relating to price support on potatoes be entirely abolished. Also, we emphatically state that no member of the Potato Industry Council of Maine, or the National Potato Council, so-called, has at present any authority from us to represent us in any way whatsoever."

MPG Withdraws

Mr. Hussey said notice of withdrawal of the Maine Potato Growers, Inc., from the dealer certification program was given in a letter from the co-operative's executive committee to the State PMA committee April 3.

Mr. Hussey said the executive committee had given the matter careful thought and had come to the decision they could not perform the necessary merchandising services for all growers in the state under the present dealer certification program.

For many weeks, virtually all commercial shipments from Maine have been moving below support prices. This situation, Mr. Hussey said, has made it impossible for MPG to serve hundreds of growers who were not eligible as certified shippers.

All growers and shippers using the services of the co-operative

now will be free to sell to commercial markets, or to PMA for distribution in diversion outlets.

Issue In Pennsylvania

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — A poll taken by the Pennsylvania Co-operative Potato Growers, Inc., indicates 92 per cent of all potato growers in Pennsylvania are opposed to continuing federal price supports on their product, Charles W. York, secretary of the growers' organization, reported.

The potato growers' organization aligned itself against the government program when its board of directors adopted a resolution February 14, opposing price support and the companion marketing agreement for Pennsylvania. Copies of this resolution were sent to all senators and congressmen.

A poll taken at a meeting in Lancaster March 31, the last of a series of eight meetings in the major producing areas, showed Mr. York said, that 92 per cent of all the growers are in favour of discontinuing price supports and that they are opposed to the proposed marketing agreement and order. At the present time only 4 or 5 per cent of Pennsylvania's 10,000 potato growers are under the support program.

The next move will be a state-wide hearing. The date and place have not yet been announced. This will be followed by a secret ballot of potato producers in the state on the question of whether or not a marketing agreement is wanted by Pennsylvania growers.

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1. How general has drinking become in Canada?

Dr. R. G. Bell, Medical Director of the Shadow Health Foundation, Toronto, says in HEALTH, official magazine of the Health League of Canada, that approximately 66 per cent of the adult population of Canada use alcohol in some form. Of this sixty-five per cent it is believed that 5 per cent or one in 20, develop an illness that can progress to premature death or insanity if not treated in time.

2. Would you call alcoholism an illness as tuberculosis is an illness?

Dr. Bell compares tuberculosis and alcoholism thus: "One is caused by a tiny living organism, a germ—the other by a chemical or a drug. The unfortunate tubercular patient does not know in advance that he is going to contract the disease. Likewise those obtaining an abnormal reaction to alcohol do not know in advance that they are liable to become ill."

"Tuberculosis, in the main, impairs only the physical aspect of health. On the other hand, alcoholism causes impaired physical health, both immediate and progressive—a marked impairment in mental health both immediate and progressive—and a significant impairment of social health."

3. What is the cure for alcoholism?

"As far as medical science can determine, there is no satisfactory solution for the alcoholic but total abstinence for the rest of his life."

Since the cure for alcoholism is total abstinence, it seems a pity that the drinker liable to become an alcoholic does not take the cure before he starts, and thus never start. Alcoholism is, after all, a self-inflicted illness, but youth should be scientifically taught the danger of the social glass.

4. Cannot science determine who is immune against alcoholism?

"No one is immune and those with superior intelligence, energy and general abilities seem more susceptible than the average person. Yet there are few physical or mental ailments causing greater pain or torture than that associated with alcoholism."

5. Are there any heartening aspects of Canada's present problem of alcoholism?

Yes, there are. (a) There is a new awareness of the problem on the part of the church people;

(b) A new awareness of economic loss to industry;

(c) A new and insistent demand for Alcohol Education in the schools from clubs and organizations hitherto indifferent to the problem;

(d) A new awareness of all drinking as a traffic hazard to the general public. Hitherto alcohol education was demanded only by temperance people, but now this demand comes from other sources. We welcome their support of our oft repeated demands for reform.



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