

Saskatchewan Farmers Claim Aid Inadequate

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REGINA (CP) — A good many Saskatchewan farmers probably will be short of cash this winter despite a federal government plan to guarantee loans on farm-stored grain.

There are indications this would be the case even with well-cleared market channels for a good crop. Proceeding recent western requests for immediate cash advances on farm-stored grain were these commodities by the province's royal warrant.

Two-thirds of Saskatchewan's 111,500 farms are under-capitalized and realize "less than adequate" income. This situation is reflected in serious limitation of production and income.

EFFECT OF MECHANIZATION

Increased mechanization is tending to make operating costs both higher and more inflexible. Although this horse-to-tractor trend has meant lower per-unit costs to larger farms, the small ones are left without financial reserves to use if grain prices fall or market-conditions are blocked.

And despite the ever-increasing need for credit to help balance a big income variability and the purchase of new implements, farm indebtedness in Saskatchewan has declined to its lowest point in several decades.

This is part of the picture drawn in the first two of the commission's 14 scheduled reports. The others are expected to be ready for the next session of Saskatchewan legislature.

The first report, on farm costs, follows farm investment through a \$350,000,000 climb over the last 35 years to its present estimated \$2,000,000,000.

This increase has been largely due to mechanization and advanced technology. While in 1931 land made up 80 per cent of total farm capital in the province, by 1951 this had dropped to 60 per cent.

CAPITAL NEEDS UP

The commission says this — including a fourfold increase in the number of tractors alone—has meant that "working capital requirements of farmers have increased considerably in the last 20 years and that a much more rigid operating-cost structure has developed."

Hardest hit in this new pinch are the small farms. Although farm sizes have increased under the weight of mechanization, in 1951 there still were more than 55,000 farms—half the total of 320 acres or less. Many of these were in areas where twice as much land is required for sufficient profit.

The commission said it considers \$20,000 a "modest investment" for a family-sized farm. However, census statistics revealed that in 1951 roughly 60 per cent of all Saskatchewan farms had a total investment of less than \$15,000 and nearly 30 per cent were under \$7,500.

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MARY HAWORTH'S MAIL

but too well." Is there anything we can do to spur him into action so that he won't completely waste his life?
R.G.

HEREDITY

DEAR L. G.: In the last 20 years specialists in the field of human behavior are increasingly agreed that hereditary tendencies — or call them "predispositions" — play an ineradicable part in the formation of individual character. There was a period, earlier in this century, when a controversy waged between two schools of thought on the subject. One school insisted that heredity was inescapable. The other claimed, in effect, that environment was "all" in shaping the person — that we enter this world a blank check, so to speak; and become, in sum total, the exclusive result of all the "experiences" that are written on our consciousness from the moment of birth.

At one time, environmentalists felt they held the decisive cards. But gradually testimony has arisen, from authoritative sources, to indicate that basic tendencies, towards positive strength, or passive "non-strength" in dealing with life, are inherited.

These authorities suggest that the best that environment can do for the inherently "non-strong" is to guard them from unfavorable stresses, and guide them into protective limited but satisfactory patterns of useful adjustment to society. In short, you can't make a diamond out of a piece of cut-glass.

CAN'T BE MORE

Now about Stan. There is much to be said. His yesterday behaviour, rude, surly, dissatisfied with what you are able to provide — is typical of most teen-agers, in the grip of the turning-point fever called "adolescence." So don't be too hard on him about that; rather, be steady, kindly, and self-confident in dispensing judicious mixtures of sympathetic love and good discipline. His disappointing behavior otherwise suggests: 1. He has been pampered unwisely, which keeps him infantile and dependent. 2. He feels profoundly discouraged about himself, unconsciously, due to the loss of his senses, between his natural abilities and your ambitious hopes for him.

Specialists find that persons of meager talents, from poor or straggling backgrounds, if pushed too hard up the social ladder, tend to lose initiative, interest, organization, etc. I suspect you've been trying to fashion Stan into a dream — a prince charming — instead of clearing ground, as it were, for him to be simply himself at par. You need first-hand day-to-day counsel, from a family relations expert, in hitting a sensible stride with Stan. In the city through which you write there is Family and Children's Service might guide you.

M.H.
Mary Haworth counsels through our column, not by mail or personal interview. Write to her in care of this newspaper.

LOCKE ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gallant and family who spent their vacation in Duvar, Howland, Plusville, and vicinity have now returned to their home in Halifax.

Mrs. Dorothy Culicott of the Reserve Road was in Howland on Saturday October 22nd.

The ladies of the St. A n n e Club of Howland held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. John Arsenault of O'Leary and the November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Cyrus Wedge of O'Leary.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest on Sunday evening October 23rd. were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peters and Mrs. Bennett Peters of Bloomfield and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gallant and Junior of O'Leary.

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Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alban Arsenault of Howland on Monday evening, October 24th were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View were in O'Leary on Tuesday, October 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peters of Bloomfield were in O'Leary on Tuesday, October 25.

William Meggison of Knutsford was in Forest View on Tuesday, October 25.

Joseph J. Peters of Duvar accompanied by Robert P. Arsenault of Howland motored to Moncton to see his daughter Mrs. Blanchard who is seriously ill at her home in Moncton. They returned home on Monday, October 24th.

Frank Culicott of the Reserve Road was in O'Leary on Tuesday October 25th.

Ruth Finnan who is employed in Summerside spent Sunday October 23rd at her home in Howland.

get sufficient assistance from this agency."

Although banks had increased their activities by offering working-capital credit through the Farm Improvement Loans Act, the reports said, the security and repayment terms of the act prevents its full use.

Banks and credit unions have made short-term loans for fixed capital, "but because of the possibility of difficulties in getting extension of repayment if one or two crop failures occur, their use for short-term loans is not advisable."

The Canadian Farm Loan Board, established in 1929, has been "overly cautious in its lending policy," the commission said. Its first-mortgage loans average no more than a third of the appraised value of land and buildings, and farmers "most in need of fixed capital loans have been unable to

Novelist From Iceland Wins Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Hallor Kiljan Laxness, a left-wing novelist from Iceland, won the 1955 Nobel prize for literature Thursday.

The 53-year-old writer, who was a strong contender in previous years when the prize went to Sir Winston Churchill and Ernest Hemingway, was cited by the Swedish Royal Academy for "his great epic writing which has renewed the narrative art of Iceland."

He will receive \$36,720 at the presentation of Nobel awards on Dec. 10.

Although a veteran world traveler, Laxness has written mostly of the everyday lives of the people of Iceland. His best-known book outside his own country is "Independent People," a novel published in Europe almost 20 years ago. Two others have been translated into English, "Salka Valka" and "The Great Waver of Kashmir."

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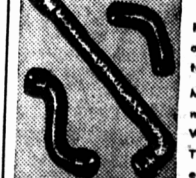
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