

### Cattle Sales Not Reduced By U.S. Move

OTTAWA (CP) — Agriculture Minister Harkness said Wednesday he doesn't think recent United States regulations covering the cattle disease brucellosis should "seriously restrict" Canadian beef exports.

These exceeded 600,000 head last year, almost double the 1957 figure.

Mr. Harkness was replying in the Commons to Eric Whisker (PC—Grey-Bruce) who said concern has been expressed that beef exports to the U.S. now will be restricted by the U.S. regulations which came into effect Nov. 8.

The agriculture department said last November in outlining the new U.S. regulations that western cattle—bulk of Canada's export trade—would not be affected to any great extent.

Wednesday, Mr. Harkness said Prince Edward Island is a brucellosis-free area and various counties in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are qualifying. So were seven areas in Quebec and work was proceeding in the west as well.

### Agricultural

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6. The contest closes on Friday, March 20, 1959.

7. No identification such as contestant's name, school, etcetera shall appear on the essay.

8. On a separate sheet the contestant shall copy and sign the following statement: I (name), a student in Grade class of (teacher's name) in (name of school) do hereby certify that this essay was prepared and written by myself. The above statement shall be placed in a sealed envelope and enclosed with the manuscript.

9. The essays shall be mailed to Mr. J. D. S. Sterling, Secretary, P. E. I. Branch Agricultural Institute of Canada, Box 1210, Charlottetown.

10. The prizes shall be three in number—\$25.00, \$15.00, \$10.00.

11. All essays shall become the property of the Agricultural Institute and may be published by this society if desired.

It is expected that each essay will contain material not only on the contestant's personal reasons for choosing the particular career but also his (or her) ideas on how it would benefit agriculture in this province.

**BEEKEEPERS**  
The secretary of the P. E. I. Beekeepers Association announced that the Beekeepers requiring packaged bees in 1959 are requested to book their orders immediately. Commencing on April 17th, 100 packages will be shipped out daily. If possible beekeepers in an area are requested to get together when placing their orders. Packages consigned in this way will arrive earlier. Spring road conditions often delay delivery of the packages which must be distributed from Charlottetown.

The Provincial Government will assume the cost of the expressage. Packages will be shipped prepaid. If you are presented with a bill for expressage, please pay the account and forward the receipt to the Secretary.

**QUEENS**  
There is no satisfactory method of guaranteeing Queens for all the beekeepers who require them and, for that reason, we will not be keeping a supply on hand. Beekeepers must make their own arrangements for extra Queens by placing an order direct with the supplier. The order for Queens should be placed so that the Queens will arrive about five to ten days after the bees have been received. The Queens are \$1.15 each prepaid. The price for a two pound package of bees is \$3.95.

**AMERICAN FOUL BROOD**  
It is recommended that all beekeepers on Prince Edward Island use drugs for the prevention of American Foul Brood. The following methods have been used for the treatment of this disease.

Plan (1) Feed a syrup made of one part sugar to one part water. Use feeder cans or division feeder. Mix one-half teaspoonful of T.M. 25 (Terramycin) into one-half gallon when the package is hived and another half gallon one month later.

Plan (2) Use ¼ teaspoonful of sulphathiazole or sulphadiazine to one gallon of syrup.

Plan (3) Commercial beekeepers can spray the medicated syrup into the brood nests. The syrup is best administered several times during the spring; each colony eventually receiving a total amount equal to about one teaspoonful of T.M. 25. If four applications are made ¼ teaspoonful of T.M. 25 should go into each hive on each application.

Remember the sulpha can be a dangerous drug if not handled properly, so don't overdose and make sure that bees don't store it in the honey supers. Sulpha drugs do not kill the organism causing the disease but appear to make it incapable of growing and multiplying in the larvae.

Sodium sulphathiazole and T.M. 25 can be obtained from drug stores, local Veterinarians, and bee supply houses at a few cents per colony.

For further information on beekeeping, consult the Experimental Farm or the Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture.

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