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APPLE DUTY OPPOSED

The Canadian Council of Agriculture met in Winnipeg on Monday evening, March 6, and after the conference with the business men, held another meeting on the evening of the 9th. The following resolution was adopted by the council:

"Whereas, at the request of the British Columbia Fruit Growers, the duty on apples has been raised from 40 cents to 90 cents per barrel; whereas, this is an enormously high duty—approximating 100 per cent. ad valorem of the cost of production of apples in Canada; and whereas, the evident purpose of the imposition of this duty is to force the prairie consumer to pay a higher price for apples; therefore, be it resolved that this, the Canadian Council of Agriculture, in meeting declare this to be an unrighteous attempt to exploit the prairie farmer for the benefit of British Columbia fruit land speculators, fruit growers and middlemen, and we advise the farmers of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba that if this becomes law and they are to be taxed in this manner, they pay these taxes into the federal treasury by purchasing imported apples rather than pay the same duty together with profit thereon to British Columbia land speculators, fruit growers and middlemen."

Another resolution unanimously adopted was that declaring in favor of Dominion-wide prohibition, and copies of this resolution were forwarded by wire to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Robert Borden, and H. H. Stevens, M.P., who is supporting the prohibition measure in the House of Commons.

It was decided by the council to investigate the losses of grain from point of shipment to the terminal elevator, and to look into the matter of having scales provided at the point of shipment.

The board took up the question of a board of appeal to take the place of the present survey board, and made an application for same before the board of grain commissioners, which is explained more fully on another page of this issue of The Guide.

Another important matter which the council decided to investigate is that of having official baking tests made to ascertain the actual milling value of wheat of various grades.

This being the annual meeting of the council the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. A. Maharg, president; H. W. Wood, first vice-president; R. H. Halbert (president of the United Farmers of Ontario), second vice-president; R. McKenzie, secretary.

The following were present at the meeting, which was held in the office of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association: J. A. Maharg, J. B. Musselman, A. G. Hawkes, Thos. Sales, J. F. Reid, J. N. Burrill and C. A. Dunning from Saskatchewan; H. W. Wood, W. D. Trego, C. Rice-Jones from Alberta; R. C. Henderson, J. S. Wood, R. J. Avison, Peter Wright, R. McKenzie and G. F. Chipman from Manitoba.

BRANDON BULL SALE

With a record crowd of eager buyers in attendance the 10th annual sale of pure-bred bulls held under the auspices of the Cattle Breeders' Association of Manitoba, was pronounced by all breeders to be the most successful yet held in the province. James I. Miller, of Myrtle, brought out two Shorthorn bulls in Fancy Lot, 10920, a two-year-old animal of unusual merit, who sold to G. Allison, Burbank, for \$600, and Gloster Prince, a beautiful yearling of typical beef conformation, who sold to Harry Leadly, Winnipeg, for the record price of \$630.

Seventy-two bulls were disposed of at the sale in four hours, a performance which reflects great credit upon the auctioneer, Robert Clark, Portage la Prairie. The averages were as follows: 41 Shorthorns, \$160.82; 8 Aberdeen Angus, \$187.50; 2 Herefords, \$175.00, and 1 Holstein, \$100.

This sale was another argument in favor of good sires. Top notchers were sold readily, while tail enders left the ring, in a few instances, without a bid. The common remark from breeders was, "I want something pretty good or none at all." There were many present from Saskatchewan and Ontario. Geo. H. Greig and the management generally are to be congratulated upon their success.

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