

**SUGAR INQUIRY  
AT OTTAWA ON  
NEXT TUESDAY**

Ottawa, May 21—(Canadian Press)—The sugar inquiry, which will be opened in Ottawa on Tuesday will mark the first public inquiry held by the board of commerce of Canada for some time. The board has invited refiners, wholesalers, retailers and consumers to give evidence. It is understood that the board has been accumulating information on the marketing of sugar in every section of the dominion.

The decision of the supreme court in the board of commerce stated case probably will come down on Tuesday morning. Representations have been made by business men notably the Retail Merchants' Association, that the act should be amended to define more clearly the scope of the board of commerce. It is not unlikely that the board of commerce also will submit some amendments to the act for the government's consideration.

## LABOR PROBLEMS WORRY THE WEST

### Farmers Have Difficulty in Getting Help — Optimists Are Talking Bumper Crop.

(E. Cora Hind in Financial Post.)  
Winnipeg—The whole west, with characteristic optimism, has responded to the call of generally fine and favorable seedling weather, and the boosters are busy talking bumper crops. Growth has been phenomenal and the prairies that even ten days ago held drifts of snow in some places are now green and ready for the plow.

From the standpoint of moisture, seed is going into an excellent bed, and if the present weather continues, germination will be very rapid. With a favorable June it is quite possible that a very considerable amount of the lost time will be made up so far as growth is concerned.

cerned. The fact of a reduced acreage in wheat seems now to be very generally accepted, but it is more than probable that with a good season a very much larger return may come from the reduced acreage. One drawback, which is quite general all over the west, is the poor condition of horses; this, combined with sudden hot weather, greatly reduces the carrying capacity of the range.

their efficiency, and many points state that it is not possible to work horses more than four hours a day. This means both slower and more costly seeding. The rapid growth of grass has caused a number of farmers to want to get out of accepting hay which they ordered, and which the various provincial governments

at great trouble and expense have secured for them from both east and south and some of this hay, which has not already come west, will probably have to be resold.

**Acute Demand for Laborers.**

Labor situation is quite acute owing to the high wages asked by men willing

to go on farms. Farmers were loath to contract with them while the season was late, and it was not possible to get on the land. Now the season has come with a rush and the demand for farm hands is greatly in excess of supply. Railways were wiser than the farmers.

The Dominion labor bureau reports that seeding will be curtailed if help is not obtainable at once as the season was so late in beginning and the land ready for seed was so small. Some idea of the

attractiveness of railways over farm work is gathered from the fact that in spite of the keen demand from farms for the last ten days, of the 323 men sent out during the last week, 275 went to railway work.

# CONTRACTS FOR NEW HIGHWAYS

Fredericton, May 21—Hon. P. J. Ven  
oit announces contracts for construction  
of three sections of highway as follows:  
Twelve miles of gravel road St. John t  
Westfield, to the N. B. Contracting an

Building Co., Fredericton; three miles of gravel road near Spruce Lake, to the N. B. Contracting and Building Co., Fredericton; seven miles of gravel road, New River to Pennfield, Concrete Builders Limited, Fredericton.

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**STARTING FOR ENGLAND**  
Montreal, May 21—Just before the Grampian sailed today a detective placed under arrest a man who was about to

embark for England with his wife and nine children. The charge was an unlawful transaction in Sudbury, Ont. It was decided that the wife and children should continue their journey while the husband accompanied the detective.

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