

## Bacon Matter Is Up Again

E. C. Fox on Stand—Some Retailers Say Price Should be Sixty Cents to Give Reasonable Profit

Toronto, Oct. 13.—Recalled to the stand at the resumed investigation into the profits made by the William Davies Company, Limited, by the sale of bacon, E. C. Fox, the general manager, said that practically all the profits had been made out of war-time export trade and not of the pockets of individual householders.

It was shown that since the war began the retail price of the best bacon has risen rapidly from twenty-seven to fifty cents a pound. At the latter price, witnesses in the provision business maintained, the yield to retailers was only seven per cent. They said that, in order to make a reasonable profit of sixty cents should be the selling price. It was also brought out that during the last two years there has been a great decrease in the sale of what are termed by retailers, luxuries.

J. T. Wardle, formerly chief clerk of the export department, declared that an auditor had told him to take care of the pickle that pork is cured in, as it was worth 25 cents to 28 cents a pound. He maintained that the man had said: "The British government should know better than to pay that for salt water." J. W. Cringan, the auditor, denied that he had made any such statement. Mr. Wardle reiterated his statement and later made another imputation. He declared that James Telfer, in charge of the Montreal cellars, had said that there was a loss of nearly \$200 because certain sides had been taken out of the

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## WILL NOT FIX POTATO PRICE

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—The food controller has decided not to fix an arbitrary price for potatoes. This decision has been arrived at as the result of a meeting of representatives of the eastern provinces, acting as a special sub-committee of the fruit and vegetable committee of the food controller's office.

Registration of wholesale handlers of potatoes has already been ordered, and it will be unlawful for any person to engage in the wholesale potato business without a license. A resolution is now under consideration which will require such dealers to take out a license to do business and to file regular reports of all their transactions covering the purchase and sale of potatoes. The sub-committee decided not to fix the price at \$1.25 a bag to the consumer, after ascertaining that the cost of producing a 90-pound bag in each of the five eastern provinces was as follows: Ontario, \$1.27; Quebec, \$1.50; New Brunswick, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Nova Scotia, \$1.05; Prince Edward Island, ninety cents. To these costs must be added a fair profit to the grower, freight and the profits necessary to the wholesaler and retailer.

## BRAZIL TO USE GERMAN STEAMERS THAT SHE SEIZED

Rio Janeiro, Oct. 12.—The Brazilian government purposes to utilize seized German steamers for the organization of international steamship lines. The vessels will fly the Brazilian flag and will be used in the interest of Brazil and the Allies.

The realization of this project now depends solely on an understanding between Brazil and the Allies, which Brazil considers essential.



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## Federal Cabinet Reorganization

### Official Statement of Changes Made so Far; Generous Praise For Liberal Members; Their Careers Described

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The following official statement bearing on union government was issued at 4.15 this afternoon:

"The following ministers have retired from the positions which they have hitherto held in the government: The Hon. Frank Cochrane, Hon. Sir George Perley, Hon. J. D. Hazen, the Hon. W. J. Roche and the Hon. T. W. Crothers.

"Mr. Cochrane will remain a member of the government without portfolio and it is anticipated that at an early date he will take up very important duties in connection with the Canadian Northern Railway.

"It is pretty generally considered on all sides that Mr. Cochrane's administration of Canadian Government Railways has been sound and business-like; that he has honestly and diligently sought to serve the public interest and that he has successfully handled some of the most difficult problems during the six years he has had charge of the important development of the Canadian government railway system as a whole. Mr. Cochrane is also not without experience in the handling of problems of settlement and incidental development which are so closely allied to the general railway problem of today, having been for six years minister of lands, forests and mines in the province of Ontario. There is no doubt that the officials and employees of the Intercolonial and Transcontinental will be most sorry to lose Mr. Cochrane for whom they entertain the greatest respect and regard.

### New Minister of Agriculture.

"The Hon. T. A. Crefear, of Winnipeg, is a native of the province of Ontario. Some years ago he moved with his father to Manitoba and was engaged in extensive farming operations. On the formation of the Grain Growers' Association, Mr. Crefear became actively associated with the movement. He has been its chief organizer and manager. Mr. Crefear has been manager of this enterprise and under his direction it has become one of the most pronounced outstanding successes of the Canadian business world. As minister of agriculture he will command from the beginning a confidence born of his long and varied experience with the large farming interests of Canada.

### Hon. J. A. Calder.

"The Hon. J. A. Calder has had considerable experience in public life. He has been provincial treasurer and minister of education in the government of Saskatchewan during the past twelve years.

"He is a man of fine organizing capacity and of wide vision and is intensely interested in all questions touching the development of the great western country to which he has given so much of his time and energy. In the problems of immigration and colonization he takes a deep and a very special interest. It may be anticipated that the energy and capacity which he will bring to the discharge of his duties will enable him to render conspicuous public service.

"The Hon. A. L. Sifton has had a long

portfolio of militia and defence, has given fine service to the country during the past three years, having been originally selected by General Sir Sam Hughes to fill a very important position in the training of troops. He was afterwards asked by Sir Edward Kemp to enter the department of militia and defence where his services to the country have been very notable. He has been connected with the militia forces of Canada from his early youth and he has a fine grasp and thorough appreciation of the needs of the service. It is beyond question that his wide experience, together with his distinguished ability and his well known energy and strength of character will render him a most efficient war minister.

"In undertaking the duties of minister of overseas forces, Sir Edward Kemp will have the great advantage of a practical experience of nearly a year in the administration of the department of militia and defence in Canada. As chairman of the war purchasing commission he had naturally acquired considerable knowledge of the requirements of the military service and during the past year he has devoted himself to distinguished ability, great zeal and indefatigable knowledge to the performance of his duties. His administration has been successful and will bring to the discharge of his new duties all the fine qualities which he has displayed in the service of the country during the past twelve months. The knowledge which he has maintained through his experience during that period will be of inestimable advantage to serving to co-ordinate the work of two departments to the advantage of the public interest.

### Hon. N. W. Rowell.

"Hon. N. W. Rowell has not been many years in active public life, but has already attained the high position of leadership of the Liberal party in the legislature of Ontario. He commands a remarkable degree of the confidence of his supporters in the Ontario legislature and his leadership has been characterized by ability, fairness and moderation. In all public endeavors touching the prosecution of the war he has manifested a deep interest. Convinced that his duty lay in the support of a union government which he regards as essential for the successful maintenance of Canada's effort in the war, he brings to the fulfillment of his duties a strong purpose, keen devotion to British institutions and a high sense of the responsibility which he is assuming.

"Sir George Perley undertook with some reluctance the duties of minister of overseas military forces to which he has since devoted himself with great ability, assiduity and thoroughness. His long and wide experience in business affairs has given him a thorough grasp of organization which had proved of immense advantage introducing to a systematic basis the arrangements relating to the overseas forces in Great Britain and in France. In addition to this he has discharged for three years without salary the duties of high commissioner for Canada, to which he will now devote his five energies, an order-in-council having been passed appointing him to that important position.

"When the Hon. Dr. Roche retired from the important position of minister of the interior and superintendent general of Indian affairs, he was in a position to reflect with much satisfaction that, during his incumbency, no motion in the house of commons had ever been directed against the administration of the department. His strong sense of duty, his thoroughness and his careful administration of a department in which there were many dangers for unwary administrators, bear striking testimony to the service which he has rendered to the country.

### A Co-Operative Creamer.

W. R. Reek, secretary for agriculture, will be in Moncton next week in connection with the plan to establish a central creamery there, to be operated by a co-operative company of farmers from adjoining districts in Westmorland, Albert and Kent. The department is lending valuable assistance to this project. A series of meetings will be held to discuss its merits with the farmers of each district.

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