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EMBARGO ON HAY

The government decided, December 16, to place an embargo on Canadian hay going to the United States, and, in the future until the embargo is lifted no hay will be allowed to be sold across the border. The reason for this embargo is to conserve the exportable hay supply of the Dominion for the use of the allies, by whom it is in great demand.

The government has been paying from \$13 to \$19 a ton for hay for shipment overseas, and it is not considered the placing of an embargo will create any serious hardship to farmers and hay dealers of the Dominion.

ALBERTA STOCKMEN MEET

Cattle Breeders

The directors of the Alberta Cattle Breeders' Assn. met on Dec. 14. The following directors were present: J. L. Walters, president; S. M. Mace, Wm. Sharp, P. M. Bredt, H. Wright, W. F. Stevens, Lew Hutchinson, Frank Collicutt and the secretary. For the purpose of deciding which owner will sell his stock first at the spring cattle sale, the alphabet will be divided into five sections, and the section sold first one year will be sold last the following year.

Last year arrangements were made with the Dominion veterinary director-general whereby owners having ten or more animals could have them tested for tuberculosis in order to be in a position to guarantee his animals, so that B.C. buyers could be assured that they could be shipped to British Columbia. This year an endeavor will be made to have similar arrangements in effect, and also to give an opportunity to breeders having smaller numbers than ten entered in the sale to have their tested. If it is possible to make arrangements so that every contributor of stock to the sale will have an opportunity of having his animals tested, all animals sold at the sale and being required to pass the test will be guaranteed by the breeder to pass the test or money refunded. It was felt that the sale, which is getting to be a very large one, should be on such a basis that B.C. buyers would be encouraged to patronize it.

S. W. Paisley was again appointed auctioneer. The dates of the sale were left in the hands of the president and secretary to decide in conjunction with the Alberta Horse Breeders' Association. Any animals to be offered at the sale which are not bred in the province of Alberta are required to be in the province for at least a year before being offered at the association sale, in order to have the animals acclimatized and give the best results to the purchasers.

In connection with the Fat Stock Show, it was decided to have a champion female class, pure-bred or grade; champion steer class, pure-bred or grade, and a grand champion class. The two-year-old class for grade steers and grade heifers will be changed into a class for 18 months and under two years, and two other classes added, 12 months and under 18 months.

It is proposed to discontinue the class for carloads and to increase the other prizes as much as possible, so as to encourage the single entries. Special attention will be paid to the baby beef classes in increasing the prize money. It was decided that the prizes for breeds having only one competitor for two years in succession shall have the prize money cut in half. The association considered that the charge of ten cents a head for brand inspection of cattle, where such a large number are handled as at the Calgary stockyards, should be reduced to five cents a head.

Sheep Breeders

At the annual meeting of the Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association held on December 15, during the Fat Stock Show, the secretary presented the report for the year, showing that the association had sold 95,490 pounds of wool for \$26,517, the average price obtained being 27.77 cents a pound. The wool sold by the association made practically five carloads, against three-quarters of a carload sold the previous year by the association at 19 cents a pound. It was decided to hold an annual sale of pure-bred sheep and grade ewes the first week in October next. The awards will be placed in the various classes, so that the buyers will have the judges' decisions before them when the sheep are being sold. Entries of pure-breds will be accepted from the Western Canada provinces, and all sheep must have been in Western Canada since the first of January of the year of the sale, so as to have become acclimatized. A vote of thanks was passed to the Dominion livestock commissioner for the assistance given the association in the way of providing expert wool graders, and a request was made for similar service for the coming year.

A member brought up the question of the injustice of the charge of one-half of one per cent. made by the packers against all animals purchased in order to protect the packers from loss thru animals being condemned by the health inspectors. The association decided to place this matter before the new Economic Commission in an endeavor to have the injustice discontinued. Several changes were suggested in connection with the prize list for the next fat stock show. It was decided to restrict the carload classes to yearling wethers and wether lambs, and to add classes for pens of five ewes or wethers, any age, for the various breeds. Classes for pens of five will also be added for grade shearing wethers, shearing ewes, wether lambs and ewe lambs; also a class for championship grade pens. Messrs. Wade and Jack, of Calgary, have offered a donation of \$50 for the carload class of twenty wethers. The judging of the fat stock show will in future be from the consumers' standpoint. Just before the election of officers was proceeded with, the secretary was surprised by the members of the association presenting him with an address expressing appreciation of his services, accompanied by a silver inkstand.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. W. Peterson; 1st vice-president, R. Knights; 2nd vice-president, P. M. Bredt; directors, D. Howell, Hugh Hill, Herbert Smith, Mr. Harvey, Lethbridge; Ed. Wade, Calgary; E. Paribay, Ailx; Dr. A. H. McKay, Wm. Parslow, W. D. McClelland, Aldrie; O. Sigurdson, Burnt Lake. A vote of thanks was tendered to Richard Knights, retiring president.

Swine Breeders

The annual meeting of the Alberta Swine Breeders' Association was held on December 16. The secretary was instructed to again take up with the railways the question of having proper chutes for unloading hogs from wagons to the stockyards. The absence of these chutes was considered to be responsible for a great deal of loss from bruising. Regarding the swine classes at the fat stock

show, the following changes and additions were suggested: The swine classes, both live and dressed, to be judged from the consumer's standpoint, with the exception of the boars and sows in the pure-bred classes, which are to be judged from the breeders' standpoint. The barrows are to be taken out of purebred classes and the following classes added: Pure-bred barrow under 6 months, bacon type. Pure-bred barrow 6 months and under 9, bacon type. Pure-bred barrow under 6 months, medium thick. Pure-bred barrow 6 months and under 9, medium thick. Champion commercial hog, barrow or sow, pure-bred or grade, bacon type, and a similar class for medium thick.

It was decided to hold an annual sale of pure-bred swine in conjunction with the pure-bred sheep sale in October, and to place a minimum upset price of \$20 on hogs farrowed before January 1 and a minimum price of \$15 on hogs farrowed between January 1 and June 1. The hogs offered at the sale will be judged in the several classes before being offered.

The following officers were elected: President, Lew Hutchinson; 1st vice-president, H. S. Currie, 2nd vice-president, W. J. Hoover; secretary, E. L. Richardson; directors, H. A. Malcolm, Innisfail; T. E. Bowman, Aldersyde; R. Ness, De Winton; E. J. C. Boake, Acme; Wm. Gilbert, Stony Plain; G. H. Hutton, Lacombe; C. L. Milnes, Claresholm; P. B. Smith, Lloydminster; S. C. Swift, Viking; J. L. Walters.

P. M. BREDT'S SALE

The big combination sale of P. M. Bredt and Company's pure-bred Clydesdale and Shorthorn stock, held at Calgary on December 16, was a huge success. The prices realized were probably the best that have ever been reached on this class of stock in Alberta, considering that the bulk of the animals offered were not in show condition, having just come from the pasture and being shown in their natural trim. The sale was held at Durno's repository, corner of 5th Avenue and Centre street, where a large crowd of buyers assembled early in the morning and stayed till the close of the sale. Only a small fraction of the stock offered had to be withdrawn from the sale on account of the reserve price not having been reached. These included the young Clydesdale stallion, "Western Hero," rising three-years-old, which was withdrawn at \$735. Some good prices were realized on the mares, "Pride of the Craig" (imp.), selling to W. Marshall, Namaka, Alta., for \$850. This was the top price reached, the next highest being \$750 paid for "Elsa" (imp.), by J. G. Clark, of Irma, Alta. Mr. Clark bought a number of other mares, including "Baalgreggan Queen," daughter of the famous mare "Poppy." Twenty-five head of Clydesdale mares brought an average of \$370. Four stallions sold for an average of \$391.

The cattle sold remarkably well, bidding being keen thruout the day. Forty-two head of females brought an average of \$162; eight calves brought an average of \$96, while twenty-two head of young bulls brought an average of \$178.40.

Thirty-two head of Shropshire ewes sold for an average of \$41 per head, while twenty-eight head of Oxford ewes brought \$38 per head. Four ram lambs averaged \$29 each.

The auctioneers in charge of the sale were J. W. Durno, horses and sheep, and S. W. Paisley, cattle.

A CASE OF SHIPS

"As I see it, the situation is entirely one of ocean tonnage."

This was the reply of George Bury, vice-president of the C.P.R., in reply to the question: "How about all-rail movement?" Continuing Mr. Bury said: "So far as our own road is concerned we can move a maximum of 350 cars round our Lake Superior section, and if this is not sufficient to care for the domestic movement and cars for export for which ocean tonnage has been obtained we can move another 200 round our Soo line, branching from Sudbury, but the entire situation hinges on ocean transport. At the present time New York is absolutely blocked, 50,000 loaded cars in their yards and local freight being hauled five and six miles by horses and motor trucks to the city of New York.

"Portland and Boston are the only American ports open to Canada at the present time, and we have our own two ports, West St. John and Halifax, and there you are. The C.P.R. is fully prepared to give the West a service all rail up to the limit of ocean tonnage to clear from the ports."

Mr. Bury's remarks are the more significant in the light of a few pregnant facts. Roughly the number of cars that can be handled into West St. John daily is 90, and into Halifax 40, and today there are over 700 loads waiting boats at St. John alone, and at Montreal 1,182 cars billed to West St. John. Boston and Portland can take some, but Canada is grinding 1,000 cars of flour daily for export and most of it is billed thru these ports. Enough said.—Manitoba Free Press.

BUT HE NEVER WENT SHOPPING WITH HIS WIFE!

A man's home is where his wife is, says one of our best known public men.