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Sugar Will Rise, Says Hoover Report.

TO 500,000 TON DROP IN PRODUCTION.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Higher prices are predicted by the U. S. Bureau of Commerce after having analyzed the present situation.

The Secretary of Commerce says that the dissolution of the U. S. Sugar Commission and the removal of the artificial control from the market will result in a sharp rise in the price of sugar. The present low price is due to the fact that the production of sugar in the world is less than the demand, and the U. S. Commission was engaged in an investigation of the situation and that its conclusions were to the effect that the price of sugar should be raised.

Summary of Views. The "invisible" stock of sugar is estimated to be less than 100,000 tons under normal conditions. Production will be from 100,000 to 150,000 tons less than for 1921.

Consumption for 1922 will be about 1,000,000 tons. The present prices are below the cost of production of 90 per cent of the sugar produced in the U. S. and Cuba.

There is no prediction as to how the price of sugar will be affected by the dissolution of the U. S. Commission.

Summary of the department's views follows in full:

1. There is an abnormal "visible" world surplus of sugar amounting to about 1,200,000 tons, all congested in the Western Hemisphere.

2. The "invisible" stocks, that is sugar in the hands of distributing trades, wholesale and retail, is far below normal. The amount of subnormality is variously estimated at from 200,000 to 400,000 tons and is no doubt due to apprehension of further fall in prices.

3. The probable world production for 1922 is estimated to be less than for 1921, from 400,000 to 500,000 tons than the production for 1921.

4. The consumption for 1922 is likely to be larger than in 1921 and with general economic recovery should exceed production and thus absorb some or all of the surplus.

5. The present price of \$1.85c. for cost and freight, raw sugar is the lowest level for twenty years and is below the cost of production about 90 per cent of both domestic and Cuban sugar.

Cause of Low Prices. This low price of sugar has resulted not only from the fear of the large visible surplus but also from the apprehension of financial difficulties in the sugar market that have been current during the past few months. It has been assumed that in the falling market there might be forced realization of the loans made against existing surplus stocks of sugar; that there might not be bankruptcy among sugar producers; that the dissolution of the U. S. Sugar Commission on January 1 might result in considerable liquidation of sugar.

7. The Cuban Sugar Commission was dissolved on January 1, and it is now demonstrated that no appreciable forced liquidation is likely to take place. The banks generally have been well covered down to the low prices of sugar realization. There appears to be sufficient money for financing the new crop wherever it can be produced on a reasonable basis of cost and the Cuban Government seems to be in a fair way to solve its financial difficulties.

8. The market is now entirely uninfluenced by any artificial control and the present low prices level manifestly cannot long continue without restricting the production of sugar below the world's demands and again creating high prices.

Harvesting the Seaweed.

Among the important features of the agricultural industries along the northern coast of France, in normal times, is the harvesting of seaweed. As soon as the receding waters permit, the seaweed gatherers fall diligently to work. Soon every rock and ledge is shaved of its brown, slimy fleece, and left as bare as the back of a shorn sheep.

Then preparations are made for an attack on the reefs so numerous along the southern coast of the English Channel. Everything that will float is pressed into service. Huge rafts are constructed, and next morning, with the current of the ebbing tide in their favor, they are towed by the people in the boats eight or ten miles out from the coast.

Low water leaves them stranded on the reefs, and all hands make the best of their time. The worker kneels on the dripping weed, grasps a handful in the left hand, and with a stick in the right, cuts it off close to the rock and places it in a bag. As soon as he has cut off as much as he can carry, the sack is taken on the back to the raft, upon which it is received by men with pitchforks, stacked and securely roped.

Towing the heavy laden rafts to the shore is tedious work, and progress is slow. The wet harvesters are soon chilled to the bone by the keen east wind that always prevails in this latitude during the month of March, the harvesting season for seaweed.

The morning ebb tide leaves the rafts and their spoils of seaweed high and dry on the smooth, white beach. They are constantly surrounded by a crowd of people with all descriptions of vehicles. All work together hauling the weed to the field already prepared to receive the precious fertilizer. That it may be most effective, the seaweed must be got into the ground as soon as possible after it leaves its native element.

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