

ITEMS FOR AND ABOUT THE FARMER

IMPORTANCE OF FARM LABOR RECOGNIZED BY GOVERNMENT

Sir Robert Borden Admits Tribunals Have Dealt Harshly in Some Cases and Advises Farmers to Appeal Their Cases Direct to the Minister of Justice—No Province Will Be Favored.

There is an imperative need that farmers clearly understand the intentions of the Military Service Act, and that they keep cool in the face of the acts of apparent injustice on the part of certain of the exemption tribunals. Farm and Dairy in its issue of Nov. 23 declares: "In the meantime there is need for a more exact rendering of the government's intentions so far as agricultural labor is concerned."

The Toronto World is glad to reprint herewith the words of Premier Borden as uttered in his speech at London on Thursday, Nov. 22: "I am aware that difficulties have arisen. I am aware that certain tribunals have dealt harshly with men entitled to exemption under the purpose of parliament. If a man can give better service at home he ought to be kept at home. I am satisfied that Canada will send forward the 300,000 men in detachments of 30,000, all out of the class already called out and without disturbance of the national interest. Any man unjustly treated by any tribunal has the right of appeal, and even if the three days allowed for appeal have gone by he may take his case to the minister of justice. It will be brought before the appeal court of the province, and, if necessary, before the supreme appeal judge, Mr. Justice Duff.

"The government has also a remedy and proposes to exercise it in the case

of a community, district or province where exemptions have been granted indiscriminately and by wholesale. It is the intention of the Unionist government to see to it that the Military Service Act is administered justly, considerately, impartially and firmly."

Labor Problem Recognized.

Here is the "more exact rendering of the government's intentions" which is desired by so many farmers and voiced by Farm and Dairy. This "exact rendering" is given to us by the prime minister himself, and farmers should closely read it and clearly understand the broad, impartial and sympathetic attitude of the Union government towards the farmer. Sir Robert Borden well knows the imperative need of producing and shipping foodstuffs to our gallant soldiers at the front as well as helping to feed the people in the allied countries of France, Italy and Great Britain. It is not the intention of the Union government to disturb the labor situation on the farms by the operations of the Military Service Act. It is the intention of the Union government to uphold the arms of the farmer, to leave the farmer and the farmer's help on the farm. Any farmer or farmer's son, therefore, whose application for exemption has been refused by the tribunal, should make his appeal direct to the minister of justice at Ottawa.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR OUTLOOK

Imported Clydesdales, Herefords, Sheep, Berkshire Pigs and Poultry Classes Have Record Entries.

There are 331 entries in horses, the Clydesdales leading with 157 entries. There are entered 21 aged imported Clydesdale stallions, which is a record entry. The Percherons have a good display, leading with 16 entries in the aged stallion class. The standard breeds have a record entry with 15 entries in the aged stallion class, and the Hackneys are well represented in nearly every section.

In the beef cattle department there are 177 entries, well distributed among the Shorthorn, Aberdeen-Angus and Hereford breeds. The Herefords are making a particularly good showing this year. The grade classes, owing to the fact that only one class for heifers is given classification, are not quite as heavy as last year. In the dairy cattle department the entries are 105 with 74 cows in the dairy test.

In the sheep department there are 522 entries, a record entry for the show.

In the swine department there are 302 entries, the killing class not being quite as heavy as usual, but the breeding classes unusually heavy. The Berkshires are especially heavy.

In the poultry department there are 6100 entries, which is very much ahead of any previous entry.

In the seed section the entries, while not as heavy as last year, the banner year, will likely be up to any other record.

Taking one class with another, the 1917 Winter Fair promises to excel any previous show. The fair is, of course, held at Guelph, and the dates are Dec. 3, 4, 5, 6.

BUY A VICTORY BOND.

The Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada is using \$5500 of its surplus cash in the purchase of Victory war bonds. This purchase gives the association \$5000 in war loan bonds and \$12,000 in municipal bonds.

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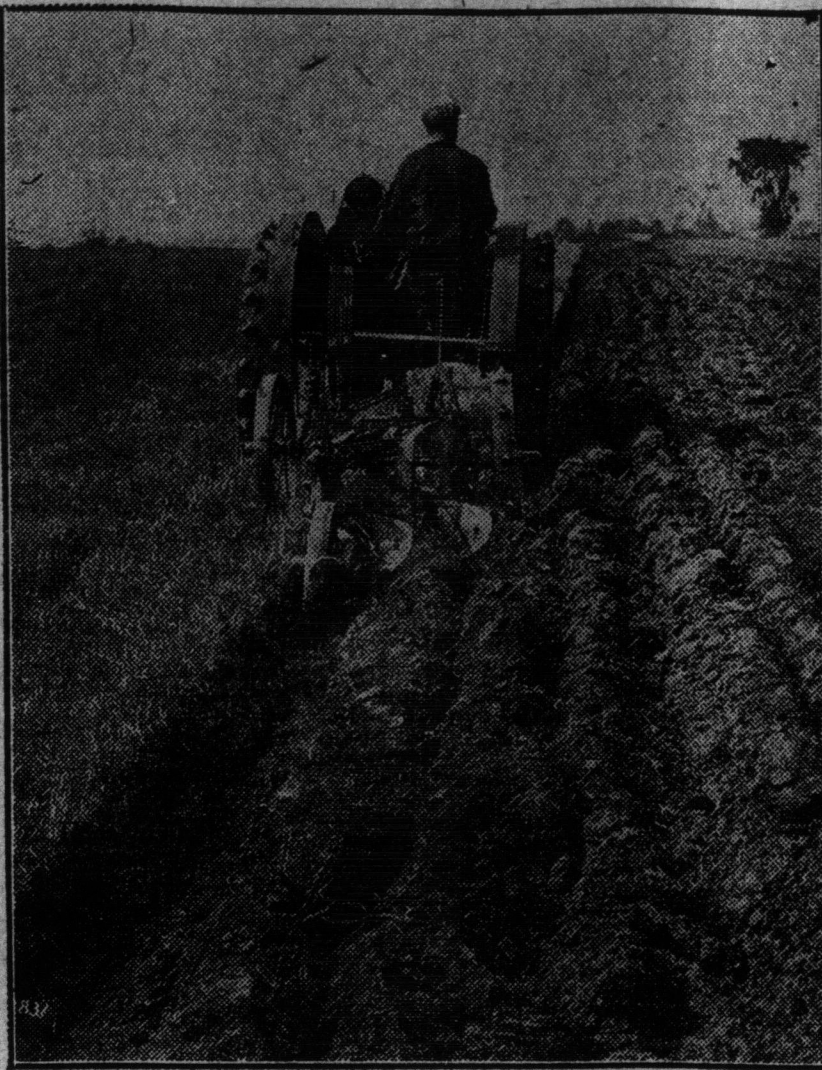
EUROPE HAS 33,000,000 HOGS LESS THAN IN 1914

Farmers of Ontario have an unlimited market. Food Controller announces that packing and cold storage houses are to be controlled and millers are to sell feed without profit.

Farmers wishing to sell or purchase young brood sows are requested to notify their district representative so that buyer and seller may be brought together.

W. H. HEARST,
Minister of Agriculture.

FULL STEAM AHEAD



The need for greater cultivation is only too evident. Help for the farmer is necessary, and this necessity cannot be too frequently emphasized. —Photo by courtesy Oliver Plow Co.

BOBCAYGEON.

The Bobcaygeon cheese factory, which closed its doors on Nov. 2 for the present season, has had a very successful season. Mr. Kelso, cheese-maker, took in over 1,500,000 pounds of milk and manufactured over 73 tons of cheese, which brought in \$30,738. The cheese were sold during the summer to Flavelles Limited, being boarded each month by Salesman Isaac Lewis. Two patrons of the factory, Messrs. R. T. Robertson and Joe N. Taylor, both of South View, and both breeders of Holsteins, drew out over \$800, each one coming almost to the thousand dollars.

NEWMARKET.

Thos. Hayes, who went to the west for the harvest, has returned home. He thinks old Ontario is good enough for him.

Geo. Hobson has moved back to town, having sold his farm in Scott. Newmarket's sixth annual poultry show will be held in the market building, Dec. 11, 12 and 13. The show will be judged by the well-known poultry expert, Geo. Robertson of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa. Not only is Mr. Robertson an authority on form and feather, but also on all problems pertaining to poultry rearing. It is expected that Mr. Robertson will be present the last day of the show (Dec. 13) to answer inquiries and assist poultry breeders in any way possible during the limited time at his disposal. Price lists for the show are now ready, and may be obtained at the

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CLOSER CO-OPERATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Price Paid by Consumer Should Be Brought Nearer That Paid to Producer.

Barring farmers from cutting and selling meat on the market in less quantities than a quarter carcass unless they pay the town council has taken towards driving the farm trade from Walkerton and at preventing the poorer classes here from getting cheaper meat. What farmer, who has a beef to cut up and sell, will pay \$10 for the privilege of doing so on the market? And hence as far as the agriculturists are concerned the market will be as empty as an exploded cartridge. As a result, while the nation is urging the producers and the consumers to get closer together and thus assist in reducing the high cost of living, the town council is erecting fresh barriers between the two here. Taxing farmers for selling meat to the poor people in Walkerton is certainly about the punkest war-time measure yet put. —Bruce Herald and Times.

GREY.

A great crop of sweet clover was grown on the farm of John A. Spelran, 10th con., that attracted no small attention. There were 10 acres of it, from which were threshed 60 bags of seed. As it is worth about \$10 a bushel the value of the crop is not difficult to estimate. It was one of the best crops of clover seen for many a day. Deputy Reeve McNabb's machine did the threshing, and it was no light job either.

The agent farms, 10th con., known as "Camp Borden," has been receiving considerable attention this fall by the owner's employees, who are transforming them into fine properties.

The auction sale of Wm. Livingston, 10th con., totaled about \$2000.

WALDEMAR.

The farmers are making good use of the fine weather these days in finishing up their plowing.

Geo. Gamble is home from the west with two carloads of western cattle.

Mr. Busby is hustling these days looking after the grain and turnips that are coming in to the town market.

Large Supply of Hog Feed Available

The farmers of Canada and the United States are asked to do their utmost to increase the production of hogs in order to relieve the critical situation in regard to the shortage of meat and fats in Great Britain, France and Italy, there being a shortage of 32,425,000 hogs in Europe.

Government Co-operation

The Dominion Government and the Provincial Governments are co-operating in every way possible to bring the gravity of the situation before the farmers of Canada and to safeguard the producers from loss in the undertaking.

Bran and Shorts

By licensing the Flour Mills, the Government allows a profit of but 25 cents a barrel on the flour only—the bran and the shorts are to be sold at cost, which ensures the farmer getting this feed at a moderate price.

Steps have also been taken to prevent the adulteration of bran and shorts.

United States Corn

The United States has the greatest corn crop in her history—more than 600,000,000 bushels in excess of 1916 and nearly 250,000,000 bushels more than the bumper crop of 1915. The United States will have a large surplus for export which will be available to Canadian producers.

Because of the shortage of the 1916 crop, and to prevent speculation, the United States has sold its corn under license.

The licensing system will not likely be used in connection with the 1917 crop which will be on the market about the middle of December, but the United States Government will exercise some form of control that will prevent speculation.

In the meantime, anyone in Canada can import American corn for any legitimate purpose, such as for feed, by obtaining a license. Application for license is made through the Canadian Food Controller.

World Shortage of Meat

The world shortage of meat indicates security as to the market. The depletion of the herds of animals in Europe is proceeding with increased rapidity, there now being 115,000,000 less animals in Europe than before the war.

SAVE THE YOUNG SOWS

Their progeny will be a vital factor in winning the war. A young sow slaughtered now will only produce about 150 lbs. of meat. One litter will yield many times that quantity.

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Officer Phippen, of Wingham, has disposed of his thoroughbred Jersey to Joe Miller, of Belgrave.

Meaford woolen mill has received a \$50,000 order for blankets from the United States Government.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR GUELPH PROGRAMME (IN ARENA)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

- 9.00 a.m.—Judging Competition (Dairy Cattle).
- 10.15 a.m.—Judging Shires.
- 10.45 a.m.—Judging Competition (Beef Cattle).
- 1.30 p.m.—Judging Shorthorns.
- 5.00 p.m.—Judging Ponies.
- 7.30 p.m.—Judging Draft Horses.
- 7.45 p.m.—Musical Ride, 64th Battery.
- 8.10 p.m.—Judging Thoroughbreds.
- 9.45 p.m.—Judging Saddle Horses.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

- 9.00 a.m.—Judging Competition (Horses).
- 10.30 a.m.—Judging Dairy Bulls.
- 11.05 a.m.—Judging Dairy Cows (Shorthorn).
- 11.25 a.m.—Inter-County Baby Beef Contest.
- 11.35 a.m.—County Specials.
- 1.30 p.m.—Judging Aberdeen Angus.
- 3.10 p.m.—Judging Percherons.
- 7.30 p.m.—Judging Draft Horses.
- 7.45 p.m.—Judging Standard Breeds.
- 10.45 p.m.—Standard-Bred Specials.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

- 9.00 a.m.—Judging Herefords.
- 11.05 a.m.—Judging Clydesdales (Foals and Yearlings).
- 1.30 p.m.—Judging Clydesdales (Yearlings).
- 3.05 p.m.—Judging Clydesdales (2-year-olds).
- 4.25 p.m.—Judging Clydesdale mares (3-year-olds).
- 5.05 p.m.—Judging Draft Horses.
- 5.35 p.m.—Judging Draft Teams in Harness.
- 7.30 p.m.—Musical Ride, 64th Battery.
- 7.45 p.m.—Hackneys.
- 10.30 p.m.—Hackney Specials.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.

- 9.00 a.m.—Judging Beef Cattle (Grade).
- 10.35 a.m.—Judging Grand Champion (Beef Cattle).
- 10.50 a.m.—Judging Breed and Price of Wines Specials (Beef Classes).
- 11.40 a.m.—Judging Clydesdales (Aged stallions).
- 1.30 p.m.—Judging Clydesdales (Aged mares).
- 4.10 p.m.—Judging Clydesdales (Mare and progeny).
- 4.40 p.m.—Judging Clydesdales (Get of Sire).
- 5.15 p.m.—Judging Clydesdale Champions.
- 5.45 p.m.—Judging Clydesdale Grand Champion.
- 7.45 p.m.—Presentation of Trophies.
- 8.00 p.m.—Grand parade of prize winners.
- 9.30 p.m.—Musical Ride, 64th Battery.

EVENTS NOT IN ARENA

- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.
- 10.00 a.m.—Sale of seed.
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.
- 1.30 p.m.—Sale of Dressed Poultry.
- 2.30 p.m.—Sale of Sheep and Swine Carcasses.