

BACON BOARD

ANNOUNCEMENT WITH RESPECT TO LIMITATION OF
DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF PORK

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture): I should like to reply to the question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Haldimand (Mr. Senn).

Some short time ago I announced to the house that the British ministry of food had requested certain additional quantities of bacon. Subsequent to this a further request was received that shipments should be accelerated so that shipments under the present contract would be completed by September 15 rather than October 31 as provided for in the agreement. To comply with this request will require the shipment of 425,000,000 pounds during a period of forty-six weeks rather than fifty-two weeks as originally provided for, and it will be necessary substantially to increase shipments during the present month and during the remainder of the period up to September 15, during a period when hog marketings are normally at their lowest level. Accordingly, it was deemed desirable to take certain steps to secure additional quantities of bacon for export.

The method adopted to accomplish this purpose is that each exporting packer is being allowed for domestic distribution the average number of hogs distributed weekly in the domestic market in 1940, and is required to deliver to the board the export product of every hog slaughtered over and above the domestic allowance. At the same time all slaughterers of hogs, excepting farmers, are being required to obtain licences for the purpose of limiting the quantity of pork being distributed by domestic slaughterers to the level of 1940, similar to the action taken with respect to exporting packers.

The domestic consumption of pork has been gradually increasing and is exceedingly high, and the amount distributed during 1940 is considered a liberal allowance, since, from all information available, the per capita consumption of pork during that year was the highest on record.

THE MINISTRY

AGRICULTURE AND NATIONAL WAR SERVICES—
QUESTION OF ANNOUNCING CHANGES
IN THE HOUSE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): With regard to the ques-

tion asked me yesterday by the leader of the opposition (Mr. Hanson), I am not at the moment in a position to announce any change in the personnel of the ministry. Before the present session is adjourned I hope to be in a position to inform the house of a change under which the Minister of Agriculture will be able to give his undivided time to the work of that department, and whereby the work of the Department of National War Services will be expanded.

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): What I had in mind was the announcement being made at a calf auction.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I suppose that would depend on what my hon. friend regards as a calf auction.

GREAT LAKES SHIPPING

RESULT OF FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS OF DISASTERS
IN NOVEMBER, 1940

On the orders of the day:

Hon. P. J. A. CARDIN (Minister of Transport): On November 15, 1940, I told the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Church) that an investigation would be held in respect to the loss of the steamers *Novadoc* and *Anna C. Minch* in lake Michigan, United States, on or about November 12, 1940. I am now in a position to say that formal investigations have been completed. The investigation in both cases was conducted by the Hon. F. H. Barlow, district judge in admiralty of the Exchequer Court of Canada for the Ontario admiralty district.

In regard to the *Novadoc* the court found no default on the part of the master or any other person or persons. The vessel was in good seaworthy condition. The court found "that the loss of the vessel and the loss of life can be attributed only to the violence of the storm". Two members of the crew were lost. The court expressed appreciation of the action of Mr. Clyde Cross and the other two men operating the fishing boat *Three Brothers* who at very considerable risk proceeded to the stranded *Novadoc* in a heavy sea and rescued the seventeen survivors. The gallant conduct of these three men will be officially recognized by the government through the marine services of the Department of Transport.

The court recommended that a barometer be conveniently placed in the pilot house of