

Agricultural products marketing; Nova Scotia
apple crop; disposition of 1947 surplus

14. The Minister of Agriculture, referring to the decision taken at the meeting of September 1st, submitted a report upon 1947 surplus apple products presently on hand.

Some 45,000 cases of dried apples had been sold or given away in Canada, leaving a balance on October 19th of only 3,000 odd cases.

Some 41,000 cases of canned apples had been similarly disposed of, leaving something over 9,000 cases on hand.

On the other hand, after selling 1600 cases and giving away 33,500 cases of apple sauce, some 210,000 cases remained. These were unlikely to be disposed of in Canada. Substantial quantities of both apple sauce and canned apples were also in private hands.

The large government carry-over would hamper the normal 1948 canning programme. The 1948 supply would appear more than sufficient to meet normal Canadian and export demand. It was suggested, therefore, that the remaining 1947 stocks in the hands of the Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board be disposed of by sale on credit or, if this were not possible, by outright gift to the U.K. government.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Memorandum, Chairman, Agriculture Prices Support Board, Oct. 23, 1948 - Cabinet Document 769).

15. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that External Affairs explore the possibility of donating the apple products in question for relief purposes in the Middle East (probably through the Canadian Red Cross); any quantities not so disposed of to be offered as a gift to the U.K. Ministry of Food.

It was understood that, meanwhile, the Minister of Agriculture would make it known publicly that supplies of these products remained available, without cost, to hospitals and other charitable institutions in Canada.

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16. The Minister of Agriculture reported that, subsequent to submission (at the meeting of September 29th) of a proposal to have the Agricultural Prices Support Board guarantee \$1.00 a box on 600,000 to 700,000 boxes of specified grades, B.C.

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