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1947 Agricultural Targets Set: The annual Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference ended yesterday and has recommended that an "adequate" acreage bonus for land seeded to barley must be paid western farmers if feed grain production is to be increased and output of dairy and livestock products thus maintained. Dominion Agriculture Minister James Gardiner told the delegates he would take their recommendations "to council and try to work out some solution satisfactory to you."

The three-day conference of federal and provincial experts and farmer representatives also recommended a wheat acreage of 24,000,000 for 1947. Last year the acreage recommended was 23,414,400, the same as was planted the previous year, but farmers actually seeded 25,900,000 acres. The average seeded in 1940-1944 was 22,465,760.

The acreage target for oats was set at 14,310,200 and for barley at 8,000,000 against 1946 acreages of 13,162,700 and 6,730,500, respectively. Last year 518,000 acres were planted to rye and the 1947 target was set at 487,000.

The acreage recommendations are not mandatory, but are outlined to meetings of farmers in each provincial county and whether they are acted upon depends on the individual farmers.

The Agricultural Supplies Board reported to the conference that next year's world harvest should bring supplies within a "reasonable" measure of meeting requirements.

"It may be argued that the prospective demand for wheat merits a further increase in Canadian wheat acreage in 1947," the Board's report said. "Weighing heavily against any such move, however, is the fact that increased feed supply is important and the further fact that good conservation and cultural practices in the Prairie Provinces are based on a high proportion of summer fallow. Any substantial reduction in summer fallow might result in reduced production in the near future."

On the basis of the recommended acreage of 24,000,000 the Board estimated 1947 wheat production at 375,000,000 bushels compared with the estimated harvest of 418,000,000 this year.

Largest percentage increase recommended was a 31 per cent boost from 139,775,000 to 183,000,000 pounds in cheddar cheese production. The target for hogs was raised 19 per cent from 4,350,000 to 5,175,000.

Molotov Declaration Praised by St. Laurent: Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs and head of Canada's U.N. Delegation, has joined Britain, Australia and the United States in praising the declaration by Mr. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, that disarmament inspection and control machinery must be free of veto by the big powers.

"The people of the world will be grateful to the representative of Russia for his speech," Mr. St. Laurent said.

Since the disarmament inspectors and control officers will report to the U.N. Security Council, the veto power still will rest there, but, as Mr. St. Laurent pointed out, the use of the veto by any power or refusal of any country to permit inspection would be tantamount to an open declaration of war against the rest of the world. (CP)

Green Critical of Government: Howard Green, Progressive Conservative member of Parliament for Vancouver South, in a political free-time CBC broadcast last night, said the present federal government "and its wartime advisors may yield a control here and a control there but they will never get rid" of their appetite for "wartime powers."

He charged the government had "muddled" handling shortages of lumber and other badly needed commodities. The Progressive Conservatives, he said, believed the tax reductions announced in 1946 budget should have been effective then instead of in 1947 and that the delay had caused a slow-down in production. "Another way to prevent these muddles is to permit Canadians to run their own business free from Government direction," he said. (CP)