

merchants in Winnipeg, in Calgary, in Vancouver, in Victoria, have trade calling for similar supplies. During the past six months over 200 carloads of pork products have been purchased for shipment to Winnipeg, and the West, between the date of purchase and the middle of September. This is for the most part all new trade, and the development of the last few years, and increasing greatly each season in volume. This demand at present has to be met chiefly by products raised from the farms in the Province of Ontario. I suggest that it is worth while for you, as Minister of Agriculture to seek to understand the possibilities of this new trade which is being offered to the farmers of Ontario.

How have the farmers of Ontario responded to this added demand? They have responded by producing a lessened number of milk cows, a lessened number of beef cattle, a lessened number of sheep and lambs, a lessened number of hogs, a lessened quantity of butter, a lessened quantity of cheese, a lessened quantity of poultry and eggs. Even in a small matter like honey they have kept a lessened number of bees. What has been the result? The export of eggs has ceased. The export of butter has practically ceased. The export of bacon has been cut in two. The export of cheese has been reduced 50,000,000 lbs., while prices for consumption in Canada, have been established on so high a basis that consumers have suffered distress, and an outcry has been raised at the high cost of living.

Concurrent with this decrease in milk cows, beef cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs, butter, poultry and eggs, has been a reduced acreage in wheat, a reduced acreage in barley, in oats, in peas and in beans, while there has been a small increase in acreage in corn, in rye, and in buckwheat. There has been a reduced acreage in orchards, a reduced acreage in carrots and turnips, and a fractional increase in acreage in potatoes and mangels. There has been a material increase in the acreage in hay. Everything has been reduced, which demands labor and intelligent discriminating effort. More extensive farming in place of more intensive farming is being adopted. The former calls for a minimum of effort, a minimum of labor, a minimum of organization, and gives a minimum return. The latter requires maximum effort with organization, expenditure, discriminating judgment and courage, which are repaid with maximum returns. Why have you and your predecessor permitted such conditions to develop without making a serious effort to understand the facts, or a serious attempt to correct the tendencies reflected by such results?

Why is there enterprise and development in every field of activity in this province except agriculture? If the manufacturer