

Fertilizer Prices

became an active subject for discussion as the ending of the war. An immediate reduction was expected by many.

If prices had advanced immediately at the beginning of the war a like reduction might be expected at its close, but there was no actual advance in fertilizer prices until the spring of 1918, notwithstanding at that time the war had been on for over three years. This course did not apply to Potash fertilizers, the supply of Potash being cut off at once.

Late in the fall of 1917 on account of the high prices of fertilizer materials, the scarcity of shipping and the shortage of all fertilizer there was a general feeling that there would not be an adequate supply. This was called to the attention of the Government officials and the manager of the COLONIAL FERTILIZER COMPANY was asked to appear before the Committee on Increased Production of the Nova Scotia Legislature, and gave all possible assistance to relieve the fertilizer shortage.

In the summer of 1918 with the experience of that spring the Agricultural Department of New Brunswick called together the fertilizer manufacturers and recommended they put in a heavy stock of fertilizer materials. The Secretary of Agriculture for Nova Scotia also urged the COLONIAL FERTILIZER COMPANY to put in an extra supply of raw material irrespective of their cost. He realized as did the manufacturers the importance of fertilizer to the food supply, and to get large crops fertilizer must be used.

At the close of the war all fertilizer manufacturers in Canada being urged by the Government officials had on hand a very large stock of fertilizer bought at the extreme outside prices quoted in the summer and fall of 1918.

The expected lower prices have not been realized but on the contrary there was a heavy demand for export and prices on some materials have actually advanced.

A sensational report appeared late in March as to heavy reduction in price of fertilizers in Aroostook County. This is traced back to one brokerage firm in New York which is attempting to dispose of undesirable fertilizer materials directly to the farmers. This material is such that no fertilizer manufacturer will buy it although it has been on the market for sometime and the holders of it are willing to sacrifice it at a cut price. An Aroostook County farmer writes: "Have been investigating the chemicals that the New York firm is offering and have found out that it is taking chances to use it. You may refer to me or any of our Aroostook County boys in reference to this stuff as we have made a close study of these goods and feel quite safe in denouncing its use for the Aroostook County spuds." The amount of this material is but a drop in a bucket of the requirements of fertilizer and it is offered cheap because it is a cheap material.

The farmers must decide now whether or not they are going to plant this season and with a falling off of 50 per cent. in the acreage of potatoes and garden trucks in the Southern States and the immense demand for food in Europe, it appears the farmer of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are in a position to put in a big acreage and get the advantage of the market conditions which must prevail in the fall.

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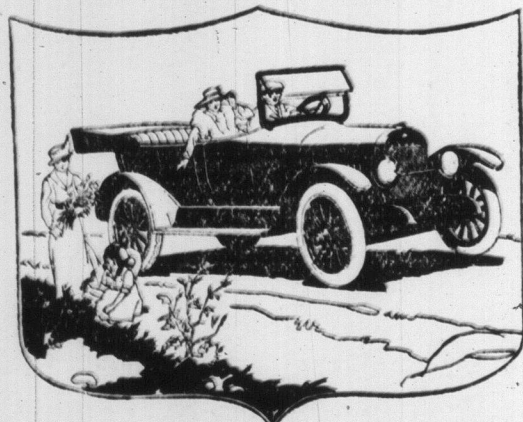
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Hand your contribution to the canvasser when he calls, or if you live where it is difficult for him to call, send it by check, money order or registered letter to the National Treasurer, Red Triangle Campaign, 120 Bay Street, Toronto.

Please Note:

We are not asking for money to carry on our work Overseas, with the Army in Great Britain, France or Belgium. That work will continue at its maximum for some months, financially provided for by the liquidation of our assets Overseas, and will not terminate till the last man has sailed for home.

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