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Washington, D. C., July 26—Imports of flaxseed and other feed grains were not increased nor were prices reduced by suspension of the tariff rates on these products, according to war food administration. The experiment was first tried last December, when there was an acute shortage of feed for livestock, by passage of an act suspending the tariff for 90 days. It was thought supplies could be brought in from Canada and Mexico by commodity credit corporation at a lower price because of removal of the duty. But Canadian and Mexican growers had a different idea. While the two governments are co-operating with the United States in the war effort, the producers of those countries adopted a policy of "business as usual" and immediately boosted the price in exact amount of the tariff rate.

Later, to further test the experiment, congress extended the duty free period for another 90 days, but the results were no more satisfactory and when, in the final days before the summer recess, it was proposed to grant another extension, this time for 180 days, there was strong opposition on the floor of the house. War Food Administrator Marvin Jones stated that the demand for flaxseed was such that, with or without the duty, "every available bushel was being imported for which shipping space could be found," and that the net result of the cancellation of duty was to increase the selling price asked by foreign producers.

This profiteering attitude on the part of Canadian and Mexican producers angered members of congress and if their resentment continues it is quite likely to influence future congressional action on tariff revisions which have been proposed as an incentive to trade expansion in peacetime. The situation is of immediate interest to residents of the Pacific northwest because of the shortage of stock feed resulting from lend-lease operations and abnormal use of grains in the production of war materials. It was stated that the condition would change with cessation of hostilities, when American production will again become available for domestic use, but for the present it is a source of irritation and involves an added expense which must be reflected in loss to livestock producers in the United States. Flaxseed, cloaks and meal have been imported from Mexico while Canada has supplied quantities of flaxseed, barley and oats in addition to a designated quota of wheat.

An attempt to equalize returns to producers rather than an effort to establish uniform prices throughout the United States is seen in the recent order by OPA granting increases of 20 to 30 cents a bushel for potatoes grown in Kansas, Nebraska, Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia on the ground that unfavorable weather conditions have reduced the yield in those states. Potato growers of Washington and Oregon have been granted no such concession and they must market their 1944 crop at the same prices which prevailed, month by month, in 1943. Extension of this principle to the pricing of all products on which OPA has fixed ceilings would bring about a chaotic condition and it is improbable that it will be attempted.

There is hope that the shortage of telephone sets will be somewhat eased early this fall as the result of a war production board order permitting their manufacture at the rate of 200,000 sets a quarter. The order was made necessary by the fact that few sets were available for essential use. As soon as this is supplied, according to present plans, telephones will again be supplied to civilians on a limited basis. It is not expected that the full demand can be met until after the war. The Pacific coast area will be the first to receive an allotment of the new sets.

Reports that rationing of coffee is to be resumed are wholly without authority and are said to have been circulated by grower agencies with the purpose of increasing the price. There is now said to be a four months stockpile in the United States and imports are expected to total 21,000,000 bags this year, which is at least five million bags more than the estimated consumption. OPA denies that it has any intention of putting coffee back on the ration list.

OPA has so far been unable to solve the mystery of how processors

Out-of-Doors Stuff
 by
LANS LENEVE

Recently a statement was published by a Curry county resident to the effect that sportsmen left stockmen's gates open, shot their stock, started forest fires and were worse to contend with than a stock killing bear and created more damage than such an animal.

This same person scoffed at this writer's assertion that not one bear out of a thousand was a sheep-killer. He stated that there were three sheep-killing bears in his vicinity and that this would mean there were 3000 bear there. In the next sentence he stated that he believed the ex-government hunter's statement that from 25 to 30 bear could be glimpsed in a single day in Curry county.

We still maintain that there is only about one bear out of a thousand which is a sheep killer, but this does not necessarily mean that there are 3000 bear congregated in one spot. But why should this writer doubt our statement of bear and believe the ex-government hunter's claims? For taking the lowest number of bear that the ex-hunter claims may be seen in a single day in Curry county—25 of 'em, this would mean that within one month that 750 could be seen; that within a year 9000 would be glimpsed. Now ain't that sumpin'!

And as to the sportsmen being responsible for leaving gates open, shooting stock and starting forest fires; no open gate, no shot stock and no forest fire can be laid to the door of a sportsman. A true sportsman guards the forests, respects the farmer's property and is careful at what he aims. Just because a man fares forth with a gun is no sign that he is a sportsman, for there are many vandals who carry firearms, as well as fishing rods; but they are like sheep-killing bear, about one a thousand.

If some of these persons who censure sportsmen in general, would take occasion to mingle with real sportsman they would change their minds regarding just what constitutes a real sportsman.

One hunter, a vandal, packing a gun, leaving gates open, shooting stock and starting forest fires makes it tough going for the honest, sincere, law-abiding sportsmen. He is responsible for trespass notices being hoisted and real sportsmen being classified as outlaws. In many cases the farmer cannot be blamed, but due to ignorance, all sportsmen and especially those from the cities, are looked upon as evil "critters," out to wreck the farmer's property, shoot stock, leave gates open and start forest fires.

One thing we are positive of and that is the fact that the gentleman who wrote concerning the bear, the "dangerous sportsman" and who stated that he could sight 10 or 12 deer any morning on his sheep range, and the ex-hunter who can see from 25 to 30 bear in a single day in Curry county, have both missed their calling. They would be wild-life enumerators for the government or state game commission.

I have written the above by request of several friends who wished to see it in print, in answer to the sarcastic letter appearing in The Coos Bay Times, panning me for taking the part of poor old brute, so that he may not go the way of the great American Elson.

Almost a duplicate of this article was sent The Times' "Open Forum" in defense of my previous statements, but it was not published. "The Open Forum" evidently being "open" only to the editors' own personal viewpoints and a spot in which New Dealers may air their views to their hearts' content. It appears that the editor has not only become wrapped up in the New Deal, but is wrapped up in wool as well.

We have very good friends among stockmen and we have found them fair-minded in every way. We do not desire to pick a quarrel regarding stock and game, but we do wish to see the game birds and animals given a break and not crowded from the picture entirely. Just as we, being a sportsman, wish to see the stockman prosper.

We believe in stock-killing bear being slain, but we do not believe in all bear being warred upon and exterminated merely for the misdeeds of a few of their kind.

of olive oil can pay an average of \$160 a ton for ripe olives while held to a ceiling of \$4.75 a gallon for their marketable product when it is estimated that \$155 is the top which can be paid and break even. Imported olive oil is a blend of sesame seed, cottonseed and other oils, and it is suspected that the commercial product now being put out by blenders may contain less of pure olive oil than before prices boomed to their present lofty position.

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The Facts of Life

A Michigan farmer fumed and fretted recently—and not without cause. He received a letter from the Department of Agriculture, after waiting two weeks for an answer to his request for information on marketing 50 fat steers. It advised him to: "Sell half of them and milk the other half."


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"I don't blame the fellows overseas for gettin' all het up over it, Judge. For the likes of me I can't see what's all the hurry about holdin' these local prohibition elections while they're away."

"I agree with you, Steve. Time after time... in their letters, in articles, in polls taken to get the views of our fighting men... they have indicated in unmistakable terms that they don't want any action taken on prohibition, either local or national, until they get back."

"Too bad there isn't a law or something to be sure their wishes are carried out, Judge."

"There is in one state I know of, Steve. Just recently it passed a law prohibiting the calling of any prohibition election until a year after the peace is declared."

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