

PROGRESSIVE SHEPHERDS TO GO TO WOOL CONVENTION SEPT. 11---12

Practical Help Offered Flockmasters of Western States by
National Sheep & Wool Bureau by Means of Great Lakes
Wool Congress in Chicago Soon.



SHEARING PRECIOUS FLEECES

Chicago (Special)—An invitation to the sheep raisers in the western states, where millions of acres of land have been taken by settlers this year, has been sent out by the National Sheep and Wool Bureau for a Great Lakes Wool Convention, Sept. 11-12, in Chicago. The Bureau has been fighting effectively the proposed legislation to prohibit the slaughter of ewes, good, bad and indifferent, having provided a better plan by which the value of the shepherds' flocks will not be cut in two—as the legislators proposed—by a drastic ban upon the marketing of ewes for slaughter. F. S. King of Cheyenne is vice president for the western states.

The convention will be held in the Assembly Hall at the Union Stock Yards. The Stock Yards Inn will be the official headquarters, with loop headquarters at Hotel Sherman.

The invitation to the shepherds was sent with the co-operation of the Illinois Council of Defense and other State Councils of Defense, and points out the imperative need for increase of wool production in the United States. Curtailment of the wool in civilian and military clothing is inevitable unless steps are taken at once to conserve the western flocks and increase sheep and wool production throughout the United States.

Special entertainment of the sheepmen will be provided and opportunities in concrete form will be presented to all flockmasters who must either sell their flocks or move them to grazing regions not cut up by settlers' homesteads. The states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota are co-operating in the plan to set idle acres in those states to profitable use in sheep raising.

In spite of the efforts which have been made in Congress to close the markets entirely to female sheep the National Sheep and Wool Bureau, under whose auspices the convention will be held, recently secured from the meat packers an offer of co-operation by which the ewes and ewe lambs suitable for breeding, after purchase from the sheepraisers, will be turned back from the shambles for redistribution by the Bureau to the farmers and sheep ranchers in the central states, thus putting cash into the pockets of the western sheepmen and at the same time conserving the ewes for increase of wool production in various parts of the country.

"Sheepmen whose flocks are big or little are cordially invited and urged to attend the conference in Chicago, August 21-22," President W. B. Tyrrell of the Bureau said. "It is the great opportunity for any enterprising sheepman, troubled by the reduction of free range in the west, to find an immediate solution of his problem. In Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota there are 30,000,000 acres of grazing land suitable for sheep, most of which is now idle. This land must be put to use for the armies of the United States and her allies, all of which need warm clothing quite as much as food. No clothing without wool can be proper for soldier or civilian, and already they are talking of using as much as 40 per cent wool pulp in some clothing."

"The Great Lakes Wool Convention is an event in national history and every sheepman who can leave home for a week should be in his seat in the Convention Hall at the Union Stock Yards when the meetings open August 21. The speakers, moving pictures and exhibits will be a liberal education to any sheepman, no matter how much he may already know about sheep and wool."

"In preparation for the meeting the state authorities of all states adjacent to Chicago were urged to take immediate action for the protection of sheep if they were not already adequately protected from the

ravages of dogs, both by law and by public sentiment for the enforcement of law."

Authorities have said that sheep production must have its greatest development in the central states during the next few years, and that sheep raising is as profitable on \$200 per acre land as it is profitable in England on \$2,000 per acre land.

"Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota will join hands to rehabilitate sheep husbandry in those three states, which since 1900 have smaller sheep flocks by over 2,040,000 head, which means a decrease in the national wool clip of 15,000,000 pounds," says the American Sheep Breeder. "At present prices this wool would fetch \$10,000,000, to say nothing of lambs for meat, therefore the loss of these 2,040,000 sheep has cost Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota a pretty penny."

"This nation faces an unprecedented wool shortage and something besides talk is needed. The range flockmaster has received a mortal wound in the homestead grazing law, which in a few months has deprived him of over 50,000,000 acres of sheep pasture. It is predicted that more than twenty-five per cent of all the sheep in five or six of the largest sheep states must be slaughtered or moved elsewhere in twelve months. Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan propose to offer 30,000,000 or more acres to these unfortunate western shepherds."

"It will be a very easy matter to furnish adequate territory for 10,000,000 sheep in the 'Gopher,' 'Badger' and 'Wolverine' states. At least twenty large lumber companies, owning vast acreages, have offered free grazing. Others will 'put land against sheep' in a permanent partnership arrangement. Single concerns have from 25,000 to 200,000 acres of splendid grass land that can support from one to four sheep and not half try. Quantities of hay are being shipped from these sections. There is no better alfalfa country anywhere."

"Prominent western men like Parham have tried out this country for winter feeding and our stock markets know the results. The government believes in this country for sheep raising."

"The National Sheep and Wool Bureau will consolidate all the factors in a big movement, not only to help reorganize the waning sheep industry of the great lakes states, but will aid in every way western ranchmen and eastern investors who will locate sheep ranches and feeding stations in this section."

At the conclusion of a conference held at the quarters of the Illinois Council of Defense, W. G. Bissell, president of the Wisconsin Advancement Association, Milwaukee, and William P. Hartman, representing the Michigan Agricultural Development Association, announced that invitations had been sent to 15,000 shepherds in the western states, where grave problems threaten the continuance of sheep grazing.

"Roughly, there are available in Michigan, 10,000,000 acres of land which now is idle and which best can be brought into war time use by the grazing of sheep," said Mr. Hartman. "Now is an opportune time to make this land useful to the nation in helping to solve the wool problems of the next few years for the cut-over lands of our state have proved well adapted to sheep husbandry."

"Our state also," said Mr. Bissell, "has approximately 10,000,000 acres which should and now will be set to use in a way to which they are well adapted, furnishing grazing for the thousands of sheep which settlers and other causes are driving out of the western states at a time when more sheep and more wool are as pressing a necessity as more food."

The Illinois Council of Defense will furnish speakers at the convention to present the patriotic duty of farmers to increase food production and wool production.

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CANADIAN SOLDIER IS HIGHEST PAID

The Canadian soldier is said to be the best paid in the world. The figures speak for themselves. Major J. C. Biggs, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, a veteran of the European war, now commanding the British Recruiting Mission in Spokane at W. 693 Sprague Avenue, which is endeavoring to reach British and Canadian subjects in the northwest of military age and physically fit, who are not naturalized Americans, calls attention to several features of the Canadian service.

The private in the Canadian army receives \$1.10 a day. The wife of a Canadian private receives \$20 as a separation allowance from the government. The government also sends at least half his pay direct to his family.

Men enlisting in the British army will receive the same as in the Canadian army until they sail—then ac-

ording to the rate in the English army. Men between the ages of 18 and 45 are eligible. Enlistment will be made for the duration of the war and six months after the termination of hostilities, unless sooner discharged. Men discharged for wounds or injuries received in action or because of disease due to war service are eligible for pensions. Land grants of 160 acres for every man who comes back are also being considered by the Canadian Government. Free passage back to the United States will be provided upon discharge where this is desired.

All food and clothing required by the soldier are supplied in ample quantities and first class qualities.

The Medical Corps is extraordinarily efficient. Every man is required to be fit before he is enlisted and as he can receive constant medical attention, his continued fitness is assured.

E. N. Gonty Buys Residence.

E. N. Gonty, the shoe store man, this week purchased the Jas. Hayes property situated on the upper end of Gale street. Mr. Gonty and family have been making their home in the Hayes house for some time. Mr. Hayes will continue to make his home on his Rhea creek ranch.

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