

### BREAD NOT REDUCED AS WHEAT LOWERED

#### Canadian Editor Brings Fact Again to Public Attention.

By C. E. SPENCE, State Market Agent.  
While the price of wheat in the United States has declined by approximately 55 per cent since 1917, the price of bread has been reduced by less than 5 1/2 per cent. In other words the drop in wheat prices has been ten times the drop in bread prices.—Ontario (Canada) Sun.  
This is a Canadian editorial comment, illustrating again the two standards, the disproportionate relationship which exists between the price of farm products and the price of these products after other interests have seized them. Wheat went down ten points and bread one point. From the authority of the Department of Agriculture comes the statement that a pound loaf which cost 53 in 1914 now costs 9 cents, while the margin between the flour price and the bread price has increased from \$10.40 to \$18.30. The Department states that this condition hurts both producer and consumer and that "all interests in the country, including those of the bakers and millers, would be benefited by the restoration of a normal ratio between the price of wheat when it leaves the farmers' hands and its price to the consumer." The bakers are almost solidly organized. They fix the bread price and get it, regardless of what they pay for flour, so it would seem.

other bills that would really do something for the farmers, it has a slim chance at the present session.  
A dairyman at Boring in Clackamas county, gives his system of making dairying profitable under present conditions: He has a silo and feeds corn ensilage; he grows his oats and grinds them, and he feeds a small quantity of molasses with his hay. He says he does not feed a pound of molasses' feeds, and he does not use a dairyman can make it when he pays almost as much for him as the farmer gets for his whole wheat. "Farmers are getting 1 1/2 cents per pound for their wheat and paying 1 1/2 cents per pound for mill feed that has little but bran in it," says this dairyman. "Until this profit spread is cut down, I can't see how a dairyman can make money on mill feeds to his stock."  
The egg grading rules and regulations, recently ordered by J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, were urged, among others, by the state market agent, whose duties under the law are to aid standardization of products. Oregon produces a large surplus of eggs that must find outside markets, and they must be graded and standardize to compete in the eastern markets. Like all new laws along this line, the egg ruling of Mr. Mickle has been criticized. On one side the producers think the ruling is too drastic while on the other hand consumers and members of the trade think the ruling is not being drastically enforced. The same double criticisms resulted when the potato grading law was put into effect, but the market agent went ahead with education of both producers and shippers rather than with wholesale prosecutions. The result is that the law does not now require much enforcement, producers, shippers and consumers alike recognizing the benefits of the honest packs and generally observing and upholding the law.

slight ulceration forms beneath the entirely destroyed epidermis. The lesion spreads at the circumference dissecting up a cup of epidermis "collarette" with a red or purplish halo surrounding. The spots vary in size from that of a split pea to a half-dollar. On the backs of the hands and on the legs large sized crusts usually occur and consequently larger areas of purplish pigmentation are left after healing while lesions on the trunk are much smaller and leave small dark brown pigmentary spots.  
It is not uncommon to see Ecthyma situated solely on one or both shin bones, forming indolent scabbing ulcers with large purplish surrounding zone. It is frequently an accompaniment of some itching disease such as pediculosis corporis or scabies, infection taking place in abrasions produced by scratching as the lesions are auto inoculated. Every physician has encountered the blistering infection spreading from the margin of a cut or scratch in which the blister soon changes to a yellowish color and scales over. This is the very phenomena of Ecthyma and is probably carried by the same strain of streptococcus which cause the crust to change to a turbid yellow.  
Three factors determine an out-

break of Ecthyma: first, a lowered vitality; second, a point of entrance of diminished resistance; third, the invading organism. Ecthyma is spoken of as a "skin" disease because it is so often encountered among poorly nourished or overcrowded city dwellers. The disease attacks all ages and both sexes, but is more common in adult males. It is more indolent and chronic in undemourished anemic individuals. Children with Ecthyma should be excluded from school, as the disease is communicable.  
The treatment consists of cleanliness, good food, improved living conditions and dion tonics which should be continued for several months until there is a complete restoration to normal health.  
The local treatment consists of removing the crusts with a weak white precipitate ointment, not stronger than one-third of the U. S. Pharmacopoeia strength.  
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George A. Bleakman of Hardman, and Mr. Gentry of the Latourel Auto company, were Irigun visitors Wednesday. Mr. Bleakman has announced himself as a candidate for county judge and is out for the nomination in the May primaries. The writer and others had quite a talk with him and judge him to be a man well qualified to fill the position and a man who will see that all interests are dealt with equal justice. Judge Campbell also is quite well known in this district and the writer knows nothing against him.—Boardman Mirror.  
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