

AGRICULTURE IN CANADA IS HARD HIT

Co-operation and Political Action Recommended As Remedy.

As long as the price disparity between the farm and the home remains the buying power of the farms will be limited. The balance must be restored before there can be generally prosperous conditions. When the feeding industry of a country is wasting toward insolvency, business of the whole country will sooner or later be affected.

Canada is in even worse condition than our country over the decline of agriculture, and the government is striving to find the cause and a remedy. Low prices, high operating and distributing costs, the levy of the middle interests and high railroad rates are given as the principal causes. E. J. Garland, member of parliament, stated in a recent speech at Montreal, that 70 per cent of the farms in western Canada had been taken away and are now owned by the banks and loan companies; that if all the assets of the farmers were liquidated there would be general bankruptcy. He recommended as a remedy both co-operation and political action, stating that neither alone could succeed, but combined they could force a restoration of the balance and bring the farmers' dollar to a par with the other dollars of the nation.

The Michigan Potato Shippers' association states that the strict enforcement of the potato grades has profited the growers more than any other undertaking in years; that it has not only resulted in higher prices but has greatly increased the demand and made a reputation for Michigan spuds.

Since March last, oleomargarine has been outlawed in Canada. It is a crime to make, import, sell or possess it. Sentiment against the counterfeiter was almost unanimous, while in Oregon money and influence are striving to do away with a law banning substitute butter.

During the months of January, February and March of this year \$9,379,000 worth of principal agricultural products were brought into this country from other nations to compete with our farmers for markets and prices. These figures are a special report to the state market agent from C. G. Greis, assistant agricultural statistician, Washington, D. C., under date of May 7. Over \$3,000,000 worth of meats were imported to cut under the prices of home cattlemen, who are going bankrupt every week.

Of hides and skins (not including furs) during the three months \$15,625,000 worth were imported, while the cattlemen of Oregon can hardly give away their hides. Over six and a half million dollars' worth of fruits were brought in during this quarter, and five and a half million dollars' worth of seeds. Hides are on the free list, and more than \$18,000,000 worth were imported last year. Of fruits, prunes, there is a duty of one-half of one per cent. Seeds are protected from one to four cents a pound. Meats have a duty of \$20 on \$100 worth. American packers build big packing plants in Argentina, buy beef cattle at less than the cost of production in this country; freeze the meat and ship it in here at a duty of one-fifth and take away the markets of American cattlemen. The farmers of this country ask that either the protection be lowered on manufactured products to the same ratio as on their products or that their schedules shall be raised to the level of manufactured goods.

Thirty per cent of the flour mills have quit since 1914, yet production has increased 36 per cent. This is millers' co-operation. The price of flour in the northwest has decreased 33 per cent; wheat has dropped 55 per cent, while bread prices have decreased 2 per cent. This is bakers' co-operation that distances the millers. Farmers co-operate in small spots, but these and many other illustrations are teaching them the full way.

Rhea Luper, state engineer, accompanied by Mrs. Luper, passed through Heppner on Saturday on their return home to Salem. Mr. Luper had been over in the eastern part of the state on business connected with irrigation projects.

A TREAT FOR THE FAMILY

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SAVING HEALTH, MONEY, MORALS

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Thousands of dollars were saved through the few hundred dollars invested in a health and recreation service on the Eola Ranch, between Salem and Independence, during the September, 1923, hop harvest.

This unique experiment succeeded in holding more than a thousand workers on the job until the end of the harvest, in contrast to the experience in 1922, when the force dropped from 1,000 to less than 500 at the end of the first ten days. This continuous service of the large number of workers reduced the period of harvest from a month to twenty-two days, saved a perishable crop, and cut the cost of harvesting by eliminating eight days of overwork. One ranch in the neighborhood of Eola abandoned the picking of a large acreage because of its difficulty in holding the workers.

The health service furnished at the welfare headquarters in each camp, first aid for oak and hop poison, burns, cuts and bruises, and supplied calls on patients suffering from dysentery or other disorders incident to unripe fruit and hastily prepared food. Suggestion in the daily paper which was mimeographed on the ranch, induced many to choose a wholesome combination. The grocery stores on the ranch received fresh supplies daily and milk was delivered from an accredited dairy. Out of the seventeen injured during harvest, only one man lost any time from work. Cases needing a physician or dentist were taken to the neighboring town in a car belonging to the welfare workers, or medical attendance was brought to them. Many of the cases of illness in other years which had broken the morale of the working staff were among the children who were either taken to the fields in the hot sun or left in camp to take care of themselves and eat whatever they might find. Much of this trouble was prevented this year by the day nurseries which cared for the children too young to help their parents. For the tiny babies there were pallets of straw, and for the older children, simply playground apparatus, games and stories. The ranch provided free milk for these children each day. The food left for the children's lunch by their parent was given them by the attendants at the proper time.

The program of evening recreation around the camp fire proved so attractive to the hundreds of workers who assembled night after night that one of the two dance halls built by the management did not justify the cost of an orchestra and was closed. The other dance hall was open only five nights a week. A printed circular sent out weeks before the season opened, to the addresses of former employes, and to auto camps and other assembling places of migrant workers, had asked them to bring musical instruments and theatrical make-up and to be prepared to use any gift they might possess for entertaining. Among those who came were musicians, story-tellers, dramatic readers, tumblers, dancers and a slack rope walker, and one family which had been on the vaudeville stage, and which coached the members of its own camp in a seven-act performance for the entertainment of another camp. The star performers were frequently asked to repeat an act for another camp. Boxing, volley ball, horseshoes and other athletic events gave an outlet for surplus energy.

Conversation in the field dealt with the performance of the night before and plans for coming events. This crowded out the usual arguments with check bosses and scraps among the workers. The ranch management announces a similar program for 1924 with the addition of a school for the children.



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CECIL NEWS ITEMS

John Krebs who has been taking in the sights of the Rose City returned to Cecil on Monday accompanied by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. Peterson of Portland, who will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs at the Last Camp and at the same time keep an eye on John and prevent him from roaming to the city instead of staying "down on the farm."

Arthur Turner and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter and family of Cecil left on Saturday for The Dalles where Arthur and Henry expect they will be able to find all the sand which has left the 700 acre tract of summer fallow belonging to J. W. Osborn of Fairview during the recent heavy wind storms.

Geo. Brandes, who has been under the care of his doctor in Heppner for a couple of weeks, returned to his work at Butterby Flats on Sunday. George is feeling fine and leaves with some of Hynd Bros. sheep for their summer range in a day or two.

Alex Wilson and party of friends from Boardman made a short call in Cecil on Wednesday. Alex declares the crops, fruit, etc. are all in need of rain in his part of the county. It must come soon, or all crops will be burnt up.

Geo. Chandler left for the mountains with a band of sheep belonging to Hynd Bros. on Tuesday. Geo. Brandes will leave in a few days with the last band for their summer range.

E. Carpenter of Morgan accompanied by Miss Cieta Palmateer of Windybrook were exercising their horses on Cecil's race track on Sunday in readiness for the Heppner Roden.

Elmer Tyler of Rhea Siding was in Cecil on Monday for an hour or two visiting his school pal Noel Streeter and planning what they would do during their school vacation.

The Mayor and daughter Miss Annie C. Hynd took in the graduation exercises at Heppner high school on Friday evening. Miss Violet Hynd was one of the graduates.

Weather being suitable haymaking will begin in the Cecil district on Monday. Crops very light, and rain is needed if there is to be a second crop at all.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs and twin boys of the Last Camp were visiting at the home of Mrs. Marion Van Schoelack in Arlington on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chandler of Lebanon were in Cecil on Monday for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Fanshlers of Four Mile were calling in Cecil on Thursday before leaving to visit friends in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morris of Portland were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank near Cecil on Saturday and Sunday.

Ellis Minor and son Arthur from The End of the Trail ranch near Lone were callers at The Last Camp on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Pettyjohn and family from near Ione were visiting with Mrs. H. J. Streeter at Cecil on Monday.

Cecil Ahalt who has been preaching in the Legion hall at Lone for several days was a Cecil visitor on Saturday.

David Hynd of Hynd Bros. company spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his brother Jack at Butterby Flats.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Havercrest of Rhea Siding spent Sunday at the home of Leon Logan in Four Mile.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Farley of Heppner made a call in Cecil before going to The Willows on Monday.

Earl Morgan of Broadacres has a busy time bringing his horses to water at Cecil these dry days.

Martin Bauernfiend, car doctor of Morgan, was called to Cecil on Monday to repair a disabled car.

Mrs. Geo. A. Miller and son Elvin of Highway ranch were calling in Cecil on Saturday.

Mrs. T. H. Lowe and daughter Miss Annie C. were calling on friends in lone on Saturday.

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methods of handling summer fallow and dates of seeding are showing more difference this year than in ordinary years. Every farmer who can possibly do so is invited to attend these meetings and make the trip to the Moro Station. Further announcements will be made as to the hours

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