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National Potato Letter

Main Truck Lines Moving More Spuds; R. R. Reduces Rates

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Figures show that Maine shipped about 20 per cent of its October movement by truck. That is a startling development for Maine, generally assumed to be one of the fall's last strongholds.

Apparently, the report is true, although the percentage should drop off sharply when cold weather arrives. This probably explains the action of rail lines serving New England from Aroostook county in putting reduced rates in effect December 10.

Maine's 60,000 odd cars is a lot of tonnage and the railroads obviously do not want to lose it to other carriers.

Small Packs

The same figures show that nearly 83 per cent of Maine's shipments have been in consumer packs, 10 to 50 pounds in paper. Except for an insignificant quantity in 5's, the rest has been in burlap 100's. One observer points out that most shipments have been by chains moving their own stock, which explains everything except why the others have not been shipping.

The industry in Maine is complaining about the slow movement, wondering why and tending to blame it on Canada. The support price rise on December 1 may have had something to do with it. Reports some time ago stated that

growers would not let go at support in November, were waiting for the 20 cent jump.

During the first three days in December, 729 cars were shipped as against only 357 during the preceding week. Maybe the hold-on-and-get-more-theory was right.

Department of agriculture got 79 cars those same three days as compared with 7 cars in corresponding period of previous week.

No Spurt

Total U. S. potato shipments jumped mightily last week, up 856 cars of which 730 were commercial. That is characteristic immediately after Thanksgiving, but the prices all over the country still are in the doldrums, which is not characteristic. With less than three weeks until Christmas, it looks as though no market spurt is possible.

On the basis of carlot figures alone, which is half unless the limitations of the figures is recognized, this season is almost 35,000 rail cars behind last season to date, approximately 35 million bushels held back. These bushels must be added to production estimates to get a comparison with last year.

Last year's late drop was 3442 million bushels and shipments to date by rail were 105.2 million bushels, leaving 239 to be accounted for. This year, late crop production was

299.3 million bushels, 70.6 million have been shipped by rail to date, leaving 228.6 million bushels to be accounted for. Thus we are only 10.4 million bushels short of having the same volume on hand now as we had last year when 45 million bushels were produced.

This arithmetic is not exactly accurate because shipment figures are unreliable tools. If trucks are as much heavier as they seem to be, we are not as bad off as it seems, but there is no way to pin down truck movement.

Kern County

It appears now that there will be another referendum in Kern county, but only after complete hearings. It won't be a vote on the merits of a marketing agreement and order, but on whether or not the area wants price support. The same will be true of most other sections that develop programs under the present help yourself or we won't help you policy.

On the question why Kern county gets 1950 allotments even though price support is denied, the real reason is that some growers produce late potatoes in the same area, and early and late potatoes in other areas. To get support on any of these, they must be in compliance on all farms, even those in Kern county. A secondary reason is that support will be available if the area moves fast enough to get an agreement voted in before too late in the season.

Damage

Florida frost reports put damage in the Lake area at 50 to 75 per cent. We assume that means that somewhere within that range was affected, and not that any such acreage is a total loss.

Revised Klamath Basin marketing order is now in effect. It adds two more counties and provides much more flexibility in operation. This was done without much fanfare and is a progressive step.

Some accounts of the national potato council meeting indicate that department of agriculture men were plugging for quota legislation. This is not so according to our information. They were invited to explain how a quota plan might work as applied to potatoes; it was the council's own agenda and idea.

2 Votes

As we said last week, the plug for quotas comes from congress, which told the industry last summer that they had a year in which to get together on a plan of acreage allotments with penalties for overplanting.

Canada has been complaining some about U. S. claims that Canadian certified seed barely meets minimum standards when shipped in here. Giving them the benefit of the doubt as to quality and disease, rumors persist of certified stock

Grand Champion Steer Brings Record \$11.50 Per Pound



CHICAGO, ILL.—A record price of \$11.50 a pound, for a total of \$13,800 was paid for "Judge Roy Bean," Grand Champion steer at the International Livestock Exposition. High bidder at the auction was Dearborn Motors Corp., Detroit, national marketing organization for Ford tractors. The champion Hereford steer, exhibited by the Pecos County, Texas, 4-H Club, weighed 1290 pounds. The record price was 75 cents a pound higher than the previous top of \$10.75 paid for last year's International Grand Champion.

moving to U. S. destinations packed 2 1/2-inch minimum in 15 lb. bags. We can't vouch for the truth of these rumors, but if true, that stock certainly was not packed for planting and it puts the entire Canadian seed movement under a cloud.

A leading trade paper commented editorially a few weeks ago on the evils of price support. Recently the same paper commented favorably on government loans for construction of terminal market facilities. The degree of excitement sort of depends on whose bread is getting buttered.

WHEAT GRASS

Amos Hoyt reported to the Aluturas agricultural department of California that he had recently

Pity Cop With Writer's Cramp

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A UCLA campus policeman found a gold mine of illegally parked students' cars, so many that he ran out of tickets.

"I got writers' cramp after the 10th," the Daily Bruin, campus newspaper, quoted the officer as saying. "After the 22nd my book was empty."

Records indicate that the first drive-in motion picture theatre was built near Camden, N. J., in 1923.

seeded 30 acres of Crested wheat grass for dry land pasture on his Canyon creek ranch.

Tewkesbury Memorial To Honor GIs

TEWKESBURY, Eng. (AP)—The ancient town of Tewkesbury on Shakespeare's Avon, plans half a mile of riverside gardens to be dedicated to the United States.

The project is "in gratitude for the great generosity of the American nation and in remembrance of all those virile men and women who passed through the town to the beaches of France."

The site, selected by a town meeting, will be cleared by townspeople in their spare time. Most of the land and buildings have been donated by the owners. The memorial will be dedicated in 1951.

Klamath County Farmers Elect PMA Committeemen

Twenty of Klamath county's farmers were elected by their neighbors last week to serve as community production and marketing administration committeemen for the coming year.

Each of the county's four agricultural communities also selected a delegate to represent them in a county convention scheduled for December 15, 1949 in the county PMA office in the Tower theatre building, at which the county PMA committee will be chosen.

Local Control

These are the men who will be responsible during 1950 for the local administration of such federal farm programs as agricultural conservation, price supports, acreage allotments, marketing quotas, and the sugar program.

The successful candidates and the communities they represent are as follows:

Merrill-Mallin Community: Edwin Stastny, chairman; E. E. Kilpatrick, vice-chairman; J. R. Ratliff, Jr., regular member; W. J. Dixon, first alternate, and Mark Evans, second alternate.

Henley-Keno-Midland Community: William M. Williams, chairman; Leland Cheyne, vice chairman; Ward Dolan, regular member; Lee Holliday, first alternate, and Clarence Gover, second alternate.

Bonanza-Poe Valley Community: Oliver Kinney Jr., chairman; I. L. Harris, vice chairman; Neal Jones, regular member; William Tubach, first alternate, and William N. Drew, second alternate.

Fort Klamath Community: Fred O. Brown, chairman; George Hagel-

stein, vice chairman; H. T. Williams, regular member; F. E. Hanson, first alternate, and Lloyd L. Ross, second alternate.

Delegates from the respective communities were as follows:

Merrill-Mallin: W. J. Dixon, delegate, and Edwin Stastny, alternate delegate.

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Extension Employees At Meeting

The annual conference of extension, experiment, and instruction members of the Oregon State college of agriculture is being held this week in Corvallis.

County agent employees from Klamath county are attending, including C. A. Henderson, county agent, and J. D. vertrees, Walter Jendrzewski, assistant agent; Francis Skinner and Joan Howell, 4-H club agent and assistant; and Mary Glenn, home demonstration.

Meetings will be held throughout the week outlining newly developed ideas and methods for county agent work.

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