

POTATO CROP WAS LARGER IN THE YEAR OF 1931 BY NEARLY HALF A MILLION BUSHEL

An increase of nearly a half million bushels in the annual potato crop of New Brunswick is noted by Harvey Mitchell, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, in his annual Departmental report which was tabled in the Provincial Legislature by Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture.

The yield for 1931 was 6,341,000 bushels as compared with 5,853 for the previous year.

Livestock.

"Systematic inspection and grading of bulls offered for sale in the Province was again carried out in the late winter. The bulls so inspected numbered 188. The number of bulls owned by agricultural societies bonded for the year was 263, an increase of 19 over last year. Grants covering part of the construction costs on 20 yards for bulls were issued during the year.

"The testing of cattle in the territory gazetted as a Tuberculosis Free Area in 1930 was completed. An extension of this area, including the parishes of Cambridge, Manguerville, Sheffield and part of Canning, received its initial test.

"Forty-four Boys' and Girls' Calf Clubs were active during the season. The total number of members having calves this year was 582, bringing the grand total of members since the clubs were organized to 1215.

"Under the Ram Bonus Policy 24 breeders were granted premiums on pure bred rams purchased and used for the first time. Fifty others, entered under the Federal Ram Policy, received a smaller bonus augmenting that paid by the Dominion Live Stock Branch. The ram grading service was continued, 141 being graded for 46 breeders.

"The number of pure bred bacon type boars owned by Agricultural Societies receiving premiums was 96 as compared with 36 last year.

"One bacon hog fair was conducted.

"Ten Boys' and Girls' Swine Clubs having a membership of 147 were organized and supervised during the year."

Poultry Division

"While eggs reached their lowest price level for many years in 1931, it can still be said that prices of poultry products remained relatively high when compared with prices of many farm products. The slump in egg prices early in the year caused many layers to be marketed earlier than usual, which resulted in a firmer egg market in the fall and fair meat prices throughout the year. Low feed prices contributed to make the year a fairly successful one for poultrymen. Statistics show a two per cent increase in numbers of poultry kept over the previous year.

"Forty-one poultry clubs with a combined membership of 632 were organized. The percentage attendance of members at the poultry club fairs was better than in 1930 and the stock show was good in quality. Sales of cockerels under the joint policy with the Dominion Live Stock Branch will be somewhat fewer than last year even though prices have, for the most part, been lower. Decreased sales are accounted for by a number of new breeders entering pedigree work and thus breeding their own cockerels rather than buying and to some extent by a larger number of old male birds than usual retained for breeders. The total sales of pedigreed cockerels by breeders in the Province will be larger than ever before, many having been sold in Quebec and Ontario."

Soils and Crops Division

"The sales of pulverized limestone at the Brookville Manufacturing Company plant, Brookville, Saint John County, were 13,056 tons, comprising 380 carlots and a number of local

1263 NEW SETTLERS CAME TO NEW BRUNSWICK DURING 1931

During the four years in which the British Family Settlement Agreement has been in effect, New Brunswick has received 360 families, says Hon. J. A. Murray, Superintendent of Industry and Immigration and Secretary of the Farm Settlement Board, in the annual report of the Department of Agriculture, tabled in the Legislature on Friday.

The economic conditions, little thought of when these families were brought to New Brunswick, has tended to make some of them discouraged

motor-truck and l.s.l. deliveries. The shipments of screened broken stone and poultry grit amounted to 135 tons.

"The output of pulverized limestone is less than that of last year when it was 18,282 tons, but greater than in 1929 when it was 12,853 1/4 tons.

"The counties wherein pulverized limestone was used to the greatest extent are Kent, Gloucester and Westmorland in the order named. The number of carlot shipments made to these counties from the Brookville plant were 62, 41 and 30 carlots respectively.

"The interest in farm draining is increasing. Four carlots of field drain tiles were bought under the assisted freight purchase policy. The number of persons who engaged in under-draining is thirty, who bought 40,350 pieces of tile.

Horticulture

"Never before were so many New Brunswick apples placed on New Brunswick markets as there were this year, much of this marketing being done by trucks.

"While some of the balance of the crop which went outside the province was consigned most of it was purchased f.o.b. shipping point. Taking an average of the varieties the prices returned to the growers were approximately \$1.00 a barrel 1/2's than in 1930."

and the work of satisfactory settlement more difficult, the report points out and at the request of the British Government this agreement has been suspended. These settlers, however, are being encouraged in very way by the provincial and federal land settlement divisions.

With the intention of settling here there came to New Brunswick last year 1263 immigrants, the report states, 537 of this number coming through ocean ports and 726 from the United States. The overseas settlers were British and Scandinavian and the total is the smallest New Brunswick has had for a number of years and emphasizes the measure of restriction in force at the present time.

A Falling Off

The report goes on to say that: "One of the most disappointing effects of restricted immigration has been the consequent and necessary reduction of Scandinavian settlers coming to the province; of whom we received only a total of 65 individuals during the year, included in which number were nine families. An arrangement made with the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway, and concurred in by the Department at Ottawa, will, it is hoped, bring us many more of this desirable type of agricultural settler during the coming year. I may say in this connection that all our Scandinavian settlers coming to New Brunswick during 1932 will have capital at their disposal. For the immediate future migrants, whether British or Scandinavian, being encouraged to come to New Brunswick will be not only of a purely agricultural type but those with sufficient financial resources of their own to establish themselves in their undertakings here.

Farms Purchased

"The Farm Settlement Board purchased during the year a total of 70 farms at a cost of \$103,000. These were sold with few exceptions to our own New Brunswick people. There was collected from occupants of farms owned by the Board the sum of \$23,377. Farm Settlement Board accounts have been unsatisfactorily met during the past year owing to agricultural conditions over which the occupants of our farms have no control. Under normal conditions a very much larger percentage of our payments would have been made. This applies to both our own New Brunswick settlers and British settlers as well. Failure to market farm produce and the abnormally low price obtaining for these products have brought about a condition of affairs in our settlement work which only an improvement of our economic condition can overcome. Since the Board began operations a total of 822 farms have been purchased of which 357 have been paid for in full."

SPEED KING WAS GIVEN A GREAT WELCOME

Toronto, March 3—With almost unprecedented enthusiasm, the Ontario Legislature briefly adjourned this afternoon when Premier George S. Henry announced Sir Malcolm Campbell, British automobile ace, was in the chamber, Sir Malcolm was called to Premier Henry's side as members rose in a body. Desks were pounded and hands clapped.

Sir Malcolm spoke briefly. "The reason Great Britain holds supremacy in the air, on land and water," he declared, "is due entirely to supremacy of British engineering. All honor should be paid to our country for the supremacy of our workmanship."

Sir Malcolm was officially welcomed to the city today by Mayor William Stewart and members of the City Council. Several thousand people heard Mayor Stewart read an address of welcome on the City Hall steps.

Many a working girl who can't labor very hard for fear he rgown and her complexion will be spoiled gets married and spends the rest of her life in a boudoir and a dirty bungalow.

Depression has been remarkably educational. One lesson is that real estate at top prices is not always a safe investment.

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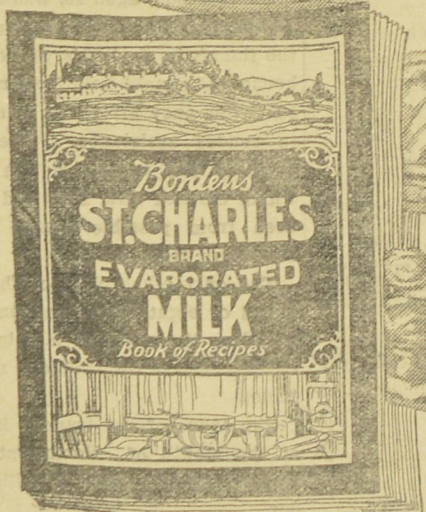
3 eggs; 1 cup Borden's St. Charles Milk; 2 cups flour; 1/2 small tspn. salt; 1 cup water.

Beat the eggs ten minutes and then add the milk. Gradually add the flour, sifted, and the salt. Beat until absolutely smooth. Turn into hissing-hot, well-oiled gem pans and bake quickly.

LEMON MERINGUE PIE

1/4 cup Borden's St. Charles Milk; 3/4 cup hot water; 1 1/2 cups sugar; 4 1/2 tblspns. corn starch; 1 tspn. butter; 2 eggs; juice 2 lemons; grated rind 1 lemon; few grains salt; 1 cooked pastry shell.

Combine the milk and water in a double boiler top, add the sugar and cornstarch, thoroughly mixed together, and cook fifteen minutes, stirring occasionally. Separate the eggs, beat the yolks light, combine them with a little of the hot milk, stir into the thickened mixture and cook five minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Then add the salt and when somewhat cooled stir in the lemon juice and rind, pour into the pastry shell, heap with a meringue made of two egg whites, and a third cup of powdered sugar, and cook in a slow oven for ten minutes until the meringue is firm and delicately browned.



CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP

1 bunch or can asparagus; 4 cups cold water; 2 slices onion; 1/2 tspn. sugar; blade of mace; 2 tblspns. butter; 2 tblspns. flour; 1 tspn. salt; 1-8 tspn. pepper; 2 cups Borden's St. Charles Milk; 1 egg yolk; dash of paprika.

If fresh asparagus used, remove tips and cook them in a little boiling salted water until tender; if canned, cut off tips and lay aside. Cut up stalks. Cover with cold water. Add onion, sugar, and mace. Cook until tender. Strain through sieve, pressing asparagus well to extract flavor. Melt butter in saucepan and stir in flour. Add salt, pepper, and asparagus puree. Continue stirring until thickened. Add one-and-a-half cups St. Charles Milk and the asparagus tips. Bring to boiling point, and simmer five minutes. Combine beaten egg yolk with the remaining milk and add to mixture. Let come to boil. Serve each portion with a dash of paprika over top.

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