

PRODUCE MEN AT MONTREAL STRONGLY URGE A REDUCTION IN RAIL RATES AT CONVENTION

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A plea for a more logical relationship between governmental efforts to stimulate dairy farming; and freight rates on dairy produce, was voiced by Clinton Henderson, president of the Canadian Produce Association, in his presidential address this morning to the 22nd annual convention of that body in the Windsor Hotel.

"A national policy that seeks to discourage the volume of production of cereals and to increase the production of dairy products and mixed farming generally," he said, "and at the same time maintains freight rates that operate in exactly the opposite direction, that promote the production of cereals and discourage the production of dairy products, poultry and eggs, would seem to be a policy that needs some overhauling and revision."

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After quoting certain comparative freight rates, he continued: "The outstanding feature is that the cost of transporting an equal weight of butter or dressed poultry is six times the cost of transporting the same weight of wheat, and yet our Government is advertising farmers to increase mixed farming and to curtail their production of wheat."

"I suggest the appointment of a strong national committee to take this question up in conjunction, if possible, with the National Dairy Council and other organizations having similar aims to our own."

"In public affairs, as in private affairs, it is sometimes necessary and advantageous to make capital expenditures, provided they will be self-liquidating and reduce the cost of operating. Such expenditures are justified only if capital can be secured at reasonable cost."

"Offsetting our public and private debts, we are also passing on an inheritance splendidly equipped with railways, canals, harbors, elevators, public highways and public buildings; industrial, mining, fishing and lumbering industries; educational facilities; well-cultivated and well-equipped farms. In addition we are passing on an international goodwill of indefinable but very great value. For their contribution to the international reputation of our country the present Federal administration deserve the approval of all citizens."

Tribute to Farmers

Mr. Henderson paid tribute to the farmers of Canada, whom he described as "foremost among the real heroes of depression."

He pointed out that the severe weather since November had proved of benefit to the produce trade. In that it had retarded production and deliveries, and had possibly increased consumption of eggs, "resulting in a reasonably satisfactory wind-up of the egg deal."

Regarding the problem of butter exports, which became acute last Sep-

tember, he urged the appointing of a special national committee by the association to co-operate with other organizations having the same general objective as their own.

Mayor Rinfred briefly bid the delegates welcome to the City of Montreal, and was given honorary membership in the association.

The report of the special egg committee told of negotiations with the Federal Government regarding changes to be effected in the classification of eggs for sale.

Luncheon Session

The rapid advances that have been made in scientific research of recent years has somewhat counter-balanced the regret that was felt that Canada's National Research Council had not been started earlier, declared Dr. R. W. Boyle, Director of the Physics and Engineering division of the Council, addressing the members of the Association at luncheon today. "Canada is about 40 years late in starting research, and when it did start we struck a bad time. We were born in troublous times but we shall survive, and I look forward to the time when the fine building that we have in Ottawa will be filled with scientific equipment and a staff of well trained people who will deal with the many problems that are referred to them."

Dr. Boyle said already the laboratories were doing work that used to go to Washington for research, and the Canadian industrial public and the agricultural public were finding out its uses.

Correct Values

R. L. Calder, K. C., declared that the depression was really a return to sanity and truth and correct values.

He defied anyone to take any stock which supposedly had depreciated in value, and not be able to find on investigation that it had merely returned to its true value. "The sooner we realize that we cannot artificially change that situation. We may have a brain trust in the next country to ours and we have all sorts of 'isms and 'ologies pretending to lead us out of it, but we should stay in it and work and develop on the sound foundation on which our feet now appear to rest." The speaker regretted that this country had not paid more attention to the experience through which industrial England had gone through, believing that if it had the conditions of affairs today would have been much better than they are.

P. W. McLaglan, presided at the luncheon, held in the Windsor Hotel.

RECOGNITION OF CUBA BY U.S. IS IN SIGHT

Washington, Jan. 20— A renewed drive to establish quotas for producing areas supplying the American sugar market was launched yesterday by representatives of the sugar industry and the Department of Agriculture as a first step toward stabilization of the American sugar industry.

Representatives of the industry meeting privately in Washington informed the United Press that, with recognition of the Mendieta Government in Cuba by the United States apparently in sight, prospects for a stabilization program for the American industry were the brightest they have been for several months.

President Roosevelt's "new deal" for Cuba's economic rehabilitation is expected by representatives of the sugar industry to follow formal political recognition in rapid and successive moves. The first of these is expected to be the assignment of a definite quota of Cuban sugar to be marketed in continental United States during the next year.

The second anticipated move is a recommendation by the Tariff Commission that the present duty of two cents per pound on Cuban sugar be reduced to 1.47 cents, or perhaps even less, for the quantity stipulated in the quota.

As a result of these two moves, plus political recognition it is believed that the Cuban centrals will be able to finance the grinding of the present crop, which was to have begun on January 15, but was postponed to February 1 because of political uncertainties and the difficulty of obtaining finances from the banks for operation of the mills. With the start of grinding operations thousands of Cubans will be put back to work and a start will have been made toward the long desired economic rehabilitation of the island republic's finances.

THE EMPRESS CRUISERS HAD A DAY IN ATHENS

Athens, Jan. 23— The Empress of Britain, Canadian Pacific round the world cruise ship, anchored in Phaleron Bay this morning, and one of the largest groups of world cruising tourists seen here in recent years spent the day sightseeing in and around Athens.

After the visitors had enjoyed a full day ashore, the big liner sailed again at evening, bound for Palestine, scarcely one ruin of classic temple or theatre was left unvisited, nor was the modern Athenian city, capital of a new Greece neglected during their days tour and when they left the cosmopolitan group from the United States, Canada and several European countries, took away with them a lasting impression of Greece's past but undimmed glory and of her modern progress.

Gulf stream is the world's greatest river. It is 50 miles wide and 2,000 feet deep—and makes Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida well worth visiting in winter.

Farmers, being sensible men, don't like war; but war made wheat \$2 a bushel.

No five year plan for Turkey should fail to take cognizance of the recurrence of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Enjoy tea at its best "SALADA" TEA 'Fresh from the gardens'

A huge lost St. Bernard dog that eats 5 pounds of meat a day was cared for by the Humane Society. But "Leo" or "Ponto" couldn't help it that he was so expensive. Master dogs must eat. In a day or two, there was a joyous reunion between the owner and his big pet.

An active imagination is worth having, but it inflicts worry on you. You can't evade death or taxes.

As might have been expected, it has been proved by test that a horse can walk faster than a man. With double the number of legs, why shouldn't he be the better and faster walker?

Did you give your boy a tool chest on Christmas and now make the discovery that he would rather have had "Stanley's 'In Darkest Africa?'" All boys don't like to hammer.

Slangs lasts so briefly. Hotcha-cha. It has already become cold cha-cha.

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