



NOTICE TO SOLDIERS ON HARVEST LEAVE.

Attention is directed to a recent announcement published in the Press by the Military Service Branch, Department of Justice, regarding extensions to be granted to men EXEMPTED AS FARMERS.

It is pointed out that this DOES NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT MEN WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE REGISTRAR TO REPORT TO Depot Battalions and who have thereafter received leave of absence from the Military Authorities.

Once a man has been ordered to report for duty by the Registrar he leaves the jurisdiction of the Registrar and comes under that of the Department of Militia and Defence, and is to be considered as a soldier. This applies to men of the 20 to 22 Class who have been ordered to report by the Registrar in virtue of the cancellation of exemptions by Order-in-Council of the 20th April last, as well as to those ordered to report in the usual way on refusal of claim for exemption, or on expiration of exemption granted.

All men, accordingly, who have been ordered to report, and are therefore SOLDIERS, and who have subsequently been granted harvest leave by the military authorities, MUST, NOTWITHSTANDING THE NOTICE ABOVE REFERRED TO, REPORT ON THE EXPIRATION OF THAT LEAVE, unless they are notified to the contrary by their Commanding Officer or by general notice published by the Department of Militia and Defence.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

SOME CORRESPONDENCE ON PATRIOTIC POTATOES

Interesting Documents Put in Evidence Before Commissioner McQueen—Mr. Daggett Assures Mr. Flemming That There will be No Rake-off—A Carleton County Patriot Who was Thinking of Profits.

The following copies of communications which were brought out in evidence in the patriotic potato enquiry make interesting reading.

Sept. 8, 1914.

Hon J. K. Flemming, Esq., Premier,

Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Mr. Flemming: Yours with enclosures duly received.

I have already seen some of these parties. Everyone that has twenty bushels of potatoes wants to sell them to the Government. You would think there is no other market, and that their potatoes would rot unless they sold them to us. I am being bombarded with letters and telegrams from every corner.

The outlook for the potato market is excellent. There will be no difficulty to sell all the potatoes the province will produce this season; but many of the people seem to have the idea that we will pay a high price and there will be a lot of "rake off" in this connection. If the matter is left in my hands they will get only the market price.

I do not seem to know this man Burley from Upper Kent. He evidently is a new man since my day in that section.

All these sent in by you will have our consideration.

Yours very truly,
Secretary for Agriculture.

Forwarded to Dept.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 7, 1914.

J. B. Daggett, Esq., Agricultural Department, Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Mr. Daggett:—Enclosed find letters received re the supply of potatoes. I have acknowledged receipt, stating that the letters were all being forwarded to the Agricultural Department for consideration.

Yours sincerely,
J. K. Flemming.

Wanted Flemming's Help

Upper Kent, Sept. 5th, 1914.

J. K. Flemming,

Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Sir:—I see by the Standard the Government is giving 100,000 bushels of potatoes to the war.

I would like to sell the Government about 50 cars, and trust you will use your influence to help me.

Thanking you in advance, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) I. B. Burley.

(Mr. Burley is a dealer in boots, shoes, dry goods and groceries.)

No Liberal Need Apply

Upper Kent, Sept. 5, 1914.
Hon. J. K. Flemming, Woodstock.

Dear Sir:—I see by the paper that your Government is giving the old country about 200 cars of potatoes. I want to say that we don't want to let a Liberal supply one barrel. Want a

chance to supply my share when time comes.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) S. W. Perry.

In the Potato Business

East Florenceville, Sept. 5 1914.

J. K. Flemming,

Dear Sir:—

I notice that the offer of your Government to the Motherland of one hundred thousand bushels of potatoes has been accepted. I am in the potato business and would appreciate very much an order for a few cars.

Yours truly,
B. C. McIsaac.

A Real Patriot

Hartland, Sept. 3rd, 1914.

Mr. J. K. Flemming,

Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Sir:—I have been thinking of the conversation we had regarding the Provincial contribution to the Empire on account of the war and remember your mentioning potatoes in that connection. Now the merest mention of spuds always sets me thinking of profit.

Has the Government taken any action in the matter? if they should decide to send potatoes, I would like to get an order for anywhere from 5 thousand to 10 thousand bags.

Yours sincerely,

A. A. Rideout.

At the time the patriotic potato transaction was pulled off Mr. Flemming was premier of the province, although resting under a cloud brought about by the timberland steal. The report of the Royal Commission which probed the charges was made public in December and was followed by Mr. Flemming's resignation and retirement from public life. It was his successors in office who handled the potato transaction.

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