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VICTORY LOAN MEANS MANY MILLIONS FOR LIVE STOCK

Canada's Annual Exports of Animal Products Over \$140,000,000 in Value—\$100,000,000 Advanced Last Year to Finance Exports—More Expected During the Coming Year—Policy Adopted by the Government Must be Continued—Canada Can Afford It.

Canada's exports of animal products last year reached the enormous total of \$142,245,193. Compared with the year 1913 these figures show an increase of over 400 per cent. The total for 1913 being \$29,704,128. Mainly, this prodigious expansion was due to the fact that the Government of Canada was able to finance a great part of the purchases of Great Britain out of the proceeds of the Victory Loan.

Canada's Financial Support

A glance at the amount of financial support Canada has given to trade since the outbreak of the war will help to an understanding of the growth of Canada's exports to the Motherland. We have spent \$1,000,000,000 on the war to date and have advanced to the Imperial Munitions Board, which does the purchasing of war materials for the British Government, the total of \$600,000,000. If we had not been able to make these advances Great Britain loaded down as she is with war burdens, would not have been able to buy what we had to sell. And so the live stock industry, as well as many other farming and manufacturing industries, has benefited to a great degree from the raising of Canada's war loans.

Must Continue Policy

There are good and sufficient reasons why the policy adopted by the Government must be continued. We have asked our farmers to produce more food, and they have "come through." Many more pigs have been raised in Canada. The market for these must be Great Britain. Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture states: "Practically all our bacon surplus and a large proportion of our surplus of beef must find its outlet in Great Britain." But Great Britain can

only buy on a credit basis, which means that this year the Canadian Government must advance well on to \$100,000,000 to finance our Overseas export trade in beef and pork products. Not to do this would be most unfair to the men who have done their best to meet the demand for increased production.

Moreover, can Canada afford to place this wonderful business in jeopardy and that is just what would result if that response to the appeal for a large loan is not heeded. It is the farmers particularly and the whole people in general who should see that the money is forthcoming.

Sustaining the Market

On the connection between the Victory Loan and the live stock industry Sir Thomas White has said:

"The Victory Loan maintained the live stock market. The Government has urged the farmers to raise hogs. It is therefore vitally important that the entire bacon products should be sold at a good price. Last year's surplus of pork and beef valued at \$100,000,000 was purchased outright for the British Government. Canadian bacon enjoys a great vogue in the Old Country and the loss of the British market would be a serious matter to this industry. There was a danger last year of our having to export our hogs on the hoof instead of packing the bacon in Canada. This was averted by the Victory Loan."

That is the word of authority. The lesson should sink in deeply. Don't let the 1918 Victory Loan fail.

POTATOES ARE BEING SHIPPED FROM P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 28—The shipments of potatoes from this province, which has often been called "Spud Island," have now begun in earnest. There was a delay this year owing to the late harvest, but potato digging is, at time of writing, well under way. The price at present is 65c. Captain Joseph Read, M.P., of the firm of Joseph Read & Co., Summerside, one of the largest dealers in the Maritime Provinces, in speaking of the situation says that the white potatoes are not keeping well, and will scarcely stand exporting. He says a number of the shippers who have handled this variety will have almost a total loss, and, taken year after year, he believes that the white variety is insulted on the whole for this province.

The captain predicts a wide active market, but owing to the poor keeping qualities of the potatoes, he says the results will be unsatisfactory as the widespread area of wet weather which prevailed in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, affected a large portion of the crop. There is a tendency when potatoes show signs of rot, to rush them on the market, and there will naturally be a drop in price. Moreover the price of bags is about 300 per cent higher than before the war, and freight rates are from 200 to 300 per cent higher. The shipper has to pay the same for bags and freight for unsound as well as sound potatoes. The captain declares that the yield on the island will not be quite so large as last year, and that many farmers have short crops owing to their failure to use the Bordeaux mixture as a preventative of the blight. Some farmers, on the other hand, have larger crops than ever.

Price Higher Than Warranted

Last year the price of potatoes was higher than the general requirements warranted. This was owing to very unusual conditions. The State of Maine was eight million bushels short, and a large percentage of the crop went to the Southern States for

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