

Minister Declares "Dollar Wheat" for Canada Impossible

Gardiner Against Further Increase in Prices at Present Time—Dominion Now Guarantees More Than U.S. Growers Receiving

OTTAWA, March 10 (CP).—Every dollar that can safely be taken out of the Federal Treasury to assist Western wheat growers is being taken out, Agriculture Minister Gardiner said in the House of Commons tonight.

The minister spoke as the Government's wheat policy was challenged by the Opposition in an amendment which called for implementation of the requests of the Saskatchewan farm delegation which visited Ottawa last month seeking a \$1 wheat price.

The amendment was proposed by Rev. T. O. Douglas (C.C.F., Weyburn) on second reading of a Government bill to raise the guaranteed wheat price of seventy cents to ninety cents, basis No. 1 Northern at Fort William.

Taking direct issue with the amendment, Mr. Gardiner argued that most of representations of the Western delegation had been adopted by the Government and that none of them had been disregarded.

SAVING INDUSTRY

Dr. F. W. Gershaw (Liberal, Medicine Hat) said that the Government, faced with the wheat problem created by loss of markets through spread of the war, had decided to save the industry so it might function when all farm products would be needed. Had the Government chosen otherwise, 1,500,000 people would have had to go on relief.

Dr. Harry Fleming (Liberal, Humboldt) said that he was not satisfied with the ninety-cent price and urged a payment of at least \$1, while Lieut.-Col. J. A. Ross (Conservative, Souris) announced that he would support the Douglas amendment.

As for parity prices, Mr. Gardiner said, prices now paid for most farm products other than grains were at or above parity. The Government had successfully grappled with every farm problem except that of wheat and as soon as Britain or other

PRISON WORKER VISITS VICTORIA

Col. Wallace Bunton Tells of Salvation Army's Plans For Prisoners

"A man may be down, but we believe that he is never out. There is always a second best. We think that bad men may be made good, and good men may be made better. Prisoners may be reclaimed and made good citizens of the community and loyal to the Empire," declared Lieut.-Col. Wallace Bunton, J.P., territorial prison secretary of the Salvation Army, who arrived here yesterday from his Toronto headquarters.

Paying his first visit to Western Canada, Colonel Bunton said that the West was a wonderful country. "I am completely intoxicated by the wonders and beauties of your Province, and every city I visit, I fall in love with it. I surely will hate to leave your shores on Thursday on my way back to Eastern Canada."

WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

Col. Bunton, who will speak at a meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in the Broad Street Citadel on his prison work, stated that the Salvation Army had in 1889 opened its first prison home in Toronto for men discharged from jail. The Army was prepared to clothe these men, feed them and find work for them, thus fully rehabilitating them. The Government recognized the reclamation work by appointing Brigadier Walter Arndt, a Salvation Army officer, as the first parole officer in the Dominion.

Col. Bunton, who has spent thirty-six years in Salvation Army work, told how he was constantly visiting police courts, jails and reformatories. "I have spent more time in than out of prisons in connection with my work. I have gone to the gallows with many men as their spiritual adviser. Many a Sunday I spend in prisons trying to help the boys."

VICTORIA WORK

The colonel alluded to the splendid work which was being done in Victoria with discharged prisoners by Adjutant James Hakirik, social superintendent for Greater Victoria.

"The Salvation Army conducts its prison work in Canada, Alaska, Bermuda and Newfoundland. In over ninety countries of the world, and from coast to coast, the Army is performing this reclamation work among discharged prison inmates. Our satisfaction is in the fact that 85 per cent of the men and women prisoners under our care give a good account of themselves and are a credit to the community," Col. Bunton declared.

PRISONERS RECEIVE SHOCKING TREATMENT

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be asked to exert its good offices at Tokio for the relief of Hongkong's helpless people. Russia and Japan still are at peace.

TEXT OF STATEMENT

Following is the text of Mr. Eden's statement:
Out of regard for the feelings of the thousands of relations of the victims, His Majesty's Government have been unwilling to publish any accounts of Japanese atrocities at Hongkong until these had been confirmed beyond any possibility of doubt.

His Majesty's Government now are in possession of statements of reliable eyewitnesses who succeeded in escaping from Hongkong towards the end of January or early in February.

Their testimony established the fact that the Japanese army at Hongkong perpetrated against their helpless military prisoners and the population without distinction of race or color, the same kind of barbarities which aroused the horror of the civilized world at the time of the Nanking massacre of 1937.

It is known that fifty officers and men of the British garrison were bound hand and foot and then bayoneted to death.

Persons of Japanese Race Must Surrender Cars at Once

FOLLOWING is the text of a notice to all persons of the Japanese race issued yesterday by Inspector C. B. Peters, commanding officer of the Vancouver Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

"Under authority of Order in Council P.C. 4086, all persons of the Japanese race are hereby notified that they must drive their motor vehicles to the Cattle Shed in the Willows Exhibition Grounds, situated off Cadboro Bay Road in the city of Victoria, and that the deadline for receiving these vehicles will be sunset of Thursday, March 12, 1942.

"Before departure, persons of the Japanese race residing in the Up-Island localities will report themselves to the British Columbia Provincial Police office nearest their place of residence, so that they may drive their motor vehicle to Victoria in convoy under direction of the British Columbia Provincial Police.

"Persons of the Japanese race are reminded that the Curfew Law is still in effect. These persons should obtain daily the hours of sunrise and sunset from their local newspaper.

"On arrival at the Exhibition Ground in Victoria, motor vehicles must be turned over to a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who will give the owner a receipt for his car. Considerable time will be saved if the person has his tire numbers ready to hand to the police and a list of all extra equipment with the car, together with car registration papers, driver's licences, and any and all insurance policies covering the motor vehicle."

calious and the repeated requests of General Malby, the general officer commanding, for an interview with the Japanese commander have been curtly refused.

This presumably means that the Japanese High Command have convived at the conduct of their forces.

NUMBER OF PRISONERS

The Japanese Government stated at the end of February that numbers of prisoners in Hongkong were: British, 5,072; Canadian, 1,689; Indian, 3,829; others, 357; total, 10,947.

Most of the European residents, including some who are seriously ill, have been interned, and like the military prisoners are being given only a little rice and water and occasionally scraps of other food.

There is some reason to believe that conditions have been slightly improved since the date on which the eyewitnesses whom I have quoted escaped, but the Japanese Government have refused their consent to a visit to Hongkong of a representative of the protecting power and no permission has yet been granted for such a visit by a representative of the International Red Cross committee. They have, in fact, announced that they require all foreign consuls to withdraw from all territories, they have invaded since the outbreak of the war. It is clear that their treatment of prisoners and civilians will not bear independent investigation.

SITUATION IN MALAYA

I have no information as to condition of our prisoners of war and civilians in Malaya. The only report available is a statement by Japanese official news agency on March 3 stating that 77,693 Chinese have been arrested and subjected to what is described as a "severe examination." It is not difficult to imagine what that entails.

I am sorry that I have had to make such a statement to the House. Two things will be clear from it, to the House, to the country and to the world. The Japanese claim that their forces are animated by a lofty code of chivalry, bushido, is a nauseating hypocrisy. That is the first. The second is that the enemy must be defeated. The House will agree with me that we can best express our sympathy with the victims of these appalling outrages by redoubting our efforts to insure his utter and overwhelming defeat.

It went on: "The group feels that the mass of the people does not yet realize that atrocities perpetrated by enemy members of the Axis may be the fate of citizens in all parts of the British Commonwealth and that the undivided thought and energy of all classes should be concentrated on the war effort."

RETRIBUTION WILL FOLLOW

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announcement of Japanese atrocities at Hongkong is certain to give rise, among civilized people everywhere, and nowhere more than in the different countries of the British Empire and in the United States with which Japan is at war," Mr. King said.

"Retribution for barbarous behavior of this kind will follow in full measure in due course," Mr. King promised the House.

The Canadian Government, with the Governments of Australia, India, the United Kingdom and the United States, was making every effort to get into personal contact with prisoners of war and others both to gain authentic information and to provide food, medical supplies and personal comforts.

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WINCH FOR DEFENCE A.R.P. AP

C.C.F. Leader Quick Action to Re Anxious Publ

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"I came to Victoria to the Government, Major O. Alexander (G.O.C.-in-Command) and Commr R. Beech (Senior Naval Commanding the Pacific four subjects," said Mr. Winch.

"They were, Pacific force; A.R.P., movement from coastal areas at tation.

ACTION WANT

"As for defence, I told the people of the coast much perturbed about the matter directly before me. I offered the fullest co-operation. I told because of military and personnel in increasing number to us, pleading for action, we felt that in increasing crisis, we were minded to have a showdo definite information and of action we were prepa

"I had a long conference with General Alexander and Commr Beech. They gave me a and courteous hearing and assurances within their power that Ottawa should necessity for a wider view cutting of military and tation.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

"I feel that Ottawa's the local commanders should and speed up all branches of the serving Home Guards. I the see Premier Hart and for my estimation, greatly pe the situation.

"Mr. Hart agreed to Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of Defence, in come our request to be kept full and for necessary autho given commanders of all ices on this Coast to c the Premier and myself defence matters.

"As for A.R.P. matters, is definitely of the opin the Government does not would have to make a p of the matter. Mr. Ha me that an advisory cou be named immediately a few days.

"If we, as individual citi wake up to a realization of danger we are facing, and for service where we can the time will come when forced to serve wherever placed.

"If A.R.P. is not establi efficient basis. I would hesitation in recommen compulsory service. If this dar meet one war, then it w be met another war."

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