

## Wire Ottawa Asking Potato Price Be Restored To Pre-Season Level

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board should recognize the difference between the cost of production of potatoes in 1942 as compared with 1941, and the price ceiling accordingly.

That is the essence of a resolution passed Friday afternoon at a meeting of the Executive of the B. C. Federation of Agriculture in the Hotel Georgia. The resolution, signed by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, is an order establishing the growers' price at not less than the price prevailing on Nov. 1, 1941.

Nov. 10, was wired to J. Taggart, foods administrator, Friday night.

Enforcing of a ceiling price \$13 less than that charged during the period mentioned was ordered by the board on Nov. 10.

Following is the text of the resolution:

Whereas the price for B. C. potatoes is established on the basis of the 1941 values, and whereas these presently established prices are unfair, inasmuch as the 1942 crop was produced under far different conditions as compared with the 1941 crop, and whereas as one consequence of the different growing conditions, the 1942 crop per acre yield was only 58 per cent of the 1941 yield, and whereas the cost of labor, equipment, sacks and other supplies in 1942 is greatly increased over 1941, which means the cost of production per ton was much higher in 1942 than in 1941; therefore the B. C. Federation of Agriculture urges and advises the Wartime Prices and Trade Board recognize the difference in the costs of production as between 1941 and 1942 and issue an order establishing the growers' price at not less

than those prevailing from Nov. 1 to Nov. 10."

The resolution embraced several similar ones sent to the meeting by growers from the Kamloops-Ashcroft district, Pemberton, Columbia potato growers and Comox growers.

E. J. Chambers, B. C. Growers' representative at Ottawa on the Wartime Prices and Trade Board attended the meeting. He will confer today with representatives of the local board and of the B. C. Coast Marketing Board in connection with the potato deadlock.

## Potato Growers Determined Not To Yield To Prices Board Order

In the opinion of Lulu Island potato growers, the importation of potatoes from outside points may tend to alleviate the local potato situation temporarily but will contribute nothing toward solving the deadlock between the B. C. potato growers and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, which has ordered a reduction of \$13 per ton on prices paid to growers.

Growers contacted by The News-Herald Friday night are determined to hold their stocks pending the lifting of the reduction order made by the W.P.T.B. They say that imported potatoes are costing \$60 per ton laid down in Vancouver. Such being the case they ask why the Board will not grant them a \$48 market.

Columbia Potato Growers, members of which produce by far the majority of potatoes grown on the Lower Mainland, have released a statement showing the cost of production.

This statement shows that it costs \$299.50 to produce 10 tons of potatoes on one acre of land. The harvest of the crop, assuming that it is a good one, will yield about five tons of No. 2 potatoes and a like amount of culls which may be fed to stock or sold to the starch factory.

At the price set by the B. C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board the grower would receive a net return of \$280 for his potatoes. A loss of \$9.50.

In considering these quotations two things must be born in mind, the growers point out. First, that costs are based on scientific growing and maximum yield. Secondly, that the planting and harvesting was done by tractor equipment. Had horse-drawn equipment been used there would have been added labor costs and this item is one that staggered the farmer during the past season.

### NOT SATISFACTORY

It would be possible to lower production costs but experience has proven where half methods are used the yield is proportionately lower.

Growers are of the opinion that farmers' returns should be in proportion to the increased earning power of the consuming public. As matters stand such is not the case.

Ladner potato growers held their annual banquet Friday night and reiterated their firm intention of standing fast in their determination not to sell their produce at the price set by the W.P.T.B.

## Law To Prevent Evacuees Buying Sets

## Radios Confiscated Here Not Returned To Japs

It is a question for the federal government to decide whether Japanese are to be allowed the use of radio receiving sets anywhere in British Columbia.

Allegations that citizens are being asked to give up their radio sets back to the Japanese removed from the protected area, do not impress officials in the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

They pointed out to The News-Herald on Friday that there is no law in Canada which prevents Japanese buying or using radio receiving sets, provided they are outside the protected area.

Nor have any of the sets confiscated been given back to Japanese owners.

It is certain that no such sets as shortwave attachment will be given back," an official in the Custodian's office here added. Publicity over reports that the confiscated sets might be given back to the Japanese has been because it was originally announced that this action would be taken, when evacuation from the protected area was completed.

That evacuation has now been completed and in the ordinary course of events, it is expected that ordinary, standard-wave receiving sets will

be given back to the owners. But for months past Japanese have been in the interior of the province and during all that time they have been quite free

## Parks Ready For Freeze-over

Let it rain, let it snow—let it even freeze. The Park Board is prepared for any and every emergency, and if the temperature should hit the freezing point, all the skating spots in town will immediately be made ready for use.

It was reported at a meeting of the Park Board Friday that instructions had been issued to flood all wading pools as soon as the freeze-over came, and that arrangements had been made to serve coffee at the most popular places.

Arnold Webster presided at the meeting at which the request of C. H. and Edgar A. Derby to operate a cabaret at the Stanley Park Pavilion was refused.

A report was received from Inspector J. F. C. B. Vance to the effect that oil had been found in the insides of two of the hundreds of seagulls found dead on Lost Lagoon.

to buy sets or listen to other peoples' sets.

Thus, if there was any danger of Japanese converting receiving sets into transmitters for espionage work, a public warning now comes very late, officials in the Custodian's office here point out.

## ROYAL CITY MAN DIES

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 12.—Percy Grace, 65, died Friday at his home in White Rock. He was born in Kieithley, Yorks, England, and came here 29 years ago. In 1939 he moved to White Rock but continued to carry on his business here as accountant and auditor.

Mr. Grace was well known in musical circles being president and a charter member of the Men's Vocal Club. He was also a past president of the New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club. His wife, a son, Dr. John Grace, Cambridge, England, and a sister, Mrs. F. Sutcliffe also in England, survive.

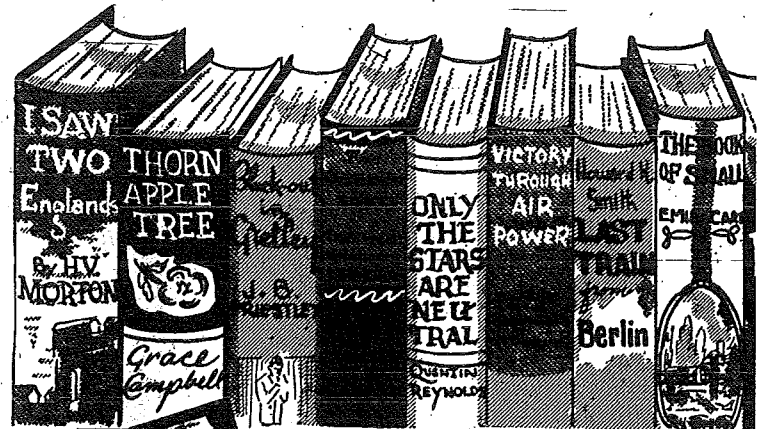
## MISSING PERSONS

Missing persons' bureau of the Vancouver City Police have been asked to locate the following individuals:

Alex Farrell, Harry Lowe, Mrs. R. E. Fulton, Mrs. N. V. McLaughlin, Mr. H. A. Taylor. Persons having information concerning the above named are asked to communicate with De-



## Look! We have Selected 20 Best Books for



### I Saw Two Englands

By H. V. Morton

The story of two Englands. A journey through England before the war, and another journey through England after the start of the war. The unforgettable picture of Dunkirk and the watch of the Home Guard over villages and countryside. **3.00**

### The Boy

By Emily

This book is Carr's child. It is also the story of the 'English' who really lived it. With a hand she drew relatives, the friends of the dominant childhood, and amusing for all grown.

### Thorn Apple Tree

By Grace Campbell

A Scottish-Canadian pioneer story of the early days of the Glenarry settlement with beautiful wood engravings specially cut by Franklin Carmichael. **2.50**

### The Road

By Lloyd

An entirely new version of the unforgettable story of Christ's road to Calvary.

### Blackout in Gretley

By J. B. Priestley

England's most popular novelist and story-teller has produced a novel of, and for, wartime, that will rank as a classic. It is the story of a Canadian who works for the British Counter-espionage, and who, through impudence and luck, wins in a fine blaze of action and quick-thinking. An unforgettable picture of England under war-time conditions. **2.75**

### Van Lo

By Hendrix

This major work of the personal by half-a-hundred men and war Plato to Er Dickinson.

### The Unrelenting Struggle

By Winston Churchill

Being the collection of the truly fine speeches of the Prime Minister. They relate facts with prescience and flair of dramatic journalism. Facts that are both valid and freshly. **3.75**

### Valley

By Marcia

Mary Rafter's first novel, moving, and our present influence on the pride of our American war.

### One Small Step

By Cecil

At last, a new better author study of our love and attitudes until the dawn of that spirit-v defeat. It is

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