

Endangered by Cattle Malady

United States Fighting Foot and Mouth Disease

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States' \$19,000,000,000 livestock industry stands in greater danger from the world's worst animal malady—foot-and-mouth disease—than at any time since 1914.

A recent outbreak of the disease in Canada has virtually made the U.S. an island in a world dotted with areas of infection. The Mexican and U.S. governments are engaged in a joint effort to eradicate the disease in Mexico, where it bobbed up in 1947.

The disease is raging in Europe, many sections of Asia and in Venezuela and Columbia in South America.

Agriculture department officials say it will be a minor miracle if the U.S. escapes an outbreak this year. They say there has been ample opportunity for the virus to be brought into the U.S. from the affected area in Canada.

They say that should it get out of control, supplies of meat, milk, leather, wool and medicinal products of animal origin might be reduced by 25 per cent. An epidemic, they say, could cost farmers upward of \$5,000,000,000 a year.

Consumers would feel the effect in reduced supplies and higher prices.

The department is trying to keep the disease from invading the U.S. by maintaining a ban against importation of cattle, sheep, goats, other ruminants and swine from areas where the disease is known to exist. The ban applies to all animals, both domesticated and wild, with the cloven foot.

It also applies to animal by-products, such as fresh, chilled or frozen meats, hides, skins, bones, wool, bonemeal. Likewise, importation of hay and straw from infected areas is prohibited.

The U.S. has had nine outbreaks of the disease, the last being in 1929. The most serious was in 1914, when the disease spread to 22 states.

The disease is caused by a virus of which there now are six distinct types. Foot-and-mouth disease spreads rapidly. The disease takes its name from visible symptoms—blisters appear on the tongue and about the mouth, on the skin above the hoof-line, on the skin between the toes, on teats and udders, and on the snouts of swine.

In most European countries the disease has gained such a foothold that it has probably become a permanent infection.

Realizing that as long as the disease existed in Mexico American herds were menaced, the U.S. government has been co-operating with the Mexican government in an effort to stamp

LETTERBOX

SAFEGUARDING CANADA

Editor,

Daily News,

Much is being said and written regarding the huge industrial projects that are being developed within the province. It behooves Canada as a nation not to become dazzled by all the new vistas of temptation such as our newfound wealth of various vital and very essential commodities that have been found abroad in the land. Will Canada as she reaches onward and upward toward supremacy go the way of all flesh? We hope not, therefore, we should be humble in our actions and speech and in sober thinking dwell on the mighty responsibilities both moral and secular that will surely come. If we have learned anything from history we all should pray wholeheartedly and often that Canada be guided aright in order that her greatness may not be short lived as has been the fate of so many nations in the past.

Power spells unrighteousness. The infirmities of human nature are always with us. May we not lose sight of these basic truths and safeguard while we may not only the present generation but for generations yet unborn with God being our guiding spirit.

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CASEY RECONSIDERS

Editor,

Daily News:

It now appears that the city council erred Monday night in refusing to vote \$100 in recognition of the Golden Gloves victory won by our local boys in the recent tournament in Vancouver.

Therefore, as one of the offenders, I am prepared to move for reconsideration of the question at the first council meeting.

But, Mr. Editor, may I point out that the city council is not the property of Mayor Whalen, nor of his creation. Therefore, it should not be referred to in your paper as Whalen's Council.

GEORGE B. CASEY.

out an outbreak that first occurred in 1947. The U.S. has spent \$122,000,000 of its own funds on this campaign.

No case of the disease has appeared in Mexico since last August.

Concern over the possibility of an outbreak in the U.S. has been deepened by the fact that the first occurrence of the disease in Canada was early last December. It was not finally diagnosed as foot-and-mouth disease until late in February.

In the meantime, there has been much movement of livestock from the affected area in Canada to the United States. The time of greatest danger will be in the spring, after the ground thaws.

THE EXPERTS Say...

By KAY REX

Canadian Press Staff Writer
THRIFT CAMPAIGN—A Thrift Campaign, says Mrs. Hugh Summers of Fonthill, Ont., is a "valuable instrument" to cut down the cost of living. But like all good things "it can be overdone."

Mrs. Summers is president of the 55-year-old Federated Women's Institutes of Canada which speak for women in farming communities from coast to coast.

"Where consumers refuse to buy the goods on the market, stocks pile up so that manufacturing plants are forced to cut their staffs," Mrs. Summers told the Canadian Press. "... Almost before we know it we are in a depression."

Careful buying and a home freezer are Mrs. Summers' weapons against high food costs. She finds a freezer particularly valuable on a farm.

"To me this seems the ideal method for farm folk to provide their families with a fine variety of fresh food," she said.

On the Summers farm the freezer is filled with pork, beef, lamb and chickens. Fruit is brought when it is plentiful and at its best. Both time and sugar are saved by freezing fresh fruit instead of canning it.

NEAR FISHING PORTS

Fonthill is a farming community in the Niagara peninsula, not more than 30 miles from some of the chief fishing centres of Lake Erie. Mrs. Summers has taken full advantage of this location. She recalled a day last fall when the family drove to the lake and bought 25 pounds of fresh pickerel. This immediately was cached in the freezer.

"We calculated our fish dinners cost us just one half what they would cost if we bought the fish in a store," she said.

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Withdraw Stand by Firemen

Conciliation Officer Asked In Dispute With City

Voluntary recall of off-shift firemen in case of serious outbreaks or another alarm, will cease immediately. This latest move, and application for conciliation officer, was made by Prince Rupert Firefighters' Association yesterday in an attempt to force settlement of negotiations.

Union spokesmen said, after special meeting yesterday, that the city had flatly refused two terms of a proposed agreement "even though we have pared our requests to the bone."

Firefighters will accept a \$30 a month across-the-board increase—about 11.1 percent—if the city agrees to put into effect this year a higher benefit pension plan and if it agrees to extra pay for senior men, the two points refused.

Union demand is adoption of the "Crumb Report"—awarded to Vancouver firemen two years ago—in which the city increases a four percent of total wage contribution by 2½ percent, and firemen increase their contribution from four percent to a minimum of 6 percent.

Second request is for \$15 a month higher pay for four senior firemen as captains. This request already had been agreed to by the wage committee, firemen had been informed by letter.

A second letter yesterday gave a reversal of this decision.

The union spokesmen said they were "very reluctant" to take such measures as refusing further voluntary co-operation. Heretofore, off-shift firemen have voluntarily come in to the fire hall at the sounding of each alarm to stand by in case they were needed and to protect the hall when no one is there.

AGAINST LAW

"Actually, this is against the law. The Fire Department Hours of Labor Act and the Fire Department Two Platoon Act provides that off-shift men can only be recalled in case of a conflagration. If we are recalled on matters of less importance the city is liable to a \$100 fine."

"From now on we are going according to the letter of the law," stated the firemen yesterday.

Three men and the fire chief are on duty on a shift, while seven men are off-shift.

Meanwhile, application also has been made for a conciliation officer.

"The superannuation plan we request was recommended by an arbitration board last year. The last three years we have had to arbitrate with the city in order

Parks And Playgrounds

Gyro Club and Board Plan Year's Program

Gyro Club playground committee and city parks board have reached a cordial basis of co-operation for improvement and operation this year of parks and playgrounds in which they are jointly interested.

Reporting to the Gyro Club last night on behalf of the playground committee, W. D. Lambie announced that the parks board will

Repair, paint and install playground equipment and dismantle it at the end of the season.

Erect seats or benches and sow grass seed around the swimming pool.

Look after the cutting of grass in all parks.

The Gyro Club will supply necessary matting for a walk around the swimming

pool.

Install a new spring board at the swimming pool.

Place additional equipment in McClymont Park which is becoming the principal playground centre of the whole city.

Plan for a new bathhouse at McClymont Park.

Supervision of playgrounds is now arranged between the Civic Centre Association and the Parks Board.

The matter of a new playground in the Sixth Avenue East area east of Hays Creek has been discussed but decision deferred pending more definite estimates as to cost of the project.

The future of the playground in Alder Park on Fraser Street has also been under discussion, suggestions having been made that the equipment might be removed therefrom, because of lack of patronage, and moved to another location where it would be used to fuller advantage.

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