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Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

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Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 6, 1917.

Early Pullets vs. Old Hens For Eggs

For profitable early winter egg production the early hatched pullet is three times better than the late pullet, four times better than the yearling hen and thirty times better than the "aged" hen.

Early pullets are best for winter eggs. This has been demonstrated many times. The Poultry Division, Experimental Farm has collected figures for several years and when the three months (November, December and January) only are taken into consideration the relative profitability of the four ages is as noted above. If the six winter months were considered the contrast would not be so striking for the hens and late pullets were just beginning to lay when the experiment closed. However, if eggs alone are to be considered we cannot afford to feed birds until spring before they produce. Even if desired for breeding it is a question if, with the high price of feed, we had not better rely upon the well matured pullet for hatching eggs next spring rather than feed hens that will not produce or only at a loss. Certainly there is no excuse whatever for keeping in our poultry houses late pullets whose eggs cost more than they are worth and birds that are absolutely useless as breeders.

This summary is of results that extend over four years and are taken from several of the farms of the system so that the figures will indicate fairly well what may be expected for these three months.

These figures show that early pullets (hatched before May 1st.) produced eggs at a cost for feed of 18.3 cents. The late pullets (hatched after May 15th.) at a cost of 50 cents. The year old hens at a cost of 78.2 cents, and for every dozen eggs laid by the hens in the aged class the cost of feed was \$5.73.

Again these facts should be emphasized. (1) that for profitable egg production birds should lay before February. (2) Early well matured pullets are the only birds that may be expected to do this. (3) Late pullets as a rule will not pay to keep. (4) For eggs, hens are not profitable. (5) If we have a good flock of early pullets, for the time being depend upon them for breeding. (6) It is a national loss to keep birds that cost a dollar's worth of feed to produce fifty cents' worth of eggs.—Experimental Farm Notes.

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All Prices marked Regular 55c, 75c, and 90c will be sold for 48c

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All prices marked regular \$1.25, 1.50, will be sold for 68c

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FURS

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- Men's and Boys' Mufflers
- Glass Cream Pitchers
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- Toys - Books - Beads
- Famed Pictures

The 18 cent Table will Contain:

- Huck Towels
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- Hand made lace Doilies
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- Talcum Powder
- Pocket Combs
- Fancy Needle Books
- Hand Mirrors
- Fancy Stamped Bath Towels
- Stamped Damask Linens
- Boys Leather Mitts
- Men's Silk Handkerchiefs
- Men's Socks
- Men's Heavy Ribbed Socks
- Cake Plates
- Dolls
- Old Pieces of China
- Toys Books
- Women's Hosiery
- Children's Wool Mittens

The 28 cent Sale will Contain :

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- Boys' Woolen Mitts
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- Toys
- Celery Dishes
- Beads
- Odd Pieces of China
- Boxes Note Paper and Envelopes
- Fancy Velvet Hand Bags

The 48 cent Table will contain:

- Tray Cloths
- Pillow Shams
- Tea Cloths
- Fancy Huck Towels
- Fancy Bath Towels
- Fancy Needle Books
- Children Stamped Dresses
- Stamped Nainsook Corset Covers
- Men's Cashmere Socks
- Men's Ties
- Men's Woolen Gloves
- Men's Silk Handkerchiefs
- Cream and Sugar Sets
- Fancy Plates
- Odd Pieces of China
- Ladies Fancy Collars
- Leather Hand Bags

The 68 cent Table will contain:

- Sideboard Drapes
- Lunch Cloths
- Dozen Table Napkins
- Tray Cloths
- Tray Cloths
- Fancy Bath Towels
- Fancy Huck Towels
- Madiera Doilies, Etc.
- Fancy Sewing Bags
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- Men's Fine Shirts
- Men's Woolen Gloves
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