

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL
HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE — 23rd June, 1978. — REPORT
12.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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Wedderburn - C. Burnside.
Mildura - T. Walsh.

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- (12) " reports and correspondence .
- (13) F.C.P.F.A. - Agenda, principle decisions and copies of letters re their Annual general meeting 10/11th March, 1978.

Moved M. Jackman, seconded J. Scott that correspondence be received, and also copy of report by Committee of Enquiry into Rural Rating be tabled for inspection. Carried.

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Receipts	\$1783.92
Expenditure	1581.78
Bank Balance 19/4/78	1561.58
<u>Investments</u>	
Sandhurst Trustees	\$2400.00
C'wealth Bank Interest bearing deposits	1600.00

Moved A. Broadbent, seconded L. Bartels that Treasurer's report be received and Treasurer be given authority to pay any outstanding accounts. Carried.

BOARD REPORT:-

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Dandenong Project is progressing satisfactorily, the amount of money is below our estimate because of competition in the building game. Demonstration Kitchen and small auditorium will help promotion.

Port Melbourne lease has been sold for \$725,000.

Sales Promotion having a close look throughout the world on new thoughts for sale of eggs. Mr. Hudson said he will be visiting Japan to renew contracts there. At present we are looking at a machine which hard boils eggs and removes shell at the one time and packs them in boxes of 6. Yolk free a new product will be on sale soon, looks and tastes like scrambled egg.

Canberra involved in major court case, which we still expect to win, Eggs are still being sold there.

C.E.M.A. \$2 hen levy, at present there is opposition from the Tasmanian Board and Government, and Mr. Sinclair says all States must agree with this before he will implement it.

Overseas position not improving, all overseas countries have surplus and are dumping it in Japan.

Persian Gulf is improving, but how long for we don't know.

CO-OPERATIVE REPORT:-

R. Stephens reported meatmeal - Mayfair \$211.00 per tonne, up \$5 this month. Borthwicks and Pridhams no change still \$230. Annual meeting of Co-op tonight.

R. Robins reported that as of 1st April, 1978 cost of production figures per dozen eggs is 80.74 cents.

Each Branch representatives gave a short report on the activities in their area.

The Chairman D. Oakes thanked all for their support during the year. He congratulated A. Hudson on his election of Chairman of C.E.M.A. He thanked Treasurer, Secretary and Officers for their efforts and all those who had acted on deputations during the year.

The Chairman then welcomed Mr. Bernie Foott who is Senior Vice President of Grains Division, V.F.U. AND Executive Members of the Barley Committee V.F.U., who is here to give a talk on Stock Feed Wheat.

Mr. Bernie Foott said the V.F.U. was having similar problems of complacency among growers. Stock Feed Wheat price he said the A.W.B.'s Charter is they must return the maximum return to the grower. The A.W.B. is governed by the Australian Wheatgrowers Federation, of which he was a delegate. Wheat price at present \$116.00 per tonne, which increases December 1st each year, Export Price \$124.00 per tonne, so he wondered how a Stock Feed Wheat price could be set. He suggested that docked grain could be sold as Stock Feed Wheat. He also suggested that a good look should be taken at orderly marketing in the Wheat Industry, whether they set a stock feed price, or a contract for a buyer who will take his twelve months supply from the Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

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| President | - | J.D. Oakes. |
| Secretary | - | K. Fitzgibbon. |
| Vice Presidents | - | R. Robins. |
| | - | J. Scott. |
| Treasurer | - | J. Moncrieff. |
| Assist. Secretary | - | A. Hudson. |
| Auditors | - | R. Robins, M. Jackman |

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:-

(1 and 3) Stock Feed Wheat Moved M. Jackman, seconded L. Bartels that we write to the Secretary Australian Wheatgrowers Federation suggesting a Stock Feed Wheat price for all of Australia. Carried.

(2) Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Stephens that we are in favor of Poultry Farming being included in the Farm Apprenticeship scheme, and that J. Scott negotiate with Mr. Ian Reid. Carried.

(4) Moved J. Scott, seconded T. Walsh that we write to the Department of Agriculture in protest re increases in Government charges, and that when the situation arises we discuss this problem with State Members. Carried.

Moved H. Webb, seconded H. Potter that we write to our local members regarding increases in Government charges. Carried.

(5) Moved H. Webb, seconded R. Stephens that we write to Department of Agriculture and local members and suggest higher penalties similar to N.S.W. system be brought in for breaches of the Hen Quota Legislation and a speed up of judgement in such cases. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Moved J. Scott, seconded R. Robins that we write to Mr. Ben McConchie suggesting that immediate action be taken to form a Liason Committee at the Diagnostic Centre, Epsom; if there is no result Secretary to write to Mr. Hyland, Assistant Director General of Agriculture. Carried.

Discussion on Senate Standing Committee on National Resources which is to investigate and report on "The adequacy of quarantine and other control measures to protect Australia's pastoral industries from the introduction and spread of exotic livestock and plant diseases". Branches are asked to discuss this and to forward any submissions relating to this matter to Secretary.

At this stage of the conference The Chairman presented Mr. Fred Boys, Manager of Co-op with a clock from members of C.E.P.A.

Moved A. Hudson, seconded H. Potter that a minute of appreciation be placed on the books in recognition of work done and interest taken in the poultry industry during his long term as Manager of Co-op. Carried.

Conference closed at 6 p.m.

J. D. Cahill

Chairman,

Date. 8/12/78

MEMBERS OF OFFICERS:

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- Editor, Secretary - J. D. Cahill
- Assistant - J. D. Cahill

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