PRICE RISE FOR POTATOES IS GRANTED

Still not Sufficient To Cover Costs, Say Growers

It was announced by the Minister in Charge of Prices (Mr. Jack) yesterday that the price of new potatoes had been increased from 13½ to 18c a ton to the grower, or 3d a lb. retail in the shops.

The Minister said the Acting Prices Commissioner (Mr. C. J. Bellmorne) had ordered the price increase because, of higher costs and adverse seasonal conditions, would not be able to show a profit on their operations.

However, he added, the Vegetable Growers' Federation would still be fighting vigorously against the price control policy, that potatoes be controlled and fixed from price control.

Pract Meeting

"There'll be no more early potatoes for city consumers till producers are permitted to obtain a payable price," was emphasised at time and again at the practical meeting of growers and the city market last night.

The meeting was probably the largest producers' protest held in public.

Profit Meets Want

Disappointment was expressed yesterday by Mr. H. W. Hunt, chairman of the N.W. Vegetable Growers' Federation, at the decision not to increase the price of 5c a ton to growers and to city consumers.

The rise from 13½ to 18c, he added, would not make a sufficient profit to enable the industry to continue.

Mr. Hunt also intimated the fact that the price was not sufficient to enable the industry to continue.

Federated Biscuits

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FRUIT YIELDS SHOULD BE SATISFACTORY

ALTHOUGH many districts are in the grip of drought, the Vegetable Growers' Federation is looking towards better future prospects, as the season advances.

The pears crop, which is likely to come on early, may be the first indication of the better future prospects.

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