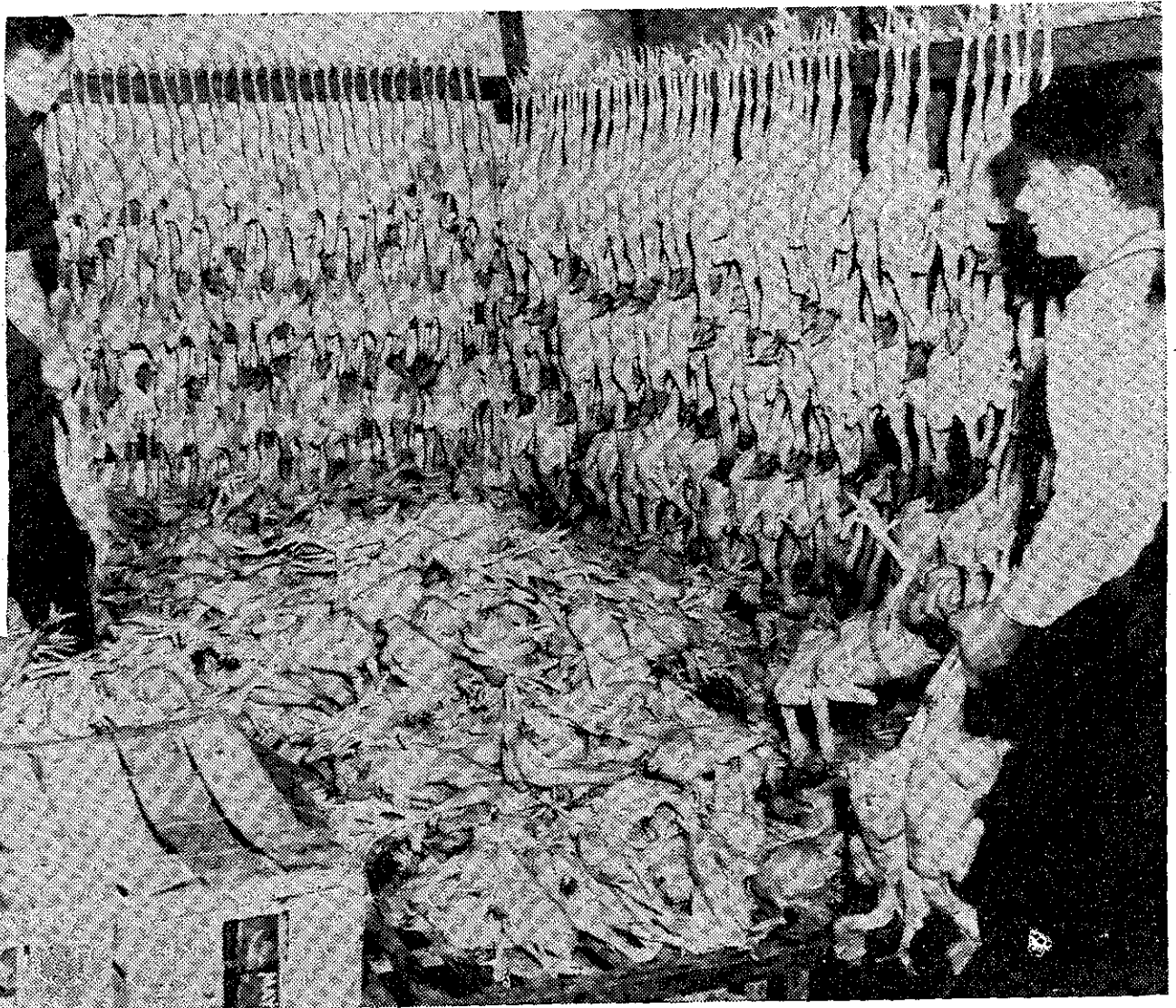


Poultry Business Locked Up in Swift 'Black Market' Raid

In the first action of its kind to wipe out a "black market," the Wartime Prices and Trade Board cancelled the business license of Modern Poultry and Egg Company, Montreal, seized all the goods on hand and is selling them through normal trade channels at wholesale ceiling prices. The action was taken after a judicial inquiry. Donald Gordon, chairman of the Prices Board, said: "The board will act with equal speed and firmness wherever it can uncover such offenses. Consumers and businesses must be protected against the sabotage of 'black-market' operators. This action shows how they can be protected. If the victims provide us with the facts, as several retailers did in this case, we will take prompt action to make sure that black-marketeers are put out of business."

After preliminary investigation by Andre Demers, K.C., enforcement counsel, the inquiry was conducted by Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph Archambault of the Quebec Superior Court as a commissioner under the Inquiries Act, to investigate the sale of poultry.



"Black-market" ice box is taken over by W.P.T.B. enforcement officers to make inventory of dressed poultry.

BLACK MARKET

All live and dressed poultry and products are removed from the premises to be sold, with proceeds credited to the company.



Under the eyes of an R.C.M.P. constable (right), George Leduc (middle) of the W.P.T.B. investigation branch takes inventory of live chickens.