

Eaton Company Is Selling Stores In Six Ont. Centres

OTTAWA (CP)—The T. Eaton Company is selling its 37-year-old Ottawa department store and smaller stores in five other Ontario centres to R. A. Beamish Stores. It was announced here.

An Eaton's executive told a press conference the sale is part of an extensive redevelopment program involving heavy investment.

The announcement was made by the firms' at a joint press conference.

No price was announced. Beamish President Harold Flagal indicated his Ottawa-based firm intends to expand into department stores in the near future.

Flagal said the purchase of Eaton's Ottawa store and smaller ones in Picton, Napanee, Hanover, Woodstock and Stratford is "part of a general and continued plan of expansion of our organization in the retail market."

W. R. Wilson, an Eaton's executive, said his firm has no plans for future stores here.

"Our Ottawa store is too small for a full line department store and that is what our business is," Mr. Wilson said.

INFORM STAFF

The staff of Eaton's was told of the transaction just before the press conference. They were also told they could remain with the new owner following the change of hands next Aug. 5.

Acquisition of the six new stores next Aug. 5 will give Beamish 45 outlets in Ontario and Quebec, 10 of them in the Ottawa area where the company

Laing Declares Not Interested In Agriculture

VANCOUVER (CP)—Northern Affairs and National Resources Minister Arthur Laing says he is not interested in the agriculture portfolio.

"Don't talk to me about agriculture," he said here in an interview. "I want to be left where I am."

Mr. Laing's name has been mentioned prominently in speculation about the successor to Agricultural Minister Harry Hays, defeated Nov. 8 in his Calgary South riding.

Mr. Hays Wednesday was granted an official recount.

Mr. Laing would not speculate on who might fill the post. But he dismissed as "so much eye-wash" the possibility that a senator might be chosen.

He said the post requires a man who is in the House of Commons full time.

GM Employees To Share Bonus

DETROIT (AP)—About 350,000 General Motors production workers will share a \$14,000,000 kitty next month.

It's the so-called Christmas bonus which the United Auto Workers Union negotiated in 1964 contracts.

The bonus, from Supplemental Unemployment benefits, was negotiated with GM and Ford Motor Co., but Ford won't be paying one. Ford's required "maximum funding" level of its S.U.B. fund is out of reach at this time. A Ford spokesman said this resulted from Ford's increasing hiring of workers, forcing a rise in the maximum funding level.

The GM payment will come to about \$40 for each eligible employee and will be paid Dec. 17.

Churchill's Furniture Sells Well

LONDON (AP)—The sale of the first of two batches of furniture from the late Sir Winston Churchill's London home brought a total of £2,174 (\$6,350).

Had the furniture not been Sir Winston's, experts said it would have brought about a third of that.

The highest individual price realized at the auction at Christie's was £500 (\$1,500) for a pair of regency zebra-wood card tables. They were bought by a dealer.

The furniture was put up for sale by Sir Winston's widow, Baroness Spencer-Churchill. The 16 pieces auctioned were from Sir Winston's London house, 28 Hyde Park Gate.

After her husband's death, Lady Spencer-Churchill moved to an apartment nearby and sold the house.

has 90,000 feet of warehouse and its headquarters.

Mr. Flagal said his company will greatly expand the variety of its merchandise.

"We are not sure into what fields we will be expanding but we intend to go into our own brand name with some of our goods," he said.

Mr. Wilson said Eaton's is looking at major markets and the sale is part of a major redevelopment program being carried on by the firm across Canada.

Asked if Eaton's intended to build elsewhere in the city, he replied: "We have no specific plans at present other than to intensify our catalogue operations."

David Kinnear, executive vice-president of Eaton's, said the transaction "involved a very large investment in urban renewal projects in major centres, new stores in shopping centres, continuing expansion and modernization of store outlets and catalogue sales office operations."

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One-Day Term, \$3,000 Fine For Robbery

MONTREAL (CP)—A man who surrendered to police Monday and admitted robbing a branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce of \$3,000 has been sentenced to one day in jail and fined \$3,000.

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Mercantile Bank Has Que. Branch

QUEBEC (CP)—The Mercantile Bank of Canada will open its first branch here Dec. 9, Stewart B. Clifford, executive vice-president and general manager.

He said the bank's decision to open an office in Quebec is based on confidence in the province-wide economic expansion under way.

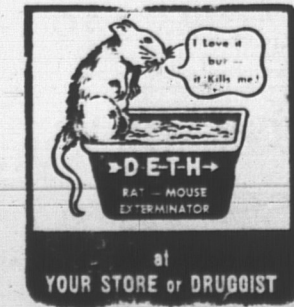
Mercantile is an affiliate of the First National City Bank of New York with branches in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Halifax.

NEWSPAPER MAN DIES

TORONTO (CP)—Ian Murdoch, veteran Ontario newspaper man, 49, died Wednesday after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Murdoch, who had worked on a number of Ontario daily newspapers, had been with the Daily Commercial News in Toronto when he became ill.

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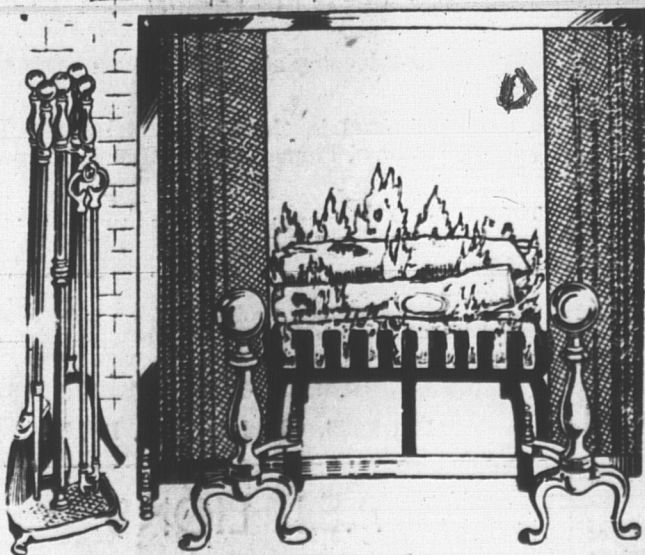
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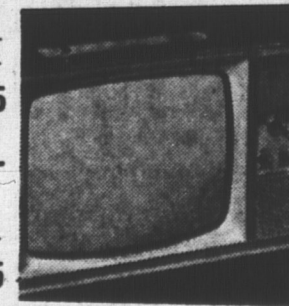
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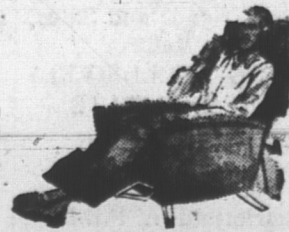
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