



PRE-BIRTHDAY OUTING

Japanese Crown Princess Michiko, who will celebrate her 30th birthday today, poses in garden of Tozu Palace in Prince Hiro. Tokyo with her three-year-old son, Prince Hiro. (AP Wirephoto)

Agreement Not Yet Signed On Hamilton Falls Project

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — No agreement has yet been signed in connection with the problem of developing the vast hydro-electric potential of Labrador's Hamilton Falls.

Robert H. Winters, chairman of the board of the British Newfoundland Corporation (Brinco), says there is no agreement "although we're working toward putting all the pieces of this jigsaw puzzle together."

Mr. Winters, in a telephone interview from Montreal today, said there seems to be no "insuperable" problem, although it is going to take a tremendous amount of work before we get to the point of implementing a project.

The falls has a potential of 9,000,000 horsepower, including a secondary development downstream from the falls on the Hamilton River, and will cost an estimated \$1,000,000,000.

The falls is being developed by Hamilton Falls Power Corporation, 20 per cent of which other 80 per cent is owned by Brinco.

The proposed agreement would involve the provinces of Newfoundland, Quebec, and a U.S. power company which would buy surplus electricity. The power would probably be sold to Quebec at the Labrador-Quebec border and fed into Hydro-Quebec transmission lines.

Mr. Winters said Brinco is "proceeding now as though there were an agreement. We've got all our engineers working."

"We're studying the financial

Eastern U.S. Suffering From Severe Drought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The eastern two-thirds of the United States has been experiencing a severe drought.

What's causing it? Well, for one thing, the wind is blowing in the wrong direction.

James F. O'Connor, U.S. weather bureau meteorologist, explained here that the prime source of moisture for much of the area is the Gulf of Mexico.

The water of the gulf evaporates into the sky. Then winds blowing in a counter-clockwise direction carry it up over the east coast and around over the U.S. Midwest. In this process, much of the moisture falls as rain or snow.

But the winds now are blowing clockwise, down from Canada, along the east coast and westward over the gulf.

And what causes this perverse flow of wind? It is associated

with a persistent and prolonged high atmospheric pressure system. This causes a sinking motion and is equivalent to a drying mechanism. Therefore, no rain.

Another thing responsible for the present drought is that the summer was dry in the East. The earth soaked up a lot of the sun's rays, and the heat got rid of a lot of moisture. And droughts tend to feed on each other, O'Connor explained.

Austria Places Order For Wheat

WINNIPEG (CP) — Austria has made a 15,000-ton wheat purchase from Canada, the James Richardson and Sons grain trade newsletter has reported. The total is equivalent to about 480,000 bushels.

Winter Works Program Ends On Schedule

OTTAWA (CP) — The government doesn't intend to extend the duration of the winter works program, prime minister Pearson said Friday.

He told the Commons that extending the scheme in previous years had defeated the purpose of the whole program — namely, to concentrate municipal projects during "the real winter."

The government already has announced that the program this winter will run from Nov.

Cape Breton MP Queries Offer

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada is being asked by the United States to use its vast resources to replenish exhausted American supplies, Donald MacInnis (PC-Cape Breton South) said here.

He was questioning Prime Minister Pearson in the Commons about statements earlier in the week by Interior Secretary Udall of the U.S. that

Canada and the U.S. should pool resources — chiefly energy — for mutual benefit.

Mr. MacInnis said this is a most urgent matter and asked for a government statement.

Mr. Pearson, who said he was just as interested in the situation as Mr. MacInnis, referred the member to the May 30 Commons statement by Trade Minister Sharp in which he said he had suggested that Canada and the U.S. study the most beneficial uses of their energy resources.

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