

Cold Weather Stops Sap Run In Quebec Maple Bush Areas

SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP)—The familiar spring cry of "Sap's running," heard two weeks ago in some areas, proved to be a false alarm for Quebec Province maple sugar producers.

During a brief mild spell, the sap spurted from a few trees. It stopped again with the return of cold weather.

The farmers are hoping now that when the mild weather returns it will return gradually. Conditions are considered ideal when days are sunny, with temperatures in the high 30s, and nights are cold.

BIG BUSINESS

A good season could mean as much as \$11,000,000 to the maple syrup and sugar producers, concentrated largely in the Eastern Townships region of Quebec.

The best year the producers ever had was in 1947 when they produced 3,290,000 pounds of sugar and 1,206,000 gallons of syrup valued at \$11,058,000.

Many producers have already gone into the bush and tapped their maple trees. Some are forecasting that the last week in March will see sap flowing freely.

This year's heavy snowfall is not looked upon as any great deterrent to production.

NEW COLLECTING METHOD

Formerly, metal buckets were hung on each tree tapped to collect the sap. But now producers are gradually switching to a new system which cuts down travel in the woods. Pliable hose is attached to the trees tapped and

connected with a main pipe that channels the sap to a central collecting point.

In some cases the hose is run directly to the camp where the sap is converted into syrup. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make a gallon of syrup.

Quebec's production is sold throughout Canada and some is exported to the United States.

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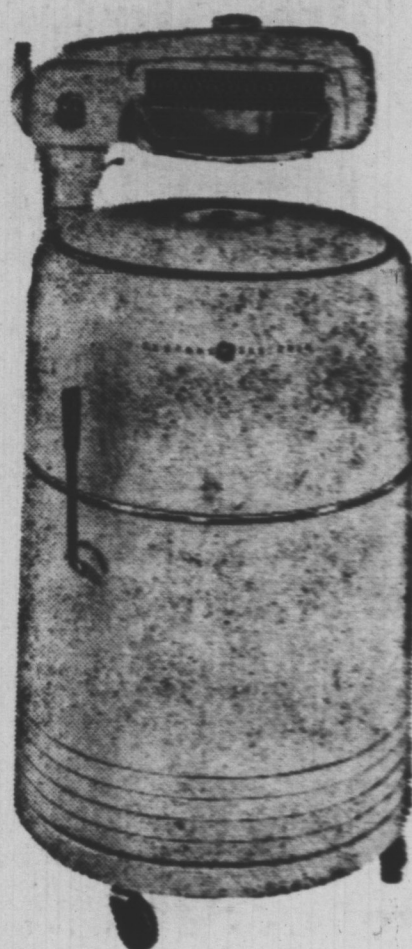
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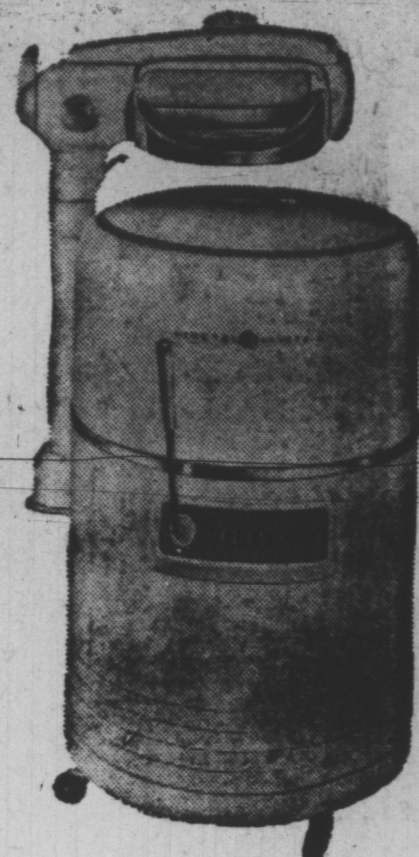
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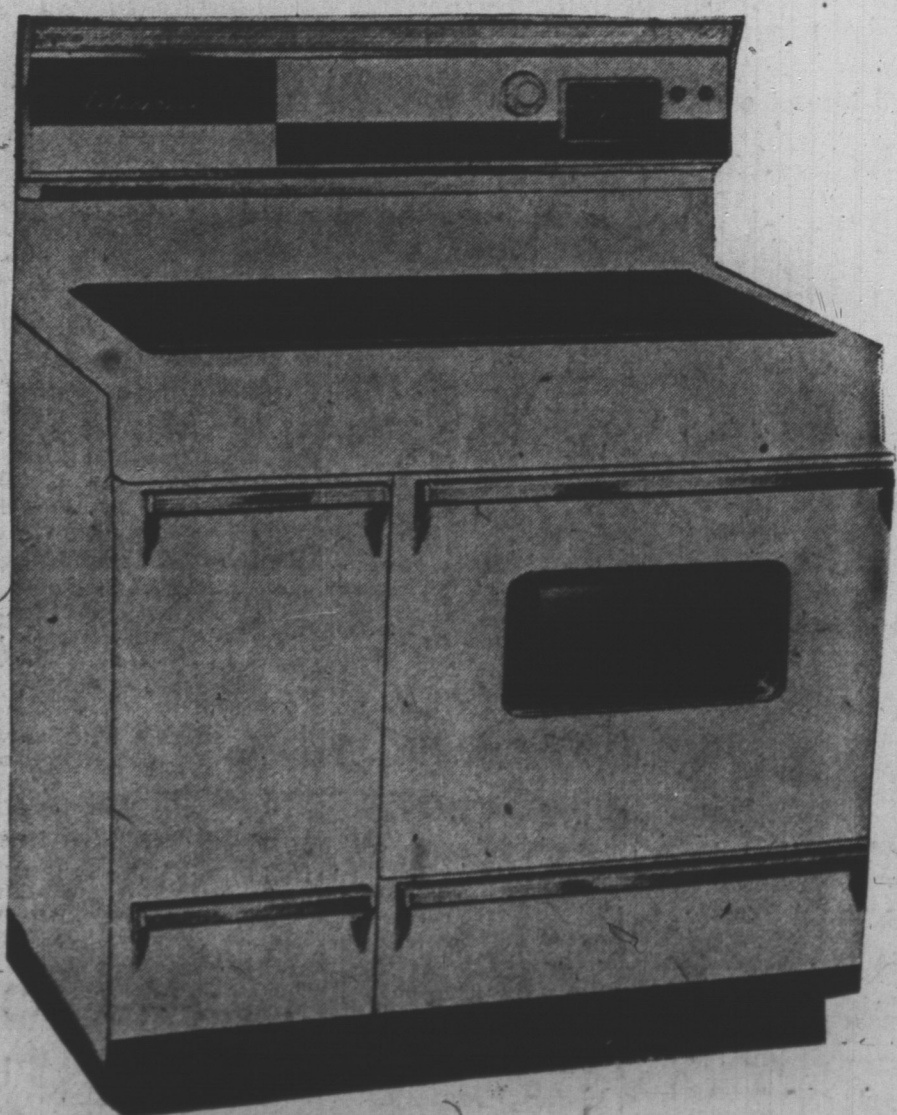
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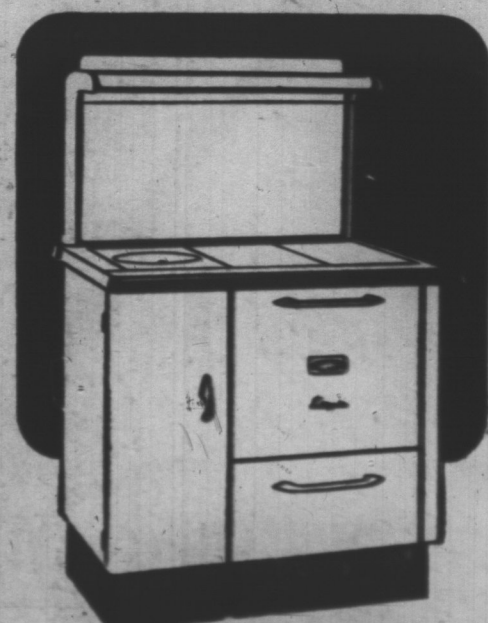
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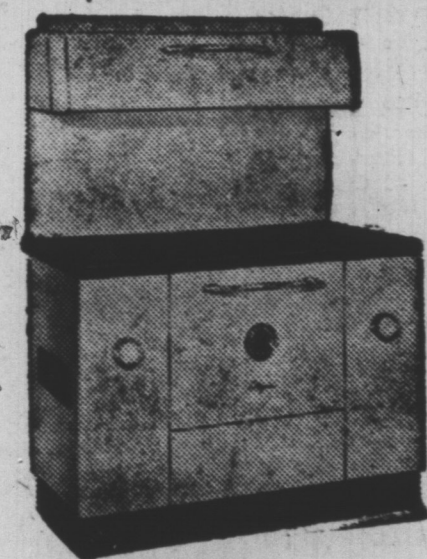
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