

Nova Scotia Apple Industry Planning Tree Replacement

HALIFAX (CP) — Nova Scotia's apple industry is embarked on a program of major surgery designed to excise and replace half the province's more than 500,000 bearing trees by 1968.

If the incision seems indistinctly quick and deep to the outside view, commercial growers and processors concentrated in the 100-mile-long Annapolis Valley fruit belt are quick to point out that it is therapy long overdue.

Although amputation may hurt momentarily, eradication of uncommercial varieties of apples and replacement with improved, quality fruit is simply a matter of keeping in step or ahead of such Canadian competitors on the fruit export market as the United States, New Zealand, France and Italy.

All these countries, says the provincial government's Nova Scotia newsletter, are increasing apple production by setting out new orchards, employing new methods of growth and becoming more and more aggressive competitors.

DESTROY TREES

In many cases, trees eradicated were those that had been kept for shade or ornamental purposes and had become quickly infected by disease. Hundreds of thousands of neglected and wild apple trees have been destroyed to safeguard commercial orchards from disease.

A great majority of trees, says the newsletter, have been destroyed at public expense and

with approval of property owners.

The government publication says it is estimated that approximately 80,000 new trees will have been planted in the Annapolis Valley this year.

There are some 800 growers involved in the valley industry first established in 1633 and 31,000 acres return an average \$3,000,000.

An investment of \$2,000,000 for machinery and labor is involved in the 140,000 hours required to prune the 550,000 trees, the 93,000 hours to apply 1,500 tons of fertilizer, the \$550,000 worth of pesticides and to pay 1,500 pickers for 14 months work at harvest time.

ESTABLISH PLANTS

There are nine fruit processing plants established, producing a variety of apple products and the processing industry valued at \$10,000,000 is expanding.

About 90 per cent of the apples grown in Nova Scotia are processed for home and overseas markets.

New and drastic pruning methods which involve severe cutting to develop a Christmas tree shape for the apple tree are seen as one of the big boons to increasing production.

Every indication, says the provincial publication, is that the Nova Scotia orchard of the future will be hedgerows of pyramid-shaped apple trees for higher yields, better grades and increased efficiency in farm operations.

EK-MODERATOR DIES

SARNIA, Ont. (CP) — Very Rev. J. M. Macgillivray, 83, a former moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, died Thursday. He served in Vancouver before coming to Sarnia where he retired in 1953. He was moderator in 1945-46.

Steel Business Booms In U.S.

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — The American steel business is good enough to support production that promises to make this month the second-best November on record, Steel magazine says.

The month's output of steel for ingots and castings will total approximately 10,900,000 net tons if the present rate is maintained, the weekly journal of the U.S. metal-working says.

The November record is 11,292,070 tons set two years ago when users thought there might be a strike in 1965 and were building up inventories against it.

This month's production is marked by steadiness, with Steel's estimated output of 2,560,000 tons last week duplicating that for the previous week.

"The weekly pace, which is continuing to run about 500,000 tons over the year-ago rate, is pushing the year-to-date output farther ahead of the 1965 figure," the magazine says. "At the end of last week, a record of 119,700,000 tons of steel had been poured in the U.S. vs. 118,300,000 tons in the 1965 period."

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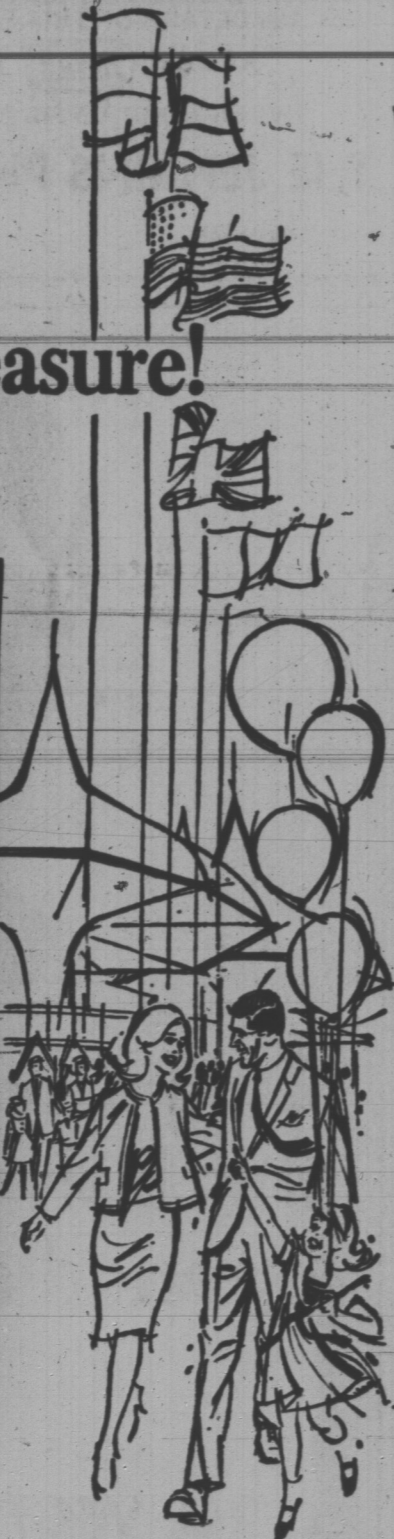
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