

POPULAR OCCUPATION
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.—(CP)—Professional and part-time fishermen manned as many as 40 boats for the quid fishing at Holyrood. Crews ranged from boys of 12 to men over 70 in the lucrative pursuit of squid which is used as bait by commercial cod fishermen.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Out in Alberta engineers are busy constructing a new type of grain drier. This consists of a granary with a double floor provided with facilities to force hot air up through the grain. The Alberta Department of Agriculture plan on testing its usefulness in the near future.

Small birds cannot fly faster than 20-37 M. P. H.

The original home of the turkey is North America. The guinea fowl found in Europe is the turkey's second cousin. It came to Europe via early explorers and native Europeans confused the two. When the error was discovered, the American bird was named turkey to distinguish it from the guinea fowl.

When a man shoots a rabbit that's not news. But when a rabbit shoots a man that's another story and here's how the strange tale unfolds:

"A U. S. pet owner was recently shot by his rabbit. The man was asleep and had left his rifle on a chair beside the bed. The rabbit jumped up on the chair, stepped on the trigger and set the gun off."

During severe droughts in the land down under, rabbits have been known to climb trees and eat leaves to keep themselves from starving. Pathetic is the writer's lot; His season is what it is not. His spring is fall; his fall is spring;

In June he hears the sleighbells ring. His New Year's comes in hot July;

In May he's eating pumpkin pie. And so confusing grows his view. That cold is hot and old is new; And when the heavenly bugles blow

He'll like as not go down below. —L.B.

Ben Davis apples, handpicked and packed, in perfectly dry sand, have been kept in a fine state of preservation for two years.

Although he has never sold an article, story or verse in his 20 years of writing, K. M. Longworth of Jamaica, has collected a ton of rejection slips all of which are

glued to huge wall-paper books which he files away in the attic of his home, just to prove to his wife that he is a writer.

Some people will swear that goats eat tin cans. Don't believe it. What they saw was the animal eating off the label for the milk of salts it contained. But goats will eat rats, lizards, thorn-hedges, rope, moss and other things that would give most animals the tummy ache.

Nonsense verse in its present development is a fairly modern growth. It began with the limerick which first reached the public under the kindly patronage of Mother Goose.

With this beginning the limerick has spread far and wide. There are even limerick fiends who pride themselves of their writings of limericks and others whose collections of the form total up in the thousands.

Edward Lear, an English writer, began the popularization of the form in his nonsense book about 1850 and since his day it has been experimented with by many of the cleverest writers now before the public.

It would be a bold verse maker, however, who would try to improve on "The Walrus and the Carpenter" or any of the other "Alice poems," written by Lewis Carroll.

As an exemplification of finished workmanship Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" stands alone. The old country doctors could take it on the chin. When the late Dr. John Murchison of Bonshaw, was roused from his sleep one terrible stormy night half a century ago, to answer a sick summons, he found two of his neighbors with a hand sleigh ready to receive him.

The roads were drier with snow mounds too deep for ordinary travel. So the medical man got his medicine kit, climbed on to the waiting sled, and was hauled to the home of the sick.

Our sister province of Nova Scotia, has many place names of Indian origin. Take for example, Necum Teuch, a lumbering and fishing community. The name in the Indian tongue means "a beach of fine sand." "Shubenacadie" comes from an Indian word meaning "place where wild potatoes grow."

This place has always been the headquarters of the Micmac Indians of central Nova Scotia.

The last surviving member of the deported Acadians, who died in 1863, aged 110 years, lies buried on Surretts Island, N. S.

The three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Clow, of Auckland, New Zealand, bear the names of April, May, and June.

Alec MacIntyre, Lorne Valley Prince Edward Island, has a unique piece of wood which fell from the heart of a tree he and his brother Peter were felling some years ago. This oddity takes the form of part of a horse's leg and hoof.

Here's the most noticeable bit of alliteration I have seen in verse "The rich, ripe rose, rose above the stream."

Recently Ben Volpatti killed the largest bear ever shot in Elk Valley, B. C. It weighed 900 pounds, its head and skin measuring 7 1/2 sq. ft. Ancient lizards preserved in amber, on display in the museum of Liverpool, appear to have perished only yesterday. The Manchester Guardian claims these lizards and other animals, even insects, were ensnared in the resinous exudation from enormous forests of coniferous trees that grew million of years in what is now Northern Germany.

Ridgway Says Means For Defence Of West Seriously Inadequate

By Harvey Hudson

PARIS, Aug. 12 — (AP) — Gen. Matthew Ridgway said Monday the West means for defence of the West are "seriously inadequate in several vital categories" and that the 1952 targets for men and materiel might not be met. He said the threat of war is still as big as ever.

But the supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe praised the progress that has been made in putting together an effective machinery for defence. He said he was certain all of the problems could be solved.

Ridgway told correspondents at his first press conference at S. H. A. P. E. there is "no reliable evidence known to me" that the menace of aggression has diminished.

Ridgway said he still thought it possible for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization partners to reach their goal of 25 active divisions, 25 reserve divisions and 4,000 aircraft by the end of 1952.

This statement was at slight variance with that of Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the U. S. joint chiefs of staff, who said in a broadcast from Washington Sunday the N. A. T. O. powers would not reach their 50-division goal by 1952 but would "approach it."

The difficulties in meeting the commitments have created some thorny arguments among the Allies.

France and the United States have been at odds over the amount of money to be granted by the U. S. for military offshore purchases in Europe. France has insisted she cannot keep her arms factories going without additional U. S. money, and the U. S. has been equally insistent no more money is available.

Britain is re-aligning its program, too. Prime Minister Churchill has announced some of Britain's arms manufacturers will have to be sold abroad in the export drive and the whole British program is "undercast to keep it from going utterly beyond our economic capacity to bear."

Ridgway said the two most serious problems facing S. H. A. P. E. and the individual countries are the training of a competent officer corps and the buildup of the permanent installations necessary for conduct of military business.

C. N. E. Superintendent For Atlantic Division

MONSTON, N. B., Aug. 12—Announcement was made here Friday of the appointment of Neil McLellan as superintendent of the Atlantic Division of the Canadian National Express with headquarters at Moncton, by Robert Aitken, general superintendent for the eastern district.

Mr. McLellan was born at Sydney River, N. S., and joined the service of the Express Department in January, 1920, as a clerk at Sydney, N. S. After serving at Glace Bay, N. S., and as an express messenger of Prince Edward Island and in Nova Scotia, in June 1931 he was appointed agent at Sydney Mines, N. S. The following year he went to Glace Bay as express agent, in May 1939 was appointed special traffic supervisor and in Aug. 1940 traffic supervisor for New Brunswick with headquarters at Moncton. In July 1944 he was appointed express traffic supervisor for Nova Scotia with headquarters at Halifax, N. S., and in February 1950 was appointed assistant superintendent Atlantic Division.

INDIANS BENEFIT

CARDSTON, Alta.—(CP)—Indians of the Blood Reservation near here have just received their first dividend from the sale of their oil rights. The initial dividend was \$21,000. Several companies now are making tests on the reservation and two oil wells are being drilled.

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Canada's Exports At New Peak In First Half Of '52

OTTAWA, Aug. 12—(CP)—Canada's exports climbed to a peak \$2,100,000,000 during the first six months of 1952.

They were pushed ahead, the Bureau of Statistics reported Monday, by a marked expansion in shipments to the United Kingdom, Latin America and most European markets.

While these provided the main impetus for a big, 20-per-cent jump over last year's comparative six months total of \$1,760,000,000, shipments to the United States also were slightly higher, passing the billion-dollar mark for the second successive year, the Bureau said.

In spite of her dollar troubles, Britain's purchases in Canada reached a peacetime high of \$395,000,000, up more than \$140,000,000 from last year's \$254,000,000. Shipments to Latin America almost doubled to \$148,300,000 from \$79,700,000.

June's exports maintained the accelerated pace, climbing to \$375,000,000, up more than \$60,000,000 from \$315,000,000 last year and just slightly below the all-time monthly high of \$381,000,000 reached during May.

Newsprint and wheat sparked the big 1952 advance. Wheat, which had been riding in fourth place among the export leaders, jumped back into the second slot, climbing to \$64,000,000 during June from \$40,600,000 last year and shooting up to \$263,244,000 from \$148,631,000 in the six-month period.

Newsprint shipments climbed to \$48,338,000 from \$39,214,000 during June and maintained the six-month lead at \$263,244,000 up from \$248,500,000 in the first six months of 1951.

In a previous preliminary estimate, the Bureau placed imports for June at \$324,400,000, down from \$360,400,000 last year and for the six-month period at \$1,950,000,000, down from \$2,100,000,000.

This resulted in a foreign-trade surplus of about \$150,000,000 for the half-year, a sharp reversal of the unusual \$340,000,000 deficit in the first half of 1951.

Another feature was a marked shift in the pattern of foreign trade. In June, Canada's exports to the U. S. increased slightly to \$191,500,000 from \$188,400,000 June last year, accounting for 53.2

Arctic Pantries of Army Signals Filled For Year

OTTAWA—(CP)—The army reports that its string of signals stations in the Arctic now has chicken dinners stored away and a lot more food besides.

This was one way of reporting that the job of provisioning the 15 stations of the Northwest Territories and Yukon radio system with rations to last until June, 1953, has been completed for another year, thanks to a combination of aircraft, trucks, trains, boats and barges which took the food as far as 2,000 miles.

The job was handled by the Western Army Command supplies and transport office and the service corps supply depot in Edmonton.

Cooks at stations in Aklavik, Fort Smith, Good Hope, Hay River, Norman Wells, Providence, Tuktoyaktuk, Reliance, Simpson, Wrigley and Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, McMurray and Chipewyan in Northern Alberta, must order their groceries early in the year to get them before river navigation closes in the fall.

During May and June, 80 tons of food and supplies valued at \$28,000 were sent into the Northern detachments to feed 104 men.

Started By Truck

From Edmonton, giant semi-trailer trucks, some refrigerated to carry perishables, sped north on the MacKenzie highway to Hay River on Great Slave Lake. Here the stores trans-shipped to river boats for the long haul up the MacKenzie River over the Arctic Circle to Aklavik.

More supplies were moved by rail to waterways on the Clearwater where they were packed again on to river boats for the trip down the Athabaska to Lake Athabaska and along the Slave River to Great Slave Lake.

Supplies must be specially packed at the Edmonton supply depot. In charge of the depot is 2nd Lieut. H. A. Anderson of Saskatoon, who with Sgt. B. G. MacKay of Ottawa, supervises packing and shipping.

"We pack most stores in wire-strapped trade cartons, stuffed with shredded paper and corrugated cardboard" explained Lieut. Anderson. "Glass jars are our chief headache. They have to be individually wrapped and padded. Anything that can be damaged by water, dry cereals, peas, beans flour

per cent of total exports, compared with 60.3 per cent last year. The U. S. in the half-year, absorbed \$1,113,300,000 worth of Canadian goods, up from \$1,109,800,000 in 1951, reducing the U. S. portion of total Canadian shipments to 53.3 per cent from 58.0.

tea and sugar has to be waterproofed by dipping their cartons in wax." The chief shoppers are Lt.-Col. G. F. Stevenson of Hamilton, Ont., and his staff, Maj. C. B. M. Foster of New Glasgow, N. S., and staff Sgt. H. T. Saunders of Calgary.

VANCOUVER—(CP)—A stock broker here likes to stress caution on his clients. Tom Boden, the broker, said chance of finding an oil field yielding 1,000,000 barrels are about 43 to one, and displays a sign saying "there are 16,500 dry holes in the United States."

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