

Food Chains Seen Threat To Canada's Rural Society

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OTTAWA (CP) — Agricultural unions visualize the possible extinction of Canada's rural society under the onslaught of supermarkets, shopping trails and the inflated buying power of big retail food chains.

In language as strong as any yet heard by the Royal Commission on Price Spreads of Food Products, the Interprovincial Farm Union Council Saturday presented a brief saying: "It would seem extremely unfair that many millions of Canadian producers and consumers should be the victims of a few corporate enterprises who, in their utter ruthlessness, are quite prepared to destroy the Canadian way of life to gain absolute control of the gigantic food industry of Canada."

Asked by commission member Howard MacKichan of Halifax to elaborate, council president James Patterson said if present retailing trends continue, farmers will become laborers. There would be a drift to the cities and rural society "as we know it" will wither away, depriving Canada of the distinctive contributions rural communities now make.

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HEAD TABLE seating at Canadian Packers Union banquet held Saturday included, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dowling.

200 Union Members Hold Seventh Annual Banquet

More than 200 members of Canada Packers Union 282 U.P.W.A. attended their seventh annual banquet and dance held on Saturday night at Central Community Centre. Clifford Murphy, President, was master of ceremonies.

Staff Sgt. A. J. Dowling in charge of the city traffic squad was guest speaker. Hon. Alex McIsaac, provincial minister of labor sent an expression of regret at being unable to be present, owing to an engagement in Ottawa. John B. Brown, President of the Charlottetown and District Labour Council brought greetings and good wishes from that organization.

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NAME OMITTED — In the list of officers elected at the women's branch of the Charlottetown Golf Club, which was published in Saturday's paper, the name of Mrs. E. E. Douglas, treasurer, was inadvertently omitted.

POULTRYMEN—Reports from both satisfied users and Government Experimental Stations continue to emphasize "economy Shellmaker" as giving profitable results — viz Stronger shells — More Grade A Eggs—Sturdier Bodies and a saving in cost of over 25 per cent.

MATERNAL HEALTH Classes — New series begins Tuesday, November 18, 1958. Afternoon class 2:30 p.m., evening class 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, November 20, at 8:00 p.m. (if both parents are able to attend) at The Health Center, 188 Prince Street. Phone 9416 for further information, child and Maternal Health Program, Department of Health.

CURRIE FUNERAL — The funeral of the late James E. Currie was held on Saturday morning from the Hennessy Funeral Home to St. Martin's Church, South Shore, where Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. E. Doyle, C. Ss. R., who also conducted the service at the grave. Pall bearers were Francis Murphy, Raymond Taylor, Roy Wilson, Winston Taylor, James Cavanaugh, John MacDonald. Interment was in the church cemetery. The funeral was very largely attended.

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N.L. MacLeod Dies At Home

The death occurred at his home at 325 Euston Street, Sunday evening of Norman Louis MacLeod. He was 40 years old. Educated at West Kent School and Prince of Wales College, Mr. MacLeod enlisted in the 6th District Signals of Charlottetown in October 1939. He went overseas in 1940. He served in England and Northwestern Europe and took part in the invasion of Normandy.

Following his return from overseas he rejoined the services, enlisting in the R.C.A.F. Following his discharge from the R. C. A. F., after serving two years he was employed with the Falconbridge Nickel Company in Northern Ontario until the time of his last illness.

He underwent a major surgical operation in Toronto in August, from which he failed to recover. Besides his mother, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Allison MacKinnon of Charlottetown.

The funeral will be held from the MacLean Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon.

Huron, French Ship Collide

PARIS (Reuters) — The Canadian destroyer Huron collided Friday night with a French escort vessel off the Mediterranean coast of France near Cannes, the French navy ministry announced Saturday night.

There were no injuries and only minor damage to the Canadian ship and the French escort vessel Maille-Breze.

The two ships, participating in a NATO exercise, have gone to the port of Toulon for repairs.

Winds Disrupt Ferry Sailings

SYDNEY, N. S. — (CP) — The \$14,000,000 CNR ferry William Carson was unable to complete a round trip between North Sydney and Port Aux Basques, Nfld. Sunday because of high winds.

It was the second time in two weeks that the controversial ship has been unable to carry out its scheduled sailing because of stormy weather.

Navigation officials here said the Carson was unable to dock at its regular berth at Port Aux Basques because winds ranged between 18 and 32 miles an hour.

age 83 years. His remains are resting at the Hennessy Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held on Tuesday morning at 8:45 to St. Dunstan's Basilica for Requiem High Mass at 9:00 o'clock. Interment in the Catholic Cemetery.

BAIRD — At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pius McCarthy, 11 Young St., on Sunday, Nov. 16, 1958, Mrs. Margaret Baird, formerly of Morell Rear, age 81, years. Her remains are resting at the Hennessy Funeral Home from where the funeral will be announced later.

SHAW — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Saturday, Nov. 15, 1958, Dr. Herbert H. Shaw in his 91st year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home until 2 o'clock this afternoon, then at his late residence, 80 Upper Prince Street. Funeral from St. James Church tomorrow, Tuesday, service commencing at 1:30. Interment in Sherwood Cemetery.

MacLEOD — At 325 Euston Street on Sunday, Nov. 16, 1958, Norman Louis MacLeod in his 41st year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, service commencing at 3 o'clock. Interment in the People's Cemetery.

3 Per Cent Canadians Are Mentally Retarded

Are you aware that three per cent of the population of Canada, or about 480,000 persons, 160,000 of them children, is classified as mentally retarded? Do you know that in Prince Edward Island alone there is estimated to be between 1,200 and 1,300 children in this category? Are you acquainted with the modern approach to this problem?

These are some of the questions that will be placed before the Canadian public during the next 10 days, in a nation-wide publicity campaign sponsored by the Canadian Association for Retarded Children.

In a release given to the press on the eve of this campaign, L. H. Hall, Montreal, president of the Association points out that up to 10 years ago the problem of mental retardation was hidden behind locked doors. This, he said, resulted in a lack of knowledge of the number "who can be helped by medical, educational and social techniques to lead useful lives."

CHANGING ATTITUDE The changed attitude of the past ten years the Association president attributes to the refusal of parents of retarded children to accept the former stigma which asserted that nothing could be done for the retarded child.

Mr. Hall observed organized groups devoted to the study of this problem now existed in most cities and many towns across the nation.

"Such groups," he said, "have stimulated the creation of special classes in the public schools, classes in their own sponsored schools, sheltered workshops, recreation, programs, summer camps, new legislation, clinics, and have also played a prominent role in the establishment of residential training schools and institutions by governments."

10 ASSOCIATIONS The Canadian Association for Retarded Children was incorporated in January, 1958, and is an affiliation of all 10 Provincial Associations. The 116 local groups in Canada represent a membership of over 12,000.



SMUGGLED INTO U.S. UNDER CAR HOOD

SAN FRANCISCO — Picture made available Thursday in federal court was described as showing Adela Gonzales, 16, demonstrating how she tucked herself under hood of car in successful

effort to be smuggled into Southern California from Mexico Adela, so testified as a federal grand jury charged San Jose, Calif., with smuggling an alien for immoral purposes and transporting an alien who had entered the U. S. illegally. Inda denied transporting the girl. (AP Wirephoto)

WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures issued by the weather office:

	Min	Max
Dawson	24	37
Vancouver	33	40
Victoria	33	40
Edmonton	1	16
Regina	23	26
Winnipeg	27	32
Toronto	42	42
Ottawa	32	39
Montreal	34	40
Quebec	27	40

Fredericton 25 44
Saint John 31 42
Halifax 34 43
Charlottetown 37 39
Sydney 37 49
Yarmouth 37 39
St. John's 37 39

Trinity Young People Meet

The sixth meeting of Trinity Young People's Union was held on Sunday. The president, Bev Simpson presided at the business meeting.

The young people's Union choir was discussed. A committee consisting of Carol Thompson, Roberta MacPhee, Shirley Vessey, and Jean Murphy was formed to organize the choir.

A trip to the Atlantic Christian Training Centre at Tatamagouche was discussed, and tentative plans for the trip were made. The group was informed that the union was responsible for the recreation at the Eastern Presbytery Rally.

Ghana Cabinet Is Reshuffled

ACCRA, Ghana (Reuters) — Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah Sunday announced a reshuffle of his cabinet, under which he will take over the key interior ministry portfolio from Kofi Edusei. Nkrumah already holds the defence post.

Edusei becomes communications minister. No official reason was given for the changes, which become effective Monday.

In other moves, P. K. Quaidoo, former communications minister, was moved to the post of minister of trade and Kodo Botso, former minister of trade, was made minister of external affairs—a post held until the reshuffle by Nkrumah.

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More than 50 men assisted Saturday's search, led by the Edmundston detachment of the RCMP. Included in Saturday's operations were employees from the Nadeau and Nadeau Co. Ltd. Furniture plant at St. Francois, which closed for the purpose.

Part of the search party are civil defence personnel, forest rangers from the Provincial Department of Lands and Mines, and Department of Fisheries officials.

During the week from 15 to 18 inches of snow fell in the area. Various radio appeals have been made, and bonfires built on high points as a guide for the missing man.

N.B. Social Crediters Meet

WOODSTOCK. — (CP) — An Oak Point, Kings County man, Elmer G. Flewelling, was elected president of the New Brunswick Social Credit League at the annual convention here Saturday. He succeeds Silas Taylor of Moncton.

Other officers elected were: first vice-president, Olin Jones, Woodstock; second vice-president, Mr. Taylor; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Mabel W. Patterson, Oak Point.

The national president of the Social Credit Association of Canada, Basil Kuglin of Ottawa addressed the convention. He outlined the party's traditional policies of monetary adjustment and urged all members to be loyal and active in support of the party.

A resolution was passed requesting that the national council elect a new national leader in the near future.

15 Honored By Society

OTTAWA (CP) — The Royal Canadian Geographical Society has announced the election of 15 new fellows including painter A. Y. Jackson, Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia and Commissioner L. H. Nicholson of the RCM.

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