

COUNTRY-WIDE OIL STRIKE IN THE U. S. CALLED OFF

Buoyant Picture Painted Of Canadian Trade

Canadian Shipments Of Beef To U. K. Will Be Boosted Under Agreement

OTTAWA, May 15—(CP)—Canada's meat shipments to the United Kingdom to start next week, will be even higher than originally anticipated under a new financial arrangement requiring extra outlays of sterling by Britain. The amount of the extra shipments will be linked directly with the amount of profits resulting from the sale of frozen New Zealand beef in the United States market under the tripartite Canada-Britain-New Zealand meat agreement.

Coming Events

- Farmers hook your clover seed now. McGulgan & Boyle.
- Dance in Vernon River Hall on May 26th. Sponsored by C. W. L.
- Rummage sale Clover Club, May 17, 2 p.m. Auspices Millview Women's Institute.
- The play of the year, "Cyclone Sully" at Tracadie Hall, Friday May 16. Good specialties.
- Mail your films and negatives to Garnum Studios, Charlottetown.
- Notice. Booking orders for Cedar shingles. Car due any day. G. C. Green, Emerald.
- Dance every Friday night. South Rustico hall. Music by the Charlottetownians.
- Rummage sale, Saturday, May 17th, 6 P. M., in the Baptist lower hall, by Dorcas Group.
- Dance in Sinnott Road School Friday, May 23rd. Burke's Orchestra.
- St. Peter's Dramatic Club presents the play, "More Power to You," Monday, May 19th, at 8:30 in the Legion Hall.
- Show coming. M. G. M.'s greatest comedy starring Laurel and Hardy. Comshaw Friday 10th. Show time 8:30.
- Rummage Sale, Clover Club, Tuesday, May 20th at 10:30. Proceeds for St. Thomas Aquinas Society.
- Dance St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Friday May 16th; Modern Old Time dancing from 8:00 — 1 A. M. Chaisson's Orchestra.
- Milford Buchanan will commence hauling cream to Wiltshire Factory on Monday, May 19th, once weekly until further notice.
- Pantry sale at Moore and MacLeod's, Saturday, May 17th starting at 2 o'clock Mt. Stewart Women's Institute.
- Dancing, Islanders Country Club, Traveller's Rest, every Saturday night. Music by the Melody Boy's Orchestra.
- Sale of Perennial Plants, shrubs, vines, etc., continues all this week. Come and select some to beautify your home. Joe R. Smith, Clinton.
- Want to laugh? Then come to Wheatley River Concert and see "Annie's Man" with specialties, including accordion selections, Friday, May 16th.
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- Hayseed, 70-15-15 mixture, Registered and graded 28 1/2 cents pound, 50 pounds and over. Terms cash. Ellis Bros., Central Railway, Phone 3094-2.
- We have in stock now, clover and timothy seeds. Place your order now. Get our quotations on shingles and siding. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.
- Enjoy a treat. Attend the Kensington Junior Choir concert in New Glasgow Hall, Friday, May 16th at 8 p.m. Sale of candy. Sponsored by Sunbeam Mission Band.
- Come to Stanley Bridge Hall, Friday, May 16, and see Winslow in One-Act plays, "Courtin'" and "Married at Sunrise," with specialties. In aid of United Church Ladies Aid.

Details of the complicated new financial arrangement were announced in the Commons today by Agriculture Minister Gardiner. Under the original agreement, Canada was to ship a minimum of about 40,000,000 pounds of meat, mostly beef, to Britain to replace a similar amount of frozen beef, part of Britain's order under a long-term agreement with New Zealand.

In theory, Britain will pay Canada with New Zealand beef. In practice, New Zealand will sell the frozen beef in the United States market, embargoed to Canadian meat and cattle because of foot-and-mouth disease.

Through the U. S. proceeds, Canada would get for her fresh beef an amount in dollars equal to the U. K. price for New Zealand frozen beef. Any additional amounts realized in U. S. sales would be split between Canada and New Zealand.

Under the new financial step, New Zealand actually has agreed to take her share of the profits in Canadian meat, which Britain will purchase, paying New Zealand in sterling. "All three governments will benefit," said Mr. Gardiner. "New Zealand will derive higher returns for her meat. The U. K. will obtain more meat, and Canada is getting an enlarged market for her surplus meat."

Here's a possible example: Say, New Zealand's share of the profit comes to about \$100,000 or a little more than \$30,000. Canadian negotiators will ask Britain how much meat she wants for that amount. A figure is set, Canada will keep the N. Z. profit, send the meat and Britain will pay New Zealand the sterling.

Under the tripartite plan, Canada will be shipping meat at a loss. But it will get rid of a surplus piling up in the Canadian market. Mr. Gardiner previously indicated the loss to the Federal Treasury may be about \$10,000,000 if the plan runs for a year.

School Teacher Testifies In Quebec Murder Trial

HULL, Que., May 15—(CP)—A shapely, attractive 21-year-old school teacher today told a Quebec Superior Court jury there never was any question of marriage between her and Rhenal Leo Bertrand, now on trial a second time for the murder of his bride of a few months.

Ruth Boucher of Gatineau, Que., said she first met Bertrand about two years ago. They went on dates intermittently. "The crown charges Bertrand, 37, killed his 35-year-old wife of three months last autumn to obtain control of a \$30,000 estate. The first trial ended suddenly when the presiding judge suffered a heart seizure and died."

Miss Boucher said she did not know Bertrand had married during the period when he was still calling on her. During that time, Miss Boucher said she had had two other boy friends. One of the two had told her he did not want to wait more than a year to get married.

In October—about a month before Mrs. Bertrand's death—she had told the accused of the boy friend who wanted to marry within a year. She also had told the accused she was in no hurry to marry for four or five years.

"Did Bertrand make any comment," asked Crown Prosecutor Noel Dolon of Quebec, "Miss Boucher said he had but she could not recall what he said. Mr. Dolon handed her a transcript of the evidence at the first trial and suggested she refresh her memory. She said she was quoted as saying that Bertrand had suggested she wait for him. She could not recall having said that."

When Mr. Dolon said she was attempting to change her evidence, she choked back sobs and said there was never any question of marriage with Bertrand.

A surprise development occurred at the morning sitting. One of the jurors said that on a visit yesterday to the death scene—a lonely logger's cabin in the Gatineau Hills, 60 miles north of Hull—he had found a cap that possibly would fit two five-gallon cans introduced as exhibits by the crown. The cap was tried and fitted both cans. It was then entered as an exhibit.

The crown alleges Bertrand killed his wife in the cabin at Lac St. Marie, doused her body with a cleaning fluid and then set the cabin on fire.

No Sign Of Either Inflation Or Depression

OTTAWA, May 15—(CP)—Trade Minister Howe said today that Canada is in the midst of rising employment, income and production and there is no reason to anticipate either inflation or depression.

The veteran, 66-year-old Minister, who has held the Trade and Commerce Portfolio since 1948, painted a bright picture in the Commons of record world trade, rising Canadian development and a further fall in the cost of living.

In a general statement as the house began consideration of estimates of \$16,400,132 for his department in 1952-53, he said the cost of living now is back "to about where it was last August" and "a further substantial drop in the cost-of-living index is in sight for the month of May."

Canada, he said, is emerging from a period of initial adjustment to a defence program to a period where supply and demand are in better balance with a consequent easing of the pressure of prices. In the home market, demands remain strong. In foreign trade there are indications that even where currency difficulties exist, many of Canada's basic export commodities are too urgently needed to be dispensed with.

"The outlook therefore, is for a further rise in the level of employment, income and output," M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, and John Charlton (PC—Brantford) both said Canada was relying too much on one market—the United States. On one point Mr. Charlton, concerning statements about Canada's trade with Britain which Mr. Charlton claimed had fallen below 1938 in more than a dozen Canadian farm products.

Mr. Howe, declaring exports to Britain were up 37 per cent for the first quarter of this year, said Canada has markets for everything she produces and at the best prices.

John Blackmore (SC—Lethbridge) said the government should be (Continued on Page 15 Col. 8)

Canso Causeway Project Likely To Begin This Month

HALIFAX, May 15—(CP)—Initial construction of the Canso causeway, to link Cape Breton with mainland Nova Scotia, will likely begin this month, it was learned tonight following an announcement that a lower-than-expected bid has been accepted for rock-quarrying and filling.

Announcement of the award was made today by Transport Minister Chevrier in the House of Commons and at the same time by Premier Macdonald in a statement here.

The \$5,786,650 bid by Northern Construction and J. W. Stewart Company of Vancouver was the lowest of nine received, ranging as high as \$10,000,000. Mr. Macdonald described it as "a good one."

Contract for the job will be signed within the next few days, calling for the work to begin immediately and to be finished before Sept. 31, 1954, he said.

Mr. Macdonald said that in the first engineering estimates, the rock-fill project was expected to be 40 per cent of the total causeway costs of some \$23,000,000. However, it was pointed out that costs of constructing a lock at the east side of the causeway, requiring steel, may be more than at first anticipated.

In any event, the province's contribution to the long-debated project will remain at the \$5,500,000 maximum, the Premier said. The province's obligation includes the construction of the highway approaches on both sides, as well as highway work on the causeway proper.

The Premier said it is likely that, except for key men, labor will be recruited locally for the causeway, about three-quarters of a mile long. Some 5,000,000 cubic yards of rock will be chipped off Cape Porcupine Hill, transported the short distance, and dumped for the filling operation.

Important Judgment Given In Robertson Appeal Case

Turning Point Reached In Potato Shortage

OTTAWA, May 15—(CP)—A turning point has been reached in Canada's potato shortage, Federal agricultural officials disclosed today.

Shipments of new potatoes from California and Alabama are helping to overcome a scarcity which sent potato prices to a record high.

Officials said the U. S. shipments likely will ease prices slightly, but no sharp fluctuation is expected.

Wholesale prices for Prince Edward Island potatoes averaged last month at \$6.55 a 100 pounds at Toronto, triple the \$2.05 average last year. At Montreal, New Brunswick spuds were selling at a peak of \$6.36 a 100 pounds wholesale, four times the \$1.72 a year ago.

The scarcity resulted from a short crop which totalled about 60,000,000 bushels, down from 97,000,000 in the previous year. Heavier seeding is expected this year.

True Bill In Pictou Murder Case

PICTOU, N.S., May 15—(CP)—A grand jury today brought in a true bill against Ella Inch, 19, of the Maritime, charged with the murder of her husband, Donald Venon Inch, last Nov. 7.

Mother of two children, Mrs. Inch is believed to have shot her husband in the chest with a rifle after he had struck her during a quarrel over money.

"In answer to the questions put by the trial judge to the jury, the jury found that the Railway was guilty of negligence causing or contributing to the accident."

Farmers' Net Income Reaches New High

OTTAWA, May 15—(CP)—Farmers' net income from 1951 farming operations rolled to a peak of \$2,221,200,000, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

This was a gain of 53 per cent over the \$1,451,700,000 in 1950 and almost one-third higher than the previous high of \$1,661,600,000 in 1948.

British Tea Ration Will Be Increased

LONDON, May 15—(AP)—Food Minister Gwilym Lloyd-George said today Britain's weekly tea ration will go up to 2 1/2 from two ounces July 15. He also told the House of Commons that the meat ration—will go up to one shilling, seven pence June 15. But Lloyd-George also said he'll sanction a retail meat-price rise that will all but wipe out the benefit.

ENGINEER DIES

KENTVILLE, N. S., May 15—(CP)—Cecil B. Hillis, 49, Dominion Atlantic Railway locomotive engineer for many years, died at his home here early today after suffering a heart attack in the D. A. R. yards. He had 34 years service with the railway and would have retired next year.

Shortage Of Aviation Gas Will Be Eased

WASHINGTON, May 15—(AP)—O. A. Knight top strategy-maker of a score of unions involved in the country-wide strike, said tonight "We are calling off the strike," and government officials foresaw a quick end to the 16-day walkout.

Union and government officials said an actual end to the strike could come only through local agreements between union and management negotiators. Bargaining in the oil industry is on a local basis, involving some 22 different unions and hundreds of their locals.

These officials stressed that an actual end of the strike will come gradually, as local agreements are reached.

Knight, president of the C.I.O. Oilworkers Union, voiced his statement in a film made by Tele-News Production, Inc., for television stations. He said that "with proper co-operation" there will be enough settlements by tonight to make a start at easing what he termed a passing shortage of aviation gasoline.

Ching Hopeful

About the same time, Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Mediation Service, said: "I hope the oil crisis has been averted." He told reporters that federal conciliation teams have set up 15 negotiating sessions around the country for tomorrow.

Canada To Have National Library

OTTAWA, May 15—(CP)—The government said today Canada is going to have a national library.

Action on such a step, recommended by the Massey commission, was proposed today in a notice placed on the Commons order paper by Prime Minister St. Laurent.

The resolution proposes a bill to provide for establishment of the library itself, for appointment and pay of a national librarian and an assistant as well as for a staff.

Establishment of a national library has long been urged and the requests were backed by the report of the Royal Commission on the Arts and Sciences.

Pair Arrested After Hold-up In N. S.

NEW WATERFORD, N. S., May 15—(CP)—William Jewer, 23, and William Handrahan, 19 were arrested early today shortly after a merchant's dwelling was held up by two masked men brandishing a sawed-off shotgun and a toy pistol.

They were remanded for a week without bail. Loot taken from the home of Charlie Leith included a wallet, several watches and a piggy bank.

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The charge was withdrawn. Greenwood wanted the court to warn Hooper against further similar incidents. The court declined.

Hooper is 102 years old. He was defended by S. B. Arnold, 90.

New Prison Boss Cracks Down On Unruly Reds

(By William Jordan)

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MARITIME GRADUATES AT R.C.A.F. STAFF COLLEGE — Recent graduates at the R.C.A.F. Staff College in Toronto were these three Maritime R.C.A.F. officers who now assume key positions in Canada's defence program. Shown left to right are Squadron Leader T. H. Fletcher, of Coles Island, Queens County, N.B.; S/L A. F. Green, of Summerside, P. E. I.; Wing Commander R. M. Tritties, of Moncton, N.B.

U.S. Army Secretary On Mat In Koje Incident; Congress Demands Probe

By Roger D. Greene

WASHINGTON, May 15—(AP)—Army Secretary Frank Pace went on the carpet behind closed doors today as demands erupted in Congress that the administration disclose the full story about behind the Communist prisoner-of-war revolt on Koje Island in Korea.

Lawmakers denounced the incident in such terms as "disgraceful," "shameful" and "monumental blunder."

In the House of Representatives, representative Mike Mansfield (Dem.-Mont.) demanded an immediate investigation by the armed services committee.

In the Senate, Styles Bridges (Rep.-N.H.) said the Senate preparedness sub-committee will conduct an inquiry but Chairman Lyndon Johnson (Dem.-Tex.) indicated that the group does not plan a formal hearing.

Johnson said Pace had promised to make available "the complete reports and all the facts" in the incident.

A member of the senate armed services committee, which questioned Pace for about 30 minutes, said Pace told the committee that "The full facts and story about Koje have not been made public."

Senate and House members alike were disturbed and angry over the blow to United States prestige resulting from the prisoner-of-war incident which involved the seizure of Brig-Gen. Francis T. Dodd, camp commandant, and concessions from Brig-Gen. Charles Colson to gain Dodd's release.

Sees No Possibility Of Early Settlement In Korea

VANCOUVER, May 15—(CP)—Brig. John (Rocky) Rockingham said today he believes it will be a "long time" before there is any settlement of the Korean war.

Canada's bronzed fighting Brigadier came home after 13 months in command of the 25th Brigade in Korea to take a new army post—director-general of military training. He arrived by plane from Sydney, after an 11-day speaking tour.

He said Canadians are still fighting in Korea as they have been since they first landed there.

"We can see a searchlight over Panmunjon (truce-talk site) at night and balloons over it during the day but it hasn't made any difference to our lives," he said.

The 40-year-old Brigadier will leave for Ottawa Saturday to report to the chief of the General Staff. He will then return to his Vancouver home to start 30 days' leave.

He branded as "completely untrue" a report that Chinese Communists are burning at the stake captured Allied pilots who have

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Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Friday.

Synopsis: Pressures over Newfoundland and Cape Breton have been rising this evening, tending to keep a weak disturbance south of Montreal stationary. However, it is expected that rain will slowly cover the district on Friday.

Forecasts: Prince Edward Island — Rain beginning in afternoon. Cooler, light winds increasing to southwest 15 in afternoon. Low and high Friday at Charlottetown 36 and 45.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 4:05 a.m. and 3:19 p.m. High tide on the North Shore at 10:33 a.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 4:43 a.m. and sets at 7:35 p.m.

