

Canada In 1951

(By the Canadian Press)

JANUARY

2: Trade Minister Howe announces new \$30,000,000 atomic pile to be built at Chalk River. 6: Canada allows entry of immediate relatives of Canadian citizens of Asiatic origin. 9: 'Children of Light' sect end fruitless vigil for 'end of world' at Keremeos, B.C. 12: Albert Guay, 33, Quebec, hanged for murder in 1949 time-bomb airliner explosion that cost 23 lives. 15: New \$12,500,000 hospital for sick children opened at Toronto. 19: Immigration Minister Harris at Winnipeg says Canada expects 150,000 immigrants in 1951. 20: Fierce storms batter 150 miles of B.C. coastline, one fatality; Edmonton Bulletin, founded 1880, ceases publication. 24: Three new Senators appointed from Newfoundland. 30: Fourth Session of 21st Parliament opens at Ottawa. 31: Four killed in collapse of Duplessis Bridge at Three Rivers, Quebec.

FEBRUARY

8: Defence Minister Claxton gives Parliament outline of three-year \$5,000,000,000 defence program; National Advisory Council on manpower created. 8: Count Jacques de Bernonville, Montreal, ordered deported to France to face charges of collaboration with Nazis. 9: Nine killed in collision between C.P.R. train and bus at Coniston, Ont.; 28 injured when C.N.R. trains collide at Montreal. 10: Suzanne Morrow, Toronto, wins Canadian women's figure skating title at Vancouver. 12: Premier Frost of Ontario announces \$2,000,000 cancer institute to be opened at Toronto. 21: British twin-jet bomber flies from Belfast to Gander in 4 hours, 40 minutes. 27: Crawford Gordon, Toronto, named federal co-ordinator of defence production.

MARCH

1: Leon Maynard appointed Canadian Ambassador to Chile; C. Fraser Elliott becomes High Commissioner to Australia. 2: Ottawa announces \$45,000,000 payment to Western farmers on United Kingdom wheat agreement of 1946-1950; first Canadian casualty list from Korea shows 34 dead. 9: Parliament approves incorporation of trans-Canada pipe lines to build 3,100-mile natural gas pipe from Alberta to Montreal. 14: Federal consumer credit regulations tightened; new or used cars now need 50 per cent cash down payment. 15: Turgeon Royal Commission report recommends integrated national transportation policy. 16: Mrs. Arthur Pitre convicted at Quebec of murder in air-line time-bomb case; sentenced to hang July 20. 18: Western blizzard leaves six dead in Alberta. 31: Canadian cost-of-living index at this date 181.8, compared with 172.5 at start of year.

APRIL

8: President Vincent Auriol of France visits Ottawa; Canadian CF-100 jet fighter explodes at Komoka, Ont., two killed. 10: Ottawa budget boosts income tax by 20 per cent surtax on defence. 15: Governor-General Viscount Alexander reviews 25th Brigade for Korea at Fort Lewis, Wash. 21: Toronto Maple Leafs win Stanley Cup, defeating Montreal Canadiens four games to one. 24: Defence Minister Claxton announces plans to recruit women for armed services reserves. 26: Premier Walter Jones' Liberal Government re-elected in Prince Edward Island for fifth consecutive term. 30: Commissioner S. T. Wood re-elected after 39 years' service with R.C.M.P.

MAY

4: Defence Minister Claxton announces new 27th Brigade to be recruited for N.A.T.O. defence forces in Europe. 8: Barrie Flyers defeat Winnipeg Monarchs four straight to win Memorial Cup at Winnipeg. 9: Own Sound Mercurys win Allan Cup, beating Fort Frances Canadians four games to three. 12: Valleyfield Braves win first Alexander Cup in major hockey series, beating Toronto St. Michaels three games to two. 14: McKee Aviation Trophy for 1950 awarded Carl Agar, 50, of Vancouver. 18: New radio Canada building of C.B.C. opened at Montreal. 19: Four firemen die in \$300,000 fire at Peterborough, Ont.; Les Compagnons de Saint Laurent of Montreal win Dominion Drama Festival at London, Ont. 22: First official residence for Canadian Prime Ministers at Ottawa opened. 28: E. P. Taylor's colt Major Factor wins 2nd running of King's Plate, Toronto.

JUNE

1: Massey Royal Commission on Arts report tabled in Parliament; Mrs. Arthur Pitre, sentenced to hang July 20 for murder in time-bomb case appeals against conviction. 2: Estimate \$1,000,000 damage in fire at Central Ordnance Depot, Ottawa. 7: Heaviest June snowfall on record dumps three inches on Lethbridge; mounts to 16 inches at Calgary before storm ended. 6: Rev. Norman Kennedy of Regina elected Presbyterian Moderator. 8: Sir Eugene Fiset, 77, former

NOVEMBER

2: Returning from Washington, royal couple start three-day rest at Ste. Agathe des Monts, Que. 8: Parliament gives final approval to free pensions at age 70. 10: Royal couple after visiting P.E.I., leave Cape Breton for Newfoundland. 11: Princess Elizabeth makes farewell broadcast from St. John's, Nfld. 16: Disability pensions for Canadian war veterans increased by average of 38 per cent. 19: Naval inquiry board reports surgeon-physician aboard Canadian destroyer in Korea, enlisted as Joseph Cyr, is American Waldemar Demara, Jr. 22: Progressive Conservative Government wins huge majority in Ontario general election. 23: Six airmen killed in R.C.A.F. plane crash at St. Bruno, Que. 24: Ottawa Rough Riders win Grey Cup at Toronto, defeating Saskatchewan Roughriders 21-14. 25: Premier Smallwood's Liberal Government wins Newfoundland general election. 29: Dr. Augustin Frigon appointed director of planning of C.B.C. Donald Manson succeeds him as general manager.

DECEMBER

5: Canada's population placed at 13,893,208 in first total estimate of 1951 census; Federal and Ontario Governments sign agreement for St. Lawrence power development; 72-year-old bridge collapses at Rivières-du-Loup. 8: Strike of brewery workers in British Columbia ends after six weeks. 10: Three injured in explosion and fire aboard tanker Leduc at Sarnia. 14: Twelve-day wild-cat strike of 9,000 Ford Motor employees ends at Windsor, Ont.; Canadian Government abolishes all foreign exchange controls. 18: Toronto traffic paralyzed by nine-inch snowfall. 21: Canadian navy announces first service decorations for Korea. 24: Federal assistance for gold mines extended to end of 1953. 28: Ice-jam causes floods in northern end of Montreal; 500 homes inundated. 31: Canadian navy announces first service decorations for Korea. 24: Federal assistance for gold mines extended to end of 1953. 28: Ice-jam causes floods in northern end of Montreal; 500 homes inundated.

TRANS-CANADA

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of improving secondary roads by use of the most modern equipment and methods. Results have been successful enough so that plans have already been made to extend this work next season and new equipment for the purpose is already on order. Snow plough facilities were again increased with thirty units in the field. Snow fall was light and ploughs were not overworked. However, open weather brought slippery roads and demands for sand and chemicals to combat ice reached a new high.

Trans-Canada Highway

Progress on our Trans-Canada Highway has been extensive in 1951.

Subgrading:

Subgrading is now completed from Bonshaw to Borden, a distance of 21.6 miles. From Wood Islands to Pinette, a distance of 11 miles was 90% completed when weather closed the job. It is expected that this remaining 10% can be completed in early spring so that it can all be paved in 1952.

Paving:

9.2 miles of paving was laid from Bonshaw through Crapaud and the contract for completing the paving into Borden has been arranged for next year. A contract has also been let for paving the section Wood Islands to Pinette in 1952.

Bridges:

Hall's Bridge, a pile trestle 150 feet long, built in day labour basis, was the scene of an unusual occurrence. During pile driving operations, the approach fills were built out from both shores. When the fills were about up to grade, cracks appeared in the fills and a gradual settlement of the fills was noticed. Settlement took place in characteristic fashion, pushing up mud at some distance from the fills and forcing the newly driven piling out of place. Work was stopped and a study made of the situation under the supervision of Mr. MacVey, former chief bridge engineer of the New Brunswick Highway Department.

Hillsborough Bridge

The spans of Hillsborough Bridge are now seventy-five years old; the piers are nearly fifty years old. It is clear time to take stock of such a situation. The spans are built principally of wrought iron (which, while not as strong as steel, has good anti-corrosive properties) but at least forty members have been either bent or broken and repaired. The piers, which range in length from 44 feet to 104 feet,

Potato Crop One Of Most Profitable In P. E. I. History

By D. A. MacDonald, Chairman, Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board

The year now drawing to a close has seen many changes both from a potato production and marketing standpoint in Canada and the U. S. A. and will be remembered especially as a year when producers at last adopted a realistic policy as far as their volume of production is concerned. For some years past we have had to contend with a surplus production of potatoes. While that condition existed it was very difficult to maintain a favorable marketing position and a year ago the industry was in a situation where producers, in this Province and elsewhere, were only able to realize a part of their production costs, which incidentally have been steadily increasing each year. Early in January, Prince Edward Island had the major part of its crop unsold and grave doubts were expressed that markets could be found to absorb all our crop at any price. However, during the early months of this year we had a good movement and with the help of a subsidized starch program last spring, practically all the 1951 crop of about 9,000 carloads was marketed by the end of the shipping season.

Marked Reduction

This year a real effort was made to bring potato production down to where it should be and we have seen an overall acreage reduction of about twenty percent in Canada and the U. S. A. Here we have had a reduction from 10,500 acres in 1950 to 31,400 or's 1.0; Ratterbury 1.4; Smith 1.3; Springbrook 1.5; Oyster Bed 1.1; Mayfield 1.1; Cavendish 1.0—total 97.50.

Partly Completed

43 Road (Hazelbrook) 1.0; West Covehead 1.2; Georgetown 1.0; Johnston's River 2.0; Gowan Brae 1.6; Forest Hill 2.4; Point Pleasant 1.1; Brooklyn 1.0; West Devon 2.0; Leard's Mill 1.5; Victoria V. 1.5; Cape Egmont 0.5; Bayview 2.0; Kelly's Cross 1.5; Argyle Shore 2.0; Rustico 1.0; Clyde River 1.0; Park Road 1.0—total 25.3.

Road Paving Program

In all a total of 23.7 miles of high class asphalt pavement was laid during the year as follows: The road from Poole's Corner to Georgetown, with a spur to Cardigan, a distance of 8.3 miles, was paved with hot plant mix asphalt by Warren Maritimes Ltd. Curran and Briggs Ltd. paved 9.2 miles of Trans-Canada Highway and 6.2 miles of the road linking Borden and Kensington, all with hot plant mix asphalt. In addition, 15 miles of light pavement was laid.

Bridges

During 1951, the Department has continued its policy of replacing as many as possible of the bridges which are considered unsafe or inadequate for present traffic conditions and of repairing others which may be used for several more years. A scarcity of material and skilled labour has slowed this work during the year and there is every indication that these conditions will be increased next year. A total of thirty-two bridges were built during 1951. Of these, thirteen are in Prince County, nine are in Queen's County and ten are in King's County. Sixteen of these bridges were built of creosoted timber. The largest is Gillian's, crossing the Killdare River in Prince County. It is 180 feet long and 24 feet wide. Two others, Hall's and DeSable are described in the Trans-Canada Highway. Eight bridges are steel multiple arches, which are easy to erect and economical. The other eight bridges are of reinforced concrete and a combination of timber, steel and concrete. Pisiquid Bridge in Queen's County and Sutherland's Bridge in King's County are the largest in this group.

Buildings

Regular maintenance and repair of all public buildings was continued during 1951. Extensive repairs were made to the Court House in Charlottetown. New shingles were laid on the roof, the clock tower remodelled, several old chimneys removed, gutters and downspouts renewed and pointing repaired over the entire building. Repairs to the Provincial Building, begun last year, were completed with the renewal of gutters and downspouts, pointing of stonework and window repair and painting. The new Department of Highways Garage at Hillsborough Bridge was completed and occupied during the fall. A new pasteurization plant has been added to the facilities at Falconwood Farm. Renovations to Government House, begun last year, have been completed and the old house, which was used as servants' quarters for Government House, was demolished. Many dead trees were removed from the grounds in preparation for the Royal Visit, and the landscaping necessary to repair and reshape the lawns has improved the general appearance of this fine old property. At Falconwood Hospital a sprinkler system was installed in the Male Division building and estimates are being made for similar fire protection in the Female Division building for the coming year.

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a new nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance. BEGINNING today, Monday, Moore and McLeod Ltd., will begin closing at 5 p.m., instead of 5.30 p.m. TAX OFFICE will remain open from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M. on December 27th, 28th, 29th and 31st. A FEW MORE SLEIGH ROBES to clear at bargain prices. S. L. Hurdley Co. SCHEDULED FLIGHTS daily to Summerside and Moncton. Phone Maritime Central Airways Limited, 2061 or 540. PERSONALS Her many friends will regret to hear that Mrs. James MacKinnon City, is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital. Miss Aletha MacLeod, Lorne Valley, spent Christmas in Hazelbrook, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Jones. Miss Sue Jones has returned to her home in Hazelbrook after receiving medical treatment in Boston. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Myers, Charlottetown spent a very enjoyable Christmas, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Wood, Hazelbrook.

INTEREST at the rate of 6% per annum will be charged on all overdue instalments. CITY POLICE COURT — Two men appearing on drunk and disorderly charges were each fined \$5 and costs or ten days by the Stipendiary Magistrate on Saturday morning. A man charged with theft was remanded until Jan. 3rd. DIED IN U.S.A. — Mrs. Jean Costa, nee Cameron, granddaughter of James Beale, passed away in Bridgewater, Mass. on Dec. 15th after an illness of two years. Burial was held at Bridgewater on Dec. 19th. Mrs. Costa is survived by her husband Steven, sister Bessie, two sons, Donald and Steven Jr., and a younger brother Donald.

Quickies by Ken Reynolds



... handy that rack I found in The Guardian Want Ads— isn't it?

Napoleon and Uncle Elby By Clifford McBride



OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams

