

ISLAND FARMERS PARTICIPATED IN LOANS UNDER FARM IMPROVEMENT ACT

Under the Farm Improvement Loans Act, the farmers of Canada were loaned a total of \$97,892,760 during the year ending December 31, 1953, according to information contained in the annual report tabled in the House of Commons by the Minister of Finance, Honorable Douglas Abbott.

Since the inception of the Act ten years ago, a total of \$451,532,842 has been borrowed by Canadian farmers. The Prairie provinces accounted for 70% of the loans obtained, which represents a slight decrease from the preceding year. However, increases were recorded in Quebec—26% in Nova Scotia—21% and in British Columbia—17%. The other provinces showed little change from 1952.

90% of all the money loaned last year was obtained for farm implements and was made up of 73,934 loans totalling \$88,057,198. Nearly three-quarters of this borrowing was spent on farm machinery by farmers in the Prairie Provinces.

Loans P. E. Island

Loans made to farmers in this Province for the purchase of agricultural implements totalled \$1,354,566, the same being obtained by 1,504 applicants. For the purchase of livestock 58 applicants were loaned \$30,441, and for the construction, repair or alteration of, or making additions to any building or structure on a farm, \$102,016, was loaned among 90 farmers. Under the heading "Any work for the development of a farm designated in the regulations," eighteen farmers in this Province were granted loans totalling \$10,350, while one lone applicant borrowed \$200 for the erection or construction of fencing or works for drainage on the farm. No loans were granted to farmers in this Province under the caption "Purchase or installation of agricultural equipment or a farm electrical system and the alteration or improvement of a farm electrical system."

Implements

Loans granted to finance implements for Island farmers amount and number involved were: tractors, 604, amount \$612,528; tractors, 570, amount \$311,079; combines, 24, amount \$37,004; threshers, 31, amount \$29,850; miscellaneous 443, amount \$144,105.

For the construction of four new houses on farms in the Province \$9,750 was loaned and 53 applicants were granted loans totalling \$40,041 for repairs and alterations. \$52,225 was loaned among 33 applicants for erecting utility buildings.

The loans made to farmers in this Province since loans have been made available total \$5,277,273 from 5,759 applicants.

RESORT AREA

Mont Tremblant, in the Laurentian mountains north of Montreal, has an altitude of 2,380 feet.

Snowy The Cat Makes Long Trip

MONTREAL, (CP) — Snowy cat is home again. She's back among her old pals at suburban Hudson Heights after two weary months of travel.

The pure white feline moved from Hudson in January to a new home at Isle Maligne, in northern Quebec, with her owner, H. D. Glendinning and his family. But Snowy had ideas of her own about the best place to live. When the family arrived at their new home she jumped from the car and scurried away.

This week she was spotted at Hudson, a scraggy, soiled creature, by Geoffrey Houghton, a former neighbor. The cat had walked home—a distance of 335 miles.

And Snowy seems to have won her point. The Glendinnings are returning to Hudson this summer. Meanwhile she has made herself at home with the Houghtons.

U. S. Clamps Curbs On Rye From Canada

OTTAWA, (CP) — The United States, for the first time, has imposed a stiff curb against imports of rye from Canada and other countries. Officials here said Canada protested against the new restrictions "because we don't like them," but the feeling here is that rye is not a very important crop and even a sharp reduction in the American market "won't hurt us very much."

The new American curbs, which join others imposed by the U. S. on wheat, oats and dairy products, were announced by President Eisenhower Wednesday.

WINNIPEG, (CP) — A new curb on Canadian rye exports to the United States, announced by President Eisenhower, brought sharp reaction Thursday on the Winnipeg grain exchange and criticism from men connected with the trade.

Rye futures have been lower for several weeks as traders anticipated the move, but futures dropped as much as 5-8 cents Thursday to new seasonal lows. Guy Gamsby, editor of the Canadian Grain Journal, questioned official Ottawa comment that the move was unlikely to hurt Canada much.

Mr. Gamsby said board of grain commissioners' statistics show Canadian exports to all countries from Aug. 1, 1953, to Feb. 28, 1954, totalled 12,624,439 bushels. Of that total, 12,239,778 bushels went to the United States.

"The United States has been



TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED—A new Canadian-Japanese trade agreement, expected to lead to greater trade between the two countries, is signed at Ottawa. Signing the pact are: (left to right) Koto Matsudaira, newly appointed Japanese ambassador to Canada; External Affairs Minister Pearson; and Trade Minister Howe. The new agreement will come into force after it is ratified by both countries.

Export of Canadian Coarse Grains Reported At Highest Level In History

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canada may be having trouble selling her huge wheat stockpile but her exports of coarse grains—oats, barley, rye and flaxseed—are the highest in history.

In the first half of the current crop year—the August-January period of 1953-54—exports of the four coarse grains rose to an all-time high of 113,100,000 bushels, some eight per cent higher than the 1952-53 comparable total of 104,400,000, the bureau of statistics reported today.

Barley is the only one of the four coarse grains selling in smaller volume than a year ago when exports were unusually high. Exports of the four grains for the first half year with comparable 1952-53 figures in brackets: Oats 43,000,000 bushels (\$3,200,000); barley 55,300,000 (65,400,000); rye 11,900,000 (3,200,000); flaxseed 2,900,000 (2,500,000).

Principal oats market was the United States which took some 40,500,000 bushels out of the total 43,000,000 shipped. Since then Canada, at the U. S. request, has volunteered to curb shipments to the American market until next October. The U. S. also has imposed stiff curbs on imports of rye.

EMERGENCY LANDING

SANDSPIT, B. C. (CP) — A United States C-46 cargo plane made an emergency landing here after a propeller flew off in mid-air, ripping a gaping hole in one wing and wrecking all controls on the left side. Pilot Joseph M. Halsey of Seattle and three other airmen aboard the West Air Transport plane were uninjured.

our major market for years," said Mr. Gamsby. "Canada now will have to compete keenly for overseas markets which have been monopolized by Argentina and European nations."

Appointments To Federal District Commission

OTTAWA, (CP) — Appointments of Harold Austin Cooch of Hamilton and J. Alexander Walker of Vancouver as members of the Federal District Commission were announced Thursday by Prime Minister St. Laurent.

The appointments run until Dec. 31, 1958. Mr. Cooch succeeds R. K. Sandwell of Toronto and Mr. Walker succeeds William H. Warren of Victoria.

There are 20 members on the commission, one from each province and 10 from the Ottawa area. Dr. R. E. Valin of Ottawa was re-appointed to the commission for another five-year term.

At the same time, Maj.-Gen. Howard Kennedy, commission chairman, announced establishment of the new offices of general manager and assistant general manager. The posts go to, respectively, Alan K. Hay, chief engineer, and H. R. Giam, secretary. They will retain their former positions until commission staff reorganization is completed.

The commission is responsible for carrying out the national capital plan to beautify Ottawa.

ST. CYR MOVIE BANNED

MEMPHIS, Tenn., (AP) — The city censor board has banned the RKO picture "The Son of Sinbad" because of a dance sequence by statuesque Lili St. Cyr, the Montreal strip-teaser. Lloyd T. Binford, the 88-year-old chairman of the board, said, "It was a pretty good picture but it had one of the vilest dances I ever saw."

Girl Survives Stoppage Of Heart 26 Minutes

MONTREAL, (CP) — A United States surgeon told Thursday how an 18-year-old girl survived an operation which involved stopping the heart for 26 minutes.

Dr. John H. Gibson, director of medical research at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, told the story of what he said was the "world's first successful operation of its kind" to a meeting of the American College of Surgeons here.

He said the operation—carried out last May—was made possible by a "heart-lung" apparatus, constructed out of steel and plastic at the college.

The apparatus enabled the patient's heart to be stopped for 26 minutes while surgeons sewed a hole in it. The artificial heart and lung equipment continued to pump her blood in the meantime. Dr. Gibson said the girl patient had suffered a heart murmur all her life but as a result of the operation is "now perfectly well."

NATIVE STRONGHOLD

The Iroquois Indian town of Hochelaga on the island of Montreal in 1535 had a population of more than 3,000.

HOPES FOR SPEEDY START ON YORK RIVER CAUSEWAY PROJECT

Hope that the causeway across York River would be started as soon as possible was expressed in the Legislature Monday night by Mr. George Kitson, Liberal First Queen's, in speaking during the debate on the Budget.

Mr. Kitson added that the people in his district were very anxious that the road between Cornwall and Queens Aqms would be completed this year.

The First Queens Member complimented the Premier on his rural electrification plan and expressed the desire that six miles of electricity could be provided this year in Meadow Bank and the Colville Road.

"When we get 100 miles of electricity on the island in one year it is quite a lot," he stated. "We will be satisfied if the First Queens district can get six miles a year."

Mr. Kitson also spoke about the serious loss suffered by the Sisters and the community at North Rustico in the recent destruction of their convent by fire.

He pointed out that the people were in need of assistance in the reconstruction of the convent and complimented the Premier for giving assistance to the Sisters in the re-purchasing of books.

Mr. Kitson, a prominent cattle man, had words of praise for the annual Fat Stock Show and Sale which was held here last week. He stated that the 99 cents a pound received by Mr. Redvers Stewart of New Wiltshire for his championship Aberdeen Angus steer was a record for the whole of Canada at a Fat Stock Show.

He also pointed out that the top price received at the Fat Stock Show and Sale in Toronto this year was 88 cents a pound.

The First Queens Members spoke about the serious threat of the mustard weed in the Province. He stated that it could be seen nearly everywhere and that the Government plans of spraying for mustard was a wonderful thing.

He noted that the potato prices were low this year and that many farmers were finding it difficult to get along but he recalled that "We once had to sell our potatoes for six cents a bushel; and we survived. The farmer will always get a bite to eat," he stated.

Referring to the report of the Education Committee on Prince of Wales College he stated there were some good points in the report and others that ought to be

deleted. He noted that education in the Province had advanced a great deal during the past 15 or 20 years.

Illegal But Safe To Buy Sweep Tickets

OTTAWA, (CP) — Ontario's chief prosecutor says it is illegal but quite safe to buy tickets on the Irish Hospital sweepstakes.

W. B. Common of the Ontario attorney-general's department, said Wednesday sweepstakes tickets can be seized and holders fined \$25. However, it would be difficult to prove a charge that ticket sellers or buyers are operating or participating in a lottery.

He said the reason is the crown must bring witnesses from outside Canada—presumably Ireland—to give evidence in court that the tickets are on lotteries. The cost of bringing the witnesses would be prohibitive, he told the Commons Senate committee on lotteries.

The army, navy sweepstakes, which is operated in Quebec, offers an easier problem because the witnesses—organizers of the sweepstakes—are more easily available.

Mr. Common said that sweepstakes prizes can not be seized. A section in the criminal code which permitted the provincial attorney-general to seize the prizes was repealed about 20 years ago.

The Saguenay River in Quebec is more than 1,000 feet deep in some stretches.

Standardization of Battle Surgery Techniques aim

PARIS, (Reuters)—The 14 NATO nations are working on standardization of battle surgery techniques. An Allied soldier wounded on any part of the front will receive the same type of treatment in any forward dressing station. And when he reaches his base hospital, the surgeons there will know just how he has been treated at each step on the road back.

New techniques are also being adopted. Formerly, for instance, when an elbow nerve was severed, the wound was sewn up and the arm bound in a tight sling; the frequent result was permanent stiffness or a crippling of the arm. Today, the wound is left open for three weeks. At the same time "grip" or "squeeze" therapy prevents stiffening.

One of the major concerns of the medical team working on standardization is the uniform treatment of victims who might receive severe flash burns from an atomic burst.

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