

Potato Movement Figures Reviewed

Total movement of the 1954 potato crop from this Province up until the end of December amounted to 3,410,300 bushels of seed and tablestock compared to 3,948,771 bushels in 1953 and 4,109,425 bushels in 1952, the manager of the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board, Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, stated yesterday.

This year's shipments consist of 2,519,650 bushels of tablestock and 890,650 bushels of seed compared with last year's movement of 3,085,038 bushels of tablestock and 863,733 bushels of seed during a similar period. In view of this year's acreage and yield reduction, the movement for this season up until now can be considered normal while the general quality has been good.

The market during the present week has shown some strengthening. Toronto is now quoting \$2.20 on 75's with an active demand. Other Canadian markets are on a comparable basis and producers should be

Fishermen's Loan Hailed As Important Legislation

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Canadian fishermen in general and those of the Maritime Provinces particularly are gratified at the clause in the Throne Speech today calling for government loans to fishermen similar to the loans made to Canadian farmers by the Farm Loans Board.

Legislation to provide the new fishermen's loans has been drafted by the Finance Department in consultation with the Department of Fisheries and of law officers of the Crown. While in some respects they will parallel farm loans, regulations are of necessarily complex to meet the needs of the many types of fishing carried out not only in waters of the coastal provinces but those of the Great Lakes and the lakes of the northwest as well.

That the fishermen's loans will be established on a firm and realistic basis is assured by the fact that Fisheries Minister Sinclair is familiar not only with problems of the fishing industry from coast to coast but is an expert on the financial aspects of this problem. For some years prior to his appointment to the fisheries portfolio, Mr. Sinclair was parliamentary assistant to former Finance Minister Abbott and is schooled in the financial aspects of the prospective legislation.

Reports Sighting Flying Washtub

IROQUOIS FALLS, Ont. (CP)—Three residents of nearby Mont-Rock say they saw a flying saucer Thursday. It was shaped like a washtub.

Bill Eaton, a mill employee, says he had returned from work when he saw a glow which he thought at first was a fire in his barn.

"I made a dash toward the barn to save the cattle but when I came closer I could see the light was coming from an object like a washtub suspended about 200 feet in the air behind the barn."

A neighbor, Jim Brindle, was called by Mrs. Eaton. They say the object "gave off a bluish-orange light, like a short circuit flash." It moved away to the north.

Coming Events

- *Regular Saturday night Dance, St. Peter's Hall, Messer's Orchestra.
- *Auction and dance Vernon Hall cancelled.
- *Bingo and Cards, Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, January 11th.
- *Crapsau District Lodge, meets in Prince Arthur Lodge Room, Crapsau, on January 11th, at 2 p. m.
- *Regular dance will be held in St. Andrews Hall Thursday night, Jan. 13.
- *Strathalbyn district Lodge meets in Bradalbane, Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- *Dance at Murray River Warehouse Saturday night. Dancing from 9 till 12.
- *Hammering Grain Wednesday and Saturday only, weather permitting, at Stewart Vessey's, York.
- *Cleaners Group Trinity Church, Rummage Sale in basement of Hearts Hall today 2 p. m.
- *New Whitehall District L. O. L. will meet at Tanton, January 12th, 2:30 p. m.
- *New Glasgow United Church annual meeting, Monday, Jan. 10, 3 p. m.
- *Dance, West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rolfe MacKenzie's Orchestra, Canteen Service, 9:30 to 12:30.
- *Dance at Long Creek postponed until Saturday, Jan. 8. Canteen service in aid of the Rovers hockey team.
- *Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday nights—Naked Spur—a good Technicolor Western Drama.
- *Come to Marshfield Variety Concert in Stanhope-Covehead Community Hall on Monday, January 10th, at 8:15 p. m. If not fine, Tuesday. Sale of lunches. Sponsored by Young Adults Group.
- *Buying pigs and feeder cattle Monday at Fredericton, Tuesday, 9 a. m. Brookfield, 10 Milton, 11 Charlottetown Market Square, 1 p. m. York, 2 Bedford, 2:30 Tracadie, 3 Mt. Stewart, 4:30 Pownal, 5 Vernon River. Paying \$28 a pair for good pigs over 35 lbs. each, 40 cents a pound for smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

SPEECH FROM THRONE PROMISES FAST ACTION TO ASSIST WINTER JOBLESS

Mother Held For Attempted Murder

MONTREAL (CP)—A pale, 25-year-old mother was arraigned Friday on a charge of attempting to murder two of her four children and was ordered for preliminary hearing Jan. 13.

The crown claims Mrs. Mirande Cusson attempted to asphyxiate herself and the two children by opening a jet on the kitchen gas stove while her husband was at work last Wednesday. Neighbors smelled gas and broke into the apartment.

Defence counsel F. X. Biron asked for a mental examination. Mrs. Cusson said nothing while in court. Her plea of not guilty was entered by her lawyer.

Detective-Lieut. Henri Francoeur said Mrs. Cusson left a note saying she was "taking the little ones" with her and that her husband, Jean-Marie, 28, should not be held responsible for "whatever happens."

The children were reported in improved condition in hospital.

Woman Posed For 80 Years As Man

MELBOURNE, (Reuters)—Sarah Edwards, who has passed as man for 80 of her 84 years, went Friday as she was given a black frock and stockings before entering an old people's home—as a woman.

Doctors who had examined her ruled that she must be regarded as a female, under the name by which she was christened, instead of her assumed name of William.

Mrs. N. Hook, the attendant who brought the frock and stockings, said Sarah had told her she had dressed in male clothes since she was four, when her parents died.

"When she went to work on a farm it was more convenient for her to dress as a boy," she said.

Later Sarah "used to drink with men," managed a hotel in the rugged bush country, took a vaudeville show to America, and owned race horses.

To Honor St. Laurent LONDON (AP)—The Court of common council of the city of London announced Wednesday it will confer the freedom of the city on Prime Minister St. Laurent Feb. 7 while he is here for a meeting of Commonwealth prime ministers.

Grateful Fishermen Land At Bermuda After Rescue

HAMILTON, Bermuda, (AP)—Ten grateful crew members plucked from their tiny fishing schooner sinking in heavy Atlantic seas reached port here Friday aboard a lifeboat on the luxury liner Queen of Bermuda.

Bestowing highest praise on their rescuers, the men, the entire complement of the 285-ton Newfoundland schooner Student Prince II, declared they had given up hope of being saved before the Queen reached the scene Thursday morning and put over a lifeboat.

The skipper of the Student Prince, Capt. H. Thomassen, told this story:

"We left Jamaica Dec. 28 for Grand Banks with a cargo of 310 tons of salt. Last Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock the ship sprang a leak due to heavy seas. I decided to try to reach Bermuda."

At 9:30 Wednesday night it was necessary to send an S.O.S. Thursday at 1:25 a.m. the first (coast guard) plane came over the ship and at 9:30 a.m. the Queen of Bermuda hove into sight. The entire crew was rescued and the Student Prince sank an hour after being abandoned."

"RELIEVING SIGHT"

When the rescue ship arrived near the foundering schooner, Capt. Leslie F. Banyard skillfully manoeuvred the Queen of Bermuda while staff Capt. M. E. Musson, of London, England, and eight of the Queen's crew rowed a lifeboat to the Student Prince and took off the hapless men.

Cecil Warren, 17, youngest of those rescued, said:

"It was a relieving sight to see the Queen. When she hove into sight we tried to launch our lifeboat but just as it was being lowered over side, a wave washed over the ship and turned the lifeboat upside down. Fortunately for the three in the lifeboat it capsized on the deck of the Student Prince. Otherwise they would have been washed into 20-foot seas and lost."

After being saved, the men were placed in the Queen's hospital, treated for shock and ordered to rest in bed until they landed here Friday morning.

ERUPTIONS EASE

MESSINA, Sicily (AP)—Inhabitants of the lonely Sicilian islands of Lipari and Stromboli and on the slopes of Mount Etna breathed easier Thursday as minor volcanic and earthquake activities eased after 72 anxious hours. On the bleak island of Stromboli, lava continued to flow down the sides of the ancient volcano, but it followed a well-worn path and caused neither

Outlined In Throne Speech

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HONG KONG, (Reuters)—For the second straight day, Dag Hammar skjold and Chou En-Lai conferred at length Friday in their secrecy-shrouded series of Peiping meetings over the fate of 11 United States airmen imprisoned in Red China.

Scanty Communist news agency reports reaching this British outpost of the Chinese mainland gave no indication whether the United Nations secretary-general and the Communist Chinese premier-foreign minister made any progress at their 3 1/2-hour parley.

And Hammar skjold, who arrived in Peiping two days ago to press for the release of the Americans jailed as spies and other United Nations personnel held since the Korean War, said in a message to UN headquarters in New York only that he and Chou will meet again today.

Fog Closes In On Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., (CP)—Fog closed in on Newfoundland Friday for the third successive day, cancelling commercial flights from nearby Torbay airport.

The passenger waiting list, however, dropped from 190 to 10 as would-be passengers, many of them college students, boarded trains for the mainland. The Stephenville airport, on the province's west coast, is open and Montreal-bound air passengers will meet planes there.

Military flying is at a standstill at Torbay, Gander and Stephenville have not been affected by the fog.

Sydney Turns Down Promotion Offer

SYDNEY (CP)—The city council concluded glumly Thursday night that it could cost as much to promote new industry as the industry was worth itself.

Councillors settled back while the clerk read a breezy letter from a Toronto firm which offered to launch a big industrial promotion campaign for Sydney. It would be complete with advertising, fact-finding and something called "industrial contact."

All this, the letter said, would cost no more than \$150,000 a year in fees. The letter was hastily filed.

"If we had \$150,000 we'd start an industry of our own," muttered a councillor.

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Small Boy Runs Temperature 109

HANOVER, N. H. (AP)—Three-year-old George McCusker III, injured in a coasting accident, ran a temperature of 109, virtually a medical record, for an hour Thursday at Mary Hitchcock Hospital, according to Dr. Ernest Sachs.

The boy suffered a fractured skull. His temperature returned to normal Friday although his condition remained serious.

At Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Dr. Charles L. Gray said a temperature of 109 is unheard of, but extremely rare and usually fatal.

SUES EXPRESS SERVICE

CHICAGO (AP)—Joseph J. Silver, 67, retired vice president of Brink's, Inc., armored express service, sued the company Friday for \$900,000 he claims is due him. His Superior Court suit related that when he was hired in 1915 to manage the money and currency department, the company founder, Frank Allen, agreed that Silver should share in the profits. Silver said he retired July 15 and the company declined to give him a share of profits.

Reviews Factors In Trade & Tariff Policies Affecting The Canadian Potato Market

The urgent need for obtaining further tariff reductions on Canadian potatoes entering the United States market is emphasized in the following review of the studies made recently by Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, manager of the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board.

"Canadian tariff policy," Mr. MacDonald points out, "is determined by the government. Customs duties can be considered a tax on the consumers of Canada and as such an important source of revenue. The Dominion Department of Finance has the chief responsibility concerning duty rates and imports. Other Departments—such as Agriculture, Trade & Commerce, and External Affairs—are also directly concerned."

In recent years Canadian government trade policy has advocated moving as rapidly as possible to the highest practical levels of free and fair trade on a multilateral basis. This means that our citizens should be free to sell their products wherever to the best advantage and also to buy anywhere in the world in the cheapest market. For such a purpose tariffs should be of a moderate level basically designed to reduce trade restrictions and other economic barriers.

"Trade is something that cannot be turned on and off to suit the convenience of a particular moment or a particular group. Canadian tariff policy, therefore, has been designed to further develop that basic principle and accordingly in 1935 legislation was passed permitting the Governor-in-Council to make such reductions of duty on goods imported into Canada from

CHINESE IN DARK

The Chinese people must be even more in the dark, Peiping radio, which has issued brief announcements that the meetings were being held, has not let the nation know the purpose of Hammar skjold's visit.

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Fisheries Scientists Have Eyes On The North Pacific

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's fisheries scientists, looking to the development of new off-shore fishing grounds, have their eyes on "the north Pacific."

Dr. A. W. H. Needler, director of the Pacific biological station at Nanaimo, B. C., Friday told the annual meeting of the fisheries research board that the possible importance of off-shore fishing to the long-term future of the British Columbia fishing industry emphasizes the importance of north Pacific research.

In recent years Canada has entered into multi-lateral agreements with other countries aimed at developing and conserving the fisheries off the Pacific and Atlantic

Increased Benefits

Labor Minister Gregg, it was learned later, promptly placed on the Commons order paper notice of the high-priority amendment to the Unemployment Insurance Act. While its contents were not announced, it was understood these are its main points:

1. Supplementary insurance benefits paid during the first 3 1/2 months of each year will be increased by 25 per cent.
2. There will be a rearrangement of insurance credits to provide individuals with longer periods of supplementary insurance. This "over-all period" will remain unchanged, ending at April 15.

The supplementaries are paid to persons who qualify for regular benefits but whose benefit-collecting terms have run out during the

Small Income Decline

"Although the national economy is in a generally healthy condition," the speech said, "the relatively poor wheat crop is being reflected by a small decline in the total national income. Some unemployment of a regional and seasonal nature is being experienced."

It was to meet this condition that the works and insurance measures were being proposed.

Apart from the top-spot unemployment measure, the throne speech announced government plans that included provisions for home improvement loans, government-backed loans to fishermen for improving their gear, improved pensions to the blind and allowances to burned-out war veterans, changes in federal grants to

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TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	37	39
Victoria	39	42
Edmonton	22	40
Calgary	26	45
Regina	6	25
Winnipeg	4	10
Toronto	26	29
Ottawa	11	14
Montreal	18	20
Quebec	19	—
Federicton	26	35
Saint John	27	—
Moncton	32	—
Halifax	34	—
Charlottetown	34	35
Sydney	36	37
Yarmouth	37	—
St. John's	31	42

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