

Ship-Building In Canada May Be In For New Slump

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OTTAWA — Canada's shipbuilding industry may be in for another period of slump, informants here suggest. They say the federal subsidy for ships built in Canadian yards touched off a rash of building that may take care of requirements for some time to come.

Two years ago then transport minister Leon Boleac announced that the federal government would pay a capital subsidy of 35 per cent of the approved costs of construction for domestic and deep sea vessels. To give the program even greater stimulus, he said the 35 per cent subsidy would be boosted to 40 per cent for work done until March 31

domestic fleet is seen by the fact that the number of men operating Great Lakes' ships is about 7,500 and their wages approximately \$35 million annually. Earnings from the ships are estimated at about \$120 million.

While current figures are not available, it is believed that government assistance will be given to commercial and fishing vessels valued at around \$300 million. But some observers see a gradual slow-down as the ship owners' need is satisfied. This could lead to lay offs and unemployment in some shipbuilding centres.

The Liberal government proceeded with a program of naval building. While the new destroyer escorts will be completed in the next two years, the Conservatives announced a year ago that eight general purpose frigates, larger than the destroyer escorts would be built. If the new government continues with these plans, some yards will be kept busy for another few years.

Little Early Action Likely On Government's Farm Front

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OTTAWA — The Liberal government's famed 60 days of decision have seen little action so far on the agricultural front as minister Harry Hays learns about the complexities of running one of the largest departments in the government.

The two major decisions taken to date are the transfer of the Wheat Board back under the wing of the Department of Trade and Commerce, and the shift in emphasis in the price supports on skim milk powder, butter and cheese.

But the Liberals are on record with a number of other promises of action in the farm field. Not the least of these will be their assault on the troublesome dairy problem. They are pledged to make butter more competitive in price with its substitutes, to drain off some of the surplus milk with a program of free milk for school children, and a more vigorous effort to promote commercial exports of dairy products and to send more food aid to needy countries.

Some form of credit or other assistance may also be made available for farmers who want to switch from dairying to other enterprises.

The man who would have been agriculture minister if he had won on April 8, Hazen Argue, sold the party on a guaranteed \$2 a bushel price for wheat, plus a two-piece system. Mr. Hays may have some second thoughts about the guaranteed price. Not only did farmers in the likely to prove feasible.

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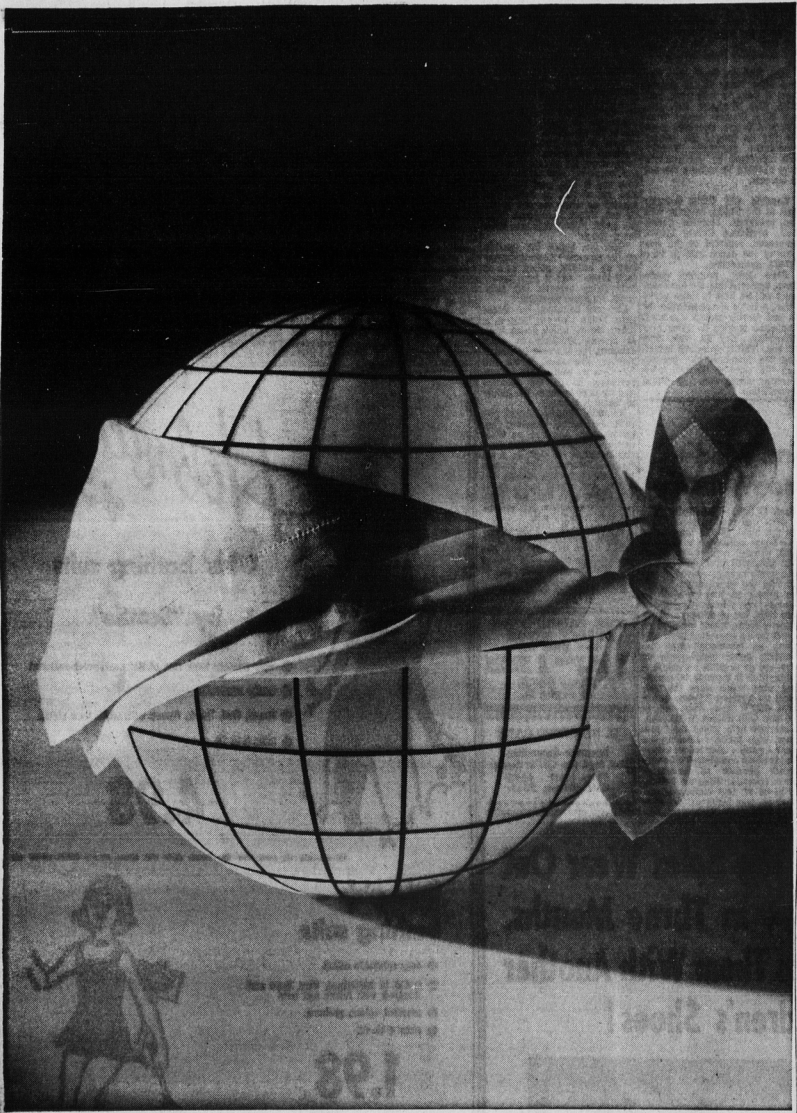
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