

# Florida Crop Losses May Increase Demand For Frozen or Canned Canadian Produce

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OTTAWA (CP)—Heavy Florida crop losses may increase demand for frozen or canned Canadian produce.

But citrus and vegetable crops westward in the United States or in Mexico will take up much of the slack, officials said here.

Heavy frosts in Florida damaged orange, tangerine, grapefruit and vegetable crops. But the only sharp increase in prices so far has been in cucumbers, practically a luxury item anywhere at this time of year.

Agriculture department spokesmen said Canadian supplies of alternatives such as storage apples, tomato juice, apple juice and frozen fruits and vegetables are ample to handle any surge in demand.

**COULD CLEAR STOCKS**

They reiterated that Canada grows far more than the continent and that a diversion to home-grown produce would help clear up stocks now dependent on export markets.

Canada imported about \$142,378,000 worth of fruit and vegetables in 1961, the last year for which figures are available.

Most came from the United States including a \$38,000,000 worth of oranges.

About \$25,000,000 worth of bananas came from Latin America, say figures compiled by the Canadian Horticultural Society.

California citrus crop prospects are good and Mexico and the middle east are other suppliers available shortly.

At Dec. 1 Canada had 9,600,000 bushels of fresh apples in stock compared with 8,000,000 a year earlier. More than 1,000,000 gallons of apple juice were on hand, plus tomato juice. A comparatively low per capita consumption rate among Canadians for apples means that exports must take up the slack.

This contrasts to heavy demand in Europe.

If Canadians ate an apple a day, production would be double.

# British Columnist Deplores Wave Of Anti-Americanism

LONDON (Reuters)—William Connor, columnist Cassandra of the mass-circulation London Daily Mirror, went to the United States with a swing at "the lunatic idea of anti-Americanism in Britain."

Connor wrote: "If anti-Americanism, now

on the increase in this country, separates us from the United States, then the whole system of the defence of the West and our influence in power politics, such as it is, will evaporate entirely . . ."

Accusing some Conservative party members, "the Communists of course and one or two Labor politicians" of voicing

anti-American sentiments in the wake of the Skybolt missile's abandonment, Connor added: "What the anti-Yanks cannot stomach is the revolution in military power that has thrown us out of the ring where only the Washington and Moscow heavyweights remain."

SUPPORT U.S.

Editorials in two influential British newspapers give qualified support to President Kennedy's recent assertions of leadership in the Western alliance.

Both The Times and The Guardian say this was preferable to the state of NATO under former president Eisenhower.

The Guardian says: "On most issues over which President Kennedy has differed from his

purpose to bring some clarity and purpose into the Western alliance.

"What it certainly means is that the allies will be consulted, not so much out of politeness as for what they have to contribute, whether in ideas, influence, money or soldiers."

"This may be blunt but no one can say it is not realistic."

# New Plate to Provide Instant X-Ray Pictures

LONDON (Reuters)—An electronic photographic plate that can provide instant x-ray pictures has been discovered by three scientists in the nearby Enfield Laboratories of the Thorn Electrical Industries Group.

The discovery was made partially by accident, said Dr. Peter Ranby, one of the three scientists.

"At first we did not realize the importance of what we had found," he said. "But when we discovered its properties and the possible uses began to dawn on us, we got quite excited."

The scientists were experimenting toward a low-cost luminous panel for control boards when they stumbled on the revolutionary electronic photographic plate, made of coated steel.

The plate is sensitive both to light and invisible radiation and can be used at least 10,000 times. It gives an immediately visible picture, without the need

of any form of developing.

"We were examining the plate when someone switched on the light," said Dr. Ranby. "We noticed it was glowing . . . (and) found it was activated by light."

"We decided to cover part of it with a piece of paper. I think one of us put a finger on it. We found we had a silhouette picture of the finger."

The scientists said the plate is powered by an electrical current on a wire that could be run from a hearing-aid battery.

The discovery will mean "on-the-spot" pictures that may save precious seconds during cancer operations.

It may also mean a dramatic reduction in the overall dosage of x-rays. Blamed recently as a possible cause of four per cent of all leukemia cases in Britain.

But Dr. Ranby and his fellow scientists are not contented there—they are still looking for a low-cost luminous panel for car dashboard's original goal.

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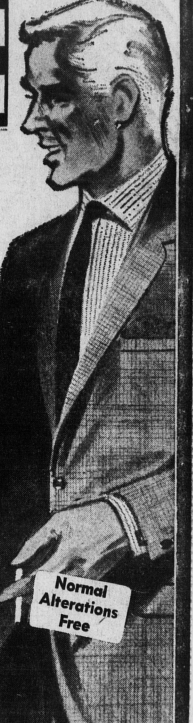
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# New-Type Refrigerator Car Being Introduced By CNR

MONCTON (Special) — A new type of refrigerator car which will enable products of Atlantic fisheries and fisheries to reach markets throughout North America in tip-top condition is being introduced by Canadian National Railways.

The first of the new black and yellow mechanically-refrigerated cars will arrive in the Maritimes this month.

Shipments of frozen foods, fish, meats, ice cream, dairy products, and any other type of traffic that demands a carefully controlled temperature.

Thermometers on the cars can be set so that any temperature from zero to 65 degrees will be maintained in the car. Power

for the refrigeration unit is provided by a diesel engine which can run 30 days non-stop between refuelings. Each car can carry loads weighing up to 70 tons.

Canadian National has been experimenting with various types of mechanically-refrigerated cars for a number of years to find the kind best suited to its requirements. The demands of Maritime shippers have been taken into consideration before making a final decision.

Now CN has leased 80 of the new temperature control cars. The first cars, fresh from the builders, have been delivered this month.

Avoid train-watchers will have no difficulty in picking out the new cars. They have bright yellow sides and black ends. The CN symbol is painted boldly in black. To railroaders they are known as "reefers."

## PIUSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gallant are visiting their son Leo Gallant and family, Bloomfield Corners. They also spent a day with relatives in Piusville. Mr. and Mrs. Gallant are spending the winter months with relatives in Nova Scotia.

Winston Corcoran, teacher at Fortune Cove School, had his school closing party with his afternoon pleasantly spent in games, etc. Santa Claus appeared around 2 o'clock with treats for the children and distributed gifts for teacher and pupils.

Miss Shirley Murray, nurse-in-training in Prince County Hospital, is spending holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warburton Murray.

Mrs. John F. Gallant was a patient for a few days in the Western Hospital, Alberton.

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## MISCOUCHE

Mrs. Adrian DesRoches of Miscoche is much improved after having been a patient in Prince County Hospital.

Mrs. Edith G. DesRoches of Miscoche left for Oshawa, Ontario, where she will spend the winter months visiting with relatives.

Armand DesRoches, student at St. Dunstan's University, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tilmon S. DesRoches, in Miscoche.

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