



QUEBEC GOVERNMENT CHANGE DUE THURSDAY

Premier Jean Lesage and Union Nationale leader Daniel Johnson, next Quebec Prime minister have met today to set date for the change of government. Here the two men are seen, just before the meeting, in Mr. Lesage's office, shaking hands. Mr. Johnson later indicated the take-over would be Thursday. He also told the Quebec Textile Workers that

Manitoba Hog Selling Is 'Bringing Home Bacon'

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Manitoba Hog Marketing Commission is "bringing home the bacon" to pig producers with an auction system that pits nine meat packing plants against each other.

In its first year of operation, nearly 600,000 hogs were sold at prices closer to those in Toronto than ever before as the commission handled more than \$1,000,000 worth of business.

"Farmers are much better off," says Managing Director W. B. Munro.

In February, for example, farmers grossed about \$38,000 a week more for their hogs than they would have in similar circumstances without the commission.

This month, prices have been within \$1 of Toronto prices, increasing the farmer's return by about \$4 a hog based on pre-commission differentials.

Purpose of the commission, says Mr. Munro, is to inject the competitive element into hog marketing. Previously, farmers sold directly to the packing plants—at the buyers' prices.

The commission, with offices in Winnipeg and Brandon, has a teletype circuit connecting it with the packing houses and hogs are offered in lots to all buyers.

The first quotation is "generally a little higher than we expect the pigs to bring" and the price is lowered, at five cents every two seconds, until a buyer pushes a button on his machine to make the purchase.

Monday's prices, for example, started at \$7.50 and Mr. Munro said the hogs likely would sell near \$8.50 a hundredweight.

Acting as agent for the farmers, the producer may bring small lots of hogs to the commission's holding pens where several lots are sold at once or he may advise that he is shipping, by truck or rail, large lots.

These large assignments are sold en route and then delivered to the buyer "which we believe is the most efficient and least costly method of handling the hogs."

While farmer participation is voluntary, Mr. Munro estimates the commission handles more than 80 per cent of the hogs raised in the province. Its effect on prices, however, is felt on all sales because direct transactions are usually based on the day's average prices.

The commission charges 30 cents a hog for handling the transactions and, in the year ended March 31, 1966, it grossed \$165,000. This was sufficient to handle administrative costs, eliminate an early deficit and allow a \$29,000 surplus.

Mr. Munro says this money will be used to expand the commission's facilities and improve its service to the province's farmers.

Premier Leads In Prestige, Sociologists' Survey Shows

By DAVID BAZAY
SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP)—A national survey by two Carleton University sociologists indicates the position of provincial premier is ranked No. 1 in the scale of occupational prestige.

The sociologists, Peter C. Pimeo and John Porter of Ottawa, reported initial findings of their 1965 survey here at the annual meeting of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association.

Federal politicians also ranked high but Prof. Pimeo noted that the study was made prior to the federal furor over the Munsinger affair with its allegations of sex and security.

Physicians, university professors, county court judges and lawyers also ranked high. Prestige plunges past bank managers, TV stars and pro athletes down to garbage collectors and newspaper peddlers at the bottom.

SCORING HIGH

Out of a possible 100, provincial premier scored 89.9 in Quebec. French-speaking Canadians gave this occupation the extraordinarily high score of 93.6. During the survey the Quebec post was held by Jean Lesage, who lost his job to Daniel Johnson of the Union Nationale party in a recent election.

The survey shows that MPs, with 84.8, have more prestige than cabinet ministers with 83.3, but not as much as senators with 86.1.

Everyone knows it's tough to be a janitor (17.3), a garbage collector (14.8), or a newspaper peddler (14.8), but who would have thought that a ballet dancer (49.1) lacks the class of a policeman (51.6).

It's far better to be a TV star (56.6) than a disc jockey (38) or a TV repairman (37.2).

Cab drivers (25.1) have it all over bartenders (20.2), but play second fiddle to professional babysitters (25.9).

TOP ATHLETES

Catholic priests (72.8), top protestant ministers (67.8) and journalists (60.9) just edge public relations men (60.5). Authors (64.8) actually have more prestige than pro athletes (54.1).

It's great to be a physician (87.2), a university professor (84.5), a county court judge (82.5) or a lawyer (82.3). But it must hurt to be a waitress

Indian Drought Expected Over

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—Forecasters predicted Monday that "monsoon" rainfall will be plentiful in India this summer.

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Court Action Denied MP

OTTAWA (CP)—Liberal MP Ralph Cowan has failed in his third and final attempt to bring a court action against a Toronto French-language radio station.

The Supreme Court of Canada Monday agreed with lower court decisions that the action against CJPC should not be heard.

Mr. Cowan claimed in his action that the CBC is not entitled to operate an independent French-language station either in Toronto or any other Ontario city.

An Ontario Supreme Court judge granted a CBC motion throwing Mr. Cowan's action out.

The Ontario Court of Appeal upheld his ruling and Mr. Cowan's attempt to appeal the decision was rejected by the Supreme Court of Canada.

No reasons were given for the Supreme Court's judgment.

Russian Exchange Student Finds Countries Similar

MONTREAL (CP)—Russian student Slava Zharkov returned home recently after a year of study at Montreal's McGill University and said he found many similarities between his country and Canada.

"You know people are forever asking what surprises you about their country," he said in an interview. "Really, it isn't much different from the U.S.S.R. except for that absence of people."

"Canada is a country with tremendous potential," he said. "However, in a lot of places I travelled there was nobody—you know, it's like an untamed wilderness."

As for practical suggestions to overcome the underpopulation problem, Mr. Zharkov said: "I guess that is something Canadian men and women are going to have to get together to solve."

Mr. Zharkov spent the year taking graduate economic courses. His stay was part of an exchange program organized by the McGill University Student Society and its counterpart in the U.S.S.R.

Fluent in English before he arrived in Canada, he said he had little trouble adapting to student life at McGill.

The academic programs of Canada and Russia are similar in many respects, particularly in technical and economic fields," he said. "This should encourage further exchanges both at the student and teacher levels."

Russian students do not have exactly the same problems as Canadian students," he said. "For example, we have no tuition fees."

"However we feel as strongly about our problems as you do about yours," added Mr. Zharkov. "Student demonstrations in Russia can be quite vigorous. I have participated in a few myself."

While at McGill, he took part in a student demonstration against the war in Viet Nam.

BOUNDARY IS MOUNTAIN

The boundary between Uganda and the Congo Republic is formed by a small mountain range called the Ruwenzori.

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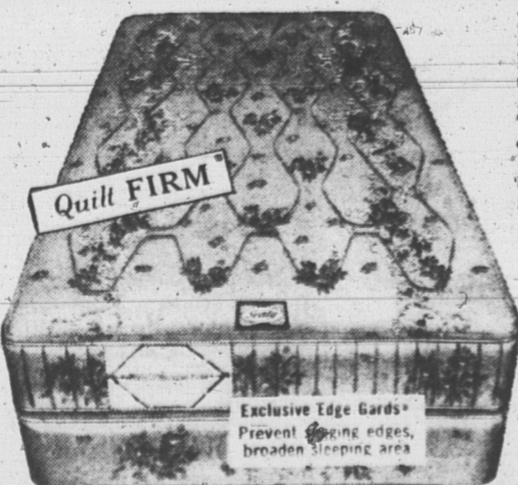
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