

Large-Scale Manoeuvres At Gagetown Planned

OTTAWA, (CP)—The army will hold its biggest peacetime manoeuvres this summer at Camp Gagetown, N. B.

It is announced today that more than 10,000 soldiers from all parts of Canada will concentrate in Gagetown for six weeks of intensive training. Eight of the army's 15 battalions will participate.

The troops, most of them from units of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division, will start moving into the new 427-square-mile camp about the first week of July.

Soldiers will live in the field under canvas for the entire training period. Permanent installations now under construction will not be used by the training force.

MOVE FROM ONTARIO

Major Gen. John Rockingham, commander of the 1st Division, and his staff will move to Gagetown from Camp Petawawa at the same time as advance elements of other units.

Elements of the 1st Division taking part in the training will include headquarters, 3rd Infantry Brigade, from Valcartier, Que., and headquarters, 4th Infantry Brigade,

Ladies' Aid P. E. I. Hospital

The Ladies Aid of the Prince Edward Island Hospital is redecorating and painting the furniture in the Nurses' rooms on the second and third floors of the Cundall Home. It has also decided to re-decorate the Ladies' Aid Room at the Hospital.

The regular monthly meeting of the Aid was held at the Cundall Home on Monday, February 7th, with an attendance of twenty-eight members.

Mrs. G. H. Buntain, the President, presided, and opened the Meeting with the Lord's Prayer, repeated in unison. The President welcomed Mrs. Sheldon Carson, a new member.

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were read by the Secretary and adopted.

In the absence of Mrs. J. W. MacKenzie, the Convener of the Turkey and Ham Supper, the report by Mrs. Gordon Leitch, the co-convenor.

The Treasurer, Mrs. G. F. Moore, presented the financial report and outstanding bills were authorized to be paid.

Letters were read by the President from the Red Cross Society and also from the Polio March of Dimes Organization. Ten members of the Aid volunteered to collect for the Polio March of Dimes, and two for the Red Cross Society.

The buying Committee was authorized to bring samples of rug covering for the lounge in the Cundall Home to the next monthly meeting.

Mrs. G. H. Buntain and Mrs. W. E. Cotton were appointed to represent the Aid at the monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital.

It was unanimously decided to hold the Annual Tag Day collection on Easter Saturday again this year.

On motion of adjournment tea was served by Mrs. H. L. Palmer. Mrs. W. E. Cotton.

Controversy Over Plan For Livestock Marketing

By WILF CHIBLETT
Canadian Press Staff Writer

REGINA (CP)—A proposal to set up a marketing system for livestock based on the principles of the Canadian Wheat Board has touched off a major controversy in Saskatchewan farm circles.

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The Saskatchewan scheme is similar to one devised by the Manitoba Farmers' Union after a conference in Winnipeg of farm and government representatives from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Delegates decided the only way of returning order to the livestock industry was through marketing boards.

PLAN BEING STUDIED

The Manitoba plan now is being reviewed and revised. MFU officials say it will be presented to the legislature later.

The Saskatchewan government has agreed to sponsor meetings in rural areas to find out if livestock growers are in favor of a marketing board outlined by representatives of the province's farm union, the wheat pool and the Association of Rural Municipalities. After the meetings, the plan will be revised and one "acceptable to the majority" drawn up for presentation in a plebiscite if there is a good chance of it being accepted.

The Saskatchewan Cattle Breeders' Association said it would oppose the plan until the board's usefulness in maintaining prices and cutting production costs was demonstrated. The Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture takes the view that any livestock marketing board must be established on a national level.

Also opposing the scheme are the Saskatchewan Stock Growers' Association and the Saskatchewan Shorthorn Club.

Federal Agriculture Minister Gardiner termed the scheme "impractical."

"It would be impossible to establish an adequate inspection and grading system to cover consumption in the same way the wheat board system covers grain," he says.

OPPOSES COMPULSION

W. J. Mitchell, president of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers' Association which claims a membership of 600 ranchers in southwestern Saskatchewan, said farmers generally wanted no part of a scheme which would compel them to sell livestock to one agency.

F. M. Baker of Winnipeg, western representative on the Council of Canadian Meat Packers, said claims that livestock could be marketed in the same way the wheat board marketed grain was an "idle comparison" because grain could be stored for years and livestock deteriorated once it left the farmyard.

Mr. Baker also warned of the dangers in price supports, which backers of the plan ultimately hope to set up. He said floor prices cost the federal government \$100,000,000 in the 1952 foot and mouth disease outbreak. If a livestock board was able to set prices higher than those in the United States, the Canadian market could be flooded with American produce.

Farm leaders say the board can be made to work. They maintain it is needed because prices have dropped in the last four years and production costs have increased.

FARMER'S VIEWPOINT

Jacob Schulz, former president of the Manitoba Farmers' Union who helped formulate the Manitoba plan, presents the farmer's view.

He describes what is happening in the livestock business as "a

conspiracy which will eventually culminate in tragedy." He says it is simple for a few large buyers to have an understanding on fixing prices which will be "mutually profitable" without entering into a formal agreement that could constitute a violation of anti-combines legislation.

Mr. Schulz says the best proposed board can do from the beginning is become a bargaining agent between farmers and packers.

Later, when the livestock board accumulates a fund taken from a two-per-cent levy on all sales, the time might come when the board would be in a position to set prices.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our dear Husband and Father, Hugh MacSwain, who passed away, February 9, 1949.

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Many an hour he is in our thoughts
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And friends from day to day
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From memory fade away.

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Cards of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Irwin and Dr. McKenzie, nurses, and staff of the P. E. I. Hospital for their kind treatment to me while a patient there; also all those who remembered me with treats, cards and letters.

Mrs. James Annan,
Bristol.

The Senior Ladies' Aid of the Prince Edward Island Hospital extend their thanks to the following who contributed to their Turkey and Ham Supper held on February 2nd: Mr. J. Sinclair MacKay, Rep. Robin Hood Flour Mills; Mr. Elmer Jones, Rep. Morse Tea Company; Clarke Fruit Company; Mrs. Jack Spencer; DeBlois Brothers.

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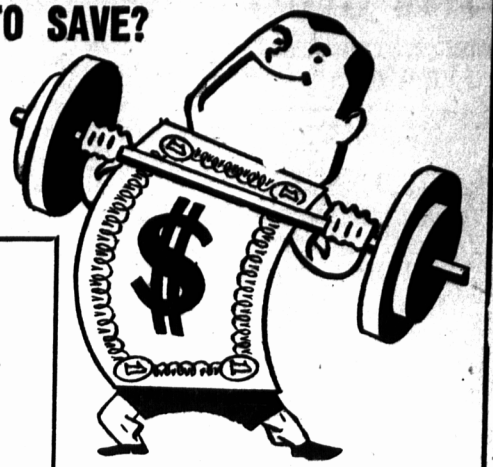
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THE ST. VINCENT'S Orphanage and the P. E. I. Protestant Orphanage gratefully acknowledge the donation of \$250.00 each from the P. E. I. Livestock Marketing Board.

RECEIVES AWARD — Mr. W. Blair MacDonald, Branch Manager, The Empire Life Insurance Company, leaves this morning by air for Toronto where he will receive a General Manager's Award at the Company's Annual Meeting on Saturday. The Award, in the form of an inscribed plaque, is one of three awarded annually for Branch Management on a point basis. Before returning Mr. MacDonald will spend three days at the Company's Head Office in Kingston.

EGG PRICES — Egg prices on P.E.I. February 9, were as follows: Ungraded eggs, delivered at Charlottetown, A Large .29; A Medium .25; A Small .19; graded pack delivered in Charlottetown, A Large .34; A Medium .30; A Small .24; retailers in cartons, A Large .40; A Medium .36; A Small .30.

Personals

The many friends of Mrs. Lemuel H. Drake will be sorry to hear that she is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

M. C. MacPhee, Beatons Mills, received the sad news that his brother-in-law, E. M. Merriam, Boston, Mass., passed away on February 7.

The many friends of Mr. Donald N. Matheson, Charlottetown, are very sorry to hear that he had a serious operation in the P. E. I. Hospital Wing. All wish him a speedy recovery.

Cpl. John E. Misener of the R. C. E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Misener, Stanhope, left by car on Monday for Victoria, B. C., where he will join his unit. Cpl. Misener was in the church cemetery where services were conducted by the Rev. Francis MacAulay. The funeral was very largely attended.

RCMP Checking Petty Crime

By DAVE MCINTOSH
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — Most police forces in the world are concerned with the mounting crime rate. The RCMP is no exception. In an attempt to get at the root of the problem, it has launched a campaign to try to prevent petty crime.

Records kept by the Mounties show that car thefts in the last five years have increased by 37.1 per cent; breaking, entering and theft by 37 per cent and cases of false pretences such as forged cheques by 15 per cent.

The RCMP has started distribution of 50,000 booklets entitled "Crime in your community." They show, by word and picture, how business men, storekeepers and householders can help prevent petty crime by making offices and homes more secure.

The 20-page booklets are being distributed through divisions, subdivisions and detachments of the RCMP in the eight provinces—all except Ontario and Quebec—and some 70 municipalities policed by the force. Most of them will go to storekeepers visited regularly by the Mounties.

The booklet is intended only as the first step in a drive to reduce the incidence of petty crime, mostly by removing temptations such as open cash drawers, rings forgotten in washrooms, and un-

START OF CAMPAIGN

"If this is successful we plan to follow it up with more publicity and then set up a branch in the force to concentrate on crime prevention.

"Every police force is exploring every possibility of reducing crime. One answer is to get more men. This is another way. We are very hopeful of success because police forces in England have had surprising success with their crime prevention campaigns."

Figures bear him out.

The first major effort in crime prevention in England was made in Sussex in 1943. It started with a "mind your bike" campaign and after three months bicycle thefts had dropped 40 per cent and detections were up 50 per cent.

The Sussex police force found that, with fewer crimes committed, there was more time to investigate crimes which did occur with the result that the percentage of convictions increased. The entire campaign cost about \$12.

Similar campaigns in England have been equally successful. Cases of breaking and entering shops and homes dropped as much as 26 per cent. After a campaign in Brighton, the number of burglaries, house and shop breakings and attempted breakings dropped from 495 in 1947 to 150 in 1951. In the city of London, the number fell from 2,506 to 1,969 between 1951 and 1953.

Some forces in England now have set up crime prevention branches.

Asst. Comm. Harvison said the RCMP hopes to receive enough reaction from business men, storekeepers and householders within a month to plan its next move in crime prevention.

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