

GOV'T AID FOR POTATOES, APPLES

\$1 Per 165 Lbs. For Starch

OTTAWA, (CP)—The government Friday announced limited aid for Maritime apple and potato growers. Agriculture Minister Gardiner estimated it will cost the treasury about \$700,000.

Answering an appeal of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island potato growers, the government announced it will participate in a program to divert surplus potatoes into starch factories, thereby preventing current low prices from further decline.

The starch diversion program will cover about 2,000,000 bushels of potatoes including Gravenstein, McIntosh, Courtland, Rome Beauty and Delicious.

Mr. Gardiner said the starch diversion payments will amount to about 25 cents a bushel, with a ceiling of \$500,000 over the next outlays. The diversion program will end May 1.

"We figure we've got 200,000 bushels of potatoes more than can be sold on the market," Mr. Gardiner said in an interview at Regina.

While the apple support program applies principally to Nova Scotia, the government said it is prepared to extend it to growers in other provinces if they are interested in arranging for similar guarantees through their provincial governments.

L. F. Burrows, secretary of the Canadian horticultural council, said he doubts whether any other growing provinces are interested in the federal support program.

The support will apply only to Canada fancy or better grades of

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Heavy Damage Is Caused By Sleet Storm Yesterday

The sleet storm which began to take effect on the pole lines of the different services throughout the island shortly before daylight yesterday continued to take its toll throughout the day.

By the sheer weight of the accumulated ice, poles were snapped off and with their release, the springback levelled the lines in long stretches.

The greatest damage centered from Summerside west to Tignish although details were not available.

Telephone Company officials reported that poles were snapping off faster than the full emergency crews could replace them between Charlottetown and Tignish.

At midnight the Island Telephone Company reported that a total of 600 poles were down between Charlottetown and Tignish.

Heavy construction crews of the Maritime Telephone Company were reported on the way to the island late last night to assist in restoring communications.

Mr. D. M. Cass, manager of the Island Telephone Company said that the crews were expected to arrive early this morning and would be assigned to spot locations where it was believed they could work most effectively towards restoration of the western lines.

Twenty-seven poles of the Maritime Electric Co. between Summerside and the R.C.A.F. station indicated the ravages of the sleet in that area which continued with slight improvement to the west end of Prince County.

Both the Maritime Electric and the Island Telephone officials said

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HALIFAX, (CP)—The Montreal tanker Sprucebranch, which asked for help Thursday night, made port at Sydney Friday under her own power. RCAF search and rescue reported.

The 2,400-ton ship radioed she had made emergency repairs to her disabled steering gear and was able to navigate.

Her position when she asked for help was 100 miles east of Sydney.

The Halifax tug Foundation Frances, which left to take her to low, returned to port here Friday night.

OTTAWA (CP)—A picture of the parliament buildings adorns the cover of Ottawa's new telephone book, replacing the usual cable-wrapped figure of the "Spirit of Communication."

Observers said it would be impossible to stem fast-moving Salmon river with sandbags. It had overflowed its dykes and was flooding marshland surrounding the town.

Acadian Lines cancelled bus service to Amherst from Halifax because of highway conditions near Truro. A spokesman said the only service Friday night would be to eastern and western Nova Scotia.

Rain flooded some roads into fogbound Halifax. Freezing rain interrupted wire communications near Moncton. Heavy snow increased the seriousness of a water shortage in many New Brunswick farming areas.

Motorists entering Halifax from

Grand Bingo St. Andrew's Hall Mt. Stewart, Monday, Jan. 9th, 8 p.m. 20 games, jackpot \$50. Door prize.

Showing at Mt. Stewart Saturday night. Pickup on South Street. This is a real spy thriller, starring Richard Widmark and Jean Peters.

Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton. Tuesday Brookfield 9 a.m.; Milton, 10; Railway Wharf Charlottetown 11; York, 1 p.m.; Bedford, 3; Tracadie 2:30; Mt. Stewart, 3; Pownal 4:30; Vernon River, 5. Paying \$16.00 a pair for good pigs over 35 lbs. each. Will also buy a smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

that the situation was "spotty", indicating that many stretches of pole line escaped the effects of the sleet, while a few miles away the situation was definitely altered and the damage great.

The Canadian National Telegraphs reported the lines beginning to show the effects of the weight of ice at 7 o'clock yesterday morning with bad stretches of wires down in the vicinity of North

Wiltshire, Emerald and Kensington to Summerside. No report was available as to conditions west of Summerside. The trouble was attributed entirely to the weight of accumulated ice on the wires.

There was practically no wind as a contributing factor to cause swinging. The lines of the company were working without interruption to Souris, Georgetown and Montague.

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More Money For Provinces In New Formula

OTTAWA (CP)—A bigger share of the direct tax field along with federal equalization revenue may boost Quebec's revenue by some \$50,000,000 a year under the new federal tax-sharing formula with the provinces, it was learned Friday.

Informants estimated roughly Quebec's revenue may rise to about \$150,000,000 a year from the \$100,000,000 or so she currently obtains through direct tax levies on corporation and personal incomes and succession duties.

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Monaco Happy Over Match

MONTE CARLO (AP)—The principality of Monaco basked Friday in sunshine, champagne and celebrations and a black market price was asked for pictures of movie star Grace Kelly who is to marry Prince Rainier III.

News of the engagement brought on a wave of what the country likes best—celebration. The happiness covered almost every one of Monaco's 370 acres.

School children were given a holiday, cafe owners popped for an occasional free Champagne, and the red and white national colors were draped everywhere.

Holiday Doing President Good

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—President Eisenhower's doctor said Friday the president is getting "a world of good" out of a Florida visit intended to condition him for resumption of a full work load.

President plans call for the president to return to Washington next Sunday by plane.

NEW OVERTURE

LONDON (CP)—Sir Arthur Bliss, the Master of the Queen's Music has been commissioned to write an overture to be played on opening night of the Edinburgh festival next year. "Being born south of the border I am not presuming to make the music in any way characteristically Scottish," he said.

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Fish Bread Is Reported Latest Item For Menu

OTTAWA (CP)—Fish bread is the latest thing on the scientific menu. Scientists attending the annual meeting of the Fisheries Research Council were told Friday that Canadians may some day be eating bread made from flour enriched with proteins from the products of the sea.

Dr. Henry Fougere of Halifax, chief of the Atlantic fisheries experimental station, reported that his staff already has made small amounts of such fish protein. Mixed with ordinary flour in laboratory tests, it produced bread of "good appearance and taste."

The protein product, made at the Halifax station from fish flesh, was white, odorless and tasteless. A sample left exposed to light and air for six weeks showed no change in taste or color.

Dr. Fougere said bread baked with flour containing 10 to 20 per cent of fish protein has an agreeable odor.

The question now was the cost of production. This was being evaluated in pilot plant assays.

KEEPING THEM FRESH
Dr. Fougere also reported on the work his scientists are doing to

assure Canadians of sea products as fresh as the day they were taken from the ocean thousands of miles away.

Among other things scientists went to sea aboard fishing vessels to offer advice and try out new ways of handling and storing fish on vessels. They had devised ways to grade haddock and had studied use of antibiotics as an aid in permitting longer storage.

The latest machine brought into use is an automatic salt fish washer developed at the Atlantic station. Three now are in use and a fourth is under construction.

Dr. H. L. A. Tarr, acting director of the Pacific experimental station at Vancouver, told of the use of the drug aureomycin in retarding spoilage of whale carcasses. It was found the drug added considerably to the keeping time, always a major problem in the whaling industry. Whale meat is used almost entirely for animal feed.

Although tests of the drug showed considerable promise in preservation of various kinds of fish it cannot be used in foods intended for humans. This is prohibited by the Canadian Food and Drug Act.

Oppose Ban On British In Coastal Trade

OTTAWA (CP)—Transportation costs on the Atlantic seaboard will be increased by barring United Kingdom ships from Canada's coastal trade, the royal commission on coastal shipping heard Friday.

The representations came from the Maritime's Transportation Commission, the Newfoundland government, Dominion Steel and Coal Corp., the British-owned shipping line of Furness, Withy and Company and a group of firms controlled by K. C. Irving of Saint John, N. B.

In final argument before the commission, they took sharp issue with contentions of some organizations that British shipping in Canadian waters should be restricted as a means of helping Canada's shipping and shipbuilding industries.

Historic Site
MONTREAL (CP)—More than 30,000 visitors toured Montreal's historic Chateau de Ramezay in 1955, an increase of 4,450 over the previous year. The stone chateau was the home of a governor of historic New France.

Further Fluctuations In Potato Prices Noted

Potato prices are off again after an unexpected demand and price increase over the holidays.

Mr. Elric Campbell, manager of the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board. Best reports today indicate that growers are receiving 60 cents — 65 cents net per 75 pound bag at loading point.

Movement to date has been good with the total to the end of the year about 1,000 carlots in excess per 75 pound bag on the Boston market a full 1 cent per pound.

"Explanation of the price fluctuations in the Montreal and Toronto markets," says the Board manager, "is about as difficult to determine as that of the prices being paid in U. S. which have recently moved up substantially."

"Our total exports to U. S. A. to December 17th amount to about 800,000 bushels of seed and table stock. Our total quota is 3,500,000 bushels.

"Notable, is the very good premium being paid for Island potatoes, which in the Canadian market varies from 10 cents — 20 cents per 75 pound bag on the Boston market a full 1 cent per pound.

"American observers have recently suggested that, while they have diverted a lot of potatoes to

starch, feed, etc. — especially in Maine — this has not been sufficient to reduce their January 1st holdings to a satisfactory level. On top of this the Maine movement to the market is still below normal, and despite the fact that distribution of Maine stocks has recently been on a wider range than usual, the January 1st holdings report, due to be issued about the 20th, is expected to show stocks of potatoes on hand too high for even reasonably good prices.

The Canadian market, unprotected as it is from U. S. exports, cannot be expected to rise beyond the equivalent of what is being offered in U. S. A. In other words, if the Canadian market rises above that of the U. S., duty free American potatoes will enter so long as it remains at that level. What actually will happen is that the impact of U. S. potatoes on our market will immediately depress Canadian prices."

Mr. Campbell states that word has just been received that a Starch diversion program for New Brunswick was approved Thursday by the Federal Cabinet and will pay the grower a gross amount of \$1.00 per barrel (165 pounds). This payment will be made on a spot grade basis.

Comments On Apple And Potato Assistance Program

HALIFAX (CP)—Officials of the Maritime apple and potato industries greeted a Friday announcement of limited federal aid with reservation.

R. D. Sutton of Port Williams, N. S., secretary of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, said the government's offer to provide apple growers with a minimum price of 45 cents a bushel is "very little assistance."

Nova Scotia had sought 50 cents a bushel to clear a 2,000,000-bushel surplus.

Elric Campbell of Charlottetown, manager of the Prince Edward Island potato marketing board, said provincial producers will benefit only indirectly through a starch factory diversion program.

Mr. Sutton said the plan "will certainly be studied by growers to see if it will be of any use to them."

Mr. Campbell said he didn't know if the program guaranteeing potato producers a minimum price of \$1 for a 165-pound barrel will be enough to attract a 2,000,000-bushel surplus to starch factories before May 1 end of the assistance program.

Growers had asked the federal government for a \$1.20 guarantee. Mr. Campbell said Prince Edward Island will benefit through a reduction in the quantity of potatoes shipped by New Brunswick to markets in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal which are now shared by the two provinces.

The island has no starch plants in operation.

"This may solve part of our problem," said Mr. Campbell. "But if further reductions in the surplus are necessary we'll still look for a British market."

MOVING ALONG

GARDSTON, Alta. (CP)—The rod and gun club here invited hunters to shoot at about 3,000 ducks clustered on the St. Mary's river reservoir, to encourage them to move south. Last winter hundreds of birds stayed on the reservoir and club members had to help out by toting feed.

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Sun rises at 7:58 a.m. and sets at 4:51 p.m.

Smog Lifts In Britain Leaving Scientists Busy

LONDON (Reuters)—Britain's first big "killer smog" of the winter lifted Friday, leaving scientists with valuable samples they believe may set them on the way to ending the annual smog menace to life and property.

For the last three days, while smog brought traffic chaos to southern England, experts have been out in the shadowy London streets "bottling" specimens of the choking mixture of smoke and fog similar to that which led to the deaths of thousands of Britons with lung ailments in 1953.

The fog over London lifted Friday but weather experts predicted that it would return at night. It was considered unlikely, however, that the fog would be heavy enough to upset traffic.

A British Overseas Airways Corporation aircraft Friday was the first airliner to land at London airport since the fog reduced visibility to zero three days ago.

But most incoming flights were diverted to nearby airfields because of the possibility the fog might close in quickly at a London airport.

The fog shifted to the centre and north of England and it is likely to stay there today the weather office said.

At Bradford, Yorkshire, two buses collided, injuring more than 20 passengers as well as the drivers of both buses. The fog was so thick that people who heard the crash and rushed to give aid could not see the buses until within a few yards of them.

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SHIPPAGAN, N. B. — Here are between Shippagan Island and the northern mainland of New Brunswick. They are hand-drawn maps of the island, (CP PHOTO).

Uses Bride As Hostage In Gun Battle

NIDDRIE, Ont. (CP)—A railroad laborer holding his young bride as hostage, barricaded himself in his battered shack Friday night and hurled a wild barrage of gunfire at police who awaited a chance to flush him out.

Police, fearful of hitting the woman, did not return the fire. They tossed in two tear gas bombs with no results.

Officers huddled behind a row of boxcars in zero weather in this isolated northern Ontario railway settlement as Mike Timocenko, 34-year-old Russian immigrant, sprayed more than 100 shots through his cabin windows.

The temperature dropped rapidly toward a predicted overnight low of 15 below zero as six policemen surrounded the wooden cabin. Thirty-six inches of snow has fallen in the district so far this winter.

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Victoria	59	48
Edmonton	9	3
Calgary	10	16
Regina	11b	1b
Winnipeg	5b	5b
Toronto	29	20
Ottawa	1b	15
Montreal	13	20
Quebec	13	16
Fredericton	30	32
Saint John	30	32
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Halifax	40	46
Sydney	4	