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old dreams, more beautiful for
being old and fine.

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Rumors Of Dissension Among Russian Satellites

Need For Migratory Farm Workers Easing, Labor Conference Told

Expect Full Delivery Soon Of P.E.I. Diesels

Full delivery of its order for eighteen diesel engines of 70 tons and 600 horsepower for Prince Edward Island will be received "soon" by the Canadian National Railway, it was announced yesterday from Montreal.

The engines will be used for every type of duty, passenger and freight train hauling, and switching. The C. N. R. lines on the Island will be completely deselized with this equipment, and there will be only one type of motive power here, thus facilitating maintenance and service, and providing a more economical operation.

Announcement was also made that a new era in Canadian railroading had been ushered in Wednesday night when the C. N. R. diesel-electric "Continental Limited" pulled out of Central Station, Montreal, for Winnipeg and the Pacific Coast. On its run, tests will be made to determine the capabilities of diesel-electric engines operating under Canadian conditions on long run.

The new triple-demonstrator locomotive of 4,500 horsepower, loaned by the General Motors Corporation, was taken over last week. It clipped almost five hours off the regular schedule on the Montreal freight run from Toronto to Winnipeg.

The C. N. R. now has 13 diesel locomotives in use across its system and will receive five more before the end of this year. In the first two or three months of 1950, it will take delivery of another twenty-six. These are yard switchers, road and general service locomotives. In addition, there are 27 diesel electric rail cars being operated by the C. N. R. in daily passenger service at various points.

Railway authorities here could not say when the delivery of diesels will actually be made for the Prince Edward Island division. The likelihood is that it will be early next Spring.

- #### Coming Events
- *Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
 - *Long Creek Christmas Concert, December 17th.
 - *School concert in 7 Mile Bay Hall, December 21st.
 - *Cornwall Christmas concert, Cornwall hall, Dec. 23.
 - *Royal Flour now \$3.50 per bag at McGuigan & Boyle.
 - *Regular Dance at Skyline, New London, each Friday night.
 - *Come to card party in Stanley Bridge School Friday, Dec. 16.
 - *Coal - Car Albion Nut unloading Thursday and Friday, Court & Son, Bedford.
 - *North Wiltshire tonight at 8.30. See William Boyd as "Hopalong Cassidy" in "Lumberjack."
 - *Now in stock, Pioneer Hog Grower, dairy ration, Big Three Laying Mash, Complete stock, R. L. Dickson at New Glasgow.
 - *Come to the Christmas concert in Wheatley River Hall, Tuesday, December 20th.
 - *Dance, Corran Bann Hall, Monday, December 26th. Melody Boys' Orchestra.
 - *Marshfield Christmas Concert at the Hall, Tuesday, December 20th, at 8 P. M.
 - *Come to Christmas concert, Mt. Vernon School, Tuesday, Dec. 20. Bag pipes, instrumental music and dance.
 - *Attention: We will be buying dressed poultry at our store on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 20th. The weighing and grading will be done by Mr. William MacQuarrie, Canada Packers, H. S. MacLeod and Sons, Vernon River.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 —(CP)—The need for big movement of migratory farm workers for harvesting is disappearing. Reports presented to the Dominion-Provincial conference on farm labor showed that greater mechanization of farm operations is slowly doing away with the need for extra help at harvest time. In addition, gradually-increasing industrial unemployment has made more local labor available for harvesting.

Farm-labor officers of Provincial Agriculture Departments and placement officers of the National Employment Service indicated those trends in their reports to the two day conference. They said, too, that it is becoming more and more difficult to find jobs for seasonal workers when the harvest period is over.

Developed During War

These distinct migratory movements developed during the war when labor was scarce in Canada. Temporary workers went into the fruit belts of British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Ontario, frequently from other Provinces; Western farmers went to Ontario for hay-making in midsummer and Eastern workers later went west for the grain harvest; Prairie farmers went south to the United States to harvest; workers from Quebec and the Maritimes went to Maine to dig potatoes and other workers from the Maritimes went to Prince Edward Island for the potato harvest.

As the conference opened, W. R. Dawson, supervisor of the Federal farm-placements branch of the Labor Department, said fewer eastern workers probably will be needed in the future because of increased mechanization of Prairie farms. Crop failures in many parts of the West this year had made more local labor available for the harvest.

Mr. Dawson said the biggest interprovincial movement of farm labor this year was the transfer of some 1,000 men from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to the P.E.I. potato crop. The P.E.I. representative, S. C. Wright, indicated the movement will continue. Elgin Taylor of New Brunswick said arrangements for settlement of Polish veterans probably would be made in his Province. There had been plenty of labor for New Brunswick harvests during the year as a result of a reduction in logging operations in the Province.

THE COST OF YOUTH

VANCOUVER — (CP)—Young British Columbia drivers may have to pay more for their automobile insurance. Insurance men say that the 18-to 25 age group is the worst accident risk. A complete survey is being made.

U. S. Steel Corporation Boosts Price \$ 4 Per Ton

By WILLIAM G. SMOCK
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15 — (AP)—The United States Steel Corporation today boosted the price of steel about \$4 a ton and put the blame on higher operating costs. A congressional investigation appears likely, Wyo. said in addition to the announcement that any price raises would bring such a probe soon after Christmas. The increase also made it probable that many consumer products such as automobiles and refrigerators will carry higher price tags in the United States. New demands by the United Steelworkers Union (C. I. O.) for wage increases are a virtual certainty. Benjamin F. Fairless, United States steel president, said in a statement that the new prices reflect actual and approaching changes in the cost of production.

More Talk Than Action Against Moscow To Date

By Alex H. Singleton
BELGRADE, Dec. 15 — (AP)—Across the Balkans today sweeps a gale of rumors—mixed with well-based reports—of dissension among the satellite countries of Russia. Aside from the open rebellion against Moscow rule by Premier Tito's Yugoslavia, there is still far more talk than action, more passive resistance and whispered resentment than positive steps toward regaining independence. Some of the reports come from refugees from Russian rule, which is exacting a tribute from the satellite states often compared with that levied by the Roman Empire. Some of the reports come from supporters of Tito's campaign for equal rights with Russia among the Communist states. Some come from diplomatic sources.

All these reports must be weighed with caution against the propaganda on both sides of the cold war. But the tempo is increasing and more and more there appeared on the scene Communist spies who no longer look toward Moscow as the infallible citadel of all wisdom. All these reports are based on the wind. There is no basis for speculation that Russia's domination in Eastern Europe might fall apart suddenly. But Russia is taking no chances, as her pistol-point threats and widespread purges in the satellite countries seem to indicate.

Here are some of the reports: 1. That Russia will incorporate the satellite states eventually into the U.S.S.R., through rigged voting, with Romania first on the list. 2. That the economic subjugation of the satellites, which already has gone far, will be stepped up. It was this sort of subjugation which helped speed the Tito break. 3. That, with the exception of industrial-minded Czechoslovakia, Eastern European countries will be reduced to the status of agricultural supply bins for Russia, a throw-back to the dreams of Russian czars.

Reviews Activities

Mr. O'Connor gave a short review of the work of the Federation of Agriculture and its development. (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

Magazine Editor To Head Film Board

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 — (CP)—Climax to month-long criticism of the Government over the National Film Board came today with disclosure that a new film commissioner has been chosen. W. Arthur Irwin, 51, editor of Maclean's Magazine, will be appointed commissioner, replacing Ross McLean, 44, whose three-year contract expires Jan. 9. While no Government announcement was immediately forthcoming, Mr. Irwin said in Toronto that he had been offered the job by Reconstruction Minister Winters and had accepted. In Ottawa, Mr. McLean confirmed his retirement, but said he had no statement to make immediately. The appointment has not yet gone through Cabinet. It was reported Mr. Irwin will be given a "free hand" in Film Board matters and will receive a salary of \$15,000 yearly. Mr. McLean's salary has been \$8,000 a year. The reports also said that Mr. Irwin's appointment was being made on the understanding he will clear up the Film Board "situation" in such a way that it would regain public confidence. For almost a month the board has been under fire from various angles, but the chief criticism was on one point which arose in the Commons Nov. 19. Defence Minister Claxton disclosed, in reply to a question from an Opposition member, that film subjects had been assigned to private firms until the Film Board employees had been screened for loyalty. At that time, Prime Minister St. Laurent said that all Government employees who had access to "classified" documents were being screened. He said there had been "leakages" from time to time, not in connection with external affairs, but domestic affairs. He regretted the "premature publicity" of the withholding of film work from the Government's film-producing agency. The Prime Minister said he also regretted the matter "not because it is embarrassing to the Government but because I think it is unfortunate that there should be any impression — and there will be — such an impression — that those who are in the board are under a cloud."

Concede Point In Air Dispute

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 — (CP)—Right of Canada's Air Transport Board to issue its celebrated "show cause" order to Colonial Air Lines of New York was conceded here today by officials of the United States State Department. Informal Canadian sources said tonight. That was a major point raised last week when the State Department asked for an inter-governmental conference to seek to iron out difficulties over fulfillment of an air agreement signed by the two Governments June 4. The conference opened here today.

TO LIMIT OPIUM

GENEVA, Dec. 15 — (Reuters)—The world's four principal opium-producing countries have agreed to limit their production to the quantity required for medical and scientific purposes, it was learned here today. The countries are India, Iran, Turkey and Yugoslavia. The reports also said that Mr. Irwin's appointment was being made on the understanding he will clear up the Film Board "situation" in such a way that it would regain public confidence. For almost a month the board has been under fire from various angles, but the chief criticism was on one point which arose in the Commons Nov. 19. Defence Minister Claxton disclosed, in reply to a question from an Opposition member, that film subjects had been assigned to private firms until the Film Board employees had been screened for loyalty. At that time, Prime Minister St. Laurent said that all Government employees who had access to "classified" documents were being screened. He said there had been "leakages" from time to time, not in connection with external affairs, but domestic affairs. He regretted the "premature publicity" of the withholding of film work from the Government's film-producing agency. The Prime Minister said he also regretted the matter "not because it is embarrassing to the Government but because I think it is unfortunate that there should be any impression — and there will be — such an impression — that those who are in the board are under a cloud."

Queen's County Federation Of Agriculture Organized

The Queen's County Federation of Agriculture was organized yesterday afternoon in the agricultural room in the Vocational School building with Mr. Louis O'Connor, president of the Provincial Federation, in the chair. The large and enthusiastic group of over 200 Queen's County farmers elected as president Earl Ings, Mt. Herbert; two vice-presidents, Robert Connolly, Dunstaffnage and Mrs. Allison MacMillan, Fairview; and Arthur Johnstone, Long River as secretary.

The three directors elected from each electoral district included one lady. The directors were elected for three, two and one years respectively and follow in that order: 1st District Queens: Arthur Johnstone, Long River; Mrs. Keith Boswell, Victoria and Andrew Stevenson, Pleasant Valley. 2nd Queens: Gordon MacMillan, Cornwall; Mrs. Allison MacMillan, Fairview and Earl MacRae, Brookfield. 3rd Queens: Earl Ings, Mt. Herbert; Robert Connolly, Dunstaffnage, and Mrs. Athol MacDonald, Mernaid. 4th Queens: William Bears, Belle River; Mrs. Bruce Judson, Alexandra and Brendon Curran, Vernon River. 5th Queens: Claude Smith, East Royalty; Fred MacRae, Central Royalty and Mrs. Fred Gates, West Royalty.

The inclusion of the ladies was called for by the by-laws and stressed by Mr. O'Connor. But Mr. Roland MacDonald created a diversion by stating that he felt the ladies should stay in their own organization, the Women's Institute, and keep the Federation a men's affair "where they can fight and swear like the dickens if they want to."

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Mr. Earl Ings

No Disagreement At Highway Talks

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 — (CP)—Representatives of the 10 Provinces and the Federal Government today discussed standards and specifications for the proposed \$300,000,000, two-lane, hard-surfaced trans-Canada highway. At conclusion of the first session of the two-day Dominion-Provincial conference, Reconstruction Minister Winters said the discussions had been purely technical and that the controversial question of a route for the highway had not been considered. Mr. Winters said this conference will not deal with the route question at all. That would be a matter for the individual provinces to arrange on the basis of general broad rules laid down by the Federal Government, one of which is that the highway must follow the shortest practical route across Canada from Newfoundland to British Columbia. Two Premiers—J. Walter Jones of Prince Edward Island and Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland—were in attendance. The conference is closed to the press and public. Mr. Winters said in an interview at conclusion of today's eight-hour session that no points of disagreement were encountered in the discussions which he described as "highly technical."

One matter discussed was the proposed width of the highway. Mr. Winters said the Federal Government would prefer a 24-foot wide highway. However, this rule would not hold fast for certain areas of the country, such as Newfoundland, where a 20-foot wide road might well suffice.

Gross Value Field Crops Up In P.E.I., Down for Dominion

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 — (CP)—A \$1-427,000,000 price-tag today was pinned to wheat and other field crops Canadian farmers produced during the current crop year. This figure, down 16 per cent from last year's all-time high, was estimated by the Bureau of Statistics as the fifth highest in history. It represents the gross value of all principal field crops, not including anticipated participation payments for Western wheat, oats and barley which may be announced at the end of the crop year, July 31, 1950. By Provinces, only Prince Edward Island and British Columbia managed to show on top of the price line, both showing increase in gross value of field crops. Gross value in Prince Edward increased \$1,669,000 from \$23,484,000 and in British Columbia \$756,000 from \$33,361,000. The price of potatoes went down from \$1.66 a hundredweight to \$1.60 and sparked a drop of almost \$5,000,000 in total gross value. In 1949 was \$86,900,000, compared with \$91,837,000.

\$75,000 FIRE LOSS

CAMPBELLTON, N.B., Dec. 15 — (CP)—Loss of \$75,000 was estimated after fire destroyed the dry goods store of L.E. Boudreau at nearby Eel River crossing last night. The building contained his living quarters and a poolroom operated by his son, Theo. The fire started in the basement.

Bacon Will Be Added If No. U. K. Contract Appears

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 — (CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner today was asked to support the price of cheese and potatoes during 1950. Spokesmen for Canada's potato and cheese producers today followed each other into Mr. Gardiner's office asking that in view of anticipated price declines, the Government put a floor on these two products. Mr. Gardiner had no announcement after all-day conferences with three Maritime Agriculture Ministers and the executive of the National Dairy Farmers Association. Piling up on top of these requests to shell out Government money for food price-support, are others by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, asking for a floor price on eggs, and on bacon, if a definite bacon contract with the United Kingdom does not develop. Representing the potato producers were A. W. Taylor of New Brunswick; A. W. Mackenzie of Nova Scotia, and C. C. Baker of Prince Edward Island.

Ask \$1.15 Per Cwt.

The Maritime Ministers are understood to have asked Mr. Gardiner for a floor price similar to the one established last year—\$1.15 a hundredweight in the bin on the farm. With a crop estimated at about 75,000,000 bushels this year, the Maritime potato growers are facing a heavy selling job. The biggest market is in the United States, where a quota has been placed on the import of the Canadian product. Under agreement with Canada, the U.S. allows the importation of 1,000,000 bushels of table and 2,500,000 bushels of seed potatoes each year at a half-rate duty of 37 1/2 cents a hundredweight. This quota for 1949 has been filled, but additional amounts still are going across the line at the full duty of 75 cents a hundredweight. Dairy farmers already have placed the cheese problem before Mr. Gardiner in a brief presented to him last Dec. 2. It urged that the Government, through operation of the Agricultural Prices Support Act, purchase "sufficient" cheese next year to meet all commitments for the U. K. The farmers asked that the Government fix the price at 30 cents a pound. (Continued on page 5, Col. 5)

London Paper Claims Britain Has Atom Bomb

By Edward Curtis
LONDON, Dec. 15 — (AP)—The London Daily Mirror indicated today that Britain has the atom bomb, a development that wouldn't surprise the world's scientists. Confirmation, however, was lacking. The atomic field is a top state secret. "Britain's atomic weapon, which our scientists have been developing for more than two years, will not be tried out at the forthcoming test of American super-bombs," wrote Ronald Bedford, the Mirror's expert on atomic affairs. He said the United States, Britain and Canada decided in recent Washington talks against testing the new British weapon in the American try-outs at Eniwetok atoll. The Ministry of Supply, in charge of atomic development, refused to confirm or deny the implication. As early as May, 1948, Defence Minister A. V. Alexander said research and development on defence weapons, "including atomic weapons" was going forward. Sir John Cockcroft, the head of Britain's atom research establishment, is the discoverer of the particle that splits the bomb atoms. He worked on the American bomb project during the war. To scientists it has long been incredible that there could be any secrets of the A-bomb structure from the British scientists. Britain, Canada and the United States pooled their work on the bomb during the war. It was not until 1945 that an atom research station of any size was set up in Britain, at Harwell, Oxfordshire. A former R. A. F. air station there was taken over for atom development. Work on the new plant began in April, 1946, and a year later a small atomic pile went into operation. A larger atomic pile began functioning at Harwell later.

More Cold, Snow Forecast In West

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15 — (CP)—The weather man warned today that a new cold wave and snowstorms are in store for Alberta with parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan likely to come in on the deal. But things aren't expected to be quite as bad as earlier this week when some thermometer readings were 35 degrees or more below zero.

Duplessis Asks Ottawa To Cancel Rent Decision

QUEBEC, Dec. 15 — (CP)—Premier Duplessis announced today he had asked Federal authorities to cancel their recent decision to permit rent increases. The Quebec Premier at a brief press conference shortly before noon revealed that his Government's request had been made in a telegram addressed to Finance Minister Abbott yesterday. The 200-word telegram to Mr. Abbott recommended postponement of the recently authorized rent increases until the Supreme Court decides whether Federal rent control is valid. Premier Duplessis said his Government would take responsibility for rents if the court decided "as we hope, that control of rents is exclusively of the Provincial field." (Commenting in Ottawa on Premier Duplessis' message, Finance Minister Abbott said he was not prepared to suspend the authorized rent increases of 18 to 22 per cent of which landlords could give notice today. Mr. Abbott said the Supreme Court was not deciding whether rent control was a Provincial matter but whether it was a question that fell within Federal jurisdiction. Premier Duplessis' telegram reiterated previous statements contending that Federal authority for rent increases while the rent control question was before the Supreme Court "anticipated" on the court ruling. It also was along the line of letters from the Quebec Premier to the Finance Minister in which Mr. Duplessis said if Federal rent control was ruled invalid, Quebec authorities would "assume all its responsibilities."

Jehovah Witnesses Are Escorted From Town

JOLIETTE, Que., Dec. 15 — (CP)—Police here have offered protection to two girl Jehovah Witnesses should they wish to return to their Laurentian town and pick up their belongings after being conducted to Montreal. "But," said Police Chief Valmore Lapierre tonight, "if they choose to continue to annoy the population of Joliette, we cannot provide a 24-hour guard for them." The Witnesses are Winnifred Parsons of Sarnia, Ont., and Olive Lundell of Toronto who came to Joliette some four or five months ago. Previously, said Chief Lapierre, they had been living in New Brunswick. The girls last night were surrounded by several citizens of Joliette, told to enter a taxi, and were conducted in it to Montreal by several men. Police in Montreal said the Joliette men visited Fullum Street Women's Jail and No. 13 Police Station and sought to have the girls arrested but police refused to take any action. The girls then were left to their own devices and today they called Joliette and said they were still in Montreal. They did not disclose their whereabouts in Montreal. Asked if he would intervene if Joliette people tried to expel the girls from town again the police chief said: "Our job is to protect anyone from things like that. But if the girls remain here and carry on with their door-to-door visits I cannot provide continuous protection for them. I will give them the normal protection accorded anyone in this town but no more." The girls are both in their early 20's and had been residing with an English-speaking woman resident of this predominantly Roman Catholic town. "They are not bad girls," said Chief Lapierre. "But they insist on visiting people and explaining the Bible to them and we've received many complaints from residents they have visited."

P. E. I. Tailor Found Dead In Small Shop

HALIFAX, Dec. 15 — (CP)—A 70-year-old tailor was found dead today when a janitor discovered a fire blazing in the shop where he worked in a mid-town business building. Leslie Donald, a native of Prince Edward Island who worked for a time in Moncton, N.B., was believed to have suffered a heart attack while at work early in the morning. The fire was believed to have started from an iron Donald was using at the time. A post-mortem was ordered. Fire damage was light. Mr. Donald was born at Malpeque, P.E.I., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Donald. He is survived by three brothers, Dr. S. K. Donald, Moncton, who left today by plane for Halifax, Russell, living in New Zealand, and Melville, and two sisters, Mrs. Nelson Ramsay and Miss Clara Donald, all of Prince Edward Island.

HALIFAX BEING INVADED

HALIFAX, Dec. 15 — (CP)—The port of Halifax is being invaded by stowaways. Two were taken off ships arriving in port from the United Kingdom today, and H. P. Wade, inspector-in-charge of immigration here, said tonight at least five more stowaways are aboard ships due at Halifax before Christmas.

KOREA RECEIVES GRANT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 — (CP)—Korea today received a Marshall Aid grant of \$11,313,000 to buy fertilizer in Canada and the United States. The Economic Co-operation Administration announced.

7 MORE SHOPPING DAYS
ONLY THE HOG BRINGS HOME THE BACON EVERY TIME!

TORONTO, Dec. 15 — (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 39 46; Edmonton 13 19; Regina 4B 17; Winnipeg 10B 8; Toronto 16 24; Ottawa 8 21; Montreal 16 23; Quebec 7 19; Saint John 14 26; Moncton 13 22; Halifax 23 29; Charlottetown 19 22; Sydney 27 24; Yarmouth 27 30; St. John's 23 28. B—Below.

HALIFAX, Dec. 15 — (CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax: Synopsis: Cold air covers the forecast district and is resulting in cloudy skies and scattered snowflurries over the marine areas. Occasionally, some of the cloud drifts into the inland regions, but, for the most part, skies are clear over land. A high pressure area centred south of the Great Lakes extends northeast into the Maritimes. It is moving very slowly east, hence there will be little change in the weather of the district in the next two days. Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday: Prince Edward Island—Clear except for a few cloudy intervals. Continuing cold. Light winds. Low and high at Charlottetown 11 and 26.

High tide today at 7:28 A. M. and at 7:12 P. M. Sun rises at 7:45 A. M. and sets at 4:42 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN - TORMENTINE FERRY	
WEEK DAYS	
Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine	9:10 A.M.
Tormentine Lv. Borden	10:35 A.M.
Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine	1:00 P.M.
Tormentine Lv. Borden	2:40 P.M.
Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine	4:30 P.M.
Tormentine Lv. Borden	7:30 P.M.
SUNDAYS	
Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine	9:10 A.M.
Tormentine Lv. Borden	10:35 A.M.
Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine	6:45 P.M.
Tormentine Lv. Borden	8:00 P.M.