

# Oldest Colony Now Hub Of Air Traffic



MINISTER RESIGNS

Foreign Minister George T. Gougeon resigned after the Communist-dominated Romanian Parliament passed a vote of non-confidence, 187 to 5, against him. Three other ministers of Tataru's party, National Liberal Party, also quit their posts.

By JOHN TRACY (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Nov. 14 — (CP) — Federal union between Canada and Newfoundland — if the islanders vote for it next year — will add to the Dominion 42,000 square miles of territory traversed by a 700-mile narrow-gauge railway and studded with one city, 10 towns and innumerable fishing settlements whose names are as colorful as any that marked the old West.

From St. John's, the capital and a city of 56,000, in the east, to Port Aux Basques, terminus of the ferry from Canada, in the west, it is only 300 airline miles, but the rail line weaves for 547 miles and the "foreign express" takes 27 hours to cover the distance.

Between these two points lie inland industrial conow-guase railroads, the big paper-making centre of Corner Brook, larger fishing settlements like Harbor Grace and St. John's, and thousands of hamlets that fill out the Gazetteer from Admiral Cove to York Harbor.

With no trans-island highway the quickest way of travelling across Newfoundland is by plane. But because the island has only about a half dozen airports, two of which belong to leased United States bases at Argentia and Stephenville, seaplanes have to be used. Two small charter lines using light craft are operating.

Most Newfoundlanders depend on the fishery for a living and set up cottages and fishing "rooms" wherever a small boat may be anchored safely. Many harbors are merely "tackles" — the baymen call them ticklish places to sail a ship.

But ocean liners can enter St. John's, and Botwood in Notre Dame Bay is the shipping port for newsprint from Grand Falls and ore concentrates from the mines at Buchans.

Corner Brook, centre of Bowater's Newfoundland pulp and paper mills, has a harbor which can take large freighters and is the nucleus of a booming industrial area.

St. John's, administrative centre of Newfoundland and the 120,000 square miles of the Labrador dependency, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the Western Hemisphere. Since Sir Humphrey Gilbert took possession of the colony in England's name in 1583 the city has been fought for by the Dutch and French.

Has Own Brogue

Now its Water Street — equivalent to Toronto's Bay and Montreal's St. James streets — contains a vast forest and fisheries empire whose merchant princes have world-wide trade connections.

Its link with Britain is close and in this hilly city where the brogue of the Newfoundlander is a mixture of Irish, Scottish and Devonian is spoken, you can hear the proper accents of young men of England's public schools.

Nearest large community to St. John's is Bell Island where 7,000 people earn a livelihood from the 3,500,000-ton iron ore deposits in Conception Bay.

Across the bay from Bell Island lie Harbor Grace and Carbonear, two fishing communities with combined population of more than 6,500. Harbor Grace figured in pioneer trans-Atlantic flights when a makeshift air strip was built there.

Beyond them stretch hundreds of square miles of bare granite and lakeland with fishing villages like

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## U. S. Senator Opposed To Marshall Plan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—(AP)—Senator Robert Taft (Rep. O.) said today he is "absolutely opposed" to spending \$2,657,000,000 on foreign economic aid through June 30, 1948, as proposed by Secretary of State Marshall.

Taft, who heads the Senate Republican Policy Committee, made the statement at a press conference shortly after Marshall outlined needs for emergency aid, including a proposed \$60,000,000 program of aid for China.

## Sophisticated Walk Now A Necessity

By Marilyn Lamborn, Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO, Nov. 13 — (CP) — Most women don't mind discarding their wardrobe to conform with current dictates of fashion, but when it comes to developing a new walk to accompany the "new look," some say "enough is enough."

Professional models, whose livelihood depends on the "know how," say the whole effect of a new low hemline gown is lost if the wearer walks the same way she did when her skirts dangled at her knees.

A light no-way stretch dress 11 inches from the floor necessarily cramps the style of a long-striding female. On the other hand a woman encased in swirls of material is tempted to walk with a swing. But whether she must or should change her gait to suit her dress, a sophisticated walk is a natural consequence of glamor gowns, say the models.

Dainty, smooth steps no longer make a peck at their knees, say models also say it is necessary for the woman who wishes to acquire the elegance of the newest zones. The foot "must move slowly" with grace and precision.

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One Toronto housewife, who has walked the same way for 45 years, said flatly "you can show me what to wear, but nobody is going to make me practice the new walk."

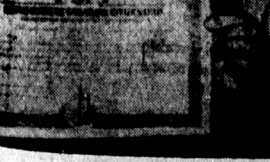
## Islander Wins In Combination Harness And Saddle Class

Lovely Barrymore, owned by E. C. Baker, won the class for combination harness and saddle horses but there was stiff competition before a decision was reached in the event. Major Jimmy Wood, judge, went over the long string of horses time and again.

W. O'Brien of Saint John was second, while N. B. Longworth was third, and fourth went to Mrs. Ray McLean of Halifax.



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Map highlights some of the controversial angles of the proposed German peace treaty which face the Big Four when they meet in London Nov. 25. The conference will be the second and perhaps final attempt by the Council of Foreign Ministers to chart a united future for defeated Germany.

## Gambling Pays Off To Slick Operator, Not To Gullibles

By Irving Desfor

RIDGEFIELD PARK, N. J., Nov. 14—(AP)—The elaborate gambling setup which New York police say they recently uncovered was a high-class example, says sandy-haired Audley Walsh, of the multifarious schemes, swindles, rackets and devices which he estimates net \$500,000 annually from a gullible public.

Walsh is a sergeant on the Ridgefield Park police force who has been consulted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has gained national recognition because of his study of gambling rackets.

To combat the rising tide of easy-money operators, Walsh has lectured before F. B. I. classes, police departments and civic organizations.

While recuperating from a motorcycle accident 15 years ago, he took up the study of magic, became proficient and joined the Society of American Magicians. He specialized with slight-of-hand with coins, cards and dice. Other members of the police force soon turned to him as an authority where crooked gambling activities were involved. In short order, magic for entertainment was replaced by police work and prosecution.

Walsh acquired an extensive array of gambling equipment and took the gimmicks apart to see what made them pay off. In almost every case he found, the sucker who bets could be cleaned out quickly or as completely as the operator wished. There isn't a carnival or roulette wheel that can't be "gaffed" by pedals, catches or magnets and controlled down to a gnat's hair by such a simple thing as leaning on the table.

In the carnival bag of suckers-tricks are many variations of the two-way number game, used in all sorts of dart and throwing games. The operator can vary a number by turning, switching or changing, here's a simple example:

Suppose No. 17 is a prize winner and by good throwing you've landed on it. The operator picks the number off the hook and brings it closer for you to see as he hollers, "No. 17...try again, Bub?" Your eyesight really was bad, wasn't it? No indeed, you were being taken for he had merely turned the number upside down and put his thumb on the horizontal bar of the seven and there it was, No. 17. If anybody won the prize with 17, it was generally a confederate.

Beware Dice

And now how about dice? You could be taken just as easily. Since phony dice were first discovered in the ruins of Pompeii, (they were misshaped and mis-numbered), cubes have been loaded, hollowed, edged, capped, bricked, topped and bevelled, to mention just a few of the technical terms. Even dice that are transparent and gullible-looking can bode no good. Bits of expensive meals like gold or platinum are placed directly under the painted "point" dots. For the cheaper trade, the dice are loaded with lead.

Cards probably are the greatest suckers' paradise ever invented for the benefit of the swindler, says Walsh. There are "edge readers," one-way backs, invisible and infrared.

## Well Known Citizen Of Jamaica Dies

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 13 — (CP)—Sir Arthur Farquharson, solicitor, planner, and legislator as well as founder of the Jamaica Imperial Association and co-founder of the Jamaica Banana Association, died here today after a long illness. He was 87.

The son of a clergyman, Sir Arthur was Crown Solicitor of Jamaica from 1894 to 1911 and also was vice-president of the British Empire Producers' Association for a time. He was a strong advocate of producers' co-operation and inaugurated a Jamaica-owned steamship line to England.

Sir Arthur served as chairman of the Imperial and the Banana Associations in their early years of operation.

NOT CHOOSY

Pneumonia and influenza can affect anyone regardless of age, sex or race all are as susceptible, say health authorities.

SPRING-LIKE FALL

OWEN SOUND, Ont. — (CP)—While warm springlike weather continues to prevail in this district, several farmers have reported picking strawberries during recent days. Another resident reports that a snowball tree now is bearing two large flowers.

## Find Magdalen Islands Are Thickly Populated

By Alan Randal Canadian Press Staff Writer

LAPÉYRÈRE, Grindstone Island, the Magdalen Islands, Que., Nov. 13—(C P)—Here, where young Magdalen Islanders come to learn farming and fishing in Government-sponsored schools, they say the Magdalenians are the most heavily populated section of urban land in the world with the exception of one area near Brussels in Belgium.

A look at the Islands from the air bears out this claim. Houses dot them, each house with its several acres of land which is arable but none too productive. Here nearly everybody owns his own house and land, an average of 12 acres per family. People don't cluster in communities.

Lapéyrière, with perhaps 30 houses and a store of fairly close together and near the farming and fishing school, is the Magdalen's equivalent of a city. Grindstone, where there is a wharf, and House Harbor, on Bright Island where there are fish processing plants, are other "cities" of about the same size.

The Magdalenians spread some 60 miles over the sea and broad beaches join the five main islands which boast some 200 automobiles but leave most transportation to picturesque two-wheeled horse carts devoid of springs and built after the fashion of French, Irish and Basque carts.

"Of the 10,000 people on our Islands about 1,000 speak English," said Hornblower Langlais, the Basque representative in the Quebec Legislature.

The English-speaking people live on southerly Amherst Island, descendants of settlers placed on the Islands by Isaac Coffin, a British admiral who was given the Islands in 1798. Others live at northerly Coffin Island.

Basque fishermen are supposed to have been the first visitors to the Islands, even before Jacques Cartier came in 1534. The Basques came to slaughter walrus which they skinned themselves on the wide island beaches and even today there are such Basque names as Turbil and Harigay among the Islanders.

The French are descendants of colonists settled in the Magdalenians under Quebec's French regime and also of fugitives from the Acadia expulsion of 1755. Here you find English names such as Dingwell and such French names as Arsenault, LeBlanc, Lapierre and Giffard.

Some islands rise sheer from the sea to a height of 500 feet; others slope gently to the water with long sandy beaches where aircraft land regularly but must take off before high tide covers the sand.

The war years were kind to the Magdalenians. Fish and lobsters brought a good price and today the islands are more prosperous than ever before.

"My people of course have debts but most own their own homes now — if there is a tenant it is an exception," said Mr. Langlais. Communication in the Islands is by word of mouth and the Legislature members said there isn't much need for any faster system. "I have been here only two hours but I'm sure everybody in the Islands knows I am here," he said. "I would say news travels about 60 miles, from one end of the Islands to the other, in about a day."

EARLY PAINTING

Painting on canvas was known in Rome as early as 65 A.D.



HIGH SEAS MYSTERY

Victim of what Scotland Yard believes is a high seas murder mystery is English actress Eileen (Gay) Gibson (above), who disappeared from the liner Durban Castle off West Africa. When the ship docked, British police held a search as they probed the theory the actress had been strangled and her body pushed through a porthole.

## To Issue Special Postage Stamp

OTTAWA, Nov. 13 — Postmaster General Bertrand announced today that a special 4-cent postage stamp will be issued on Thursday, 15th January, 1948, to commemorate the marriage of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N.

The over-all dimensions of the stamp will be approximately 22 mm x 26 mm, and it will be vertical in arrangement. The stamp will bear a portrait of Princess Elizabeth, from a photograph by Dorothy Wilding of London, England. This portrait has been chosen by Her Royal Highness and approved by His Majesty the King. The colour has not yet been decided upon but will probably be reddish-brown. The stamps will be issued in sheets of 100.

Plans are being laid to have the stamp placed on sale at all the principal Canadian Post Offices on the 15th January, 1948. First Day covers for philatelists will be handled only by the Postmaster at Ottawa. The stamp will also be on sale by mail order through the Philatelic Division of the Post Office Department in Ottawa, on and after the 15th of January.

MASTER ON THE BRIDGE

HULLFAX—(CP)—Capt. Thomas M. Ormiston, 68-year-old master mariner, doesn't go to sea anymore but he directs the operations of eight harbor tugs here from a wharf-born bridge. The veteran skipper's task is to dispatch powerful little craft in response to telephone calls from steamship agents.

LATIN DERIVATION

The English word barber is — the Latin "barba," meaning beard.

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