

Live Cattle Exports Shows Healthy Increase

Quarantine Officer



Dr. William H. Frost, Halifax, who has been appointed medical officer in charge of quarantine, immigration medical and sick patients' services in Halifax for the Department of National Health and Welfare. A graduate in medicine from Dalhousie University and in public health from the University of Toronto, he has been with the federal health department for the past eight years.

By C. E. Blackburn (Canadian Press Staff Writer) OTTAWA, Dec. 1 — (CP) — Live cattle exports to the United States are giving a healthy boost to Canada's supply of that country's dollars but the result may mean fewer steaks and choice cuts for Canadians and no relief from high prices.

This is disclosed in the Canadian statistical review which credits cattle and meat exports for the favorable balance of trade with the United States reached in September for the first time since August 1945.

In September last Canada's exports to the United States were worth \$11,400,000 more than her exports to that country. The trend is continuing.

Previously Canadians were spending about \$2 in the United States for every United States dollar spent here and the government acted here and there to curb foreign exchange by curtailing imports.

The overall picture is still bad but greatly improved. For the first nine months of 1947 Canada's purchases in the United States were \$718,000 greater than United States purchases here.

In the first nine months of this year that adverse balance had been reduced to \$285,000,000, through curtailment of imports and an increase in exports.

Last August restrictions against beef cattle and meat shipments to the United States were lifted. Exports of these commodities jumped to \$39,000,000 in September.

For the first time since the mid-thirties Canada had, for the moment, a peace-time favorable balance of trade with the United States.

The heavy export of beef cattle to the United States is continuing — more than 205,000 head in the period from Aug. 16 to Nov. 17, the review reports.

The review warns that export of live cattle takes from the country a large volume of vital by-products such as hides, animal fats and other products essential to Canada and in short supply.

The beef pancreas, for instance, is essential to the manufacture of insulin.

Live cattle exports to the United States will, therefore, not be a total value gain in dollars since perhaps as much as 12 per cent may have to be expended for import essential by-products.

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Britons Warned Canadian Market Difficult To Hold

By James McCook LONDON, Dec. 1 — (CP) — A plain warning that Canadian markets for British goods will be held and expanded only by vigorous effort is given in a publication issued by the Board of Trade export promotion department.

Expansion of sales in Canada as a means of overcoming the dollar shortage is being constantly emphasized as among the top objectives of the British trade drive led by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Harold Wilson, president of the Board of Trade, and their associates.

Sales to Canada during the first nine months of 1948 totalled \$40,500,000 (\$198,000,000) as against \$39,250,000 in the same period last year.

Imports from Canada during the first nine months of this year were valued at \$166,330,000.

The Board of Trade's export promotion department looked at the Canadian market and produced these findings:

1. The Canadian consumer, by virtue of the success of the Dominion's price control, has been ill-prepared for the prices British exporters had to charge to cover production costs.

2. Already there is evident in Canada a greater consumer selectivity and increased resistance to the "investiture week" which prices looked on as exorbitant.

3. "It seems likely that many orders for British goods will be cancelled unless conditions improve." These cancellations may be made although Canadians are sympathetic to Britain in her difficulties.

"This is a sombre picture but it is, nevertheless, apparent that a vigorous upsurge in Britain's export trade to Canada is possible if the market is attacked sufficiently vigor."

Canada's industrial development was likely to reduce her imports of manufactured goods. But there was a compensating factor from the fact that the Canadian purchasing power has "broadened the base of consumer demand for luxury products" such as Britain could supply.

Under these conditions Britain might gain more trade with the Canadian market than she has lost admiration for the quality and craftsmanship of United Kingdom goods.

"The is North American in his consuming habits and preferences and demands adaptation of his requirements to North American conditions."

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Even the Mayor Works By Lamplight



The fact that Hiram McCallum is mayor of Toronto, does not give him special privileges as far as extra hydro power is concerned. Along with thousands of office workers throughout Ontario, he works by lamplight during the power cut-off. Gasoline and oil lamps of all kinds, battery-operated fluorescent tubes, gas jets and candles have been pressed into service to keep the wheels of business operating.

Week Of Investitures For Governor General

By Kay Rex (Canadian Press Staff Writer) OTTAWA, Dec. 1 — (CP) — This is "investiture week" at Government House and Viscount Alexander is a busy man.

At a lengthy ceremony today he decorated 100 men and women with some of the nation's highest awards for service to the country.

To morrow he will go to work again — at 10 o'clock in the morning — investing 131 more persons.

At a ceremony the same afternoon another large group of Canadians will assemble in the red-draped hall for a third investiture.

In all, the Governor-General will pronounce those impressive words in the name of His Majesty the King: "I invest you..."

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West Berliners To Vote Sunday In Strange Election

BERELIN, Dec. 1 — (AP) — About 1,500,000 West Berliners are expected to vote this Sunday in one of the strangest elections of modern times. Caught 100 miles behind the iron curtain in the cold war, they will make known which of their conquerors they prefer.

Only two-thirds of the city, with 1,700,000 eligible voters, can take part. Originally the election was scheduled for the entire city, but the Russians have forbidden the ballot in the eastern third they occupy. An earlier plan to make the ballot available also to Germans in the Russian sector, despite the ban, has been abandoned as impractical.

West Berlin will elect a new city government to administer the British, French and American sectors. The Russian-backed German Communists meanwhile announced they intend to create a separate city government which will attempt to control all Berlin.

Hans Jendretzky, city-chairman of the Russian-sponsored Socialist Unity (Communist) Party today officially confirmed the long-voiced plan for a separate city regime; he demanded the resignation of the present city government.

On the ballot will be the candidates of three anti-Communist parties — the leftist Social Democrats, the Conservative Christian Democrats and the rightist Liberal Democrats. But the issue is not written on the ballot. It is the question of east versus west, western democracy versus Communism, the air lift versus the Russian blockade.

The election will give some two-thirds of Berlin's population a chance at last to raise its voice on one of the most critical issues since the war. It is whether the Russians should have their way and gain full control over what they agreed should be a four-power city behind their iron curtain.

Dr. Harry L. Franklin, chief of the United States Military Government's civil administration and political affairs branch, gave this official interpretation of the election:

"It is simply the choice between a totalitarian system imposed by a foreign power in the form of a police state, on the one hand, and a system of political liberty, freedom of the individual, press and religion under constitutional safeguards, on the other."

Early Christmas Tree Shipments Have Started

(By The Canadian Press) The annual job of cutting and shipping Christmas trees, a major seasonal industry in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and other provinces, is in its final phase. Cutting is continuing and shipments have started.

The business has quadrupled in value and nearly doubled in volume since 1938. Last year's export record to the United States — 6,781,118 evergreens valued at \$1,901,033 — is expected to be broken this season.

The Maritime, with about a tenth of the Dominion's population, produce almost one-fourth of the trees shipped from Canada. Last year approximately 1,500,000 trees left the seaside provinces in 700 freight cars for all parts of the United States.

Other destinations for the green symbols of Christmas include South American countries, the Philippine Islands, Hawaiian Islands, British West Indies and Cuba.

Loading the bundled trees at railway sidings culminates a year's work. Exporting companies maintain year-round offices while salesmen take orders in the United States. The orders keep offices busy even in July and August. One company has more than 1,000 persons on its payroll in Canada.

Several operators in New Brunswick have expressed fear that the United States market will decline in future years. This possibility has arisen from establishment of Christmas tree plantations in the Eastern States. Most operators, however, anticipate a continued big market south of the border because Canada supplies nearly half of the 15,000,000 trees required in the United States.

Some areas report a smaller supply as a result of heavy cutting over the years, but generally, planned cutting assures an annual crop and even improvement the following year, with the thinning out process promoting better growth of the remaining trees.

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Speculation has become rife on future Red moves in Germany following confirmation by U. S. intelligence sources that Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky (above), chief of the Soviet western armies, has established headquarters in the Russian zone. Berlin dispatches gave the location as Fuerstenberg in Mecklenburg.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1 — (CP) — Canada's champion winning Shorthorn bull, Scotsdale Bombardier today went on the auction block at the International Livestock Exposition and sold for \$14,000.

The yearling, owned by S. G. Bennett of Georgetown, Ont., was sold to Frank Harding.

YORKTON, Sask. — (CP) — William Pickering of Yorkton brought down a mallard duck with four fully-developed legs when he was hunting near here.

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Describes Ten Days In Fog

By Edward L. Campbell LONDON, Dec. 1 — (AP) — Cough. Blow your nose. Cough again. Repeat at 10-minute intervals. When your throat begins to feel like sandpaper, your lungs ache and your nose quivers at the approach of a handkerchief, you'll be about 1-10th of the way to understand how it feels to live 10 days in a fog.

If you are a housewife and want to get an even better idea: Fill up the garden sprayer with a mixture of water and coal dust and carefully spray all your walls, furniture, bric-a-brac and exposed clothing. Whenever the walls appear to be drying slightly, repeat the process.

Wear spectacles of clouded glass during the day so you are never "sure whether you are seeing things, or imagining them. At night, dim all the lights in your house. Let the room fill with layers of stale tobacco smoke.

On second thought, give up trying and just take a Londoner's word for it.

Nobody kept any records on fogs in this country before 1941. This one has been the worst recorded in that brief period.

There's no getting away from it. It penetrates buildings as though they were made of lattice work. It seeps down into collars. It crawls up into attics. It wraps around your face and trickles down your collar. It seeps in the seams of your shoes and chills the marrow of your bones.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire, England — (CP) — A man charged with speeding said: "I was on my way to a road safety exhibition"

Alleged Portrait Of Shakespeare

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The picture of Shakespeare is the centre of a controversy between art experts and Shakespearean scholars.

The main fascination is that so little is known about the life and character of the Elizabethan who left the world its greatest literary treasures.

Bax bought the painting for \$80 (\$320) from an Italian in Ottawa. On the back of the canvas is an elegant inscription in archaic Italian claiming that the portrait represents "the great English poet Guillaume Scesprio," that it was painted by Franz Hals and given to the monastery of Santa Gertrude by the Earl of Nithsdale before he died in 1744.

Inquiries made at the monastery yielded no information, most of the records having disappeared.

Art experts have decided that the painting was not genuine, but belonged to the school of Van Dyke, contemporary with Shakespeare.

The portrait, about three feet by two, shows an old man with straggling silvery hair and the look of tormented genius on his face. He holds a goose quill poised above a manuscript.

The bone structure of the face and certain definite characteristics, such as a strangely uplifted nostril, are identical with the woodcut which forms the frontispiece to the first folio of the poet as a young man.

Aquitania Headed For The Scrapheap

LONDON, Dec. 1 — (AP) — The Cunard White Star line's 45,000-ton passenger ship Aquitania seems headed for the scrapheap.

Officials of the line said today the 34-year-old ship will make two more trips between Southampton and Halifax carrying emigrants to Canada.

After she returns to Southampton about Jan. 20 from her last emigrant trip "she may be scrapped, but no plans have been announced," a Cunard official said tonight.

The ship was launched in 1914 and saw service in both wars as a troop carrier and hospital ship. For years she was the Cunard White Star's flagship.

RCA Victor advertisement featuring various models of radios and record players. Text includes: 'GIVE MUSIC... GIVE BEAUTY', 'Give the gift that keeps on giving', 'RCA VICTOR', 'Your RCA Victor dealer has a wide array of RCA Victor radios and radio-phonographs from which to choose the perfect "family" gift. And for father, mother, sister, brother, or the kiddies, there's just the right RCA Victor "personal" set to make your gift the BIG thrill Christmas morning.', 'A TWICE-WELCOME GIFT! VRA-56X Victrola — Plays up to 12 records automatically. Powerful superheterodyne radio. Cabinet in rich claro burl walnut veneer and ebony-hued wood finish... \$129.50', 'CHERRY NEW NOTE IN CHRISTMAS GIVING! Baby Nipper — Smart ivory plastic cabinet. 5-tube superheterodyne radio operates on AC or DC. A sure-to-please personal gift. \$28.50', 'CHRISTMAS MERRY MAKER! The Master — Outstanding long and short wave reception. Smartly streamlined plastic cabinet with convenient built-in carrying handle. In brown plastic... \$61.00. In ivory plastic... \$63.50', 'R. C. A. Victor Radios, R. C. A. Victor Record Players, R. C. A. Victor Records Sold By R. T. HOLMAN LTD., Summerdale and Charlottetown, "Where Old Friends Meet"', 'R. C. A. Victor Radios Sold At MILLER BROS, 147 Great George Street, Phone 555'.

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