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FARM PRICE SUPPORT MAY BECOME PERMANENT MEASURE

U. K. Conservatives Announce Party Platform

Says Alberta Oil Fields Biggest In North America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—(CP)—Canadian oil discoveries in Alberta are believed to constitute the "largest find" ever made anywhere on this continent, Interior Secretary Oscar Chapman has disclosed before a Congressional sub-committee.

Chapman told the committee in testimony released today that the Canadians have made "a very vital, important discovery of new oil fields."

"They do not know quite the extent of it yet," he added. "They are exploring it now, but the estimates by the geological people of the Government of Canada indicated that it is probably the largest find they have had anywhere on this continent. It may be part of the same vein that runs down into Montana, but that seems to be the main body of it—certainly stands up there in Alberta."

Departmental officials said they believe Chapman, who was out of town today, was referring to the rich oil deposits discovered several years ago at Leduc and other sections of Alberta. They did not believe he had any new oil finds in mind.

Chapman appeared before the committee during study of his department's budget for the 1950 fiscal year.

LONDON — (CP) — Police Constable George Bristow is retiring after 25 years on the London force. During that time he served more than 20,000 summonses.

Coming Events

- *Mail four films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- *Dance, Millview Hall, Friday, January 27th.
- *Unloading car of feed at Collins, Thursday, Jan. 26th, Cecil Stewart.
- *Unloading Old Sydney Coal today at Milton. Vernon Gillespie.
- *Dance in Legion Hall, Mt. Stewart, January 26th, 9 P. M. Burke's Orchestra.
- *Springfield Hall, crokinole party, Friday, January 27th. Weather unfavorable Saturday.
- *All interested in miniature range come to Winsloe Station school tonight. (Organization meeting.)
- *Come to the card party and dance at Hunter River Masonic Hall, Thursday night. Sponsored by Hunter River hockey team.
- *Hockey at Hunter River tonight, Hampshire Bulldogs vs. Hunter River Shur-Gains. Starts 8:30. Canteen service. Skate after.
- *Hockey Long Creek rink tonight at 8:30. Canoe Cove Rough Riders vs. Long Creek Beavers. Skate after.
- *New Glasgow tonight at 8:00. Show, "Eye of St. Mark". Also songs by Jim Austin. Please note change of night.
- *Hockey match Long River Rink, French River and Graham's Road, Wednesday, Jan. 25th. If not fine, Thursday night.
- *North River Rink hockey match, Wednesday, January 25th. League game, Southport vs. Cornwall Meteors. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- *Notice—Unloading car baled shavings Wednesday this week. Early Meal, Saturday, twenty-eight. Three dollars from car. Book orders now. G. C. Green, Emerald.
- *Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Bradalbane, until 11:30 A. M. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon, Summerside until 1:30 P. M. and Kennington until 3 P. M. MacEwen and Casley.
- *We invite enquiries from responsible buyers of straight or assorted carloads of ground and/or whole grain in sacks. Also carloads of bulk grain. We have many satisfied customers all over the Island. The Atlas Grain Company, Board of Trade Building, Montreal.
- *Federation of Agriculture District meeting, Fredericton Hall, Thursday, January 26th at 1 p.m. Following districts are asked to attend: Hazel Grove, South Grandville, Millvale, Fredericton, Pleasant, Elmwood, Emville, Inkerman, Thistle and Shamrock, Rose Valley, Stanchel, Springton, Glen Valley, Hartsville.

Heads Special Names Division In 'Y' Drive



The Campaign Executive of the coming Y.M.C.A. Maintenance Drive are pleased to announce that Mr. T.D. DeBois (above), well known city business man, will head the Special Names Division. The campaign opens Monday, February 6 and will continue until February 20.

Quebec Village Honors Centenarian

STE. ANNE DE LA POCATIÈRE, Que., Jan. 24 — (CP) — This lower St. Lawrence village today paid its compliments to Madame Vincent D'Amours celebrating her 100th birthday anniversary.

Family parties were held during the day to celebrate the occasion and Madame D'Amours has been presented with a photograph of the Pope and a notified that he has extended a special indulgence—the privilege of remission of punishment for sins—for her.

Madame D'Amours was the 11th of 14 children in a pioneer family at Trois Pistoles. She has lived in the rural centre of Ste. Anne a large part of her adult life.

For many years she worked as a seamstress and sewed for dozens of Ste. Anne College students the blue frock-coats with green piping that once were the fashion.

Among Madame D'Amours relatives are nine priests.

Mrs. D'Amours is an aunt of Senator Adolphe Godbout and Judge Alexandre Michaud of Rivière Du Loup.

KILLED WHILE COASTING

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Jan. 23 — (CP)—Harold Morton, 11, was killed Saturday when hit by a truck while coasting near his home at McKenzie Corner. He suffered a skull fracture as his toboggan slid under a truck driven by John Kennedy. No inquest will be held.

Battle Lines Drawn In Rent Controls Question

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 — (CP) — Tenants, veterans and the Federal Government claim it's up to Parliament to decide when there's a national emergency and what's to be done about it.

Landlords and the Quebec Government claim that emergency or emergency, rents are one aspect of property and civil rights, subjects jurisdiction.

That's how the battle lines were drawn tonight for the rent-control battle that opens in the Supreme Court Monday.

The arguments of nearly all parties in the important test case have been disclosed in factums filed with the court.

Neither the Canadian Congress of Labor nor the Ontario Government, also to appear before the court, have made their factums public. The C. C. L. is expected to support the validity of Federal rent controls, Ontario to oppose it.

The Supreme Court is hearing the case at the request of the Federal Government. If controls are found to be valid, the Government has promised to continue them until at least March 31, 1951.

Factums so far have been filed by the Federal and Quebec Governments, the Canadian Legion,

Will Strengthen Commonwealth, Enlarge Freedom

LONDON, Jan. 25 — (Wednesday) — (CP) — The Conservative Party today promised to tighten the ties of the Commonwealth and to give Britain a cheaper welfare state and more freedom Feb. 23.

In a 7,500-word platform entitled "This Is The Road", the party pledged itself to maintain social services at less cost, halt the Labor Government's nationalization of industry, slash government expense, cut taxes and whittle away controls.

It proposed a Commonwealth conference aimed at closing the dollar gap and settling permanently all intra-Commonwealth debts, notably those incurred by Britain in defending India and Egypt during the war.

On foreign affairs, the manifesto said the party would work with "the United States to help by all means all countries in Europe, Asia or elsewhere to resist the aggression of Communism by open attack or secret penetration."

The Main Clash

The main clash with Labor is on the issue of public ownership of industry.

The Labor platform, issued a week ago, promised that a Labor government would nationalize the cement industry, sugar refineries, waterworks, meat slaughtering and wholesaling and basic minerals.

The Labor government already has nationalized the coal industry, railways, canals, long-distance trucking, docks, airways, the bank of England, gas and electricity and the cable and wireless company.

The Conservative manifesto said the value of social security services has been reduced by inflation.

"By energetic action they can be saved and their value maintained," it said.

Food Policy

The rising world production of food, the platform said, should make some de-rationing possible.

It said the Conservatives aimed to restore the purchasing value of the pound sterling, asserted to have fallen more than one-sixth since the Labor Party took office.

It promised no reduction in the £462,000,000 (\$1,432,200,000) yearly food subsidies without "compensating increases to those most affected."

"These compensations," it added, "will take the form, on the one hand, of larger family allowances, pensions and other social benefits, and, on the other, of reductions in taxation, direct and indirect, that will increase incentives among the masses of the people."

On Housing

The manifesto said everyone should be able to own a home of his own.

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Arctic Cold To Follow Heavy Snowfall In B. C.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24 — (CP) — Arctic-like weather is promised British Columbia in the wake of the worst storm of the winter.

What the weatherman called a "sneak storm" — he had predicted only snowflurries — left eight inches of snow in Vancouver last night, and turned the Fraser Valley into an "Arctic wilderness."

Prince George, 500 miles north of here, was the coldest spot, 55 below zero, and the forecast was for "colder."

Brilliant sunshine swept the snow-scene today, down the coast, into the Fraser Valley and the interior.

Snow crews continued the fight against mountainous drifts to keep highways open, but train service was still halted.

No transcontinental trains have arrived or left Vancouver in five days. Giant drifts and slides blocked both Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railway lines in the Fraser Canyon, 120 miles east of here.

Hears Report Of Chaos, Famine In Red China

Claims 150,000 Germans Working In Uranium Mines

HAMBURG, Jan. 24 — (AP) — About 150,000 Germans are working in uranium mines in Russian-occupied Eastern Germany, the West-German Social Democratic Party claims.

In an 86-page report, the party says both men and women are drafted by the Russians for the work. Communist attempts to recruit volunteer miners at high wages did not bring in enough workers, the report says.

Married men are more likely to be drafted than bachelors, the report claims. If a married man escapes from the mines, his wife can be drafted in his place.

Until a short time ago, women had to do the same work as men—even working in the pits. Now they are employed above ground sorting the uranium ores.

All the miners are subject to Russian military law, the report claims. Informers are said to keep a close watch on all the miners. Some miners who refused to work on a Sunday normally their day off, got 10-year prison sentences in Soviet courts, the report asserts.

A special unit of M.V.D. (Russian secret police) troops guard the uranium mine areas.

Protection for the miners is almost non-existent, says the report. Fatal accidents are said to occur daily. A recent disaster at one mine claimed 400 victims, the report says. Anti-Communist newspapers in Berlin estimated up to 1,500 died in this disaster.

Last May, 180 miners were killed when a pit under a mountain lake collapsed, the report asserted.

The report says hospitals in the mining areas are overcrowded. Some workers were said to injure themselves deliberately to get free of the grueling work.

Three types of ore are mined. The black, heavy "amolin" ore is quickly packed and shipped to Russia. Two other types of ore are ground and washed on the spot. The residue is packed and sent to Russia.

12-Year-Old Admits Torturing Small Boy

HAMILTON, Jan. 24 — (CP) — Police said today a 12-year-old boy told his mother he had tortured a small boy.

The boy, named Vito, was found in a basement, beat him and burned him with a poker because the lad swore at him. The 12-year-old was turned over to psychiatrists for observation. He is scheduled to appear in juvenile court tomorrow.

BILL COUNTING MACHINE

MONTREAL, Jan. 24 — (CP) — The Bank of Montreal here installed a new machine today called a "tickometer." But it's not for counting ticks. It's meant to do away with sprained wrists and calloused thumbs suffered by tellers in the past by counting other people's money. The new machine, one of the first in Canada, counts bills at a rate of 300 a minute — and doesn't get callouses.

Suspended because of the storm, an airlift service, bringing passengers from Calgary and Edmonton, and returning with travellers for the east, was resumed late in the day.

A ban on mailing of parcels, news and printed matter to points west of Kamloops and Penticton, B. C., 175 miles east of here, was ordered today by the Post Office Department.

Letters will be sent by airmail wherever possible, postal authorities said.

The toll of storm-caused deaths remained at six. William S. McLeod, 75, died last night when he suffered a heart attack after walking through the storm.

Forty-thousand school children had a holiday in greater Vancouver. Schools were closed here, in New Westminster, and many rural districts.

Tram and bus services were near-normal in Vancouver after the crippling storm, which last night stranded thousands of office workers on downtown streets for hours.

New Legislation Expected At Next Session

By HAROLD MORRISON
OTTAWA, Jan. 24 — (CP) — The Government's price-support program, a \$200,000,000 farm price shock-absorber, likely will emerge soon as a permanent feature of the Canadian farm scene, it was learned today.

Legislation to change its status from that of a temporary emergency in the transitional period between war and peace to that of a permanent peacetime measure is expected to be sought by the Government at the next session of Parliament opening Feb. 16.

The price-support measure terminates March 31, unless extended by Parliament.

Need to imbed the price-support structure more permanently into the Canadian peacetime scene appears to have roots in these factors:

1. The farm industry is showing growing signs of lack of stabilization, principally because of the questionable future of United Kingdom food purchases in Canada.
2. Farm prices have fallen considerably during the last few months. This decline appears to be more than just a temporary phase.
3. Because it is linked with the Emergency Transitional Measures Act, the legislation may be considered beyond Parliament's jurisdiction in the event that a national emergency is found to no longer exist. This question may come up in the Jan. 30 rent controls case before the Supreme Court of Canada.

As outlined in the current act, price support serves a double duty. It either allows the Government to set a price for a farm product and purchase it outright, or it can underwrite the market through a form of subsidy.

Parliament earmarks \$200,000,000 each year as the sum which can be expended under this program, but at no time has the Government used more than 10 per cent of the allotment.

The Cabinet is understood to

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Annual Meeting Of S'side Board Of Trade Marks 50th Anniversary



Mr. R. S. HINTON
elected president of the Summerside Board of Trade at last night's annual meeting.

Heads Board

Mr. R. S. Hinton was unanimously elected president of the Summerside Board of Trade and Mr. Fred Bell, vice president at the annual meeting held last night at the Olympia ballroom. The annual meeting this year marked the 50th anniversary of the Board. Mr. T. Earle Hickey, C.A., retiring president presided and before taking up the regular order of business he read a letter of appreciation received from Mr. C. E. Rogers, the only living charter member of the Board. Mr. Rogers expressed his thanks for the bouquet of roses sent him by the members and regretted his inability to be present last night due to illness.

The report of the president was submitted by Mr. Hickey and appears elsewhere in this paper.

The guest speaker for this year's meeting was to have been Dr. C. S. Blakeney, president of the Maritime Board of Trade, but due to illness he was unable to be present and yesterday morning an invitation was extended to Mr. Frank Curtis, president of the Charlottetown Board to speak in Dr. Blakeney's place.

Mr. Curtis in his address gave a most interesting and instructive outline of the Maritime Board and the aims and aspirations of boards of trade. The basic policy of a board of trade, he said is, to get things done. A board of trade is the sounding board of public opinion and public opinion is, as you are aware, the strongest weapon the public possesses in getting the things that it desires. This fact is becoming more apparent every day when we learn of the suppression of public opinion in the lands dominated by the flag with the hammer and sickle.

New Drug Helps In Heart Ailment

EDMONTON, Jan. 24 — (CP) — Eighteen-year-old Brian Hanson of Lethbridge, Alta., the subject of one of the first experimental uses of the drug cortisone, today was reported showing "continued favorable improvement" at the university hospital here.

The former resident of Sydney, N.S., is suffering from rheumatic heart disease. Doctors said there was nothing further to report about the experimental use of the drug, made available in limited quantity by the National Research Council.

Barrows Convicted In Mackellar Death At N. Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 — (AP) — Ralph Barrows today was convicted by an all-male jury of first-degree manslaughter in the killing of Colin Cameron Mackellar, prominent Montreal business man.

The court set Feb. 15 for the sentencing of the husky Grand Rapids, Mich. youth. As a second offender he may draw from 10 to 40 years.

The 20-year-old Barrows, a former high school athlete and one-time car salesman, displayed no emotion beyond blinking when the verdict was announced.

Samuel Segal, defence counsel said he did not know yet whether he would file an appeal.

Judge Saul S. Streit had charged the jury to return with one of three verdicts—guilty of first or second-degree manslaughter or acquittal. A first-degree murder indictment had been dropped.

Mackellar, 56-year-old vice-president of Dominion Textiles, Limited, was found dead in his Canadian Club suite on the 19th floor of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel

Nov. 5, 1948. The pockets of his grey suit were turned inside out but the room was not disturbed.

The State contended that Barrows went to the Canadian's room to rob him and in a subsequent scuffle, Mackellar was killed.

The defence maintained that Mackellar lured the youth to his room and then made unnatural advances which Barrows repelled.

A state medical examiner testified that Mackellar died from "haemorrhages caused by kicks."

After Barrows' arrest in the Mackellar case he was indicted by a New York Grand Jury on a robbery charge. That indictment still is pending.

The youth's police record includes a term of 12 months in the Federal Reformatory at Chillicothe, O., for unlawfully wearing an officer's uniform and escape; arrested for rape in Grand Rapids May 17, 1945; three years suspended sentence Nov. 1, 1948, after pleading guilty to assault and attempted robbery at Grand Rapids.

Italy Launches Huge Land-Reclamation Plan

By William Boss
ROME, Jan. 24 — (CP) — Italy has launched a land-reclamation and irrigation scheme which United States engineers term the greatest ever attempted in western civilization. The plan is being carried out in conjunction with a redistribution of land, a division of 3,500,000 acres among the peasants.

Much of the land affected has fallen into disuse, especially in the depressed south. Much is unproductively cultivated by outmoded techniques because the owners have been unable or unwilling to keep abreast of the times. The program involves 32 districts and 2,000,000 of their acres run through the heart of the south, troubled by political and economic unrest that has festered through the centuries.

Marshall Plan funds are being used for reclamation and to finance agricultural education. United States help also is sought for a program of public works for rural areas which have no water or domestic electricity and only dirt-track roads. The schemes have 1952 for completion-date targets.

Land redistribution falls under four headings:

1. Reform of tenancy contracts.
2. Reform of farm labor-management relations.
3. Compulsory reclamation of undeveloped areas and their division and sale to peasants.
4. Limitation of size of individual holdings.

Church lands totalling 1,148,137 acres of the 68,730,291 under cultivation, are exempt but Premier de Gasperi has warned that the privilege is dependent on their conforming to modern techniques.

Altogether 8,000 landowners are expected to lose 3,500,000 acres. In Italy, 35 per cent of cultivated land is owned by a half of one per cent of the landlords.

Jobs for 500,000 are expected to be provided by these means. Redistribution of industry also has a great employment potential.

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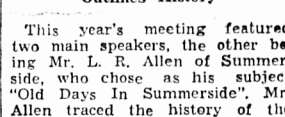
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Outlines History

This year's meeting featured two main speakers, the other being Mr. L. R. Allen of Summerside who chose as his subject "Old Days in Summerside." Mr. Allen traced the history of the

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TORONTO, Jan. 24 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 10, 13; Victoria 13, 49; Calgary 35B, 20B; Regina 27B, 24B; Winnipeg 10B, 2; Toronto 23, 30; Ottawa 9, 12; Montreal 3, 9; Quebec 2, 4; Saint John 12, 16; Moncton 8, 11; Halifax 21, 22; Charlottetown 14, 14; Sydney 20, 21; Yarmouth 29, 36; St. John's 15, 15.

HALIFAX, Jan. 24 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here tonight.

Synopsis:
A large area of snow and rain stretching from the Bay of Fundy to Lake Superior is moving slowly eastward and will cover most of the district by noon Wednesday. This snow is caused by a deep low pressure area centred near Lake Michigan and by a much weaker disturbance which formed during the evening near Lake Erie.

The cold weather has again come to an end and moderate south-easterly winds will result in much higher temperatures throughout the district Wednesday.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Wednesday:
Prince Edward Island — Snow beginning Wednesday morning, occasionally mixed with freezing rain in the afternoon. Much milder Wednesday. Northeast winds 14 shifting Wednesday morning 4 southeast 16. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 5 and 30.

High tide today at 3:08 A. M. and 3:22 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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