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AGRICULTURE EXPERTS MEET TO MAP PROGRAM

Expect Fertilizer Prices To Advance

20 Per Cent Jump In Maritimes By Next Spring
Forecast By Dominion Authorities.

Suggest Conversion Of Panama Canal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(CP)—Conversion of the Panama Canal into a sea-level waterway at a cost of \$2,482,000,000 was recommended to Congress today as a means of meeting the threat of atomic bomb attack.

Coming Events

- "Movies—Sturgeon Thursday.
- "Address Inquiries about C.C.F. to Provincial Office, Bedouque.
- "Unloading Old Sydney coal at Milton today. Vernon Gillespie.
- "Canoes Cove School Christmas concert, Dec. 19.
- "Movies—Eldon Friday: Dakota, John Wayne.
- "Movies—Morell Saturday: Dakota, John Wayne.
- "Card party in Parkdale Hall, Tuesday, 8.30.
- "Meeting Kingston Hall in the interests of the C.C.F. Wednesday, December 3rd, 8 P.M.
- "Chicken Supper and Bazaar in Ross Valley School on Tuesday evening, December 2nd.
- "Dance in Alliston Hall, Wednesday, December 3rd. Admission 25 cents.
- "Just arrived. Car of Dairy Nation Special price. W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.
- "Conservative Meeting will be held at J. R. Munn's, Mt. Herbert, Friday, December 5th.
- "Hot Chicken Supper, Morell Hall, Wednesday, December 3rd. Admission, children 25c. Adults 50c.
- "Reserve Monday, December 2nd, for Christmas. Together and Dance, Riverdale School.
- "Conservative Committee Meeting at Owen Taylor's on Tuesday, December 2nd, Riverdale Hall.
- "Tryon Community Hall, Dec. 2nd. National Film Board. Sale of Box Lunches. Proceeds Y. P. U.
- "Collecting hogs every Thursday for Canada Packers. Phone N. A. Culliford or write me. D. L. MacDowell.
- "Conservative Committee Meeting at Owen Taylor's on Thursday, December 4th, Nine Mile Creek Hall.
- "We are now open for Fox Pelting on Fox Pelting Co., Charlottetown.
- "Talkies, St. Peter's Bay, Wednesday. "It Happened Tomorrow" starring Dick Powell and Linda Darnell.
- "Come to Kelly's Cross Hall Wednesday, December 3rd. Auction Forty-Fives from 4.15 till 9.30. Dancing from 9.30 till 12. Good music. Good lunch. Good prizes.
- "Come to the supper in New Glasgow Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 2. Bidding begins at 6 p.m. Proceeds in aid of the proposed hospital project.
- "C.C.F. meeting Stanley Bridge Hall Tuesday, December 2, 8 p.m. Speakers, Percy Wright, M.P., Saskatchewan; Murdoch MacLeod, Candidate.
- "Supper and Bazaar, Orwell Hall, December 4th, from 6.00 P.M. by Ladies St. Andrew's Church. Everyone welcome. If not this Thursday, supper on Friday.
- "Progressive Conservative Rally McDonald Bros. Theatre, Mount Stewart, Wednesday, Dec. 3rd at 7.30 P.M. Variety programme. Speakers, Capt. J. J. MacDonald and Mr. J. A. Gillies.
- "Will be leading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Kings, Wilmore, Bradbans, Hunt, River, until about Summer. Hogs until 1.30 p.m., and Kensington until 3 p.m. MacDowell and Chasley.

Would Have Adverse Effect On P. E. I. Economy

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—(Special)—Any downward revision of the British food contracts with Canada would have an adverse effect on the farm economy of Prince Edward Island, Walter R. Shaw, P. E. I. Deputy Minister of Agriculture, told The Guardian here today at the close of the first session of the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference.

Mr. Shaw, who is representing the Island Province at the conference, accompanied by J. MacDonald and L. C. Parent, superintendent of the Charlottetown Experimental Station, admitted that "we are again approaching the time when we may be looking for markets rather than trying to supply them in at least some products."

See Opportunity For Maritimes In Dollar Shortage

MONCTON, N.B., Dec. 1.—(CP)—The Maritimes have a unique opportunity to obtain new industries and jobs in the months of restrictions due to the American dollar shortage were prolonged and if United States firms decided that branch plants should be built in Canada, the Regional Employment Committee of the Unemployment Insurance Commission here has concluded a two-day meeting during the weekend.

This would depend on just how far these firms would go towards decentralization and the facilities that would be available. After hearing prepared statements by H. D. Adamsen, Moncton, P. J. Power, Sydney, N.S., and R. W. Goss of the Regional Employment staff, the committee was of the opinion that the availability and cost of electric energy would not be a key factor.

W.M. Roberts, regional employment officer, reported that the employment picture was following the regular winter pattern. During the past month unemployment has increased by 1,000 in the Maritimes and would continue to show an increase until the peak was reached early in the spring.

U. S. Senate Passes Foreign Aid Bill

By ED CREECH
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A bill authorizing \$597,000,000 in emergency aid to France, Italy and Austria was passed, 80 to 6, by the Senate late today but the House of Representatives voted soon afterward to hold the amount down to \$680,000,000 and add China to the list of countries to be helped.

Drew Explains Views On Provincial Role In Federal Set-up

U. S. Fox Ranchers See Threat To Their Industry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A house agriculture subcommittee said today hearings will be held Friday and Saturday at which fox ranchers will present testimony on conditions "which they believe will affect their entire American industry wiped out within a year."

Canadians Win At Chicago Show

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Canadian exhibitors today added a major livestock award to the top prizes they have won in the hay and grain show at the 48th International Livestock Exhibition when "Keburn Royal Banker" owned by James Richardson and Spence of Winnipeg was named champion Shorthorn bull in the breeding classes.

Disagreements Feature London Conference

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(CP)—Controversy over the proposed agreement to merge the United States, British and French zones of Germany appeared a possibility tonight as the Foreign Ministers Conference staggered from disagreement to disagreement amid a flood of Soviet attacks against the Western Powers.

Wins British Empire Cheese Championship

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Dec. 1.—(CP)—A winner at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto and at last week's Brockville cheese show, Leslie E. Adair of Britton, Ont., today was announced as winner of the British Empire cheese championship at the three-day Belleville Cheese Show, scheduled to open tomorrow.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—(CP)—Direct action will be taken against approximately 75 persons who have been caught trying to evade Foreign Exchange Control Board regulations by taking unauthorized amounts across the border into the United States, a Board official said today.

Native Of P. E. I. Dies In California

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—(CP)—John W. Marchbank, 73, a native of Prince Edward Island and for years a leading figure in California racing, died today.

Saps Claim Huge Sum For Damages

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—(CP)—Property loss claims totalling "well over \$3,000,000" have been entered against the Canadian Government by at least 1,000 Japanese, 500 of whom now live in British Columbia, Alexander Watson, secretary of the Japanese Property Claims Commission, said today.

Slight Increase In Potato Production Is Recommended

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—(CP)—Possibly increased production of most Canadian fruit crops was foreseen by the Dominion Agriculture Department today in its report on the 1948 outlook for fruits and vegetables, prepared for presentation to the Dominion-Provincial conference on agriculture.

New Weapon In Addition To Atomic Bomb?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Construction of a "new" atomic weapon "in addition to the atomic bomb" was disclosed today in an announcement by the Atomic Energy Commission.

306 Mink Sold At Sask. Auction

REGINA, Dec. 1.—A. J. Cooke, manager of the Saskatchewan Fur Marketing Service said today that sales at the live ranch mink auction in Regina today totaled \$100,000 and 306 selected breeding animals were sold.

Four Toronto Youths Held In Murder Case

(By The Canadian Press)
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WINS LABOR SEAT
Sir Richard Acland won a seat in the British House of Commons for Atlee's Labor government in the election by-election. Though he won by a narrow margin, a Labor victory at the polls is considered significant at this time.

Robbers Lose Nerve

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 1.—Losing their nerve when a hold-up victim screamed and ran, two robbers fled empty handed into woods nearby Brookville tonight after stopping John Duplessis of the suburban community at gunpoint with a demand for his money.

Some Radio Programs Are So Bad The Static Becomes Enjoyable

TORONTO, Dec. 1.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 39, 45; Edmonton 24, 30; Regina 17, 28; Winnipeg 15, 27; Toronto 22, 41; Ottawa 9, 36; Montreal 20, 34; Quebec 20, 30; Saint John 11, 35; Charlottetown 24, 28; Sydney 26, 32; Yarmouth 24, 40.

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Sharp Drop Expected In Hog Production

By GEORGE KITCHEN

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—(CP)—The world cereal supply situation in 1948 will be "more acute" than in the current crop year and demand in Europe and Asia "far exceeds" available stocks, delegates to the Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference heard today as they opened their annual three-day get-together.

This report, foreshadowing continued heavy demand for wheat and other grains, was placed before the conference by the Dominion Department of Agriculture as it outlined Canada's 1947 agricultural output as the basis for discussions which will lead to the drawing up of 1948 food production targets.

Generally, in a half-dozen reports placed before the 200 delegates, the Department reported lower 1947 output of wheat, barley, oats, livestock and some fruits and vegetables. Dairy products and fruits and vegetables fluctuated.

The conference opened on a note of warning, with Agriculture Minister Gardiner stressing that Canadian agriculture is approaching the time "when we may be looking for markets rather than trying to supply them, in at least some products." However, he hoped the British market would continue available "on a stabilized basis for some years."

Arthur MacNamara, Deputy Minister of Labor, disclosed that the Government has considered the possibility of arranging for further bulk movements of single workers from displaced persons' camps in Europe for general farm work. If the need arose, he thought it would, this action would be taken.

Then the delegates, representing Dominion and Provincial Agriculture Departments and farmer organizations, heard a summary of reports outlining these aspects of the agricultural picture.

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Police officials declined comment on the arrests beyond saying the quartet was being questioned in connection with the slaying of taxi-driver Ralph Margeson, a 32-year-old Rockland, N.S., native, police said today.

Victims of recent holdups in the Toronto area will be asked to identify the four in police line-ups while officers continue their search for the fifth member of the gang.

Arrest of the four youths marked the first time suspects have been named in connection with the death of the taxi driver whose body was found in a ditch by a young girl walking along a side road. Discovery of the body, its head battered and pierced with a bullet, followed a day-long search for Margeson after he failed to return to his office after reporting that he was taking two early morning fares to nearby Port Credit.

Meanwhile a fund started by neighbors of the slain man and civic groups to aid his wife and five children has mounted to more than \$17,000 and the advice of Ontario Government officials is being sought on the best way of disbursing the money.

FOR BETTER BAKING

The flour that blooms in the oven

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