

Basic Industries Had Thriving Year In 1946

Says More Grain Could Be Shipped Through Halifax

HALIFAX, Dec. 22—(CP)—Gordon B. Inor, Liberal member of Parliament for this riding, said here today he had information that gave him reason to believe double the present quantity of grain could be moved through Halifax for Britain.

WELL KNOWN

ous churches and had been active as a pastor until a few days before his death.

(By The Canadian Press) KENTVILLE, N. S., Dec. 22—For four years Dave Spicer, 30-year-old lighthouse keeper, has kept his lonely vigil on Christmas eve at the light on the Bay of Fundy.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

NEWSOME—At the Prince County Hospital, Dec. 12th, 1946, Mr. and Mrs. Edith Newsome, a daughter, Arlene Patricia, 7 lb., 11 ounces.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Major Townsend and family wish to express their sincere thanks to their friends, relatives and neighbors for their kindness and sending letters, cards and many other expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

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HI-Y CLUB—The weekly meeting of the Charlottetown Hi-Y Club was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday night. The meeting opened with the President, Mr. Vernon Hennessey, in the chair. The minutes were read by the Secretary, Mr. John McLennan, after which a business meeting was held. The meeting then closed by a sing song.

TRAIN DELAYED

Saturday night's second Borden-Charlottetown train, due in the City at 10:45, did not arrive until 8:30 Sunday morning. The main cause of the almost-ten-hour delay is said to have originated on the mainland where the Boston and Montreal trains were several hours late in reaching Backville. Heavy winds too are said to have kept the ferry at Borden until after midnight Sunday morning.

PHOTOGRAPHS AT ORPHANAGES

On Friday, Dec. 20, through the courtesy of Mr. Eramwall Chandler of the National Film Board, the picture "The Policeman" and a technicolor film of the Peace River district were shown at St. Vincent and Mr. Herbert Orphanages. A sing song was also held. Mr. Stan McInnis of the National Film Board and Cpl. A. W. King of the R.C.M.P. presented the entertainment. These films are being shown throughout the Province to children and adults during the month of December on the monthly tour of the National Film Board. The children of both orphanages thoroughly enjoyed the films and those in charge expressed their thanks and appreciation of this kind feature by Mr. Chandler and the Film Board.

Personals

Mrs. R.E. White, Hunter River, has left for Winnipeg to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. V. MacQuarrie.

BUT SITUATION

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restaurants serve the precious liquid only on request. To take a bath in Moncton these days requires no small degree of planning. The appointed hour must be which does not conflict with periods when the pumping system is shut down. Then an infinite amount of patience is required when one waits for the trickling of rapidly cooling hot water to fill the tub. Housewives have been forced to re-arrange their work schedules and the traditional Monday wash-day has become a memory for many.

Record Year

The lumber industry enjoyed the greatest year in the nation's history and estimates at the year's close were for a cut of about 5,000,000 board feet. This would be about 100,000,000 up from last year's total, which also is still an estimate.

The breakdown—all estimated—shows 4,800,000 board feet as the 1946 softwood cut, against 4,495,000,000 for 1945, and in hardwood 420,000,000 against 400,000,000.

Paper production was well up, the 10-month total of 3,437,137 tons showing a 28 per cent jump over the same period of 1945.

The breakdown in the woods was slightly higher than in 1945, though in December there was still a shortage of about 10,000 men, 8,000 of which were needed in Ontario.

Canada's mining industry had a big year and, on the basis of available figures for the first eight months, appeared on the way to exceeding the \$34,822,000 figure for the value of the 1945 output.

U. S. Will Probe Newspaper Ownership

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—Chairman James Murray (Dem.-Mont.) of the United States Senate subcommittee on communications, said today that the "rapid growth and concentration of newspaper ownership by chains and individuals" will be investigated at public hearings beginning Jan. 7.

Quebec Furniture Plant Is Burned

(By The Canadian Press) STE. AGATHE, Que., Dec. 22—A roaring fire touched off by a boiler explosion swept the two-story J. T. Cloutier Company furniture factory here today. An official estimate placed damage as high as \$200,000.

Tonight firefighters still poured water into the raised building and onto wooden homes in the immediate vicinity to guard against a fresh upsurge of flames.

Shepherd-Marshall Wedding



Shown above are the principals in a pretty wedding which took place in the Zion Manse on November 30th when Mary Esther Marshall, N.S., became the bride of Leo Francis Shepherd of Charlottetown. Reading from left to right the above group include groomsman Ronald Shepherd, brother of the groom; Mr. Shepherd, the bride; bridegroom Mr. Shepherd, and bridesmaid Mrs. Lottie Bell.

Blunders, Victories In Pacific Are Told

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—Costly blunders of the first two years of the war against Japan are recounted along with notable victories of the last two years in a detailed summary released Saturday by the United States Navy. The volume, "The Campaigns of the Pacific War," is based on "ultra-secret" Japanese battle plans and other captured documents, as well as American combat records. The report traces campaign by campaign the long sea road from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay.

Pair Safe In Labrador After Sled Dogs Bolt

GOOSE BAY, Labrador, Dec. 22—(CP)—Deserted by a dog team which broke its tow line and raced "hell-bent for home" at the height of a howling Labrador blizzard, Michael Barkway, Canadian representative of the British Broadcasting Corporation, related today the experience that almost cost the lives of Jim Murphy, a CBC engineer from Halifax, and himself. Resting in comparative comfort here after experiencing two frigid nights in the open on snow-covered Melville Bay Barkway said he and Murphy left Goose Bay early in the week with two dog teams driven by U. S. soldiers to record a Christmas party at the Grenfell mission 27 miles from here. As they crossed the bay, Barkway noticed Murphy's sleigh was stalled and saw the dog team racing for home.

The men held a consultation as the blizzard whipped about them and decided to tie the sleighs together and go on with the remaining team. The load in the deep snow was too heavy for the dogs and at one time the four men attempted to break trail for the team.

Realizing they could make no progress in the blizzard they edged down on the sheltered side of an unnamed island until morning. The storm continued next day and another unsuccessful attempt to move the equipment was made.

By then they had consumed four of the six packages of K-ration they carried and after dividing the last of the food, the U. S. army men attempted to return to base for help. Barkway and Murphy bedded down in their sleeping bags to await rescue.

They had trouble lighting a fire and it wasn't until they had used all the letters they carried and had only Barkway's passport left, that they were successful in making the fire burn.

For two nights the men huddled in their improvised camp without food. On the third day a Canadian-built snowmobile came to their rescue. It was discovered they were on the wrong side of the island to have their camp fire seen by rescuers and it was mere chance they were found.

SUNSHINE AID

Vitamin D, found in fish oils, helps compensate for the lack of sunshine in winter months. carrier Hornet was lost and the Enterprise damaged, the report says air attacks from the two carriers against a heavy Japanese force should have been combined.

STORE HOURS

The following stores will close tonight and Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. They will also be closed all day Thursday, Dec. 26, in observance of Boxing Day: CROCKETT AND STOREY, R. T. HOLMAN Ltd., Charlottetown Branch, THE ROBERT SIMPSON Eastern Ltd.

Debunk Theory Of Shortest Day

By GEORGE KITCHEN OTTAWA, Dec. 22—(CP)—Bet you thought Saturday, being Dec. 21, was the shortest day of the year—but it wasn't.

The men in the know, the Dominion astronomers, debunked that popular theory today and said that the shortest day of the year doesn't always fall on the 21st and anyway, it hinges exactly on where you live in Canada.

It appears that if you live in Toronto yesterday wasn't the shortest day because there were 32,160 seconds of daylight in that area and on the 24th there will be only 32,100, making it the shortest. But if you live in Quebec—lucky people those Quebecers—you have five short days—Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Christmas Day.

Referring to a mess of figures, the statistics show that in the Quebec area those five days each have 30,720 seconds of daylight. Then, the days lengthen, a second each day.

Winnipeg, like Toronto, has only one short day, and that was Friday, Dec. 20, when the sun was between the horizons 28,980 seconds.

Those unfortunate enough—or otherwise—to live in centres other than Toronto, Quebec or Winnipeg will have to do their own figuring as available astronomical statistics list only those three cities.

Quadruplets Are Born In Baltimore

(By The Associated Press) BALTIMORE, Dec. 22—Quadruplets, three boys and a girl, were born to a Mrs. J. H. Henn last night to a wide-eyed slender British war bride, Mrs. Charles Henn, Jr.

The babies, still unweighed two hours after their births, were born in the delivery room of the hospital, and Dr. Thomas Bowyer, the attending physician, said all four "are in good shape."

Mrs. Henn was reported "in good condition" and is expected to be discharged in a few days. Quadruplets are born on an average of once in 666,903 deliveries.

FRENCH PRIZES

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would be continually successful, at the same time stressing the very great importance of the exact studies in the acquiring of exact, smooth and effective speech. The Chief Justice who is one of the most distinguished Alumni of the College referred to his student days and ended wishing to all students a pleasant Christmas holiday and continued success in their work.

Miss Mary Louise Gaudet is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonin Gaudet of St. Nicholas and Miss Gaudet in addition to winning the French prize in 1945, also won one of the Prince County scholarships. Continuing her education in Miss Gaudet she successfully passed the Common Examinations Board examinations with very high marks, in June last. She is now enrolled in the third year teacher training class at Prince of Wales College.

Miss Mary Loretta Gallant is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Gallant of Emont Bay. She passed the entrance examinations from Emont Bay school in July last. She is now enrolled as a student of the commerce class at Prince of Wales College. These two young ladies and their parents are to be congratulated on the success they have achieved, and their friends will all be pleased to hear of their success and future achievements.

STUDENTS HELP AUSTRIANS

In its world student relief program, International Student Service recently appropriated 10,000 Swiss francs to Austrian students subsisting on less than 1000 calories.

INSECTS CATALOGUED

A half million species of insects have been catalogued by mankind. men will be spread through the

Gallup Poll Of Canada

PUBLIC OPINION OPPOSED TO CIVIL MARRIAGE RITE

Strong Sentiment Against Idea Revealed by National Gallup Poll

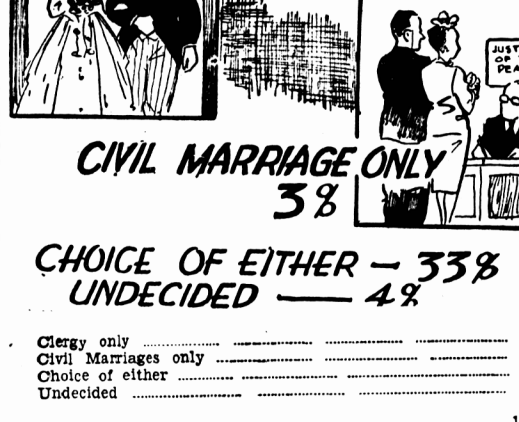
By Canadian Institute of Public Opinion

TORONTO, Nov. 30—The balance of public opinion in Canada still tips heavily away from civil marriages, in spite of the fact that only two provinces—Quebec and Ontario—make no provision for marriages of this sort.

The question of civil marriages, which has been aired in connection with the discussions of Church groups on marriage problems, was put to the voters of Canada, through a Gallup Poll sample, in this form:

"In some Canadian Provinces, civil marriages are allowed—that is, people may be married by a judge or some other court official if they wish. In other Provinces, marriages can be performed only by clergymen. Which law would you like to see in this Province?"

While a third of the population would like to see both forms of service permissible, only three in every 100 persons interviewed would like to see civil marriages alone. The verdict of the public looks like this:



Those Canadians who voted for civil marriages, either as the sole marriage rite, or in conjunction with a religious ceremony, were asked further:

"Do you think this should be permitted only in the higher courts, like County Courts, or do you think Police Magistrates or Justices of the Peace should be allowed to perform marriages?"

Opinion was very evenly divided, with half those in this group with an opinion, voting for the higher courts, and half preferring to see Magistrates and J.P.'s empowered to perform marriages.

An interesting difference in the attitude of men and women crops up in his survey. Men are noticeably more in favor of civil marriages than are women. While nearly seven out of every ten women felt that marriages should be performed by the clergy only, slightly more than five in every ten men felt the same way about it.

Peacetime Force Built As Men Return Home

By JOHN LEBLANC (Canadian Press Staff Writer) OTTAWA, Dec. 12—(CP)—Nineteen forty-six was the year the boys came home—and the year a handful of far-sighted young men laid the foundation for Canada's strongest peacetime armed force.

The complicated, drawn-out task of retraining hundreds of thousands of sailors, soldiers and airmen now is within a few hundreds of completion and recruiting is moving steadily toward the combined three-service goal of 53,100.

The Navy's first winter cruise, Arctic studies by the Army, and R.C.A.F. plans for full-scale, Dominion-wide flying activities all are under way.

R.C.N. and R.C.A.F. repatriation is complete and all but about 1,800 army men are due to reach home by Christmas. The others are expected to sail for the Dominion early in January. About the same time the approximate 500 wives and dependents of Canadian servicemen still in the United Kingdom will leave.

The recruiting box score: Army—8,600 of its 10,000 objective has been reached. Navy—15,000 of 26,000 with more than 27,000 all ranks now serving, including some 12,000 of "undetermined status."

Air Force—12,600 of 18,100. A keynote of the services' peacetime plans is more "home atmosphere" away from home—and more pay.

Reduction of war complements means more comfort aboard R.C.N. ships and officials say every effort is made to have men serve at the coast nearest their homes.

The army plans dozens of barracks improvements—hospital-type beds instead of bunks, dressers, book shelves, lounges—and abolition of the traditional "night out" early-morning blanket-folding routine. The R.C.A.F. plans similar barracks embellishments.

Navy Strength

The navy will have two aircraft carriers, two cruisers, 12 destroyers, 18 frigates, 12 minesweepers and six auxiliary vessels. A reserve force of 18,000 will train at establishments across the country and will spend about two weeks afloat during the summer.

First-peacetime winter cruises saw the cruiser Uganda meet the carrier Warrior and her escorting destroyer Crescent in the Pacific off Mexico in November. After training manoeuvres in southern waters they will sail to Esquimaut, B.C., early in 1947.

The army will have a striking head of 10,000 in an air landing brigade group. The other 15,000 will be spread through the

Advertisement for Dr. Thomas' ECLECTRIC OIL. The ad features a large illustration of a man in a suit, possibly a doctor or a satisfied customer, and text describing the benefits of the oil for various ailments like lumbago, aches, and pains. The text is arranged in a vertical column on the right side of the page.