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# CABINET RE-SHUFFLE SEEN POSSIBLE

## Labor Shortage Slows British Reconversion

## Lobster Factory At Sturgeon Is Destroyed

**BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Dec. 3 (CP)**—An acute shortage of men willing to work as laborers in rebuilding the building trade and many other industries in the early reconversion period—yet hundreds of former laborers are drawing unemployment benefits.

The situation is an aftermath of wartime training of new engineering specialists. The Midlands, a major industrial centre in peacetime, attracted a big share of military contracts. The construction industry's manpower was halved and the number of workers in many other activities was heavily curtailed.

Many of the displaced employees went into the armed forces but others, including engineering workers—running lathes, helping assemble tanks and building aircraft.

"Now they have lost those jobs with the cancellation of government orders and won't go back to their old black-collar jobs unless they have to," said H. A. Pass, manager of the Birmingham Labor Exchange.

Construction, with a relatively large proportion of laborers, is the hardest hit but the situation extends to some of the dirty jobs in industrial plants. Polishers are needed by the hundreds in factories reverting to civilian production after turning out such products as shells and parts for military vehicles, which did not require a high finish.

## No Change At Ford Tieup At Windsor

**WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 3 (CP)**—J. M. Carson, Sales Director, who was in support of the Ford employees striking on a union security issue, were returning to their jobs today and union leaders said that the week's end of the 8,500 men who were out would be back at work.

However, the situation at the Ford Motor Company plant, where 10,000 employees are on strike, Sept. 12 for union shop and check-off, was unchanged.

## N. B. INSURANCE MEN MEET

**SAINT JOHN, N. B. Dec. 3 (CP)**—J. M. Carson, Sales Director, was elected president today at the annual meeting of the Life Insurance Managers' Association of New Brunswick. E. N. Sangster, St. John, was elected secretary-treasurer.

## Coming Events

- \*Dance, Mt. Hope, Wednesday, 12-4-11.
- \*Stanchel Christmas Concert, Tuesday, 12-4-11.
- \*Mt. Herbert School Concert, December 20th, 12-4-11.
- \*Reserve December 20th for Eamsciffe School Concert, 12-4-11.
- \*Grinding wheat daily at the Ives Grist Mill, North Tryon, 12-4-11, 13, 15-61.
- \*Don't miss Christmas Concert in Harrington Hall, Wednesday, December 19th, 12-4-11.
- \*Buying daily all kinds of live and dressed poultry. Paving top market prices. Signed Davis, Fraser Ltd., 11-28-11.
- \*Wanted Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Fowl and Chickens. Eastern Pack Co., Souris, 11-29-11.
- \*Is the extra gain from Pan Honor Feed Agency, 10-4-6-11.
- \*Our Chick Fattener sure put on the finish. Livestock Feed Agency, 10-4-6-11.
- \*Buying daily, live and dressed, Chicken, Fowl, Ducks and Geese. J. R. Flynn, St. Peters, 11-24-11.
- \*Sale of fancy wools, novelties, etc. Wednesday, December 5th, 3 to 5, 7 to 9, 235 Water Street, Ethel McDougall, 12-4-11.
- \*Our hog and dairy feed, laying mash and chick fattener is especially put up and proven. Livestock Feed Agency, 10-4-6-11.
- \*Collecting Hogs each Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Phone 643, Montague, James Shaw and James McLeod, Montague, 10-31-11-41.
- \*Collecting Hogs by truck for Davis & Fraser, Albany and vicinity; by car, Wednesday, Dec. 5th, at 2 o'clock P. M. Phone collect, Green, Albany, or G. C. Green, Souris.
- \*We require a limited quantity of cuts for canning purposes. Prices 4 to 5¢ cents per lb. Live weight delivered at our plant. Eastern Packing Co., Souris, 11-21-11.
- \*Special Meeting—A special meeting of the shareholders of the East River Telephone Co. will be held in Johnston's River School House on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, at 2 o'clock P. M. Important business. Hugh Trainor, Secretary, 12-4-11.
- \*Buying pigs Monday at Fredrickson, Tuesday, 1 P. M. York, 2 Bedford, 3 Mt. Stewart, 4 Waterbury, 430 Vernon River, Wednesday, 430 Vernon River, 10, Wheatley River, 11, Brookfield, 1 P. M. New Haven, 2 Kelly's Cross, 11. Pigs are open for trucks. Paying \$2.00 a pair for good pigs over 30 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Will buy any size at Fredericton Monday. Knud Jorgensen, 12-3-11.

## War To End Legally Jan. 1 If Bill Passes

**OTTAWA, Dec. 3 (CP)**—For legal purposes the war against Germany and Japan officially will come to an end Jan. 1, 1946, if a redraft of the Government's National Emergency Powers Bill now before the Commons is adopted.

The original bill which came in for criticism as too far reaching both from opposition members and Provincial Premiers provided that the government-in-council should fix a day by proclamation for the official end of the war and that on that day the War Measures Act would be out of operation and the Emergency Powers Act would start.

As now amended the bill will provide that it comes into force on Jan. 1 and "on and after that day the war against Germany and Japan shall for purposes of the War Measures Act be deemed no longer to exist."

If the bill becomes law it means that the government must start repaying refundable income taxes or the refundable portions of the excess profits taxes before April 1, 1946.

The income tax and excess profits tax laws provide that the refundable portions collected in 1942 must be paid back within two years after the end of the fiscal year following the official termination of the war. This will be two years after March 31, 1946.

The taxes collected in 1943 would be repayable before April 1, 1946, and so on.

However, it is expected the Government will not wait the law but will start the repayments as soon as the finances of the country make it possible.

The Government owes approximately \$280,000,000 on refunds on personal income taxes collected from 1942 to 1944 and \$184,000,000 on excess profits taxes up to March 31, 1945. Collection of refundable portions of personal income taxes was discontinued midway in 1944.

## Truman Seeks To Stem Tide Of Labor Strife

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)**—President Truman today asked Congress for legislation to stem the tide of labor strikes in the United States with fact-finding commissions "cooling-off" periods in which stoppages would be barred for 30 days.

Warning that present strikes "may cripple our reconversion program," Mr. Truman appealed for action before Congress' Christmas recess—which is to start only 17 days hence, Dec. 20.

President Truman said the Green of the American Federation of Labor said he believed the plan would be "unacceptable to labor." Some Senators indicated that it did not go far enough.

But without waiting for Capitol Hill reaction, Truman announced creation of fact-finding boards for the 20-state General Motors strike and for a vast approaching threat, the steel wage dispute.

## No Stomach, But Life Said Not Too Tough

**SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 3 (AP)**—It's not too tough to live without a stomach, says one of the few patients to be discharged today from the subject. A patient here—his surgeon and he both laughing at the thought—underwent a total gastrectomy after growth of a stomach tumor made the operation mandatory and now is working in destroying his complete recovery. The esophagus has been connected with the small intestine and the patient may eat six ounces of food at each of his frequent meals.

## German Raider Living Quietly In Peiping

**PEIPING, Dec. 3 (AP)**—Living quietly in Peiping in these days of civil strife is Hellmuth von Ruckteschell, man of distinction in German naval circles.

As captain of two German auxiliary raiders in the Second World War, this middle-aged sea-going Junker wears the Knight's Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster presented for his work in destroying 168,000 tons of Allied shipping.

Among his 24 victims were the British vessel Gloucester Castle, sunk in seven minutes with all hands; the United States 10,000-ton tanker Connecticut, torpedoed off Trinidad, which he watched burn seven hours; and 22 other ships of British, French, Norwegian, Greek and American registry which came within range of his six-inch guns, his motor torpedo boat and his two scout planes.

"If you should meet the captain of the Blue Funnel liner Neoclass, present him my compliments," says von Ruckteschell. "He is the only man who ever outmaneuvered me and got away."

At an interview in a private home in Peiping, von Ruckteschell hardly looked the part of the successor of Count von Luckner who embodied the spirit of German raiders in the First Great War. Yet he lived up to tradition heartily in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, and turned his two raiders into the scourge of a half-dozen seas.

## Agricultural Program For 1946 Is Discussed

**Federal Gov't Wants More Wheat And Meat Next Year; Canada Short On Bacon Contract With Britain.**

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**OTTAWA, Dec. 3 (CP)**—Federal Government proposals for housing meat and wheat production next year to help feed a hungry world today were placed before the Dominion Provincial agricultural conference which also heard Prairie suggestions for greater emphasis on wheat production than on meat.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner, answering the western representation, said that if wheat acreage was increased it would be at the expense of acreage for coarse grains, which were necessary if Canada was to produce beef and bacon to meet overseas commitments.

In brief, here are the Government's suggestions for 1946 acreage, as drawn up by the Agricultural Supplies Board:

Wheat: 23,414,000 acres, of which 22,566,000 would be grown on the Prairies, unchanged from 1945.

Oats: 14,310,200 acres, down slightly from the 1945 total of 14,932,500. While the heavier vehicle suffered little damage, the car is said to have been badly damaged. Both drivers escaped.

Cattle: 8,000,000 acres against 7,330,000 in 1945, with all the increases in Ontario points Sunday.

Mixed grains: Unchanged at 1,433,400 acres, mostly in Quebec and Ontario.

The conference, attended by Dominion and Provincial agricultural officials and farmer organization leaders, was held in Ottawa.

An announcement by Mr. Gardiner that he and Trade Minister Macdonald will lead a Canadian mission to determine the food needs of the United Kingdom and to survey the possibilities of increasing Canadian supplies of overseas agricultural markets.

A warning from Arthur Macnamara, Deputy Labor Minister, that the farm labor situation possibly will be worse next spring than it is now, also was heard.

His suggestion that farmers give more attention to wages and efficiency they hoped to hold their own in a competitive labor market.

A statement by L. B. Pearsall, Minister of Finance, that Canada would be 40,000,000 pounds short on the record of 1945 and that the Board's prediction that a further decline of 15 per cent from the record production of 1944 and the Board's prediction that a further "minor" decline will occur next year.

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The Government bill which has occasioned the most comment both in Canada and overseas is bill 26, providing for establishment of a separate Canadian citizenship act. The bill, which is to be distributed to members will not be brought to the Commons for discussion this year, has evoked the chief points raised in the Governor-General's address three months ago have not been embodied upon.

## Bracken Charges Federal Gov't Has No Peacetime Plan

**Mr. Bracken, while defending Parliament as "a growth from centuries of experience," said that many of its forms and procedures were not a matter for commendation.**

"With its load of tradition it is allowing itself to become a slow-motion machine of archaic forms and outmoded conventions and is being used by its present bosses to excuse their dictatorial complicity."

## Two Million Loss In Steel Mill Fire

**BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 3 (AP)**—Fire destroyed a machine shop at the Bethlehem Steel Company today causing a loss of \$2,000,000. A short circuit was believed to have set off the flames.

Loss consisted principally of valuable equipment and tools, all owned by the Navy.

No one was injured.

## Youth Charged In Sister's Death

**BANGOR, Me., Dec. 3 (AP)**—Twelve-year-old Teresa Varney was found stabbed to death today in the kitchen of her home and police said her brother Francis, 14, confessed that he had "struck" her with a knife.

The children's mother, Mrs. Esther Varney, collapsed and was unable to come with her son to court where he pleaded innocent to a charge of murder and was ordered held for hearing Dec. 10.

## Lauzon, Peltier Appeal Sentences

**TORONTO, Dec. 3 (CP)**—Notices of appeal against sentences