

OTTAWA WILLING TO INVESTIGATE CHIGNECTO PROJECT

Canada To Produce New Drug For Arthritis

Federal Gov't Proposes Dominion-Provincial Conference Next Fall

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (CP) — A general Dominion-Provincial conference in the fall of 1950 has been proposed by the Federal Government. Prime Minister St. Laurent announced today in the Commons.

The proposal was made in letters yesterday to the 10 Provincial Premiers. The conference hinges on their acceptance.

Mr. St. Laurent tabled copies of the letters which suggested that the conference be held next September or October to "discuss questions of common concern to the Dominion and Federal Governments."

While the correspondence gave

Coming Events

*Mall your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

*Attend Christmas Concert at Kingston, Wednesday, December 21.

*Rummage Sale, Market Building, Saturday, 3 P. M.

*Cornwall Christmas Concert, Friday, Dec. 23.

*Card party Graham's Road hall Friday, Dec. 9.

*Regular Dance at Skyline, New London, each Friday night.

*Union Road (Queen's) Christmas Concert, Dec. 21st.

*Show Morel every Tuesday and Friday only. Show 8 o'clock.

*Christmas Concert, Long River Hall, December 19th.

*North and South Pinette School Christmas Concert, Flat River hall, Tuesday, Dec. 20.

*Variety Concert, Pie Social, Dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Monday, December 19th. Door prize.

*Reserve Tuesday, January 3rd, Dance, Melville Hall, Women's Institute.

*Emerald Hall, December 26th. Box Social and Dance. Hickey Bros. Orchestra.

*Now buying Timothy Seed, Cleaned or Uncleaned. McGuigan & Boyle.

*Dance and Lunch in Kelly's Cross School, Friday night, December 9th.

*"The Miracle of the Bells" tonight at 8.30 at North Wiltshire. Don't miss this show.

*L. O. B. A. Concert and Box Social, Crapaud Hall, Wednesday, December 14th.

*South Winsloe Pantry Sale and Bazaar at Fennell & Chandler's, Saturday, December 10th, at 2 P.M.

*Sale of Fancy Work, Aprons and Home Cooking, Market Building, Saturday, December 10th, 7 P. M.

*Meeting of Cornwall Junior Farmers December 13th, at 8.30. Films will be shown. Everyone welcome.

*Reserve December 26th for Auction and Dance, at Vernon Hall. Sponsored by Vernon W. I. Good music.

*Reserve Saturday afternoon, December 10th for Rummage Sale in Holy Redeemer Hall. Sponsored by the Altar Society.

*Car Cream of the West Flour, Cafeteria feeds and mill feeds, including Thursday afternoon and Friday at special prices off car. Court & Son, Bedford.

*See "Return of Bad Merv" starring Randolph Scott, Toby Hayes, plus Leon Errol Comedy. Good entertainment at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight.

*Monthly Meeting of Mt. Stewart Branch Canadian Legion will be held in Legion Room at 8 P. M. December 12th. Added attraction: Films on Veterans Affairs and Travels by Rev. Mr. Mercer.

*Buying all kinds pigs and poultry today at Fredericton. Kindly bring your stags and boars to-day, as this will be the last time I will be buying that kind of pigs this season. Will not be buying any pigs next week. Knud Jorgensen.

Health Minister Makes Statement In The Commons

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Canada is going to undertake production of ACTH, a new drug which has had "encouraging results" in treatment of arthritis and other diseases, Health Minister Martin announced tonight.

He told the Commons that \$750,000 would be provided in the first year of the project on which the Federal Government, the packing industry and the University of Toronto are co-operating.

Mr. Martin emphasized that all amounts of ACTH produced would of necessity have to go to research to hasten the day when the drug would be available in quantities large enough to supply the human needs.

Allocation of ACTH will be under the direction of a special committee of eminent Canadian medical men named by the president of the National Research Council.

This committee, Mr. Martin said, "besides advising on the location of ACTH, will approve financial support for research on both ACTH and Cortisone to ensure that all available facilities in Canada are fully utilized to speed the research program."

Cortisone is another drug, usually associated with ACTH, which has been found to "hold promise for the treatment of diseases."

Murder Charge In N. S. Death

LIVERPOOL, N. S., Dec. 8 — (CP) — Frederick James Cunningham, 45-year-old woodsman from nearby Milton, was charged late tonight with murder in connection with the death Tuesday night of Charles Martin, 71.

The woodsman was charged after a coroner's jury here tonight declared that Martin had died as a result of a blow from a rock in the hands of Cunningham.

During the inquest, Cunningham said he had been "chasing" 40-year-old Mrs. Martin "a little." He said Martin had accused him of "fooling around with sweet-lips."

Martin was found unconscious by his wife on a dark, wooded path a short distance from their home.

Toronto Considers Non-Resident Tax

TORONTO, Dec. 8 — (CP) — The Telegram says today in a newspaper story that Mayor Hiram McCallum "is seriously" considering the imposition of a poll tax or head tax on non-residents who earn their living within the city.

The story says "tens of thousands of residents of contiguous suburban municipalities make use of the services which the city provides almost as freely as residents of the city itself, but make no direct contribution to the cost of supplying and maintaining the services."

U. S. Draft Law In For Rough Ride In Congress

By GEORGE KITCHEN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 — (CP) — The United States draft law appears to be in for a rough ride at the next session of Congress.

Under the law, all single American youths of 19 to 25 are liable for 21 months of military service. Actually, only a few more than 30,000 have been called since the act was passed.

The act expires next June 29, unless revived by Congress. Politicians say that any bill to keep it alive and on the statute books will face almost certain defeat unless there is a marked change of sentiment in Congress.

Fur Sale Brings Good News To Mink Ranchers

VANCOUVER, Dec. 8 — (CP) — North American women want their fur coats rich and expensive looking — not just warm.

The trend of fashion suits Western fur ranchers, especially the mink raisers.

The good news came to the ranchers here today when fur auction buyers paid 35 per cent more for ranch mink — barometer of the trade — than they did at the close of the season a few weeks ago.

Top grade male mink pelts sold at \$27 while females advanced to \$15.75.

It was an all-mink auction with sales estimates at \$150,000.

Furriers interpreted the keen sales as a trend toward richer tastes in made-up furs.

The major buyers came from United States centres, including New York, and took the cream of the crop.

It is the first good news ranchers have had in a year. Rock-bottom prices prevailed in 1948 and forced 700 Alberta ranchers out of business. Another 300 folded up in Saskatchewan.

British Columbia's 500 ranchers found the sledding rough but held on because of their big advantage over Prairie fur growers — fish.

Major item in the balanced diet of mink, fish scrap costs one or two cents a pound in British Columbia compared to four or five cents in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The Prairie alternative, horsemeat, costs six or seven cents a pound.

Bulgarian Denounced As Former British Agent

SOFIA, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Traicho Kostov, Bulgaria's former deputy premier, today heard six former high Communist officials denounce him in court here as a British agent.

Not once did he challenge their evidence, though yesterday he had denied the main treason charges against him.

He was given an opportunity to question his co-defendants after their "guilty" pleas, but apart from a minor query about a date, he remained silent.

(A British Foreign Office spokesman, commenting in London on Kostov's repudiation yesterday of the bulk of his pre-trial "confession," said: "It has happened in the past that these puppet shows have gone according to plan.")

Kostov is on trial with 10 other Bulgarians on charges including spying and anti-Soviet activities, which call for the death penalty.

One after another, six of the accused today acknowledged their guilt and piled up evidence against Kostov. In much of their evidence they linked Kostov and themselves with the "British intelligence service and told of sabotage attempts" against trade talks.

Three Confess Today

Three defendants confessed their guilt this morning. They were Ivan Pechkov, former Minister of Finance; Mikov Natchev Petkov, deputy head of Kostov's ministry; the State Economic Commission; and Boris Kristov, commercial representative in the Soviet Union.

Stefanov alleged that "Kostov's men" sabotaged Bulgarian trade talks with Russia and Eastern European countries.

He said that to ensure close trade ties with the West, he and Kostov were unmasked after the failure of an alleged plot — "to have been carried out with the help of the British intelligence service and Yugoslav Premier Tito" to capture the Communist Party congress and radically change Party government.

Pechkov said he became a British agent in 1941.

One of the accused testified that the former press secretary of the British legation, Steven Patrick House, gave him an order in 1948 to sabotage trade negotiations with Hungary.

He was Ivan Tutev, former director of Bulgarian foreign trade, who pleaded guilty.

Later he worked in Bulgaria under the directive of "a one-time mistress of the late King Ferdinand" and finally was ordered into the underground Communist Party by British intelligence.

Two Children Burned To Death

WATERLOO, Que., Dec. 8 — (CP) — Two young children were burned to death today when fire destroyed a country home four miles from this Eastern Township town.

The children were Rosaire, 4, and Marie-Rose, 5, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Groulx.

The parents were away from home at the time and police, to whom the accident was reported, said they were unable to determine how the fire started.

Certified Seed Exports To U. S. At Alltime High

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (Special) — Canadian exports of certified seed potatoes to the United States this year reached the all-time high of 4,713,163 bushels, according to a reply tabled in the Commons by Agriculture Minister Gardiner.

A question asked by H. H. Hatfield, Progressive Conservative member for Victoria-Carleton.

Last year's export of Canadian certified seed potatoes which also was a record, totalled 4,310,215. Increases of the past two years were due to the larger quotas extended this seed by the United States government.

Export of Canadian table potatoes to the United States dwindled from 1,967,797 in 1948 to 1,073,964 from January 1 to October 1 this year.

Imports of United States potatoes into Canada have also galloped during the past year. Mr. Gardiner's answer reveals. Imports of table potatoes to October 1 were 519,505 bushels compared to 338,033 bushels last year and to 338,194 in 1948 to 1,592 in 1947.

The increase is attributed to relaxation by Canadian authorities of embargo on U.S. potatoes.

Protests Against Discrimination In Postal Setup

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (Special) — Vigorous protest over discrimination against Prince Edward Island in the set-up of postal officials was made in the Commons today by W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's.

Mr. McLure insisted that P. E. I. was entitled to equality of treatment with other provinces in every respect and it was not getting this consideration.

"We are not rated as a province at all," he declared during discussion of Post Office Department estimates. "Under the new set-up the Department has a regional controller. That is all right. This regional controller is at Moncton, but under the regional controller, there is a district director of postal services. One of these is located at Saint John and the other at Halifax."

"We should have a district director at Charlottetown where we have a good office staff. But no, we are attached to New Brunswick. I do not know to what Newfoundland is to be attached, whether they will be with Nova Scotia or will have their own district director of postal services."

Not Treated Properly

"I should like to know why our Province is not being treated properly in this connection. Prince Edward Island should have a district director of postal services. Of late years under this Government, we have become accustomed to this type of treatment. A year ago, it took away from our city the branch of the Bank of Canada. However, we have forced them to put it back.

"The government has also placed the headquarters of the Bank

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Engineers May Be Asked To Make Report

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Transport Minister Chevrier told the Commons today the Government will consider setting up a board of engineers to determine the economic possibilities of a canal across the Isthmus of Chignecto between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Mr. Chevrier said the latest information in the hands of the department—as of 1931—indicated that was not the time to build the canal, but he would consider a board to find out if conditions had changed.

The proposed canal would cut across an 18-mile stretch of the Isthmus, linking the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence and providing an all-inland route down the east coast. For many years, various sections of the Maritimes have been urging its construction.

The Minister made his announcement after Percy Black (C-Comberland) had urged the Minister to undertake the project, which he said would be of value strategically and commercially and as a matter of justice to the Maritimes.

Earlier in the session, several other Maritime members had called on the Government to undertake the long-sought canal, which they contended was promised the Maritimes at Confederation.

Not Satisfied

After the Minister's statement, Mr. Black expressed dissatisfaction that the question should be placed into from an "economic" aspect. He declared millions were spent on canals elsewhere in Canada, and they were not expected to pay their way.

Mr. Chevrier said his Department has much data on the proposed canal, but it indicates "clearly" that from the economic point of view the time had not arrived to build the canal when the last survey was made in 1931.

However, he said he would be willing to consider setting up the board of engineers to determine whether or not conditions have changed since that time. He said it would be economic to build the canal.

Speaking during House consideration of Transport Department estimates, Mr. Black declared a strong Maritimes committee had been working on pressing the claims of the area for the canal.

The department now had enough information in its hands to be able to announce policy and proceed with construction, Parliament seemed to be "striking at the leash" to get the St. Lawrence seaway project under way, but nothing was being done on the canal, promised since Confederation.

Source of Power?

Apart from its other advantages, Mr. Chevrier said some engineering reports indicated it could be a valuable source of hydro-electric power.

If Mr. Chevrier did not now have enough engineering information, the Nova Scotia member said, he would like to see an immediate new survey or a re-examination of the area for the canal.

But he did not think the Minister should allow the matter to stand any longer before announcing policy.

In making the announcement, Mr. Chevrier did not indicate whether he had in mind a new survey or a re-examination of the old ones.

However, he said such a board would consider the economical aspect, "having due regard to the possibilities of power development."

HIG LABOR FACTOR

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Urge Building Of New Ferry In Maritimes

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 8 — (CP) — The Maritime Regional Employment Committee today urged that the new \$3,000,000 ferry to run between Yarmouth, N. S., and New England be built in the Maritimes.

In passing this resolution, the committee, an advisory body to the National Employment Service, took note of a Government statement that there are more than 20,000 unemployed in the Maritimes.

The meeting, which reviewed employment conditions in the Maritimes, was under the chairmanship of Magistrate W. F. Lane.

Possible construction of a new hotel in Moncton also was discussed.

After some discussion of the hotel matter, the committee felt that the question should be referred to the Moncton District Employment Committee with the suggestion that it be fully considered.

Officials heard a report on conditions in the Moncton area by W. A. D. Trent, manager of the National Employment Service here.

The Amherst Employment Advisory Committee also presented a problem to the officials. The Amherst office asked the Regional

Committee to discuss the new housing in Cumberland County in respect to the Federal Government Housing Act, but the matter was referred to the Amherst office to approach municipal authorities.

The coal mining situation in the Glace Bay area was up for consideration, and a deputation from a Sydney committee dealt with a medical board to inspect prospective employees in heavy industry in that area. Nova Scotia housing also received the attention of the committee.

The next meeting of the advisory body is slated for Saint John sometime in February.

Those sitting with the committee were Mr. Trent, Aldermen H. D. Adamson, T. O'Brien, G. W. R. Myles of Moncton; Miss Leslie Pickett, supervisor of the Inter-provincial Home for Women, Coverdale, N.B.; J. J. Trainor, Saint John; W. Morley Roberts, Moncton; regional employment officer, National Employment Service, secretary of the committee; and Miss M. E. Webster, women's employment advisor, National Employment Service.

Says Uranium Shipment "Normal" Transaction

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (CP) — A half-ton shipment of Canadian uranium compounds went to Russia in May, 1943, Trade Minister Howe said today, as a "normal" wartime transaction between Allies.

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for it was taken over by the Crown in 1944 were in financial dealings and that they had no international conspiratorial tinge.

Alberta's highway construction and surfacing program will cost approximately \$13,000,000 in the 1949-50 period.



ROAD COSTS HIGH

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 27 41; Edmonton 4 25; Regina 17B 7; Winnipeg 4B 14; Toronto 14 24; Ottawa 3B 9; Montreal 7 11; Quebec 9 16; Saint John 18 20; Moncton 12 22; Halifax 28 32; Charlottetown 21 25; Sydney 23 32; Yarmouth 30 34; St. John's 27 40.

HALIFAX, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax:

It has been a long time since the continent has been free of major disturbances such as those which brought floods to west coast localities, blizzards to the Prairies, and heavy snowfalls to parts of Eastern Canada. The last of a series of these is receding northward from Newfoundland. Winter, however, has still held its grip on the continent, as sub-zero weather is expected in a large part of Central Canada and the United States.

The Maritimes will have its taste of extremely cold weather, too. By morning temperatures in New Brunswick will be just above zero. A cloud blanket may provide some protection for Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia but there temperatures will fall below 20 degrees.

Cloudiness will be variable during the night and Friday and light snow flurries may be expected. Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday:

Prince Edward Island — Cloudy with snow flurries, clearing Friday evening. Very cold. Northwest winds 15. Low and high at Charlottetown 15 and 27.

High tide today at 12:03 A. M. and 2:00 P. M.
Sun rises at 7:39 A. M. and sets at 4:21 P. M.

BORDEN - TORMENTINE FERRY WEEK DAYS

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| Lv. Borden | Lv. Cape Tormentine |
| 9.10 A.M. | 10.25 A.M. |
| 1.00 P.M. | 2.40 P.M. |
| 4.30 P.M. | 7.30 P.M. |

SUNDAYS

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| Lv. Borden | Lv. Cape Tormentine |
| 9.10 A.M. | 10.35 A.M. |
| 6.45 P.M. | 8.00 P.M. |