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## PROVINCES SCORE POINT IN FREIGHT RATES PROBE

### REPORT LIGHT SIGHTED IN AREA WHERE PLANE MISSING

#### Truman Pledges To Work For Peace, Plenty And Freedom

#### Silver Fox Pelt Prices Much Improved

MONTREAL, Jan. 20 — (Special to the Guardian)—The Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co., Ltd. January auction of silver fox and mink pelts was concluded here today with prices for silvers much improved over the December sale.

The following are the results: Platinum 65 per cent sold at an average of \$15.03; inferior platinum 70 per cent sold at an average of \$11.79; pearl platinum 30 per cent sold at an average of \$13.41; white marked silvers 90 per cent sold at an average of \$12.42; one half to three-quarter silvers 86 per cent sold at an average of \$15.43; selected full silvers 42 per cent sold at an average of \$15.29; regular full silvers 65 per cent sold at an average of \$13.72; inferior types 92 per cent sold at an average of \$10.96; low grades 100 per cent sold at an average of \$4.87. The total offering was 70 per cent sold at an average of \$13.08.

(The above information was supplied by Mr. George A. Tibbuck, manager of the fur marketing department, Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association, Summerside.)

#### New Red Cross Concluser Named

TORONTO, Jan. 20 — (CP)—Dr. W. Stuart Stanbury, formerly of St. Catharines, Ont., and one of the world's leading medical authorities on blood, has been named national convener of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The Society announced today. He succeeds Dr. Fred W. Routley, whose retirement was announced last Dec. 31.

#### Coming Events

- Lot 65 Hall tonight. Show "Peck's Bay Boy."
- Rummage Sale, Social Hall, Trinity Church, February 19th.
- Regular skate at New Glasgow rink tonight, 8:30.
- Bean Supper at Crapaud Hall, Saturday, January 22nd. St. John's W. A.
- Those wishing to join Summerfield insemination unit will meet in the hall Friday 21st 8 p.m.
- National Film Board will show films in Fredericton Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 25.
- Booking orders for car hog grower to arrive soon. W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.
- No more crushing until further notice. Charles McInnis, Nine Mile Creek.
- Ross Credit Union Regular Meeting Monday, January 24th, at 7:30. Co-operative Meeting at 8:30 in Pownall Hall.
- Central Queen's Hockey League at Covehead rink tonight, between Southport Ramblers and Covehead Red Wings.
- Dance in Johnston's River School, Friday, January 21st. Dancing 9 to 12:30. Sponsored by Junior Farmers.
- Cornwall, York Point Women's Institute are having a Pantry Sale at Rogers Hardware, Saturday, January 22nd, at 2 o'clock.
- The feature playing at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight, is one you will never forget, James Oliver Curwood's great novel, God's Country and the Woman. Don't miss this show.
- We have a few ears of the top grades of oats like Number Two Canada Western and Extra Number Three Canada Western Oats in bulk, and also bagged in new or second hand sacks, for prompt and reliable shipment. Also Double Reclaimed Alberta Oats. We also sell quality barley meal, and other feeds, and solicit enquiries from serious buyers. The Atlas Grain Company, Board of Trade Building, Montreal.

#### Dairy Farmers Of Canada Meet

EDMONTON, Jan. 20 — (CP)—Two reports presented to the annual convention of the Dairy Farmers of Canada today said the industry has every right to ask removal of all restrictions on export of dairy products since protection from margarine competition has been removed.

The reports were read by Eric Kitchen, secretary-manager of the association, and J. J. McCague of Alliston, Ont., president.

"The Supreme Court ruling (that margarine may be made and sold in Canada) is a most upsetting influence to the industry," Mr. McCague said. "Just now, however, it is difficult to comment on the situation. We first must know whether or not that decision will be appealed and, secondly, what authority provinces have over marketing of margarine."

"If the sale of the product in Canada is inevitable, it is the duty of dairy farmers to impress on those responsible the necessity of leaving no loopholes whereby it could be sold as butter."

He told the representatives of 40,000 dairy farmers and dairy product distributors to plan no drastic changes in their production programs because it was difficult to see what is ahead.

#### 5-Year-old Boy Drowned Yesterday At Tyne Valley

William Bloice Sheen, five-year-old only son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bloice Sheen, Tyne Valley was drowned yesterday morning at Boates Bridge about a quarter of a mile from his home. He was last seen by his mother about eleven o'clock and a short time later she was informed by a young daughter of Mr. Ivan McKay that a boy had gone out on the ice and had fallen in.

At the point on the stream where the fatality occurred the distance across is about thirty-five feet and thin ice had formed about half way over and the balance was made up of shell ice. Apparently the thin ice was sufficiently strong to carry the weight of the boy until he reached the shell ice. His body was later recovered lying under the shell ice in about six feet of water. His body was rushed to Wellington and upon examination by Dr. Raymond Reid he was pronounced dead.

Dr. Austin Delaney, coroner, decided that under the circumstances no inquest would be necessary.

#### Montreal's Mystery Kidnap Story Has "Blown Up"

MONTREAL, Jan. 20 — (CP)—Montreal's mystery kidnap story blew up today with a police announcement that the whole thing was a fabrication by a poor mother who willingly parted with her infant and then became panicky.

Less than 24 hours after six-month-old Armand Bouchard was carried from his Dorchester Street home, Chief of Detectives Wilfrid Bourdon said: "It was all a case of worry and misunderstanding."

Officers who investigated Mrs. Thade Bouchard's story of a mysterious woman coming to her home and walking off with little Armand gave this version of their conclusions:

"The Bouchard family is a poor one and Mrs. Bouchard probably wanted to see the child get a better upbringing. Then, when she saw her baby carried away, she became afraid of what her husband would say and decided to tell a story of kidnapping."

The name was not released by police, last night took the baby to nearby Mackayville, where she lives. There she asked a garage owner and his wife to care for the child until this morning. She wanted to tell her husband about the baby first, police said.

"When she heard the report that the baby was kidnapped she returned Armand immediately," said detectives.

#### Author Freezes To Death

ASHROFT, B.C., Jan. 20 — (CP)—Alan Malcolm Cardwell, 51-year-old author, was found frozen to death yesterday at Spatsum, near here. Cardwell had just left Ashcroft with a \$200 royalty received for a recent novel — "The Yellow Cat."

#### Strachey Sees Long-term Food Contracts Necessary

LONDON, Jan. 20 — (CP)—Food Minister John Strachey today said in Commons that the Government believed long-term food contracts were "profoundly necessary" to give farmers security and to increase output.

The government had announced earlier that a price of \$2 a bushel for Canadian wheat had been agreed on for 1949-50, the final year of the four-year Anglo-Canadian wheat agreement. No arrangement has been made to continue the agreement.

Strachey was speaking on the second reading of the Minister of Food bill which would authorize long-term commitments when the present legislation lapses in 1950. He said there are 40 long-term contracts in force, ranging from one to 10 years in length.

He added that it could be shown that long-term contracts had "prevented this country from having to pay prices for essential foods over the past three years which it would have been quite ruinous to have paid."

Britain's long-term interests would not benefit from a catastrophic fall in producers' prices. Britain imported wheat at 50 cents a bushel in 1938, but "we imported a great many million unemployed along with it."

A crash in farm prices would have a serious effect on an exporting country such as Britain and long-term contracts prevent such falls, Strachey said.

But "moderate and steady decline" in primary producers' food prices is above all of "great interest" to Britain, he said.

#### Farm Problems Highlighted By Agricultural Council

Concluding the busy two-day conference yesterday at Birch Court with an election of officers, the Prince Edward Island Agricultural Council named as president, Mr. R. C. Parent, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm; vice-president, Mr. H. W. Clay, senior live stock fieldman, Dominion Department of Agriculture; and secretary, Mr. S. C. Wright, agricultural representative, Provincial Department of Agriculture.

Principal activities, however, was the numerous recommendations will be directed shortly to the relevant authorities.

A feature of the Council's recommendations was for seven specific agricultural technicians and personnel required to implement the projects which the Council considers necessary for the development of Island agriculture. The Experimental Farm requires an assistant in Animal Husbandry; the Science Service an extension officer in Plant Pathology and Entomology. The livestock committee recommended that trained agricultural representatives were required for King's and Prince Counties.

Forester's Services Needed

Agreed that the necessity for a Provincial forester was long overdue and the marketing committee recommended that an official be appointed in the Provincial

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#### Sea Peace Prospects Slim In China

NANKING, Jan. 20 — (AP)—China's Nationalist Party leadership endorsed a cease-fire resolution today but governmental double-talk and Communist silence made peace prospects as dim as ever.

In North China, terms for surrendering Peiping to the Reds were both sides, but nothing had been done to implement this separate deal.

On the war front, the Communists maintained their close siege of Peiping and were edging steadily south of the old Hwai River line 100 miles north of Nanking.

The hastened flight of government departments and officials southward from Nanking—a movement which was difficult to reconcile with talk of a negotiated peace.

#### Health Dept. Worried About Mental Ailments

OTTAWA, Jan. 20 — (CP)—Mental ailments—signposts of a nation's state of anxiety—have been the Health Department a bit worried.

Health Minister Martin said today in an interview there are 50,000 cases now under treatment—more than the total for cancer, tuberculosis and infantile paralysis combined.

At least one of every 20 Canadians is hit by the disease at one time or another. Patients are filling hospitals at a greater rate than ever before. Additional hospital beds and equipment are needed.

"Not one of Canada's mental institutions has one-third the equipment it needs," he said. "Not one of our mental hospitals has one-tenth the therapeutic equipment required."

To meet the problem the Department plans:

1. To establish 16 mental health clinics—at least one for every 100,000 persons in Canada.
2. To plug away at the provinces to help build a reserve of trained mental health personnel.
3. To bring in more modern equipment.

The Health Department hopes to announce shortly completion of arrangements for the establishment of mental health clinics in every Province; four in Ontario; two—already approved—for Nova Scotia; another two for Alberta, and others in British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Quebec, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Martin said Canada's mental-health program has "leaped the bounds of politics." Federal-Provincial co-operation has been attained.

#### Two Missing N. S. Fishermen Are Safe

DIGBY, N. S., Jan. 20 — (CP)—Two fishermen are safe today after drifting for more than 12 hours in a 35-foot open boat during a Bay of Fundy storm last night.

A vessel from Bay View lifeboat station rescued Gerald Hand-skipper and Wilfred Murphy of nearby Culloden after the men set off in distress. The disabled craft was towed to shore.

#### Russian Ambassador Has Good Poker Face

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 — (AP)—Alexander Panyushkin, the Russian Ambassador to the United States, has one of the world's finest poker faces.

President Truman lashed out at Communism in his inaugural address today. But if it had any effect on Panyushkin, seated 20 feet behind Truman, he didn't show it.

The Soviet Ambassador's face displayed no more emotion than if Truman were discussing the weather, which was windy but nice.

#### U. S. Destroyer Sent To Make Investigation

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan. 20 — (CP)—The United States destroyer Roberts raced tonight toward an ocean spot where a searching aircraft reported it had seen a light and a floating object while hunting for a lost British commercial plane.

The crew of a British Overseas Airways plane reported it had sighted the light about 300 miles south-southwest of Bermuda. The Roberts, speeding north, was expected to reach the spot sometime tonight.

It was the only clue so far in the search for a British South American Airways plane that disappeared Monday on a flight from Bermuda to Kingston, Jamaica. Twenty persons were aboard.

The B.O.A.C. crew said it had seen the light again—about half an hour later—before dawn. They had spotted an object floating in the same locality but could not make it out.

Planes from Kindley base here, flying wingtip to wingtip, combed the area during the day but returned tonight to report they had seen nothing. Despite this, the Roberts was diverted to the area.

Five flights left Kindley Field tonight to keep up the search and between 20 and 30 aircraft from here will continue the hunt tomorrow.

The Halifax tug Foundation Lillian returned to port at nearby St. George's after covering 14,000 square miles of ocean.

Capt. Norman Crowe of the Lillian said he was "the most disappointed man in Bermuda." The tug had stayed out for 43 hours.

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#### English Speaker Praises Duplessis For Fair Dealings

QUEBEC, Jan. 20 — (CP)—An English-speaking law-maker spoke today for Premier Maurice Duplessis as a champion of minorities.

William M. Cottingham (UN-Argenteuil) addressed Quebec's Legislative Assembly as the second of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

"I am happy to affirm as an English Canadian that no prime minister or no government of the Province of Quebec, nor of any other Province since Confederation, nor of any country the world over, has been fairer and more generous in their dealings with minorities in all domains, than the present one," said Mr. Cottingham.

"It is no idle boast to affirm that if ever freedom, stability, security, prosperity, and peace in any other country in the world, they will still be found alive and thriving in the Province of Quebec."

Mr. Cottingham attacked what he called a campaign to spread "cheap calumny" about his Premier and added the "well-planned campaign" evidently involved "some ignorant or dishonest magazine writers."

Mr. Cottingham said groups of some English-speaking quarters in Quebec, elsewhere in Canada and in the United States sought to "insinuate" falsely that Premier Duplessis and his government were "unsympathetic" to Quebec's English-speaking population and other minorities.

They also charged wrongly that the Union Nationale administration was "autocratic" in the exercise of legislative and administrative powers," said the Argenteuil member, elected last July.

"The accusation of autocracy is ill-founded," he declared. "The Union Nationale administration has given the Province stability, security and prosperity while preserving freedom of the individual, freedom of enterprise based equally on the full exercise of the rights and full discharge of the duties of everyone and of every class."

#### Anglo-Canadian Wheat Pact Is Not Renewed

By JAMES MCCOOK

LONDON, Jan. 20 — (CP)—Future sources of bulk wheat supplies will become a problem for Britain with the revelation today that no arrangement has been made to continue the Anglo-Canadian wheat pact which terminates with the 1949-50 crop year.

Sources said today that while Canadian and British negotiators could agree that the next crop-year price would be \$2 a bushel, the same as now, they could not reach a settlement on extension of the agreement.

Long-term food contracts are ardently desired by the Labor Government but in this case it is unprepared to accept the long-term price guarantees wanted by Canada.

The British attitude is influenced by the belief wheat prices soon may drop below \$2 a bushel. Another factor is whether dollars will be available under the Marshall Plan to buy Canadian wheat if the price there is higher than that available to United States farmers.

When the British negotiators cited the prospect of lower wheat prices, Canadian officials raised the question of compensation for Canadian farmers who sold grain at \$1.56 a bushel, far below world prices, in the first two years of the current contract.

Sources said Canada probably would have been willing to enter into a further long-term agreement, possibly for three years if Britain had accepted minimum-price provisions.

If this minimum price had been high enough to satisfy Canada it might have been accepted in lieu of compensation, a question which now must be settled not later than July 31, 1950.

Observers said there is the possibility a new agreement may be worked out with Canada or that both countries will become parties to the price and marketing provisions of the proposed international wheat agreement.

Failing such arrangements, Britain will have to buy wheat where she can get it, always hampered by her dollar shortage.

#### Israel And Lebanon Hold Peace Talks

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 — (AP)—Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok told the state council today that Israel and Lebanon are negotiating but have not yet reached the decisive stage of straight armistice talks.

(However, a Reuters dispatch from Nahariya in Northern Palestine quoted Israeli military sources as confirming earlier reports that an armistice agreement between Israel and the Lebanon was concluded Wednesday.)

#### Bail Granted In Murder Case

TORONTO, Jan. 20 — (CP)—A 28-year-old tobacco worker—accused of murder in Belgium—today was freed on bail of \$10,000 an amount "very, very rare" in Canadian court procedure.

Arthur Matthys, hero of the wartime underground, was reunited with his wife and four-year-old daughter until March 31.

On that date, a request by the Belgian Government for extradition on a murder charge will be heard.

Judge Ambrose Shea acceded to a request by defense counsel, that bail be granted "due to the unusual circumstances of the case." Matthys, however, must report each week from his Strathroyville, Ont., home until March 31 to police.

Matthys is charged by the Belgian Government with being a member of a party of five which shot and killed Armand DeVos at Hallter, near Brussels, in September, 1944.

DeVos, Matthys said, was a German spy and Nazi before the war and became a collaborator when war was declared between Belgium and Germany.

#### Non-Rail Earnings To Be Examined

By John LeBlanc

OTTAWA, Jan. 20 — (CP)—The Canadian Pacific Railway's non-rail revenues—which have not been a factor in setting freight rates up to now—were under examination today before the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Provincial counsel, attempting to force the carriers to make use of this "other income" to hold down freight tolls, delved into it after gaining a point by obtaining permission to have the subject dealt with in evidence.

The C.P.R. objected to this procedure on the ground the board has previously ruled only actual rail earnings are to be taken into account in setting rail rates.

But the board today said the cabinet last fall had ordered consideration of the question in calling for a review of the board's 1948 award of a general 21-per-cent rate increase to the railroads.

Evidence on that review is being taken now, along with testimony in connection with a new railway application for another 20-per-cent increase.

The disputed "other income" is what the carriers received from such subsidiary operations as railroads and steamships. For the C.P.R., it amounted to \$25,000,000 in 1947, the last year for which figures are available.

The contention of the provinces is that it should bear a share of such expenses as fixed charges and dividends.

British Columbia counsel C. W. Brazier, today sought to bring out "other income" data from S. J. W. Liddy, C.P.R. assistant controller, on other income for the C.P.R. were not yet available, but they would show some increases and some decreases. Dividends from the subsidiary consolidated mining and smelting company would be up from \$13,450,000 to \$18,500,000.

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TORONTO, Jan. 20 — (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 22, 33; Edmonton 22, 32; Regina 22, 33; Winnipeg 43B, 21B; Toronto 22, 24; Ottawa 3, 6; Montreal 14, 15; Quebec 10, 3; Saint John 30, 36; Moncton 28, 36; Halifax 33, 29; Charlottetown 31, 35; Sydney 27, 35; Yarmouth 36, 30 B-below.

HALIFAX, Jan. 20 — (CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Friday.

Synopsis:

Northwest winds are gradually bringing colder air to the Maritimes and temperatures Friday are likely to be about 15 degrees colder than on Thursday.

A few snowflurries are forecast for Prince Edward Island and Eastern Nova Scotia tomorrow. In general, however, the weather will be fine due to a high pressure area which is moving rapidly eastward from Ontario. By Friday evening the high will be east of the district and increasing cloudiness is expected in the western regions.

Regional forecasts: Clear during the night, Friday variable cloudiness with widely scattered snowflurries clearing in the afternoon. Much colder. Northwest winds 25 becoming light by afternoon. Low and high at Charlottetown 10 and 15.

High tide this afternoon at 3:50 and tonight at 3:12.

Sun rises this morning at 7:31 and sets at 4:52.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY "ABEGWEIT"

WEEK DAYS

Leaves Borden 8:10 A.M. and arrives at Cape Tormentine at 10:15 A.M.

Leaves Cape Tormentine 2:40 P.M. and arrives at Borden 3:35 P.M.

No Sunday schedule in effect.

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