

100,000 IMMIGRANTS MAY ENTER CANADA THIS YEAR

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Agree On Gov't For Western Germany; Expect Red Protest

Island Scene Features Cover Of Publication

OTTAWA, March 7 (Special)—A Prince Edward Island scene is featured on the cover page of "Foreign Trade," official organ of the Department of Trade and Commerce, in its March 6 issue.

The photograph, taken from the air, is one of "Swissvale," fur farm at Southport across the river from Charlottetown, and shows the multiple fox-pens with barns and huts in the background.

In a footnote about the photograph, "Foreign Trade" speaks of the exhibit of fox and mink pelts, including a quota from Prince Edward Island fur farms, which is being sent to the International Fur and Leather Fair which will be held at Basle, Switzerland, this month. The farm portrayed on the magazine's cover was formerly owned by Raoul Raymond, a national of Switzerland, who came to Prince Edward Island about 25 years ago. It could not be definitely learned whether or not any "Swissvale" pelts were in the Canadian exhibit being sent to Basle.

The magazine "Foreign Trade" has frequently been described by members of Commons and Senate and members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery as "the most valuable and informative of all Canadian Government publications." It is sent to all Canadian embassies, legations, consulates and trade commissioners' offices on the globe, and by request to many government departments of foreign countries.

LONDON, March 7 (AP)—Britain, the United States and France announced agreement Saturday night on future international control of the Ruhr and a federalized form of government for Western Germany.

The three Western Powers disclosed their aims in a communique which assigned Western Germany a major role in the Marshall Plan for European recovery. France has been suspicious that German recovery would endanger her security.

The communique wrapped up probably the greatest number of decisions reached at a major conference since the war's end.

It was a statement of obvious compromise and conciliation between the three powers and contained some important incentives for the German people to work for "close association" with the Western world.

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—Diplomatic authorities here expect a violent protest from Russia against the agreement announced in London Saturday for uniting American-British-French control of Western Germany.

Unless the Russians upset all predictions here, they will not only protest but will also demand a share in the international control of the Ruhr.

In fact, the problem of arranging control of that West German powerhouse may prove the most difficult of all the London decisions to carry out.

Believed First Woman C.A. In Maritimes

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Prince Edward Island has been advised by the Dominion Board of Examiners that Mrs. Erna Patterson MacPherson has successfully passed the final standardized examinations written in December of last year and as a result now receives her Chartered Accountant degree.

Mrs. MacPherson was a registered student in the Charlottetown office of Morrell and Company, Chartered Accountants until her enlistment as a private in the Canadian Women's Army Corps in 1942. She saw varied service with the C. W. A. C. during the war and prior to her discharge in September, 1946 she was an audit officer at Military Headquarters, Ottawa. After her discharge she resumed her position with Morrell and Company and since June, 1947, has been senior clerk in the Charlottetown office of that firm. Mrs. MacPherson now becomes the only woman actively practicing the profession of Chartered Accountancy in the Maritime Provinces and one of very few in the entire Dominion.

Mrs. MacPherson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Patterson of this City.

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29 Others Are Injured

Explosion At Waltham, Mass., Heard For 10 Miles.

By JAMES F. KING
WALTHAM, Mass., March 7 (AP)—Two men were killed, two are missing and 29 others injured when an explosion that could be heard for 10 miles levelled a plastics factory at midnight Saturday night.

The bodies of the two workmen were removed from the wrecked Interlake Chemical Corporation two-story cement and stucco plant late today as rescuers worked with a power shovel to clear the rubble.

Both bodies were so badly charred they could not be identified immediately.

Police said a check of the hospitals and families of all persons employed at the plant showed the following missing and possibly dead:

William Brushingham, 52, Louis Scalzi, 23, Nicholas Ramondi, Albert Quinn.

The explosion and fire left the sprawling plant of the makers of plastic dishes and novelties, a seared mass of girders and heavy machinery piled eight feet deep.

Fire Chief B.A. Neal said apparently most of the survivors were blown clear of the wreckage, some of them 50 feet in the air.

He estimated damage at "about \$150,000."

Raymond Baker, Jr., 26, one of the injured, said through flame-seared lips:

"I still don't know what happened. There was no warning, like a rumbling or anything like that. Just a terrific noise. The side of the office blew out. I found myself on the floor and crawled outside. I don't know what caused the explosion. Perhaps it was plastic dust."

Neal said a few of the men found after the explosion were wandering around naked. He guessed they might have been in the shower room when the blast rocked the suburban Boston area.

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Owen Sound Man Charged With Murder

OWEN SOUND, Ont., March 7 (CP)—Arthur Hooley, 23, was in custody today, charged with the knife-murder of 22-year-old Allan Crowe, his chum when they went to school.

Police laid the charge after Crowe was found early Saturday morning near death in a blood-soaked snowbank from jugular vein wounds. Hooley was standing nearby, police said.

Mrs. Viola Hooley, mother of the accused man, said Crowe came to her home with George Currie and Earl Crowe. She said the men, asked to go through the Hooley home in the adjoining house of William McComb and a struggle ensued when Arthur Hooley tried to stop them.

Dr. A. L. Magill said the victim had "almost lost all his blood" by the time he was admitted to hospital. He said plasma was given immediately but that Crowe never regained consciousness.

Heavy Snow Conditions On Island Roads

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Barbara Ann Scott Arrived At Sydney Early This Morning

By JOE MACSWEN
SYDNEY, N.S., March 8 (Monday) (CP)—Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's fairy princess of figure skating, came home in a shiny air chariot early today.

The girl whose twirling skates spun a web of romance to entrance the hearts of millions, arrived aboard a North Star aircraft.

The Trans-Canada Air Lines plane floated gently to earth from Britain at the nearby Reserve Airport at 1:12 A.M. A.S.T. and was scheduled to continue its journey to Toronto, in approximately one hour.

Greeted by 5,000

Barbara Ann, Olympic, world and European championships tuckee away in her handbag, was delighted, and emphatically said to find some 5,000 miners, steelworkers and farmers with their wives and sweethearts waiting to greet and congratulate her.

The wheat-blond 19-year-old beauty whose name already has become legend from coast to coast stepped from the plane with a peal of joyous laughter.

Her first action was to shake hands with a brawny miner who reached across the aircraft ramp and said, "Come, give us a hand, Babs."

She was half-led half-carried through a gauntlet-like throng of demonstrative admirers. Some of the crowd, including girls, attempted to kiss the ice ballerina, who charmed everyone with her friendliness.

She looked like a bride and conducted herself like a little girl trying to be on her best behavior among older folk.

She was wearing a heavy coat and tweed suit and was hatless.

Previous plans had called for the North Star to visit Montreal en route to Barbara Ann's home at Ottawa. T.C.A. officers said the schedule had been revised because of unfavorable weather conditions in the Montreal area.

Others Have Atom Bomb?

(By The Canadian Press)
NEW YORK, March 7—Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, head of Canada's delegation to the United Nations, hinted Saturday it is known that another country besides the United States has atomic bombs although not enough of them to wage atomic war.

"The prohibition of the use and manufacture of the atomic bomb at the present time would merely seriously reduce the military strength of the United States, the only nation now in possession of atomic bombs, at least on any scale which would suffice to make atomic war," Gen. McNaughton said in an address prepared for delivery before the New York Herald Tribune forum for high schools.

The general, formerly Canada's representative on the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission, did not elaborate on the suggestion that the United States is not the sole possessor of atomic bombs.

He said there was hope that Russia will agree to international control of atomic energy.

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Gov.-General Considers Dalvy For Holiday

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The Governor-General's 1948 itinerary for the summer and autumn is still being planned and adjusted, it was stated at Rideau Hall. Last year, Viscount Alexander achieved an all-time vice-regal record in visiting the Dominion of which he is the King's representative, and his staff anticipates that this year's travels will be almost as extensive. It is said here that His Excellency was so impressed with his visit to Cape Breton last year that he is particularly fond of the Maritime Provinces. Moreover, in the course of his Nova Scotia holiday last year, he was urged to spend some time in the Garden of the Gulf in 1948.

For three-quarters of a century it has been the custom of Governors-General to spend part of the summer in the citadel at Quebec, which like Rideau Hall in Ottawa, is an official residence of Canada's viceroys. It is hinted that this summer, their Excellencies' visit to Quebec will be deferred to autumn so that they can spend some time at Dalvy and other points in Prince Edward Island.

23 PER CENT FOR FOOD

During the year from July, 1946 to August, 1947 23 per cent of Britain's loan from the United States was spent for food.

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Re-elected President Swine Growers' Association.

Death Yesterday Of Mr. Neil J. McCannell

Mr. Neil J. McCannell, clerk of the County Court for Queen's County, passed away at 8 o'clock yesterday evening at his home, 146 Great George Street, City, after a brief illness. He was 65 years of age.

The late Mr. McCannell taught school in various sections of the Province for 22 years before coming to Charlottetown in 1929. From that time, with the exception of one interval of four years, he has officiated in the Law Courts building as County Court clerk.

He is survived by two sons, D.A. McCannell, of the Checker Taxi, and Wendell L. McCannell of Montreal, also a daughter, Mrs. Fred McPhail, of Argyle Shore. His wife predeceased him in 1940.

Blames Gov't For Price Increases

KINGSTON, March 7 (CP)—John Braeken, national leader of the Progressive Conservative Party in an address yesterday to the second annual Progressive Conservative Student Federation convention, charged the Liberal administration with responsibility for recent price rises in Canada.

"The monetary policies have expanded credit faster than goods have been produced, with no other result than that prices have risen. It has done nothing to meet the condition. It has a commission now trying to find the scapegoat. The Liberals have run the nation into the greatest trade crisis in history."

A resolution urging that Canada join in demanding "an immediate showdown" with Russia was passed.

It will be sent to party headquarters with a recommendation that it, together with 16 other resolutions, be included in the Party platform.

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Resources Minister Glen Announces Dominion Plans

Half Of Quota Will Be British Subjects, Federal Cabinet Minister Says

HALIFAX, March 7 (CP)—A Scotch immigrant who landed here 37 years ago and rose to be Federal Resources Minister, James Glen, announced the Dominion's 1948 immigration plans Saturday under which 100,000 persons will be permitted to enter Canada, half of them British subjects from the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries.

The largest movement of British immigrants will take place on 11 scheduled crossings of the austerly liner Aquitania on which 12,100 top priority bookings have been made. Other groups will come aboard the Empress of Canada and the Ascania.

Also on the special priority list are 10,000 Dutch farmers who will cross on ships provided by the Netherlands Government to take up farms in all nine Provinces.

Other groups, mostly displaced persons from occupied territories in Austria and Germany, will land from the Beaverbrae, General Sturgis, General Stewart or General Heintzelman.

These immigrants were carefully screened by six Resources Department teams operating on the

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U. S. Navy Rocket Travels 3,000 M.P.H.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 7—A new navy rocket has spurred 78 miles into the sky and hit a speed of 3,000 miles an hour, the army and navy said Saturday. It is the highest and fastest an American missile is disclosed to have gone. The wartime German V-2 reached 114 miles and about 3,500 miles an hour in tests at White Sands, N. Y., proving grounds.

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New moon March 10th, 5:15 P.M.

Coming Events

Crokinole Party, Mt. Alton Hall, Tuesday, March 9th.

C. F. broadcast by George Wotton, provincial party president, over CFCY Monday, 8:45 p.m.

Hockey tonight at Long Creek, Rice Point versus Long Creek, State after.

Unloading car of mixed feeds Monday, March 8 at Emerald. Good price from car. Harold McCourt.

Buying fowl daily opposite Brynorton's White Rose Service Station. Highest market prices. Eddy MacDonald.

Young people's meeting Clyde River Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening, March 9th. If stormy following fine night.

East Royals rink tonight. Final playoff game, Milton Horvath vs. East Royals Royals. Championship decided tonight. Skate after.

All Farmers interested in a Storage Warehouse at Vernon River are requested to attend a public meeting in Vernon River Hall, Thursday, March 11th, at 2 P. M. Vernon River Co-operative Association.

Hockey at Hunter River Monday night, March 8. Poisoned game, North Rustico Maple Leafs vs. Hunter River Shur-Gains. Proceeds for Canadian Appeal for Children's Fund. Also proceeds of contest for same fund, under auspices of Women's Institute. Skate after.

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