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DRASTIC REDUCTION IN CANADA'S MERCHANT FLEET URGED

24-Hour General Strike Called In France

Visiting Show Judge Optimistic Over Fox And Mink Ranching

Optimism in the future of the fox business and good news for mink breeders regarding this year's market was the key-note of a speech by Mr. George H. Meyers of Lamson, Fraser and Huth, Ltd., New York, at the annual Prince Edward Island Fur Exhibitors' banquet at the Queen Hotel last evening, Mr. Gordon MacMillan, president, presiding.

Final Appraisal Nears Completion

OTTAWA, Nov. 24 — (Special) — Official appraisal by an expert of the Public Works Department of buildings to be taken over in Charlottetown to make way for construction of a new Federal building is in final stages, J.L. Douglas, Liberal member for Queen's, told The Guardian here tonight.

Mr. Douglas' this week submitted a list of specific questions on the expropriated Charlottetown properties to Works Department officials. He expected the replies within a day or two.

"I believe the Government wants to do the fair thing in the matter of these properties both to owners and to the public at large," the Queen's member said. "I'm sure they won't squabble over a few hundred dollars one way or the other, and I have made representations here that the Department should take into account the inconvenience caused by moving and the great difficulty of getting accommodation to replace that which they will be forced to give up."

Mr. Douglas is talking the matter over with officials directly concerned in the matter and hopes that a speedy solution will soon be reached.

PARCELS FOR BRITAIN

OTTAWA, Nov. 24 — (CP) — Employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs in department offices across Canada have raised enough money to send 1,810 Christmas parcels to people in the United Kingdom. Since January, 1948, department employees have raised approximately \$45,000 — enough to send 9,600 parcels to Britain.

Coming Events

- *Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- *Christmas Concert in Millview Hall, December 22nd.
- *Regular Dance at Skyline, New London, each Friday night.
- *C.O.-C.P. Meeting at Cove Head Community Hall, postponed.
- *Pie Social and Dance in Brookvale School Friday, Nov. 25.
- *Rummage sale in Baptist Church Hall Saturday, Nov. 26 at 4 p. m.
- *Dance every Friday night at the Gordon Lodge. Good music. Dancing from 9 till 1.
- *Abenwot Black Chapter special meeting at Kingston, Friday, November 25th.
- *Rummage Sale, Market Building, Saturday, November 26th, 7 P. M. Trinity Junior W. A.
- *Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- *Point Prim Christmas Concert, Belfast Hall, Monday, December 19th.
- *Bonshaw Quartette will sing in Pleasant Valley Church, Sunday, November 27th, at 7.30 P. M.
- *"Show It Ain't Hay" starring "Abbott and Costello" in North Wiltshire tonight at 8.30.
- *Rin Showing, Mt. Mellick School, November 25th, 8 o'clock. Luncheon.
- *Bean Supper, Central Royal City School, November 25th, in aid of Institute.
- *To arrive about Dec. 1st, one car of milk. Send in your orders. Wiltshire Dairying Co.
- *New Haven Women's Institute, Pantry Sale, Rogers Hardware Co., Saturday, November 26th, at 2 P.M.
- *The dance at the Gordon Lodge was cancelled last night. Future date will be announced.
- *"Robin Hood" in Technicolor, starring Errol Flynn, Olivia De Havilland at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight. A picture you will never forget.

Unions Want Bonuses, Lifting Of Wage-Freeze

By Preston Grover

PARIS, Nov. 24 (AP) — A 24-hour general strike closed in France tonight. The country faced a day of industrial paralysis.

The shutdown was ordered to begin in the hours after midnight. The strike was advertised by the major French unions as a demonstration for payment of bonuses and lifting of the salary-freeze so that workers could bargain freely with their employers for more pay to meet rising living costs.

While it seemed certain France would experience one of the worst shutdowns in recent years, nevertheless there were to be many deflections.

Pharmacy owners and the heads of schools said they would remain on the job. One of the three major unions—but the smallest—has told its workers not to strike. Some independent unions are for the strike, others against.

The French press seemed agreed that the picture would be something like this:

1. Factories for the most part will shut down.
2. Railways, bus, subway systems will be virtually at a standstill.
3. Gas and electric plants will be slowed down or stopped.
4. Ports will be idle and sea transport stopped.
5. Department stores and pharmacies will be open.
6. Some movie houses and theatres announced they would stay open.
7. Banks and the stock exchange plan to stay open.
8. Schools will remain open.

The general strike was called first by Force Ouvriere, a union less radical than the Communist-dominated Confederation Generale du Travail. The Force Ouvriere broke away from the C. G. T. two years ago and since then has been trying to gain ascendancy in the labor field.

Barely had it called for the strike of its 800,000 members than the C.G.T. jumped into the fray with its 2,200,000. The C.G.T. began demanding not only the lifting of the wage-freeze imposed by the Government, but demanded a bonus immediately. The Christian Federation ordered its 700,000 members to stay out of the strike.

The Force Ouvriere, influenced much by the Socialists, hoped by their call to demonstrate their effectiveness in getting benefits for laborers, but as usual the Communist leaders in the larger union demanded bigger and better labor benefits.

Liberal and Conservative newspapers in Paris and elsewhere have denounced the strike as useless and generally ill-advised. Paris-press calculated that the strike would cost France 10,700,000,000 francs. That is about \$33,000,000.

Gardiner Questions Value Of World Food Bank

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 — (CP) — Canada today questioned the desirability of an international commodity clearing house, as proposed by officials of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

The Dominion's Agriculture Minister, James G. Gardiner, told the United Nations agency's annual conference that he wondered whether establishment of such a body would bring any improvement over the present supply-handling situation.

However, Gardiner said Canada is prepared to give "serious consideration" to any international co-operation for the best use of world food supplies.

The clearing-house proposal has been advanced by director-general Norris E. Dodd of the P.A.O. as an international agency to handle unmarketable food surpluses and see that they reach food-deficient countries through a complex financial arrangement which would overcome monetary blocks to normal trade.

U. S. Opposes Plan

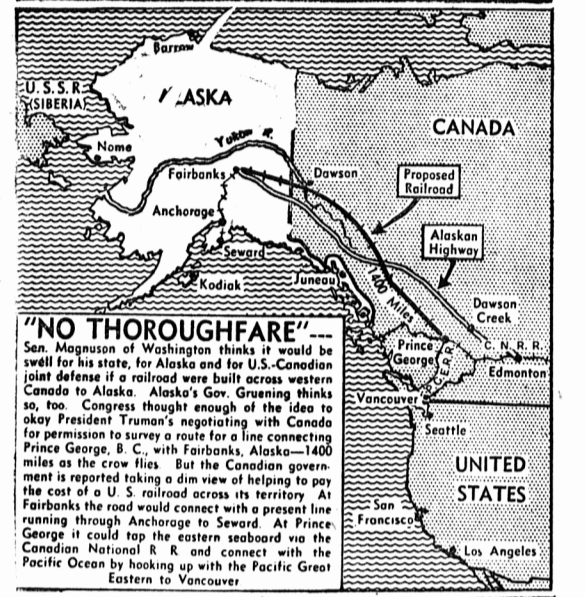
Stanley Andrews, United States foreign agriculture director, said the clearing-house plan is "not sufficient" as a solution to the world's hunger and dollar-shortage problems.

Without United States support, the plan is regarded as virtually dead.

The plan was apparently foredoomed, officials said, because of growing congressional opposition to further vast Federal spending for foreign aid.

Gardiner suggested an international agency might perform a useful function by keeping the supply and demand for food constantly under review and by exploring the possibility of facilitating adjustments between those countries with a short supply and those with surpluses.

It then could bring together groups of governments of such countries to discuss the disposal of those surpluses.



"NO THOROUGHFARE" — Sen. Magnuson of Washington thinks it would be well for his state, for Alaska and for U.S.-Canadian joint defense if a railroad were built across western Canada to Alaska. Alaska's Gov. Gruening thinks so, too. Congress thought enough of the idea to ask President Truman's negotiating with Canada for permission to survey a route for a line connecting Prince George, B. C., with Fairbanks, Alaska—1400 miles as the crow flies. But the Canadian government is reported taking a dim view of helping to pay the cost of a U.S. railroad across its territory. At Fairbanks the road would connect with a present line running through Anchorage to Seward. At Prince George it could tap the eastern seaboard via the Canadian National R.R. and connect with the Pacific Ocean by hooking up with the Pacific Great Eastern to Vancouver.

Championships Placed At Fox Show; Judging Of Mink Planned Today

The 19th annual live fox show of the Prince Edward Island Fur Breeders' Association came to a close shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was considered by many experienced fox ranchers to be one of the best in a decade.

Good color was a feature of practically all the foxes shown, no matter whether silver, white face, platinum or pearl platinum that was placed on the table. This is a most important quality and one of the first things a good pet buyer looks for. The fur was well up, considering the season, and the foxes were uniformly well developed.

The result of good feed and plenty of it. The majority of course, were standard silvers, the white faces being confined to the one class with four sections. Most of those displayed were light in color and very attractive.

The platinum was a classy bunch, displaying that bluish cast which is the hallmark of the best types. Both the La Forest and Norwegian types were exhibited, and sometimes it was difficult to make a choice. Perhaps in the extra lights the Norwegians may have had the best of it.

Pearl platinum, which some claim had their first development in the Dennis ranch near Charlottetown, are now quite popular.

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Prominent N. B. Potato Man Dies

FREDERICTON, Nov. 24 — (CP) — G. C. Cunningham, director of the New Brunswick Potato Marketing Service and one of Canada's pioneers in potato certification, died in hospital tonight at Camden, New Jersey.

Mr. Cunningham, an outstanding authority on potato diseases, suffered a heart attack yesterday. With Mrs. Cunningham, he was en route to Florida to represent the Agriculture Department at the annual demonstration of New Brunswick seed potato test plots there.

Heavy Export Of Christmas Trees

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Nov. 24 — (CP) — A record high number of about 3,000,000 Christmas trees will be exported from the Maritime Provinces this year, mostly to the United States, shippers estimated today.

Cutting will continue until the first of December, when activity becomes concentrated on shipping the trees. The annual seasonal occupation places thousands of dollars in the pockets of farmers, truckers, buyers and shippers.

More trees were reported being made available by farmers and woodlot owners because of the shortage of pulp and lumber export markets and loss of pitprop markets.

Tonnage Cut Of Almost 40 Per Cent Mentioned

Would Require 26 Million In Subsidies To Maintain Present Fleet.

By Harold Morrison
(Canada Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Nov. 24 — (CP) — Canada's ocean-going merchant fleet must be "drastically reduced," the Canadian Maritime Commission said in its annual report made public today.

However, it advised the maintenance of a nucleus ship-building industry and ocean-going fleet capable of rapid expansion in the event of war.

Tabled in the Commons, the report reviews the \$70,000,000 shipping industry during the 12-month period ending last March 31.

Conditions have deteriorated still further since that time, a spokesman for the Commission said later. Devaluation has just about "knocked the skids from under the whole industry."

Meanwhile, the government still is considering plans to give some form of financial aid to both the ship-building and merchant fleet operators. Measures providing for this assistance were forecast in the throne speech.

The Commission, viewing Canada's shipping troubles against a background of world currency restrictions and declining markets, recommended:

1. Canada's deep-sea merchant fleet be reduced from its current deadweight tonnage of 1,200,000 to 750,000. The 750,000 tons would be adequate to care for Canada's needs in the early stages of war.

2. Since the country could buy ships cheaper in the United Kingdom than it could build here, Canadian shipyards could meet Canadian requirements if they reduced employment to about 7,000 men, of which 3,500 would be employed in repairs and conversion. The industry, which had about 15,000 workers last year, now employs a little more than 8,000.

The report, submitted by J. V. Clyne, the Commission's chairman, considered that only by an annual Government subsidy of about \$20,000,000 could a Canadian flag fleet maintain competition with foreign fleets.

Since the report was written before devaluation, a spokesman said, the subsidies which would be needed now would amount to about \$26,000,000 a year.

Shipping Hard Hit

Canadian shipping was crippled when Britain and other sterling countries bunched currency convertibility and depressed rates by 30-per-cent currency reductions.

Although Canada's chief problem during the next few years "will be to dispose of her exportable surpluses," the Commission did not believe it "possible or advisable" to force overseas buyers to ship in Canadian bottoms if they did not have dollars to pay in freights.

It did not believe the industry had to go entirely out of business.

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Opposition Calls For Resignation Of Garson During Combines Debate

OTTAWA, Nov. 24 — (CP) — Justice Minister Garson today was told by an Opposition member in the Commons that he should resign from the Cabinet.

The suggestion came from Angus MacInnis (C.F.—Vancouver East) during a sustained opposition attack against the Government's administration of the Combines Investigation Act, now before the Commons for revision.

The Government was charged with breaching the act by failing to make public within 15 days after first receipt of a report on an alleged price-fixing combine in the flour-milling industry.

Mr. Garson had no opportunity to comment immediately on the suggestion of Mr. MacInnis, who spoke just before the luncheon adjournment. At that point, debate on the combines legislation was adjourned indefinitely and when the afternoon sitting began, members resumed study of Defence Department estimates.

Earlier, Mr. Garson rose to his own defence against attacks by George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, and M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader. Works Minister Fourie, Government House leader, stepped in at one point and said that in the three-day debate on combines the Government and the Opposition have expressed their views several times.

Mr. MacInnis said the legislation under study would give Mr. Garson, as Attorney-General, more powers to prosecute combines than he now possesses. He agreed with Mr. Drew that the Minister "has put himself beyond the position where he should ask for or be given any further rights under this act."

"As a matter of fact, throughout the country the suspicion has been created that the present Minister of Justice and indeed the present Administration, is not favorable to the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act."

"The first thing that should be done is that the Minister of Justice should resign and that the Government should appoint a new Minister of Justice to administer this act," Mr. MacInnis concluded.

Mr. Drew said Mr. Garson had "broken the law."

"I submit that the present Minister of Justice has no right to prosecute any Canadian for the breach of this or any other law. He has put himself in contempt of the law of Parliament, and of the House in which he sits today."

Mr. Coldwell said he could not accept the Government's statement that flour-millers were granted wartime immunity from Canada's anti-price-fixing legislation.

Acadia Debaters Defeat St. F. X.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Nov. 24 — (CP) — Acadia University debaters defeated St. Francis Xavier here today in the first intercollegiate debate of the season.

Acadia upheld the affirmative "resolved that the Canadian Government should enact legislation to provide free hospital services to all Canadians at public expense." Acadia was represented by Carl Atkinson and Turney Jones and James MacDonald and Francis McFarland were the St. F. X. team.

Yamashita Myth Shows State of Japanese Mind

By Russell Brines
TOKYO, Nov. 24 — (AP) — A few copies of an American book have started a fresh discussion in Japan of the myth of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.

The book is Frank Reel's "The Case of General Yamashita." Some Japanese have obtained copies of this recital of the defence position in the trial which led to Yamashita's execution by hanging at Manila Feb. 23, 1946.

The myth is that Yamashita actually was not executed but is being kept secretly to lead a Japanese army under the Americans in some future conflict with Russia.

This myth crops up in almost every discussion of the book. Its prevalence is an indication of the Japanese state of mind, and of Yamashita's place in Japanese memory.

Occupation officials have told Japanese publishers and newspapers it would be "unwise" to publish the book in Japan. They say it attacks Gen. MacArthur and other American officials and would tend to exalt Japanese militarism.

Some of the few Japanese who have read the book express the private opinion "it would do the United States good to publish the book here because it would show how compassionate the Americans are."

Other Japanese say "it would only confuse the issue and would make us think you are so soft-hearted that you are weak."

Both categories of these readers—who are Japanese intellectuals—agree that publication would stir the Yamashita myth to new heights among the thousands of ordinary Japanese who still believe it. Some say the Japanese might interpret publication as a prelude to imminent restoration of a command to the man they believe is still living.

There is little in Reel's recital of the defence position concerning Yamashita's part in the war which is new here or which differs in tone from the widely-publicized defence made by the late Hideo Tojo in the main Tokyo war trial. One basic difference is that Tojo was only half a hero to the Japanese, while Yamashita remains their biggest wartime figure.

When he was sentenced to be hanged as a war criminal, some 200,000 Japanese signed petitions for clemency. The secrecy of his execution then gave rise to the myth that he still lives. Looking for a hero, many Japanese eagerly wanted to believe he had not died.

N. S. Innkeepers Urge Better Road From Wood Islands

HALIFAX, Nov. 24 — (CP) — The Nova Scotia Innkeepers' Guild today voted to place before a conference with Federal, Provincial and Maritime Commission officials a strong recommendation that the Boston-Yarmouth, N. S., steamship service be maintained.

The Guild's annual meeting also 1. Adopted a resolution asking the Prince Edward Island Government to improve the highway between Wood Islands, P.E.I., and Charlottetown so that the trip from mainland points could be recommended to tourists.

2. Urged that Labor Day be set ahead to the third Monday in September. This would lengthen the tourist season by two weeks.

3. Advocated tighter licence tests for hunting guides and stiffer penalties for game law infractions.

Three Men Killed In Traffic Accident

BASS RIVER, N. S., Nov. 24 — (CP) — Three men were killed tonight when their car skidded on ice and hit the back of a truck.

Victims were Al Ross, Robert A. Smith and Wilfred Bowman, all of Halifax. Ross was a photographer on the staff of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald. The trio was on a hunting trip when the accident occurred. The car slewed into the back of a truck that was carrying a bulldozer.



TORONTO, Nov. 24 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 46 58; Edmonton 26 44; Regina 5 32; Winnipeg 2 15; Toronto 22 35; Ottawa 8 22; Montreal 16 24; Quebec 14 22; Saint John 28 32; Moncton 27 39; Halifax 37 32; Charlottetown 30 31; Sydney 26 37; Yarmouth 36 45; St. John's 32 45.

HALIFAX, Nov. 24 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued 6:50 tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax:

Synopsis: Storm after storm is continuing to affect Eastern Canada. Another storm centred near Buffalo is expected to move rapidly east-northeast and pass over the Central Maritimes Friday. Snow is forecast for the northern regions and rain for the southern regions. Strong winds will be experienced in many regions.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday:

Prince Edward Island — Friday snow changing in the morning to rain. Rain ending in the afternoon then cloudy. Milder Friday. Winds shifting in the afternoon to northwest 25. Low early Friday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 18 and 40.

High tide today at 1.19 A. M. and this evening 3.09 P. M. Sun rises this morning at 7.23 A. M. and sets at 4.35 P. M.

WOOD ISLANDS — CARIBOU DAILY FERRY

Leave Wood Islands 8 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M., 3 P.M. Leave Caribou 8 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M., 3 P.M.

BORDEN — TORMENTINE FERRY WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 9.10 A.M. 10.35 A.M. 1.00 P.M. 2.40 P.M. 4.30 P.M. 7.30 P.M.

SUNDAYS

Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 8.10 A.M. 10.35 A.M. 6.45 P.M. 8.00 P.M.