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FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE IN LOCAL BUSINESS BLOCK

P.E.I. Trade With Brazil Predicted On Increase

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 24 — (Special) — Indications of increased trade between Prince Edward Island and Brazil are seen in the Brazilian Government's trade bulletin, issued at Ottawa this week. Among imports which Brazil requires from Canada are listed "seed potatoes of the varieties Green Mountain, Red Bliss, Bliss Triumph, and Irish Cobbler; also cod fish in cases or barrels".

Reason for the demand for seed potatoes in continuing quantities is that in tropical or semi-tropical countries, potatoes will not re-produce strong healthy, disease-free plants, the Guardian is informed by the Fruit and Vegetable Division of the Department of Agriculture Marketing Service. Seed potatoes from the Maritimes are required by the "E.G.D.A.L. Limitada" Caixa Postal, 2664 Sao Paolo, S.P. Brazil.

Marine Works

Marine works for each of Prince Edward Island's three federal ridings are listed in this week's Canada gazette, indicating the intent of Works Minister Fournier to meet commitments for needed improvements. The works for which tenders are now being called are repairs to the south breakwater Graham's Pond, Kings County; wharf reconstruction at Rocky Point, Queens County, and wharf repairs at Egmont Bay, Prince County.

Subsequent to Justice Minister St. Laurent's announcement on Saturday that 11 Canadian men and two women were being held at the R.C.M.P. barracks, Rockcliffe, it was learned here that among the "innocent persons", Prime Minister King said had been involved in the Russian spy ring plot are at least two men who have been teaching English and French to personnel of the Russian Embassy and the Soviet Technical Mission. Among tutors engaged by the Russian Embassy for its staff is at least one member of the House of Commons staff. He will appear before the Royal Commission at a private hearing to testify if any members of the Embassy staff ever suggested to him that they were interested in "secret" Canadian information. Most poorly dressed of the staffs along Ottawa's "diplomats row", the Russians are freely admitted to be the hardest workers. Many members of both secretarial and military staffs of the Soviet Embassy arrived in Ottawa without knowledge of either English or French, although a number spoke fluent German. Some of the Soviet staff have concentrated on learning just one of the two official languages of Canada. Others like Nicolai Afanasiev, popular versatile head of the Tass Agency in Ottawa, are learning both French and English. Since coming to Ottawa a little more than two years ago, Mr. Afanasiev has not only learned two foreign languages, but has acquired unusual skill at bridge, poker and gin rummy.

Although in no way linked with the current spy probe centering around Parliament Hill, the Tass Agency head works closely with the Russian Embassy in matters of information.

Storm Warning

HALIFAX, Feb. 24 —(CP)—The following storm advisory has been issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax at 9.45 p. m. Feb. 24:

Strong easterly winds and gales of 25 to 35 m. p. h. now spreading over the Maritimes from the South are expected to increase to easterly gales of 35 to 40 m. p. h. with gusts to 50 m. p. h. in exposed places. Snow and freezing rain over Nova Scotia will turn to rain during the night. Considerable snow will fall over New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The storm will be followed by shifting gales of 35 to 40 m. p. h. on Monday, becoming cold Monday night.

Famous Clergyman Author Dies At 89

TOPEKA, Kas., Feb. 24 —(AP)—Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of the famous religious novel "In His Steps," died tonight in hospital following a week's illness. He would have been 89 years old next Tuesday.

Dr. Sheldon suffered a cerebral hemmorrhage last Monday.

The Topeka clergyman, who wrote a book which outsold every book except the Bible, never received a cent of royalties because of a faulty copyright.

The book sold more than 23,000,000 copies in 40 years and was translated into 16 languages.

Dr. Sheldon also won fame when he edited the Topeka Daily Capital for a week as he "believed Jesus would have run it on earth." Circulation of the paper jumped from a normal 30,000 to 370,000.

St. John Business Man Dies Suddenly

SAINT JOHN N.B., Feb. 24 — (CP) — Ralph W. Pugh, Saint John, well known in church circles, died today at Toronto, where he had attended a meeting of costs accountants of the Paint Brush Division of the Canadian Brush Manufacturing Association. He was president of the All-Canada Committee of the Church of Christ and president of the Maritime Christian Mission Society.

Coming Events

**Garden Seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1946 Catalogue. Arthur Vessey, York.

**Card party and dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Monday, Feb. 25. Lunch served. 2-25-11

**Brookfield vs. Winsloe at Milton Rink tonight. Game starts at 8.15. 2-25-11

**Unloading car of Miracle Feeds, Village Green, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26th and 27th. E. A. Buell. 2-25-11.

**Receiving hogs at Crapaud for Davis & Fraser Ltd., every Tuesday until eleven, while roads are open. R. N. Dawson. 12-15-tf.

**Annual Box Social, Bingo and Dance, Holy Name Society Town Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday, February 27th. 2-23-2i.

**Hockey Redeque rink, Monday, Feb. 25 Bezeque South Shore League, Albany St. Pats versus Freetown Grads. Skate after. 2-23-2i

**Commencing March 1st we will be operating a Forano Grain Clipper Cleaning Machine for the shareholders and general public. B. A. Mallett and Son, York. 2-23-3i.

**Box Social and Dance. Where? Summerfield Hall tonight, February 25th. If stormy, Tuesday. 2-25-1i.

**Loading hogs at rBadalbane every Tuesday. Alex MacDonald. 2-25-1i.

**Movies at Borden to-night. 2-25-M-tf.

**Dance, Millview Hall, Thursday, February 28th, in aid of Millview Women's Institute. 2-25-1i.

**Buying hogs Monday at Fredericton; Tuesday 11 a.m., Charlottetown Market Square; 1 p.m., York, if highway open for trucks. Knud Jorgensen. 2-26-1i

**Loading Hogs at Albany, February 26th, 1 o'clock until 4. Emerald March 1st until 11 o'clock A. M. G. C. Green. 2-25-27-28-3i.

**Loading Hogs for Davis and Fraser at Murray Harbor Wednesday ,February 27th. Murray River, Thursday 28th. Belle River, Friday, March 1st until return of freight train. John J. Beck. 2-2-1i.

**Playoff finals at New Glasgow rink tonight, North Rustico Maple Leafs vs. South Rustico Rangers. This is a best three out of five series and it promises to be a beauty game. Skate after. 2-25-1i

Air Force Enlistment Policy Announced

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 — (CP) — Air Force Headquarters announced Saturday a new policy by which both veterans and rookies will be enlisted "so as to maintain a technically efficient and flexible group of ground trades in which young recruits will be trained continuously side by side with those with greater experience."

At a press conference here Friday, Air Minister Gibson and Air Marshal Robert Leckie, chief of the Air Staff, had described the former policy by which recruits were taken only in small monthly quotas and rookies were not taken because of the feeling that the peacetime training program should be left temporarily in abeyance.

Headquarters also announced that enlistment preference enjoyed by veterans has been extended indefinitely to encourage more skilled airmen to join the permanent force. Deadline for the preference had been set at Feb. 1 in order to speed the return to the forces of men intending to make the R.C.A.F. a career.

Plane Crash At Airport

The above picture shows the wreckage of the big British Overseas Airways Corporation Liberator which crashed and burned at the Charlottetown airport Wednesday night. About all that remains of the plane would appear to be the engines. One member of the six-man crew was killed and three injured in the accident which occurred when the pilot was forced to undertake an emergency landing here in a snow storm while enroute from Prestwick, Scotland to Durval, Quebec. All eight passengers escaped serious injury.

Mad Pianist Keeps Musicians Enthralled

DETROIT, Feb. 24—A mad pianist, assisted by guards, kept 300 musicians enthralled here Saturday with a weird and beautiful concert.

His face expressionless, the artist, an inmate of the Wayne County General Hospital's psychiatric ward, bowed silently and left the stage apparently unmoved by the thunderous applause that followed his rendition of intricate masterpieces of Chopin, Mozart and Beethoven.

Throughout the performance a hospital aide stood at the pianist's side, turning the pages of music at proper intervals. Otherwise, hospital authorities explained, the man would have played the same page over and over.

It had been nine years since the distinguished musician, a man of 45, had given a public concert.

Dr. T. K. Gruber, hospital superintendent, said the pianist had been a patient for eight years, unable or unwilling to converse or read even the simplest language. His present interest in music, the physician said, is his first sign of improvement.

Funeral Saturday Of Hon. Mr. Ferguson

TORONTO, Feb. 24 — (CP) — Simple funeral services were held at St. Paul's Anglican Church Saturday for Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, dynamic political personage and former Ontario premier, who died at his home here Saturday. By his wishes, there was no eulogy.

Hundreds of persons from every walk of life and every shade of political opinion joined wth personal friends of Mr. Ferguson to pay final tribute at the church.

The services were conducted by Dr. H. J. Cody, chancellor of University of Toronto and a life-long friend of the man who retired from public life little more than five years ago after a five-year term as Canada's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Will Urge Increase In Unemployment Benefits

TORONTO, Feb. 24 — (CP) — George Burt, Canadian director of the U.A.W.-C.I.O. said Saturday he will propose a 50 per cent increase in unemployment insurance payments at a meeting of the National Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee in Ottawa next week. Mr. Burt represents the Canadian Congress of Labor on the committee.

"The amounts now being paid range to a maximum of $14. a week for a large family and were set when the cost of living was much below that of today," he said. "A worker cannot live on the present amount paid."

Mutiny At Aldershot Detention Camp Ends

BY RICHARD TOMPKINS

ALDERSHOT, Hants, Eng. Feb. 24 —(CP)—Nearly 400 mutinous British soldier-prisoners seized control of the Aldershot detention camp last night and rioted for 24 hours, smashing glass, setting furniture afire and wrecking the building. The riot ended late today with surrender of the last of the 380 soldiers still holding out.

It was the worst disturbance in 26 years at the detention camp, where British soldiers are held on penal charges.

The overpowering of three guards while prisoners were being quartered for the night set off the riot. It did not end until 3 p. m. today when Lt.-Gen. Sir John Crocker, commander-in-chief of the British Army's Southern Command, announced "the mutiny is at an end."

Last September several hundred Canadian troops quartered in this town demonstrated for two nights as a protest against delay in repatriation.

3 British Warships In Bombay Harbor

BOMBAY, Feb. 24 — (CP) — Three British warships—the light cruiser Glasgow and two destroyers—dropped anchor today in Bombay harbor as riots in sympathy with Indian navy seamen who went on strike last week died down in the city.

Other heavier units were understood to be standing by outside the harbor but were not expected to enter.

Official casualty figures showed 210 persons killed and 1,017 injured in Bombay since the disturbance began early last week. They were precipitated by the seamen's strike for pay and treatment equivalent to that of Royal Navy seamen.

(The New Delhi radio reported additional troops were moved into Bombay to help prevent further disturbances and see that the curfew is enforced.)

Most Bombay mills which started working today were forced to close later because of stone throwing but a communique at dusk said "the situation in the city now is completely under control."

More than 1,000 persons so far have been arrested in a police round-up of what were officially described as "bad characters."

Drought Cuts Butter Output In New Zealand

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Feb. 24—(CP Cable)—Severe drought prevailing in New Zealand's principal dairy area has caused a decrease of more than four per cent in butter fat production in the Dominion during the first five months of the current dairy season.

This fall in output occurred during the August-December period as dry weather continued in Auckland Province throughout January and this month—mid-summer in this southern hemisphere land—the dairy production outlook became increasingly serious.

Waikato area, greatest producing region in New Zealand, presents a grim picture of parched land and lean cattle. In some districts hay is being sold for more than £9 (about $32.40) a ton. In Hawkes Bay Province fruit production has dropped 15 per cent.

Water reserves in Auckland City are falling despite closing of freshwater swimming pools and a ban on watering gardens and lawns. On the basis of present consumption only 50 days' supply is left in storage dams.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—(AP)—Supplies of all grains in the principal exporting countries were about 15 per cent smaller Jan. 1, 1946, than at the beginning of 1945, with wheat stocks down about 25 per cent, the United States Department of Agriculture reported today.

Fur Auction At London This Week

BY SYDNEY CAMPBELL

LONDON, Feb. 24 — (Reuters)—The first general auction of raw furs to be held here since the Hudsons Bay Company moved its auctions to New York in 1940, will take place Monday.

The auction, to be held in the company's salesroom, Beaver Hall, is described as "the first step in an all-out effort to re-establish London as the world's fur centre."

Before war broke out in 1939, the London fur trade was worth 12,000,000 pounds ($53,400,000) and the aggregate of direct and indirect business was claimed to be 40,000,000 pounds.

A general call has gone forth to rally round the old selling centre which, until the second great fire of London in 1940, had been continuously in business since 1672.

Waterfowl Population Along Atlantic Coast Are Still Declining

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 —(AP)—The United States Fish and Wildlife Service reports that the waterfowl populations of the Atlantic Coast are still declining.

In some areas, Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, director of the service said in a statement Saturday, the decline has reached an alarming point.

There is a disturbing scarcity of ducks at most points along the Atlantic Coast, according to preliminary reports from observers who conducted the annual January inventory of migratory waterfowl, Dr. Gabrielson said.

The wood duck, golden-eye, both greater and lesser scaups and pintail were fewer in Maine, as were black ducks.

A complete report on the inventory will be issued later.

Elections Yesterday In Argentina Were Quiet

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 24—(AP)—Under the scrutiny of its armed forces, Argentina voted quietly today in clear summer weather for a new president. The first general elections since 1937 climaxed a bitter campaign, the outcome of which held international implications because of United States opposition to Col. Juan D. Peron, "strong-man" candidate of the Labor Party.

Spokesmen for both Peron and Jose P. Tamborini, candidate of the Democratic Union, claimed victory on the basis of the large turnout of voters. Final results may not be known for 30 days.

Pre-election estimates placed the total number of qualified electors at 3,500,000 of the country's population of 14,000,000. For all men over 18 voting was compulsory. Women were ineligible.

The voters went to the polls under the scrutiny of 260,000 armed soldiers and sailors who augmented the normal police guard. There were no reports of violence outside of scattered fist fights and the arrest of several persons for illegal possession of arms.

Two non-commissioned officers were killed by the discharge of a hand grenade, two other soldiers were killed and five injured in an automobile accident, and a third died as the result of the accidental discharge of a companion's rifle, but there was no indication that the casualties had any direct connection with the voting.

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Nazis Want Churchill, Daladier To Testify

13 Detained In Espionage Probe

By GEORGE KITCHEN

OTTAWA, Feb. 24—(CP)—Possibility of additional detentions in Canada's week-old Russian spy ring inquiry was disclosed Saturday in an official statement which also reported 11 men and two women have been held for interrogation in the investigation.

The statement was in the form of a letter to Justice Minister St. Laurent from the three counsel retained to assist the Royal Commissioners, Justices Robert Taschereau and R. L. Kellock of the Supreme Court, in their inquiry into the ramifications of the ring, which disclosed state secrets to the Russian embassy here.

The letter, the first official statement since Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced the inquiry Feb. 15, disclosed:—

1. It is "apparent that it may be necessary to request that additional persons may be interrogated."

2. A considerable amount of additional evidence, both oral and documentary, has been placed before the commissioners which confirmed the "serious nature" of the disclosures made to the Russians.

3. A "great deal" of evidence still is to be placed before the commissioners and "the reasons for proceeding in camera becomes more apparent every day."

4. The inquiry is proceeding as rapidly as possible considering the "difficult circumstances" and "obviously must be done with greatest discretion."

5. It might be two or three weeks before the commissioners can issue a report which will contain "at least some of their findings."

6. The inquiry is being conducted under an order-in-council passed last Oct. 6 under the War Measures Act and continued under the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act passed at the last session of parliament.

The most informative paragraph of the 350-word letter said:—

"Orders have been made to date under order-in-council P.C. 6444, dated Oct. 6, 1945, and passed under the provisions of the War Measures Act and continued under the provisions of the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act, 1945, for the interrogation of 11 men and two women and it is apparent that it may be necessary to request that additional persons may be interrogated under similar orders."

The document later said:

"The inquiry is proceeding as rapidly as possible especially considering the difficult circumstances under which the work is being done (it obviously must be done with greatest discretion) and the commissioners desire to make a report which will contain at least some of their findings within as short a time as possible which, however, as appears at present cannot be less than two or three weeks from now.

"The commissioners feel, however, and have authorized us to advise you that in their opinion

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25 Million Spent For Ships Stores In Canada

MONTREAL, Feb. 24 — (CP) — D.R. Townsend, ship's stores administrator for the Prices Board, said Saturday in his annual report that Allied nations in 1945 spent an estimated $25,000,000 in Canada to keep their ships supplied. This amount was larger than that spent in 1944 and included expenditures for bunker coal and fuel and lubricating oils.

News Briefs

CHUNGKING, Feb. 25—(Monday) — Persistent but unconfirmed reports in Chungking today said that one Russian division from Poland has arrived in Manchuria.

Russians were scheduled to withdraw from Manchuria Feb. 1, but thus far have made no move to depart, despite increasing but unofficial protests in China at the delay.

EASTPORT, Me., Feb. 23—(AP)—The main building of the Harris Cove Packing Company was destroyed by fire Saturday with loss estimated at $25,000.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24—(CP)—Subsidy payments to the manufacturers of jams and jellies will be discontinued after March 1 and a ceiling adjustment equivalent to the subsidy will be allowed, the Prices Board announced tonight.

LONDON, Feb. 24 — (Reuters) —It was a powerful sneeze that shook Jack Singer as he drove to his London home—so powerful that it snapped a vertabra and dislocated his spine.

In great pain he finished his drive home. A doctor put Singer to bed, only to have him immediately leap out of bed. The vertabra had snapped back into place.

Pravda Renews Attacks On Prime Minister King

MOSCOW, Feb. 24 —(Reuters)—Prime Minister MacKenzie King was again accused of starting an anti-Soviet campaign in an attempt to assist Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, in an international review in the newspaper Pravda today. The attack followed earlier similar attacks in Pravda and in the newspaper Izvestia.

Recalling that President Truman disclosed at a press conference in Washington last week that Mr. King conferred with him last September concerning charges, voiced by the Prime Minister Feb. 15, of leakage of secret information to a foreign power, the review asked:

"Why did MacKenzie King keep silent all this time? MacKenzie King was silent because as a result of measures carried out by the Soviet Government he either thought the question which had arisen was finished or the question was to be finally regulated in the course of negotiations with the Soviet Government.

"The Canadian Prime Minister changed the line of his behavior to blot out the political effect of the speeches of the Soviet delegates to the Security Council, speeches directed to the defence of the lawful, democratic rights and independence of small countries, and to distract public opinion from the difficult situation in which the British Foreign Secretary found himself.....

MacKenzie King's undertaking is doomed to failure. MacKenzie King has not helped Mr. Bevin and this 'new diplomacy' will not undermine the authority of the Soviet Union."

Japanese Diehards Trouble Philippines

MANILA, Feb. 24 — (AP) — A battle between Japanese diehards and Philippine army troops near the mouth of Manila Bay was announced today as the Commonwealth Government estimated that at least 4,000 Japanese soldiers still are terrorizing the back country.

Two Filipino soldiers and at least six Japanese were killed when a Philippine regiment encountered 30 or more Japanese skulking in the jungles of Lubang Island, only 71 miles southwest of Manila, Friday.

KARLOFF DIVORCE DROPPED

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 — (AP) — A suit for divorce against Boris Karloff, movie actor, has been withdrawn by Mrs. Dorothy Pratt, her lawyer announced Saturday.

Breaks Out In Eastern Trust Co. Building

Fire broke out about 11.30 last night on the second floor of the three storey brick and wood Eastern Trust Company building on Richmond Street and caused considerable damage before it was subdued more than two hours later. Much of the damage was from smoke and water.

The janitor, Mr. Thomas Gallant discovered the blaze which appeared to have started in the Morrell and Company offices on the second floor. Its origin is unknown.

The Eastern Trust offices and the Vogue ladies' wear occupied the ground floor. A large part of the stock was moved from the Vogue and stored temporarily in the Canadian National Telegraphs office next door.

The third floor is used as a storeroom, but it was not learned immediately what goods was stored there.

Firemen fought the blaze in a snow storm. At no time did flames break out to any extent but smoke poured from the upper floors and tons of water from four lines of hose cascaded down into the Eastern Trust and the Vogue.

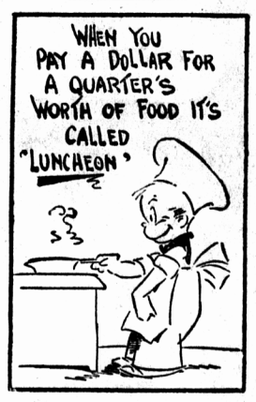
Firemen said they would leave a guard on duty for the remainder of the night in case fire still smouldered in the wooden walls and floors.

Amount of the damage was not announced but it was apparent that it would be heavy.

Other offices on the second floor, in addition to Morrell and Company, accountants, included K.M. Martin and Charles R. McQuaid, both barristers, and J. A. Wooster and Company, insurance.

95 Drowned When German Ship Sinks

LONDON, Feb. 24 — (Reuters)—Ninety-five persons were drowned today when a German river steamship sank in the Elbe estuary off Brunsbuettel, the British News Service in Germany reported. Bound from Hamburg to Cuxhaven, the vessel had 110 passengers aboard. Six survivors and 13 bodies were picked up by one German and two British ships. The steampship was believed to have sprung a leak.



METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE

Toronto, Feb. 24 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Vancouver 46, 50; Edmonton 11, 19; Regina 14, 33; Winnipeg 14b, 4; Toronto 25, 32; Ottawa 1, 19; Montreal 5, 18; Quebec 1, 17; Saint John zero, 24; Moncton 6b, 23; Halifax 5, 26; Charlottetown 3b, 20; Sydney 1 18; Yarmouth 7, 28.

HALIFAX, Feb. 24 —(CP)— Following is oficial weather synopsis at 8.30 p. m. Sunday.

An already strong but still intensifying storm is centered 200 miles southeast of Nantucket. This storm is giving easterly gales with snow and freezing rain along the southern Nova Scotia coast. The storm is moving northeastward and its path is expected to carry its center across the Nova Scotia mainland on Monday. It will be followed by northwesterly gales and cold weather Monday night. Easterly gales warnings are displayed in all coastal forecast areas.

Official marine weather forecast issued by the Dominion Public weather Office at Halifax at 10:20 p. m. Sunday and valid until Monday night.

Northumberland Strait— Easterly gales of 35 m. p. h. with gusts to 45 m. p h. will shift Monday to northwesterly gales of 35 m. p. h. with gusts to 45 m. p. h. Snow and freezing rain, followed by intermittent snow late Monday. Visibility 1-2 mile in precipitation improving late Monday to 2 miles.

Gulf of Saint Lawrence—Increasing easterly winds reaching easterly gales of 35 m. p. h. with gusts of 45 m. p. h. and becoming shifting winds of gale force Monday afternoon. Snow will lower visibility to 1-4 mile.

High tide this morning at 5.35 and this afternoon at 4.26.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.41 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.45.

New moon March 3rd, 1.51 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.