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REPORT COMMUNISTS DRIVING HARD ON SHANGHAI

MORE BACON IS NEEDED FOR BRITISH MARKET

Car Ferry Repair Contract To Montreal Protested By Saint John Drydock Unions

Coming Events

- Rummage Sale in Market Building today at 3 P. M.
- Attention! Dance in Grandview Hall, Wednesday, May 18th.
- Come to the Western Rhythm Jamboree at Fredrickton Hall, Monday night, May 16th, 8.30.
- Lot 65 Hall, Tuesday, May 24th. Ham Supper, Bingo, Crown and Anchor and Dance.
- Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- Don't forget! Regular Dance at the Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night, MacNeill's Orchestra.
- Pythian Sisters Rummage Sale in Market Building, this evening at 6 P. M.
- Indian River Parish Play at Tracadie Hall, Wednesday, May 18th, 8.30. Dance after.
- See Kelly's Cross 3 act play. Hampton Hall, Monday, 16th, 8 P. M. South Melville W. I.
- Free Movies by National Film Board in Hampshire School, May 16th at 8.30 P. M.
- Cake and Pantry Sale at Rogers Hardware this Saturday at 2 o'clock. Southport Women's Institute.
- Action, suspense galore at Macdonald Bros. Theatre tonight. See But Lancaster and Elizabeth Scott in "Walk Alone."
- "Notice - Cousins Store, Rose Valley, will close at 6 P. M. Mondays and Fridays and at noon Wednesdays, beginning May 30th.
- Seeds: Open daily, also evenings Mondays and Thursdays until 5 p.m. Closed Sundays. Arthur Vespy.
- Attention! Dance in Belle River Legion Hall, Tuesday, May 17th, Refreshments.
- Kingston Y. P. U. presents their 3 act comedy "Where is Grandma?" in Cavendish Hall, May 17th.
- Rummage Sale, Baptist Church Hall, Saturday, May 14th, at 4 P. M. Dorcas Group.
- Kingston Y. P. U. presents their 3 act comedy "Where is Grandma?" in North Milton Hall, May 19th.
- Now booking clover seed Farmers, our prices will save you money. Rush your orders. Mac-Gulgan & Boyle.
- Cape Traverse Y. P. U. Concert including one act plays, May 17th, in Cape Traverse Hall. Curtain 8.15. Auction of Cakes.
- Kinkora May 16 for an evening of real enjoyment. See "Molly Bawn" by Kinkora Players. Matinee 2 o'clock, evening 8 o'clock.
- York Hall Wednesday evening, May 18, Fort Augustus group with "Mrs. Murphy's Outter" and York Players in "Utter Relaxation", first play for the Drama Festival. Curtain 8.30.
- Mt. Stewart Legion Hall, Wednesday, May 18th, at 8.30 P. M. Two one act plays by Winsloe Players Instrumental musical, vocal solos, Highland Fling and other specialties. Sponsored by Mt. Stewart W. I.
- Buying Pigs Monday at Fredrickton, Tuesday, 9 A. M. Brookfield, 10 Milton, 1 P. M. York, 2 Bedford, 3 Mt. Stewart, 4 Watervale, 5 Vernon River, 5.30 Poyral, Wednesday, 9 A. M. New Glasgow, 10. Wheatley River, 11. Holmes' Corner, 1 P. M. New Haven, 2. Bonshaw, 3. Kelly's Cross, 4. Emerald, 5. Clifton, 5.30. Kensington. Paying \$24.00 pair for good pigs over 30 lbs each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., May 13 — (CP) — Awarding of a contract to the Canadian Vickers Shipyards in Montreal for repairs to the Canadian National Railway car ferry Abegweit was protested here today as an "outright case of discrimination".

A statement issued by the five unions at the Saint John Drydock Co. Ltd., with the management concurring, said the Saint John company had submitted the lowest tender for the work and Transport Minister Chevrier had said the lowest tender would be accepted.

"The unions were given to understand," said the statement, "that the reason the car ferry was taken to Montreal for repairs was due to the fact that the captain stated it would be much too dangerous to sail this ship around the Nova Scotia coast to the Saint John dry docks."

"The unions cannot accept this statement as a fact. Surely a car ferry that has cost the people of Canada over seven millions of dollars and is the largest type of its kind in the world would be capable of navigating the coast of Nova Scotia to Saint John."

(The Abegweit, plying between Cape Tormentine, N. B. and Borden, P. E. I., is Prince Edward Island's main transportation link with the rest of Canada.)

Dry dock officials said the repair contract would have meant four-weeks work here for hundreds of employees and \$50,000 in wages.

The union statement, concurred with by G. N. Wilson, president of the company, was issued by the joint executive of locals of the

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Friday The 13th Proves Happy Day

GRANBY, Que., May 13 — (CP) — Friday the 13th was a happy day for Mrs. John Ferguson for today, surrounded by relatives and friends, she celebrated her 100th birthday.

The oldest pensioner among widows of United Church ministers in Canada, she made her annual trip here from Montreal to celebrate the birthday at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Roberts Mitchell.

The former Ann Amelia Smith, she was born at Ernestown, near Kingston, Ont., where her father Darius Smith was inspector of lighthouses on the Great Lakes.

She was married to Rev. John Ferguson in 1873 and lived in Quebec's Eastern Townships and in Kingston until his death 39 years ago.

In addition to her son, William Ferguson, 69, she has 11 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Borden Truck Rates Reduction Announced

MONCTON, May 13 — Effective July 1st, the rates for the transport of loaded and empty trucks moving between Borden, P.E.I., and Cape Tormentine, on car ferries operated by the Canadian National Railways will be equalized with those now in effect on the Wood Islands-Caribou ferry service. This was announced here today by E. A. Ryder, traffic manager of the Atlantic region of the Company, Moncton.

In connection with the above announcement Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P., parliamentary assistant to the minister of fisheries, Summerside, said that this will mean an estimated saving to the people of the province of approximately \$300,000 annually in transportation charges. He pointed out that two years ago, after considerable argument and filing of briefs with senior officials of the C.N.R., a reduction was made on the truck transportation rates for the products of the sea and farm which brought them into equality with the Wood Islands-Caribou service. Mr. MacNaught said that although this was a considerable step on the right direction he and his colleagues were not satisfied, and continued to press on the authorities the importance of having all truck rates brought into line with the privately operated

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Canadians Are Eating Part Of Quota

By Harold Morrison
OTTAWA, May 13 — (CP) — Canadians are eating themselves out of the London bacon quota.

So say government officers who point to the hearty appetite of Canadians for their bacon products as one of the reasons Canada cannot meet overseas bacon commitments.

They estimated tonight that Canada will fall short of her 160,000,000-pound bacon contract with the United Kingdom in 1949 by more than 60,000,000 pounds.

One officer outlined these developments in Canadian hog production:

1. There are signs this year's light hog runs will improve in later months.
2. As a result of light runs and increased consumption at home, bacon shipments to the U.K. for the first nine months this year will be at "a fairly low level."
3. This rate is expected to pick up sharply during the last quarter of the year.

For the first nine months this year Canada may be able to ship only 40,000,000 pounds of bacon overseas. In the final quarter she may be able to ship another 50,000,000 pounds or more.

The U.K. commitment is for 160,000,000 pounds during the current year at a cost of \$36 a hundredweight for No. 1 sides. Payment is made in hard currency.

The big reason said the officer, why Canadians are turning more and more to pork products is because Canada is sending greater quantities of beef to the United States and beef prices on the domestic market are high.

"The solution," the government officer said, "is in greater home production. It's up to the farmer to produce more pork and to fatten the best he can."

Local Man Awarded Pharmacy Diploma

HALIFAX, May 13 — (CP) — Results of final examinations at the Maritime College of Pharmacy announced here today, showed two Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy) Degrees were awarded and 24 Diplomas of Pharmacy. Those awarded the Diploma of Pharmacy included: R. D. MacKinnon, Charlottetown.

Defenders Are Feared More Than Reds

By FRED HAMPSON
SHANGHAI, May 13 — (AP) — The Communists today were driving hard towards Shanghai's last air and sea links with the world—Lungwa Airport and the Woosung Harbor entrance.

Explosions could be heard throughout the day as Shanghai's more than 5,000,000 residents plied about their business through a muggy haze.

The Chinese Nationalist garrison said the blasts were due to demolitions at the outskirts, where defences were being erected.

Airline pilots said that from the air they could see small arms fire a scant 10 miles south of the centre of Shanghai and only four miles from the city's outskirts.

On the northwest the Reds' closest approach appeared to be near the village of Tainsung. This is about 20 miles from Shanghai and somewhat less from Woosung, the fortified mouth of the Whangpoo River, 10 miles north of Shanghai. The Whangpoo, which pours into the Yangtze estuary, is Shanghai's only outlet to the sea. Nationalist Shanghai could not live if it were cut off.

(Hampson's account, while remarkably detailed in some respects, contained fewer mileage references than usual. Tom Lambert, AP correspondent who flew

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Freetown Man Named Agriculture Dept. Fieldman

Mr. Morris Deacon, B.S.A., Freetown, has been appointed fieldman to the Provincial Department of Agriculture and will commence his duties on Monday, May 16.

Mr. Deacon graduated in Animal Husbandry from MacDonald College this spring and is expected to be initially associated with the work of the Junior Farmers, Boys and Girls clubs and general field work for the department.

Mr. Leo McIsaac, who has been responsible for this work in the past, will take up his work with the Federation of Agriculture in the near future.

Ching May Enter Ford Dispute

WASHINGTON, May 13 — (AP) — Cyrus S. Ching, director of the United States Mediation Service, today told both sides in the Ford strike that if progress toward a settlement is not reported within a "reasonable period" he will enter the case in the public interest.

Ching, born in Prince Edward Island, sent identical telegrams to Walter Reuter of the United Automobile Workers Union (U.A.W.) and Henry Ford II. He did not say what he considers a "reasonable period."

But some officials believe that if negotiations between the Ford Company and the union were to break off the federal conciliation service would act immediately.

Eastern Conference Of Masonic Grand Lodges

The third annual conference of the Grand Lodges of Eastern Canada (Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons) is meeting in the Masonic Temple, Grafton Street, today. Distinguished representatives from the Grand Lodges of six Provinces in attendance include the Grand Masters, Nova Scotia and Quebec; Deputy Grand Masters, Quebec; Grand Treasurer, Ontario; Grand Secretaries, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. A large number of Masons from various parts of the Island and the other Eastern Provinces are expected to be present at the various sessions. The chairman of the conference is Mr. George G. Wood, Charlottetown. Grand Master, Prince Edward Island.

The program opened last evening when the Grand Master paid an official visit to a joint communication of the two local Lodges, St. John's No. 1 and Victoria No. 2. The first degree was worked in full form by a picked team of local Masons as a demonstration of the official ritual of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. The distinguished visitors were officially received and welcomed by the Grand Master, who in reply expressed their pleasure at being present and their delight

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British Crops Are Threatened By Drought

LONDON, May 13 — (CP) — A combination of drought and recent night frosts is threatening fruit, wheat and potato crops in many parts of England.

LONDON, May 13 — (CP) — More than 50,000 overseas buyers—including 500 Canadians—had visited the British industries fair when the mammoth trade exhibition in London and Birmingham, closed its doors tonight.

Fire Blocks Holland Tunnel In New York

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, May 13 — Fire fed by exploding drums of chemicals raged through the Holland Tunnel today, severing communications lines and halting all traffic on the busy underwater highway.

Thirty persons, including a score of firemen, were overcome as noxious fumes from the chemicals spewed through the two-mile-long tunnel which is 93 feet under the Hudson River at its maximum depth.

The series of explosions ripped through the tunnel's east-bound tube after a 16-ton trailer-truck, loaded with 80 drums of carbon disulphide, caught fire shortly after it left the New Jersey side. The blazing truck blocked all traffic behind it.

The booming drums showered the chemicals on other cars and trucks. The heat of the fire was so intense that some trucks were fused together in a molten mass.

Many motorists, terrified by the barrier of flames and poisonous acid fumes, abandoned their cars in the tube and fled along the tunnel walkways to the safety of the exits.

The firemen, shielded by gas masks and asbestos suits and equipped with walkie-talkie apparatus, fought the blaze for four hours before it was extinguished.

The heavily-travelled tunnel, completed in 1927 at a cost of \$48,000,000, links New York and New Jersey. A major connection for transcontinental traffic, it has a capacity of 46,000 vehicles a day.

Heavy Rain Needed In Western Canada

WINNIPEG, May 14 — Soaking rains are the immediate requirement of practically the whole grain growing area of Western Canada, states the weekly crop report of the Canadian National Railways department of agriculture.

Since April 1, the report states, "temperatures in the three Prairie Provinces have ranged from four to eight degrees above normal, while rain has varied from 15 to 100 percent below normal. There has been no rain except at Dauphin and Swan River where a quarter of an inch has fallen."

As a result of the dry weather, it continues, some soil cracking has occurred principally in Central and Western Saskatchewan and East Central Alberta.

Good progress is being made in seeding all crops, the C. N. R. report says. In Manitoba planting of sugar beets will be completed this week. A ten percent increase in wheat acreage is indicated in Saskatchewan and five percent in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Oat acreage shows little change from last year, barley is down slightly and flax is reduced possibly forty percent.

In the Okanagan Valley prospects for the fruit crop are excellent. Cherries show the heaviest blossom on record, apricots, in fresh and light canning varieties, and other fruits indicate a heavy crop.

Says 2nd Grade Cream Will Be Refused By Creameries This Year

"No number 2 cream will be accepted at any creamery in this Province during the year 1949," states Mr. Walter R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture in his weekly market report service.

"This decision was arrived at at a meeting of representatives of the creameries of this Province held about a week ago. It is, therefore, up to the producer to see to it that his cream grades in either number 1 or special grade. If not, the cream will be returned to him to make whatever use of it he may see fit," added Mr. Shaw.

Ghost Of Gallant Ship Comes Back To Canada

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OTTAWA, May 13 — (CP) — The ghost of the gallant ship St. Croix today came back to Canada.

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"Gee" Ahern Buys Printing Plant

GLACE BAY, N.S., May 13 — (CP) — Sale of equipment of the weekly Glace Bay Star to former Halifax mayor John E. (Gee) Ahern was announced today. The star has suspended operations.

The weekly started publication six months ago when the daily Glace Bay Gazette, published by district 26 of the United Mine Workers as the only labor-owned daily in Canada, ceased operations.

WINDSOR, Ont., May 13 — (CP) — Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd., announced today that by the middle of next week 2,000 employees will be laid off because of the strike in the United States Ford plant at Dearborn, Mich.

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Wheatley River-Oyster Bed

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Cake Sale at Prowse Bros.

Cake Sale at Prowse Bros., today, Saturday at 1.30. Proceeds in aid of the Monastery of the Precious Blood.

Dairy Products

Dairy product prices have eased off on most markets this week. The price of butter in Halifax dropped 2c from May 3rd to 11th. The wholesale price is now quoted at 58c f.o.b. prints. Local jobbing 60c.

Similar conditions exist in New Brunswick where the wholesale butter price dropped to 58 1/2c on May 6th. The jobbing price is 60c for 1/2-lb. prints.

Montreal butter remains unchanged at 57 1/4c for no. 1 solids f.o.b. Montreal.

Toronto prices also unchanged at 58-58 1/2c.

Local jobbing at Charlottetown 59 1/4c. A rise of 1/4c since last week.

Butter production for the week ending April 30th, 1949 was 63,522 pounds, as against 48,322 pounds for the same week last year, an increase of 31.4%.

From the beginning of the year to the end of April 755,000 pounds were made. Our increase is therefore 225,000 pounds or 41.9%.

Storage stocks as of May 1st were very low, approximately 42,000 pounds, about 8,000 pounds less than April 1st 1949. This would indicate that butter is selling rapidly at present price levels with an increase of 52,000 pounds more made in April than in the same month in 1948. We have 8%.

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Cherry Valley Junior Farmers

Cherry Valley Junior Farmers present a three-act comedy play "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town", New Perth hall, Monday, May 16. Sponsored by the New Perth Women's Institute. Sale of lunches, specialties between acts.

Barley and Oats for shipment

Barley and Oats for shipment from the West in June and July are considerably cheaper than the same grains for immediate or May shipment. We invite enquiries from responsible buyers who may be interested in whole or ground grains. Car lots only. The Atlas Grain Company, Board of Trade Building, Montreal.

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