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## EXPERTS PUZZLED OVER CANADA'S FOOD CONTRACTS

### 11 Slightly Injured In Train Accident

Four Cars Of West-bound C. N. R. Passenger Train  
Leave Rails At Anola, Manitoba.

### May Be Slight Decline Here In Christmas Mailing

The amount of incoming and outgoing mail passing through the Charlottetown Post Office during the present Christmas season has not been quite so large as that of last year, Post Office officials said last night.

The mailing of Christmas parcels was done in a more orderly manner this season, they said. There was no huge piling up of mail for one or two peak days followed by a sudden drop, but a more regular and uniform amount of business each day.

Last Thursday 61,600 letters went through the automatic stamping machine; the following day 61,628 letters were stamped; and on Saturday 62,173 went through the machine. Yesterday's figures were not available last night.

Supplementing the permanent staff for the Christmas rush are 25 veterans. Last season 37 were employed.

### KILLED IN MINE

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 22.—(CP)—Edmund Beteman, 30, of suburban Lewisville was killed in the mill section of the Moncton Lumber Company today when his sleeve caught between two large rollers which "crawled" up his arm and crushed his shoulder and throat.

Beteman had been married in June.

### Coming Events

- Alexandra School concert tonight, 8 p.m.
- St. Catherine's Christmas Concert, December 24th.
- Movies Hunter River tonight, "Queen of the Yukon."
- Grinding Grain daily, Bell Bros., St. Peter's Road, Parkdale.
- School concert, Crapaud Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 23, 8:00 p.m.
- Shooting Match at Crapaud, Christmas Day, starting 2 P.M.
- Cornwall School Concert, Cornwall Hall, December 23rd, 8 P.M.
- Dance, Baldwin's Road School, Tuesday, December 30th, Luncheon.
- To arrive, oolake meal, \$4.00 per cwt. Book, McGuigan and Boyle.
- Emyvale Christmas Concert, Lot 65 Hall, Tuesday, December 23rd, Dance after.
- Box Social and Dance, Pleasant Grove Hall, Monday, December 22nd, in aid of school.
- The annual Sunday School Christmas program in Pleasant Valley Church tonight.
- Collecting hogs every Thursday for Canada Packers. Phone N.A. Culliford or write Mr. D. L. MacDowell.

### Windjammer Makes 15,000-mile Voyage

GRAVESEND, Kent, Eng., Dec. 22.—(Reuters)—The 3,200-ton bark Pamir docked here today after an 80-day voyage over the 15,000 miles from New Zealand with raw wool and tallow for Britain and gifts of clothing for displaced persons.

The ship, winner of the 1938 windjammer race from Port Victoria, South Australia, to Plymouth, England, will be towed up the Thames to the Royal Albert Dock at London on Wednesday. Her crew were ensured Christmas on land when the Pamir cut 10 days off her 80-day schedule for the trip.

The Pamir was a prize of war for New Zealand in 1941. She was caught in harbor there when Finland joined Germany in declaring war on Russia. She later became attached to the New Zealand merchant navy.

### Quints 13, Preparing For Christmas Day

CORBELL, Ont., Dec. 22.—(CP)—Canada's five famed sisters—the Dionne quintuplets—today switched from play-suits to "hitting apron" to join "merry men" in humming Noel carols and a spick-and-span clean-up of their home in this snow-valley, Christmas-card Northern Ontario district.

Their cheeks reddened by outdoor pranks and wintery dusts, the 13-year-old quintuplets forgo snow-drift gambols for the first few days of their Christmas school holiday to prepare a typical French-Canadian family's reception for the Jolly Old Gent with "la barbe blanche."

This Christmas is particularly exciting for Marie, Yvonne, Cecile, Annette and Emilie; five other junior members of the family are due home—Rose, who has been attending school at Montreal; Therese and Pauline, students at Estrie, Ont.; and Daniel and Olive Jr., studying at Berthierville, Que.

Brother Victor has been attending school here and 16-month-old

### Halifax To Be Home Of Huge Shipping Firm

HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—(CP)—Purchase by Acadia Overseas Freighters Limited of 88 "Fort" class 10,000-ton freighters from the Canadian Government will make Halifax the home port of one of the largest—"if not the largest"—cargo-carrying fleets in the world, Harry Mathers, 32-year-old president of the firm, said today.

Purchase of the 88 Crown-owned steamships, to be delivered sometime in 1950, "as confirmed by Reconstruction Minister Howe" said the deal involved \$15,000,000.

Mr. Mathers, however, said Mr. Howe's figure was "way low."

At present the firm operates 12 ships, one more is scheduled to be added next spring and nine more are due from Britain next summer.

The line's vessels fly the Nova Scotia flag the first time the flag has been flown in sea-going fleet since the days when wooden ships from the Province called in all parts of the world.

So far, Mr. Mathers said, no definite trade routes have been mapped out for the new ships.

### Whisky On Plane Costly To Woodsmen

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—(CP)—A couple of chastened woodsmen dug deep into their breeches today and forked over \$202, payment for a Toronto-Montreal Trans-Canada Air Line plane ride and two bottles of bootleg whisky.

Leo Menard, 47, of Fort Arthur, Ont., and Joseph Beaudoin, 26, of Lafleche, Sask., were taken off a Toronto-Montreal Trans-Canada Air Line plane here last Wednesday after a stewardess and the plane's captain failed to persuade them to part with a bottle of whisky. They caused a ruckus in the T.C.A. office at Ottawa Airport and then finished by scuffling with police.

Menard was fined \$138.00 on charges of causing disturbance in a public place, resisting arrest and willfully damaging property. Beaudoin was fined \$60 on charges of causing a disturbance and resisting arrest.

### French Are Told Of Tax Increases

PARIS, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Finance Minister Rene Mayer gave Frenchmen an unattractive Christmas present today when he attached a number of stiff tax increases to his over-all program for bolstering the French economy.

He announced tax increases on radios, night clubs, colonial and petroleum products as the National Assembly neared approval of his economic program, which also includes a heavy tax on profits and incomes in the upper brackets.

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### No Trace Of Four Missing Since Dec. 18

Helicopter Used Yesterday; Tracks Indicate Men Have  
Wandered Into Little-Travelled Swamp Country.

### Canada May Cut Fuel Oil Imports 50 p. c.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—(CP)—Representatives of the Canadian fuel oil industry, meeting with Government officials today, agreed to a cutback of up to 50 per cent in imports from the United States and if the step is carried out it will mean that Canadian fuel oil consumers will have to "go easy" this winter.

Reconstruction Minister Howe said tonight following the meeting with oil industry representatives that he could give no immediate details of the proposals but said he probably would issue a statement tomorrow.

He emphasized, however, that a 50 per cent cut in imports of fuel oil from the United States would not mean a 50 per cent cut in Canadian consumption. But it would mean that Canadian consumers would have to "be careful."

Another source explained that although the recommendation, if carried out, would become a part of Canada's dollar-saving program, it stemmed mainly from concern in Washington over U. S. domestic "fuel oil supplies." A House of Representatives committee has raised the question of the effect of Canadian imports on U. S. domestic supply.

### N. S. Police Head Gets New Position

HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—(CP)—Chesley K. Gray, tall New Brunswicker who helped organize the Province's police force 20 years ago, today received the news of his appointment as deputy commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Ottawa.

He was succeeded by H. A. Royal Gagnon who died in November.

In command of the R.C.M.P. in Nova Scotia since last year as senior assistant commissioner, his new appointment will take the 54-year-old Douglastown, N.B., native to Ottawa where he will be in line as a possible successor to Commissioner S.T. Wood, due to retire last year.

The broad-shouldered, greying deputy commissioner is retiring after discussing any of the cases he has handled during his 19 years in the R.C.M.P.

Wounded in the First World War, he came to Halifax where in 1918 he worked with the Massachusetts-Halifax Relief Commission administering relief to the city which suffered in the great explosion of 1917.

During this period he served as an instructor in the Nova Scotia Technical College before entering the lumber business in his native Province.

He helped organize the New Brunswick Provincial Police in 1928 and four years later entered the R.C.M.P. when it absorbed the New Brunswick force.

He saw service in Fredericton, Sackatoon and Vancouver before coming to Halifax in 1946.

### Pope Plus Has Slight Cold

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 22.—A light cold and hoarseness decided Pope Plus today to suspend audiences, as well as his afternoon walks in the Vatican gardens, until after Christmas.

He continued, however, to see his closest associates about urgent Vatican business.

Vatican sources said the Pope is taking the rest partly to conserve his strength for the rigors of the Christmas season—his address to the cardinals, which will be broadcast to the world, the audience for the Holy See diplomatic corps, and the customary visitors coming to convey the season's greetings.

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### May Be Little Surplus For Marshall Plan

By ROSS MUNRO

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—(CP)—A major puzzle facing the Ottawa economic planners and the Cabinet today is how Canada can fulfill her new British food contracts and also participate widely and effectively in the Marshall plan for European aid.

The new contracts may take practically all the estimated Canadian food surplus, as they did this year. Exports to Britain also might cut deeply into the surplus of base metals, timber and other items.

Yet under the Marshall plan, Canada is being courted on by the United States to help supply several billion dollars worth of food and commodities.

There seems to be an unreality about this situation, for if there are no substantial Canadian surpluses over and above those for the British contracts, there can be no real participation by Canada in the Marshall plan.

One Solution

Some sources here maintain that if Canada is to play ball in both leagues, the only realistic solution is for the British contracts to be developed in the structure of the Marshall plan.

This would mean, in effect, that

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### Christmas Promises Happy Time For The Royal Family

(By Russell Landstrom)

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Despite the austerity that will dim the celebration more than usual, this promises to be the royal family's happiest Christmas since before the war.

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### \$100,000 In Bank Loot Is Recovered

(By The Canadian Press)

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22.—More than \$100,000 in gold and securities, approximately half the loot taken from a safety deposit vault of a north-end branch of the Royal Bank in Winnipeg's largest robbery, was guarded tonight by police who recovered it after a three-hour hunt.

They guarded almost as well the secret of how a squad of detectives had come to uncover it, bundled in a shopping bag and buried under a pile of dead roots and branches in the outlying Bird's Hill section. All officers would say was that the cache, \$100,000 in bonds and securities and about \$1,120 in gold, had been found "as a result of new information."

They added that the securities, 75 per cent of which were bearer bonds, were in "good shape."

Meanwhile, James Davidson, 23, ago, and one of three men charged with the night-time pillaging of the vault last Oct. 23, appeared briefly in police court and was remanded to Wednesday. John Michaels, 28, of Winnipeg, also is due to appear at the same time and the third, Michael Stefanik, 30, of Winnipeg, is scheduled to come up tomorrow.

### Bomber Bounces Back Into Air After Crash

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 22.—(AP)—A United States Air Force bomber that bounced back into the air from a crash landing at Spokane landed safely two hours and 45 minutes later at Great Falls air base, officials announced today.

Describing the escape of the plane's pilot, K.C. Asherfeldt, and his crew of six, Col. John Chennault, base commander here, told this story today.

The bomber was returning to the Spokane field from a routine flight Sunday morning. It was approaching for a ground control landing in a heavy fog.

"We thought we were okay until suddenly there was a terrific crash," Chennault said the pilot told him. "Immediately after the crash, the ship hit the ground and then bounced back into the air."

The pilot gave the ship full control and managed to gain altitude. He noted the plane out of the fog and headed for the base here, where they landed safely.

It was learned here after the plane landed that it had crashed into a power line and sheared off three poles before striking the ground.

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### Advices Hog Breeders To Stay In Business

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND hog breeders who are cutting down on the number of their brood sows are making a serious mistake, in the opinion of Mr. H. W. Clay, senior live stock field man, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown.

Mr. Clay informed The Guardian yesterday that he believes meat prices will remain high and will, in fact, increase rather than decline within the next few months. He gave several reasons for his opinion.

The first was that the live stock population in the United States had declined last year and that there were three million less cattle in United States this year than last year.

The second reason was that Canada as well as the United States and other meat-producing countries, would continue to be called upon for several years to help feed the meat-hungry millions of Europe.

The third was that the new food prices agreement recently reached between officials of the British and Canadian Governments coupled with President Truman's message to Congress on December 19 urging the United States Government to spend between six and eight billions of dollars in Canada and Latin America for food for Europe indicates that there are at least several years of prosperity ahead for the meat producers of the war.

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2 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

A HUNGRY KID WANTS MIBEE'S A MEAL?

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures—Vancouver 37, 47; Victoria 37, 47; Edmonton 3, 23; Regina 2, 10; Winnipeg 2B, 10; Toronto 25, 34; Ottawa 6, 20; Montreal 14, 22; Quebec 2, 12; Saint John 6, 24; Moncton 18, 28; Halifax 25, 31; Charlottetown 17, 29; Sydney 18, 31; Yarmouth 23, 29.

HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid from 11 p. m. Monday until midnight Tuesday.

Synopsis:

The disturbance that caused snow over a portion of the Maritime was well east of Newfoundland Monday evening and continuing to move out into the Atlantic. During the greater part of the day it was cloudy with snowflurries. Temperatures rose to the 20s in most regions. A weak high pressure area is expected to move over the district from New Zealand and on Tuesday generally fine weather can be expected with no great change in temperature.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with scattered snowflurries tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low early Tuesday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 15 and 25.

High tide this morning at 6:22 and tonight at 6:28.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:23 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:56.

Full moon December 27th, 3:27 P.M.