

Honey Production Is Fast Growing Industry In P.E.I.

A substantial increase in the importation of packaged bees this year heralds an expansion in this fast-growing Island industry of honey production. It is believed that it has great possibilities and beekeepers and government officials are working closely together to bring them to realization.

This season there was a record number of 1,050 packages of bees distributed to Island beekeepers representing an increase of 130 packages over the 1955 importations. There are approximately 10,000 bees to a package.

Original arrangements for obtaining the bees are made by Mr. Warren Burns, Acting Provincial Apiarist and secretary of the P.E.I. Beekeepers Association. He has been obtaining the bees from Chipley, Florida, for over 25 years.

Pride is felt by Island beekeepers in the fact that they rate fourth highest in Canada in the honey yield per colony. They are also proud of the fact that their bees are free from "American Foul Brood", a disease which may easily cause ruin to a beekeeper.

Those engaged in the industry receive every help and encouragement from the Provincial Department of Agriculture which pays the express charges from Florida and then distributes the bees on arrival. Co-operating fully is the Dominion Experimental Farm which provides the services of Mr. Burns and does many types of research of value to the industry.

Among experiments conducted under supervision of Mr. R.C. Parent, superintendent of the Farm, are ascertaining the value of insulating material for winter housing, removal of queen bees from packages to test the honey flow and hybrid stock testing and studies in control of Nosema.

120 BEEKEEPERS

There are approximately 120 beekeepers in Prince Edward Island with Mr. Dennis Neal, Winsloe, the biggest operator with 225 colonies. Connected for the greatest length of time is Mr. R.E. Moase, Kensington.

The bees arrive in this province in two-pound packages and the express charge on a package of \$1.25 is paid by the Department of Agriculture. This means that each colony costs the beekeeper only \$3.00 and it is the opinion of Mr. Neal that in a good season he should clear \$1,000 on 100 colonies.

It is only recently that bees have been used in this province for pollination in clover fields, in commercial orchards and cucumber fields. At present investigations are being made regarding the value of bees in blueberry barrens.

Over the years from 1944 to 1953 the average honey yield per colony here was 80 pounds and last year the value for the crop was \$13,000. Mr. Neal started in the business in 1946 with 60 colonies; he now has 225 which is 40 more than last year. He sells the bulk of his honey to local wholesalers though there are various methods used to market the product. Mr. Moase sells direct from farm to customer through the medium of a roadside sign "Buy for Sale". Mr. C.S. Dingwell, general merchant at New Glasgow, sells his over the counter, while Mr. Ray Brooks, a Murray Harbor farmer, disposes of his in Newfoundland using coastal vessels calling at his port.

BRING RELIEF
Mr. Dingwell has only 15 colonies, being a comparative newcomer, but the First World War veteran wishes he had 100. He states he never knew what it was to have relief from rheumatism until he started beekeeping. The stings are said to give relief.

Mr. Burns estimates that if a beekeeper starts "from scratch" it costs him approximately \$30.00 per colony and this means a substantial cash outlay when expansion is contemplated; particularly when only \$10.00 per colony can be cleared as profit. And that depends largely on whether or not it is a good or bad crop season.

TIBET STILL FIGHTS

KALIMPONG, India (AP) — A petition addressed to Prime Minister Nehru by a group of anti-Communist Tibetans, including the Dalai Lama's brother, accuses the Red Chinese of killing more than 4,000 Tibetans in the bombing of Litang last April.

New Commander Named For The "Magnificent"

quarters Wednesday announced new appointments, effective in August, for three senior officers. They include a change in command for the aircraft carrier *Magnificent*.

Commodore Kenneth Lloyd Dyer, 40, of Grand Pre, N.S., now assistant chief of naval staff and member of the naval board, will

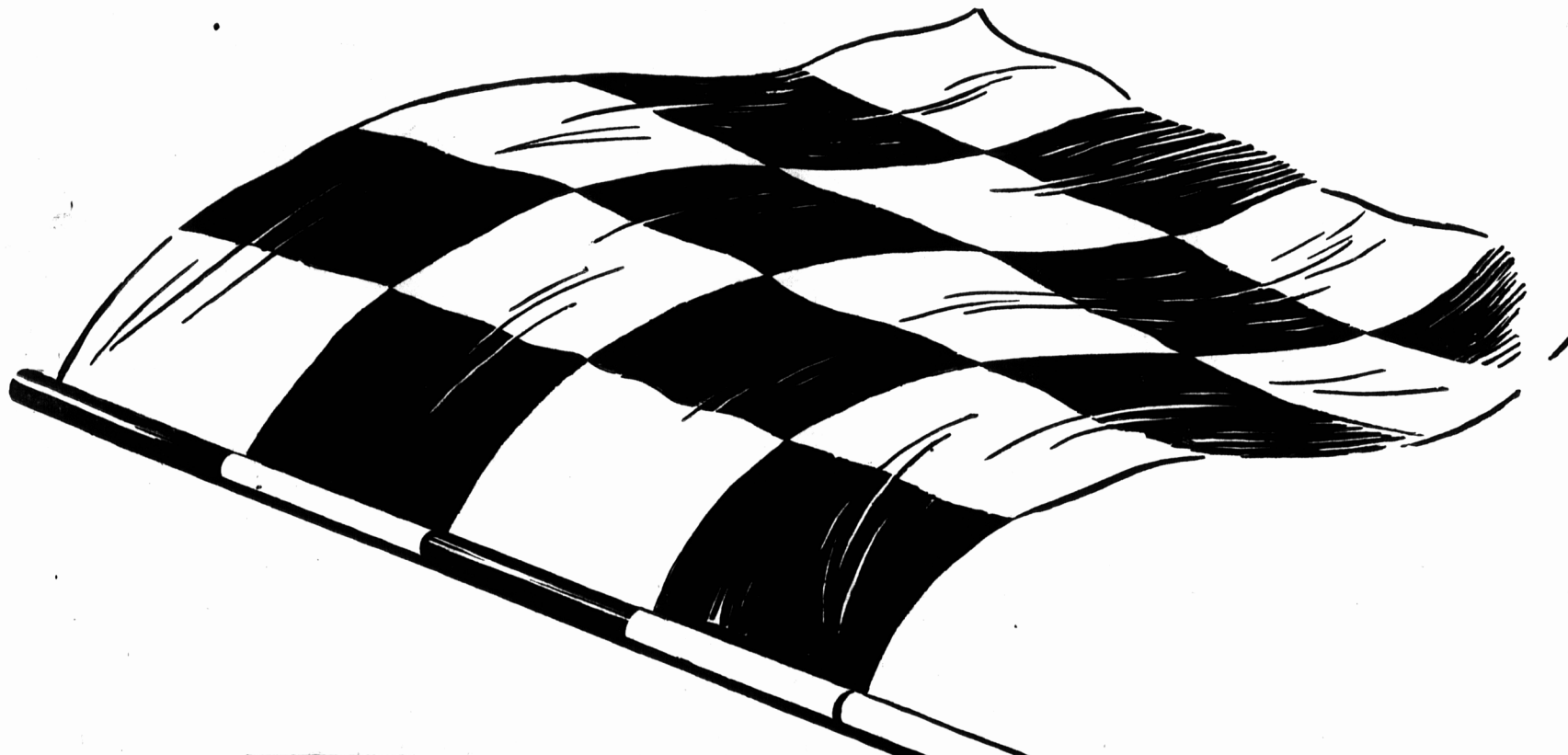
attend National Defence College at Kingston, Ont. taking a course at National Defence College. Capt. Anthony Hubert Gleadow, 49, of Victoria and Halifax, now commander of the *Magnificent*, will succeed Commodore Dyer at headquarters. Capt. Alexander B. F. Fraser-Harris, 39, of Halifax and Ottawa, will assume command of the *Magnificent* Aug. 3. He now is

CLAIM ENDURANCE MARK

HUKSE, Nepal (Reuters) — A team of Swiss mountaineers, who twice climbed Mount Everest, have claimed an endurance record for spending two hours on the summit of the world's highest

mountain. Hans von Gunten and Adolf Reist, part of an 11-man team returning from their Everest conquest, said Wednesday their ascent to the 29,028-foot peak was made easy by a newly-developed French oxygen apparatus.

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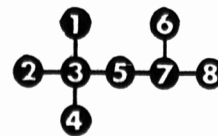
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DENIS NEAL, Winsloe, is the largest beekeeper in the Maritimes with 225 package colonies. Here he is seen with his four-year-old son Graham. Jack Cameron Photo



ART GRANT and Warren Burns of the Experimental Farm are shown helping Winston Smith load his car with packaged bees for distribution in Queens County. Jack Cameron Photo



C.S. DINGWELL of New Glasgow holds a Queen Bee cage in his hand prior to placing package in one of his colonies. Jack Cameron Photo