

# TOURIST INFORMATION GUIDE

## Crop Outlook On Prairies Seen Bright

OTTAWA (CP) — Warm weather and good moisture conditions have brought about good crop prospects in most areas of Saskatchewan, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

Generous rainfall benefited most areas of Manitoba and crop prospects appear excellent in many parts of Alberta, the bureau said in its third telegraphic report on crop conditions across Canada.

The report is based on information supplied by correspondents chosen by the federal and provincial agriculture departments, by private crop observers and grain men.

The picture is a varied one in the Maritime provinces. Prince Edward Island is enjoying ideal weather for crop growth but in eastern and central Nova Scotia wet weather has delayed sowing. In northern and western New Brunswick moisture is adequate but it is dry elsewhere in the province.

### CONDITIONS VARY

In British Columbia cool, unsettled weather continues to retard crop development in the south. Conditions in the province's northern sections are generally favorable. In the coastal regions harvesting of early potatoes and strawberries has been hindered and growth of carrots and peas delayed.

## Gold Holdings Show Decline

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's holdings of gold and U.S. dollars at June 30 totalled \$2,341,800,000 (U.S.), down from \$2,412,200,000 at the end of May.

The total is made up of holdings of the exchange fund account, the minister of finance and the Bank of Canada.

Canada's net creditor position in the International Monetary Fund, equivalent to exchange reserves, was \$253,300,000 compared with \$236,800,000 at the end of May.

The announcement by Finance Minister Sharp said the total holdings of gold and U.S. dollars were affected by the government's purchase of \$100,000,000 (U.S.) worth of Government of Canada external bonds from U.S. holders in June. Of this amount \$69,000,000 was delivered in June and the remainder is being delivered this month.

### PRISONERS COMPLAIN

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP) — An official inquiry board of Kingston penitentiary officials met Thursday with representatives of 250 prisoners who staged a 19-hour sit-in in the penitentiary exercise yard earlier this week. A prison spokesman said the inquiry will determine whether prisoners' complaints of low wages and poor food are justified.

### NAMED CABINET AIDE

OTTAWA (CP) — Jean Beetz, 39-year-old law professor at the University of Montreal, has been named as assistant secretary to the cabinet with particular responsibility for federal-provincial relations. He is a member of the three-man Carrothers commission that is completing a report on the development of local government in the Northwest Territories. Mr. Beetz will assume his new duties in the fall, succeeding J. E. C. Hardy who returns to the external affairs department as minister with the Canadian delegation to NATO in Paris.

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