

**Smuggling Is Almost Dead At N. B. Border**

ST. STEPHEN, N.B. (CP)—Customs officials say they're convinced big-time smuggling in this area is almost dead.

Over 51,000 tourists who pass annually through this port-of-entry, only a comparatively few persons are caught trying to smuggle forbidden goods, and their attempts are described as being on a small scale.

But the legal activities of the few make policing the New Brunswick-Maine border a thankless task.

The wiles and tricks of people willing to risk the penalty of two years in jail to get some American cigarettes—the usual type of contraband — from Calais, Me., just across the border, keep officials on their toes.

Standard hiding places are automobiles—in the hub caps and spare tires, behind door panels and under upholstery.

Others consider a baby carriage a safe place to keep smuggled American cigarettes. More often than not, they're proved wrong.

**ILLEGAL FALSE TEETH**  
An old list of customs infractions shows an American schooner captain caught trying to unload \$,000 worth of liquor in a Canadian port and a salesman whose hobby was smuggling false teeth to Canadian customers.

A comparatively recent conviction saw a cigaret smuggler operating on a regular schedule lose his car, pay a 2,500 fine and receive a two-year penitentiary sentence.

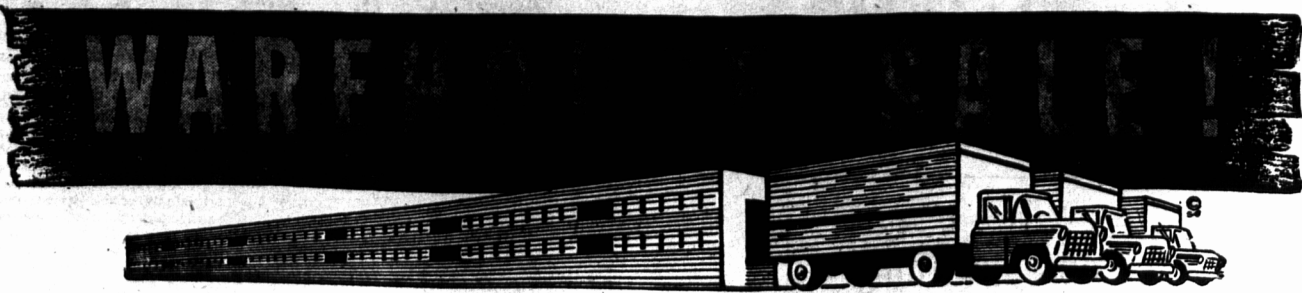
Len H. Webber, collector of customs in charge of the 44-man staff here, says new inspection methods and a narrowing of the gap between U.S. and Canadian prices have cut down major smuggling.

But thousands of items are seized annually from tourists and townspeople caught in the act by sharp-eyed inspectors.

**Tourist Record**

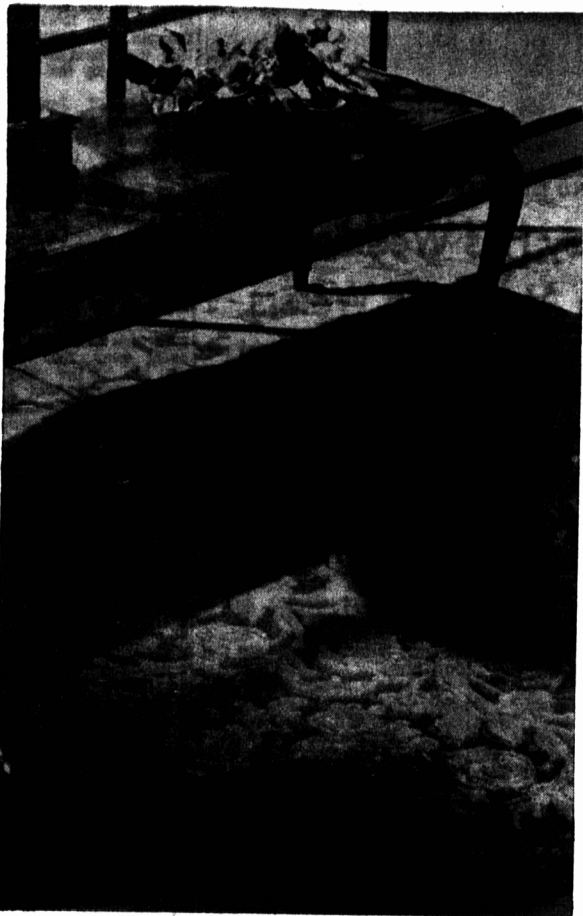
FREDERICTON (CP)—The director of the New Brunswick Travel Bureau thinks the 1956 tourist season will prove to be a record-breaker.

E. A. Tweedie says he expects the number of tourists visiting the province will have reached 75,000 by the end of the season. Last year about 68,000 tourists were registered. They brought about \$20,000,000 worth of business to the province.



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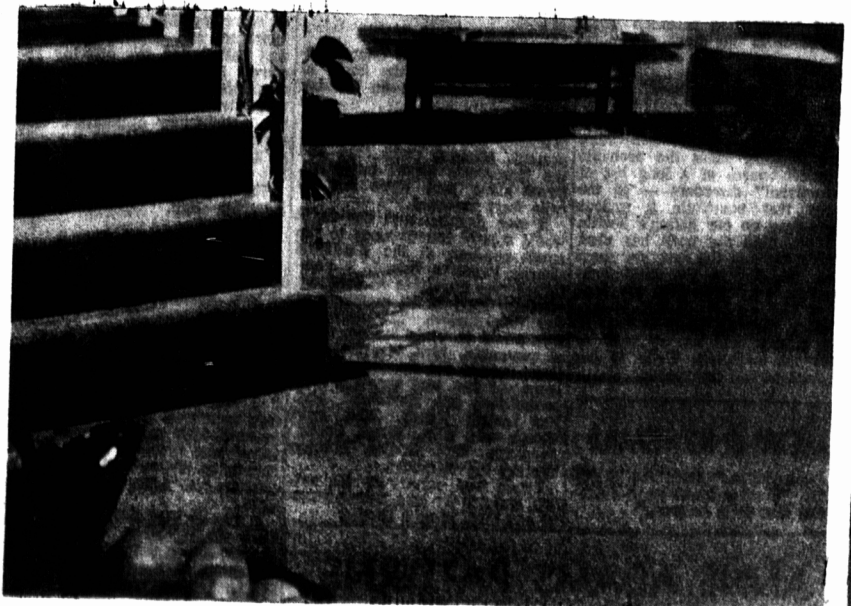
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