



OLD GOLD MINE WORKED AGAIN

BEAUCVILLE, Que., A group of mining men look for gold in an old-fashioned rocker near Beauceville in Quebec where gold has been rediscovered after mining had lapsed for years. Drill cuttings are placed in the rocker when separates the fine gold from the rock.

Worker with shovel is unidentified. Others are (left to right):

M. J. Boylen, Toronto mining man whose companies have staked 75,000 acres in the area; O. A. (Sandy) Seeber, chief Boylen geologist; Kosti Nordlund, New Westminister, B. C., placer-mining expert for the Boylen organization; Robert J. Isaacs, chief Boylen engineer; and Robert Corriveau, geologist. (CP Photo)

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

Despite notes of depression, which we come across frequently in describing conditions in certain industries in the United States, the mink industry is having almost complete sellouts in several of the auctions. Ed Gold, reporting on the Hudson's Bay Company sales in New York, states that of a total of 314,758 EMBA mink pelts, 92 percent was sold. At the same time, B. G. Coward, H.B.C. president, termed the six-day sale the "most astounding we have seen here in many years."

The previous year. An analysis of the sale traces the advances to the still-growing importance of mink and the fact that mink now has more handlers at more levels than at any time in the past. European interest is growing and may become an even greater factor in coming seasons, if present indications can be taken as foreshadowing the future. The potential of the European market was discussed by a close observer of the auction in these terms: "There seems little doubt" he said, "that Europe is undergoing as similar trend as we have had regarding mink. This

trend is very definite in Italy, and it could be conspicuous in Germany. If it becomes important in Germany, it could be very important for the American mink industry.

NEW TREND

Germany, it should be remembered, has virtually held up the Persian Lamb industry during the post-war period. It is a very fur-conscious country. And while other Europeans come here to buy the cream, the Germans buy the lower-priced stuff. This European drive for mink is most felt so far in Sapphir, but interest was shown last week in Palominos, better Silverblues, and quite a bit of the Pastels. They also boosted Tourmaline. It is a trend to keep your eye on."

We notice where the Finns are having a second big auction at Helsinki, capital of Finland, and that the mink consignments con-

buying was for the United States and South American markets; 87 percent of the silverblue, first quality male, which numbered 6,281, were sold at an average price of 98 crowns, with a maximum price of 132 crowns. (The Crown is worth approximately 19 cents). Other types sold from 85 to 100 percent. The total offering was 10,580.

RAISE STANDARD

Officials of the Mutation Mink Breeders Association have made known that they have raised the quality line on EMBA goods. This will result in a tougher standard for the EMBA label.

Chinchilla farming is making strides in California, where hundreds of ladies carry it on as a sideline. At the recent Nebraska show, which was open to all western United States, and had entries from five of those states, the Somavia Chinchilla Ranch, of Hollister, Cal., won the Grand Championship, and won 9 of the 11 Divisional awards, including the Reserve Championship.

We wonder if any chinchilla still frequent the very high trees in the Andes mountains of Chile. That was their original habitat, and it was a Major E. Harrington, a native of New Brunswick, who brought out the first live chinchillas for breeding purposes.

California has taken a great interest in this type of fur farming, and has developed some very beautiful chinchillas.

Signs Government May Have Whopping Deficit Next Year

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OTTAWA (CP)—The government may go deep in the red in the next fiscal year in attempts to cure unemployment and some authorities anticipate a deficit of between \$400,000,000 and \$600,000,000.

But the experts appear none too concerned. One view is that Canada has chopped her national debt by more than \$2,000,000,000 in the last decade and an expansion of the \$11,000,000,000 debt will do no material harm to a basically-sound economy.

In fact the government's estimates of expenditures for the 1958-59 fiscal year are being kept open for any last-minute addition to spending programs.

At first there were indications that spending, including outlays on old age pensions, may reach a record of \$5,600,000,000—about \$100,000,000 higher than during the current year which ends March 31.

But indications now are that next year's spending will perhaps soar to more than \$5,800,000,000. The outlook for increasing federal revenues is none too bright.

Although production is expected in 1958 to remain near last year's record \$31,000,000,000, there likely will be a changing composition in production with a rise in personal income accompanied by a drop in corporation profits.

The view among some officials is that the government will have trouble maintaining revenues at this year's estimated \$5,400,000,000 and a drop in revenues for 1958-59 is not unlikely. That would tend to widen the gap between revenues and expenditures and deepen the anticipated deficit.

That means an increase in federal borrowing from money markets, providing new stimulus in the demand for money. To some extent such a development may offset a decline in the demand for money by capital investment planners.

The pattern that appears to be followed by federal authorities is of traditional cyclical budgeting—to budget for surplus in good times and for deficits in bad times.

The federal hope is that increased spending for new works projects and for aid to the provinces and municipalities may help open up new jobs for the unemployed.

Great emphasis is being placed on increasing outlays for public works. Other increases will be through federal payment to the provinces under the new tax-sharing concessions.

3 Months For Vote Padding

TORONTO (CP)—George Ewing 57, of Toronto Friday was sentenced to three months in jail on charges arising from alleged vote padding in Toronto St. Paul's riding during the last federal election campaign.

He was convicted Monday on eight charges of forging and uttering forged documents.

Paul Katz, campaign manager for Roland Michener, Progressive Conservative candidate in the riding, testified at Ewing's trial that Ewing was a "paid informer" for the Conservative party.

Ewing testified that he signed election forms but said he did so to gain the confidence of Mrs. Nora Gamble 44, of Toronto, the former Nora Conacher, a Liberal party worker in the riding.

James Rooney, Liberal candidate in the riding who was defeated by Mr. Michener, said today Ewing was never employed at his Liberal campaign headquarters. Mrs. Gamble pleaded guilty

last Monday to 36 charges of forgery and uttering and two charges of perjury and was sentenced to six months.

Three other persons were tried previously on similar charges. Mrs. Kathleen Vollum, 0, was acquitted on six charges last week. Thomas Middleton, 49, was sentenced to six months on 32 charges and Bernice Price, 27, was sentenced to one month and fined \$300 after being convicted on 18 charges.

Toronto Girl, N. Y. Man Held

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—A 17-year-old Toronto girl, reported missing from her hometown since Dec. 18, 1957, and a man who said he may be wanted as a witness in a Toronto stock fraud case were held by police here Friday. The FBI was called into the case.

City detective C. K. Waycott said the man, Peter Gene Martin, 30, of New York told him he may be wanted as a witness in the case of Peter Crosby, New York financier ordered Jan. 17 to stand trial in Toronto next spring on four charges of false pretences in a \$1,100,000 stock deal.

The girl picked up with Martin was identified by officers as Joan Hilda Searle, 17.

Waycott said both made oral statements about the Crosby case. Charges against Crosby, former husband of actress Denise Darcel, involve share certificates representing 314,268 shares of Mica Company of Canada Limited, a small Quebec insulating firm of which he was president.

Toronto police and officials of the Ontario Security Commission which brought the action against Crosby said, however, they have never heard of Martin in connection with the case. A spokesman said "we do not plan to call him as a witness."

Three Cabinet Ministers In China Fired

PEIPING (Reuters)—Three non-Communist cabinet ministers were fired Friday on charges they betrayed Communist China's constitution and "lost the peoples' trust."

The dismissals came on the eve of a session of the National Peoples' Congress—the nation's major legislative body of more than 1,200 deputies.

Mao Tse-Tung, head of state, issued dismissal orders for Communications Minister Chang Po-chun, Food Minister Chang Nai-chi and Timber Industry Minister Lu Lung-chi. The men had been among the

Labor Minister Told His Viewpoint Has Changed

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Michael Starr, who has been insisting that a particular set of government figures represents unemployment, was reminded in the Commons Friday that he had a different viewpoint when he was in opposition.

Opposition Leader Lester B. Pearson tackled him on a Commons speech Mr. Starr made March 3, 1955, when he used as the total of unemployed the figure of those registered for jobs with the National Employment Service.

Mr. Starr, as minister, has contended—and reiterated Friday—that the official unemployment figures are those made in a monthly estimate by the bureau of statistics on the number of jobless seeking work, always considerably lower than the employment service total.

LATEST FIGURES

Mr. Starr was asked in the House Friday for the latest unemployment figure and he pointed to the 386,000 estimate of the bureau for Dec. 14. For Dec. 12, employment service registrations were 370,674 and have since risen to 796,000 for Jan. 9.

Mr. Pearson drew attention to Mr. Starr's 1955 speech in which he said in an unemployment debate:

"Unemployment has reached a figure of close to 600,000 and this is indeed an alarming figure."

At that time, the employment service figures on job registration were 370,000, while the bureau's estimate of jobless looking for work was 382,000.

DIFFENBAKER INTERVENES
Mr. Pearson asked in what sense was Mr. Starr using the word "unemployment" in 1955.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker jumped in to say that was the last question in the world Mr. Pearson should be asking in the daily question period.

House Speaker Roland Michener asked whether Mr. Pearson

foremost critics of the Communist regime. They were singled out as "rightists" at the Congress' previous session last June.

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