

**TOP-LEVEL TALKS**  
Finance Minister Fleming is seen with three U.S. cabinet ministers at talks in Ottawa this week on ways to strengthen Canadian and American economic relations. Left to right are: Mr. Fleming; U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Anderson; Commerce Secretary Lewis Strauss; and Interior Secretary Fred Seaton. (CP Photo)

# Rocket's Speed Edges Up, Russian Scientists Report

By GUSTAV SVENSSON  
MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet authorities said Wednesday night that the cosmic rocket Mechta has swung into orbit around the sun and started edging up toward its top speed of about 72,000 miles an hour.

They said the peak will come next Wednesday when the rocket reaches its nearest point to the sun—about 9 1/2 million miles from it—on an egg-shaped course as the solar system's first artificial planet, the news agency Tass reported.

"At that moment it will reach its maximum speed of more than 32 kilometers (about 20 miles) a second," Tass said.

This is nearly three times as fast as the speed of the launching Friday which threw the 14-ton rocket clear of the earth's gravity.

**SPEED DECLINES**  
At the most distant point from the sun of Mechta's orbit its speed will decline to an average 27.75 kilometers (17.43 miles) a second, it was added.

The rocket has passed a point 621,000 miles on a direct line from the earth in its five-day flight, Tass said.

"This figure will increase at a terrific pace since the earth and the artificial planet are diverging in the cosmos."

The agency reported the rocket had covered 14,500,000 kilometers (more than 9,000,000 miles) since it was fired. This refers to the distance from the point in space occupied by the earth at the time of the firing.

The earth, speeding along in orbit at 1 1/2 miles a second, travelled only 8,370,000 miles in the same amount of time.

All figures reported on Mechta performance now are based on scientific calculations, not direct observations. The rocket is far out of range of optical instruments and direct contact was lost when its radio failed Monday.

**RESUME OBSERVATIONS?**  
Soviet scientists predict, however, that the rocket may come sufficiently close to the earth in the remote future to permit further observations. Its course is charted to swing it between the earth and Mars.

Though academician Anatoly Blagovarov told a press conference Tuesday that the day of the first manned rocket flight depends on how soon the re-entry capsule is licked, another Soviet scientist told radio listeners Wednesday Mechta "could have been manned if we had wished."

"The rocket is of such considerable dimensions and weight that accommodations for a living being—that is, a man—could have been arranged in it," said Prof. V. Dobronravov, a nuclear physicist.

WEATHER		Sydney	5	12
TORONTO (CP)—Temperatures issued by the weather office:		Yarmouth	6	15
		St. John's	22	27
		HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says little change is expected in the weather during the next 24 to 36 hours. Winds will gradually diminish and temperatures will moderate slightly.		
		Forecasts:		
		Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick: Cloudy with a few snowflurries; a little milder; northwesterly winds 15.		
		Low - high at Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown, Yarmouth - a d		
		Keniville 10 and 20, New Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John zero and 15, Edmundston and Campbellton 5 and 15.		
		Bay of Fundy: Northwesterly winds 30; snowflurries; visibility 10 miles, lowering in snowflurries to one mile; milder.		
		High tide today at Charlottetown at 10.19 a.m. and 9.47 p.m. At Rustico at 6.18 a.m. and 4.57 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.		

## CITY AND CENTRAL

Organizations using this column to promote their meetings, entertainments, etc., are requested to place these announcements in the name of the sponsoring organization.

**AUCTION "45"** Score Cards for sale at Guardian-Patriot Central Printing.

**WE TREAT** the sick well. Giggey's Pharmacy open 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**ADELLA'S** Sale of Winter Millinery also clearing children's knitted hats, white fur bandeaux and ear muffs \$1.00-\$1.95 - \$2.95.

**COATS-SUITS** Dresses, skirts 33 1-3 off at the Fashion Shoppe, 141 Gt. George St.

**JANUARY** Clearance of values to \$5. for \$1 Taylor's Jewellers Ltd.

**SUDDEN DEATH**—Mr. Hector Campbell, Nine Mile Creek, received the news of the sudden death of his brother Henry of Wa. Wa, Ontario, on Dec. 14, 1958.

**WINDMILL** Special Today! Hot beef pie, potatoes, vegetables and pickled beets, roll a n d butter 75 cents.

**TO OTTAWA**—M. Alban Farmer, Q.C., left Wednesday for Ottawa where he will join other members of the executive of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce who will present a brief to the federal cabinet Friday. Mr. Farmer is vice-president of the chamber for P.E.I.

**WEEK OF Prayer** Service tonight at 8 o'clock in Trinity Church. You are invited.

**FUNERAL HELD**—The funeral of Mrs. James McAleer was held Wednesday morning from her late residence to St. Ann's Church, Hope River where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by her pastor, Rev. Earl Dalton. Rev. Clifford Murphy was present in the sanctuary. Pall bearers were Allison McAleer, Thomas McAleer, Edward McCardie, Stephen Walsh, Carmen Smith, William Dunn, all grandsons of the deceased. Interment was in the church cemetery where service was conducted by Rev. Clifford Murphy. The funeral was largely attended.

**IN HOSPITAL**—Mrs. V.G. Douse, employee of the "Prince Edward Island" ferry, is a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital.

**JOINS RCAF**—Miss Claudia Robertson, who has joined the R.C.A.F., leaves for St. Johns, Quebec Monday morning. She is the daughter of Mrs. Chester Robertson, Alexandria.

**MacNEILL FUNERAL**—The funeral of the late Colin MacNeill of Vernon River, was held from his late residence Wednesday morning to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Urban Gillis, who also officiated at the grave. Pallbearers were Louis MacKenzie, Harry Lavers, Arthur Richards, Frank Hayes, Jack MacLean and James Redmond. Sr. Interment was in the church cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

## Weather Picture For 1958 Given By Local Observer

More precipitation but less snow, a higher mean temperature but less sunshine featured the 1958 weather picture on P.E.I. in comparison with averages of the last 49 years, according to a statistical report released yesterday by Warren A. Burns, meteorologist at the local Experimental Farm.

In the calendar year which ended last December 31, rainfall in this Province exceeded the average of the previous 49 years by 2.87 inches; 34.62 as compared with 31.75 inches.

Though snowfall dropped below the half-century average—33.5 inches as compared with 106.5 inches—total precipitation in 1958 was also up slightly, 43.97 inches as opposed to 42.62.

**WET SEPTEMBER**  
The 5.97 inches that fell in September bettered the 3.98 inch 49-year high average for rain held by October and also the over-all precipitation record of 4.40 inches held by December. Largest snowfall of 1958, 29.0 inches, was recorded in the month of February.

December, with a mean temperature of only 15.7, 9.6 degrees below its normal average of 25.3 degrees, was the coldest month of the year, a record usually held by the month of February.

Also in the past year, August with a mean temperature of 66.3 replaced July as the warmest month. Mean temperature in July 1958, was only 64.3, compared with a 49-year average of 66.4.

The mean temperature for the year was also slightly above the average—43.2 compared with 42.5. Highest temperature, 83 degrees, was recorded in the month of August, and the lowest—4 degrees, was recorded in December.

**LESS SUNSHINE**  
With only 1,724 hours of sunshine recorded, the year 1958 fell short of the 49-year average by 111.3 hours. The sun shone on only 145 days of the year, the greatest portion, 243.8 hours, in August.

Monthly mean temperatures and total precipitation for the year with the 49-year average shown in brackets, is as follows: January - 27.5 (19.2), 4.75 (4.20); February - 22.8 (18.4), 3.21 (3.42); March - 31.8 (27.0), 1.71 (3.38); April - 41.7 (37.4), 2.73 (2.95); May - 49.4 (48.5), 1.67 (2.98); June - 56.4 (58.6), 2.51 (2.87); July - 64.3 (66.4), 3.68 (3.06); August - 59.0 (66.3), 5.32 (3.38); September - 56.7 (58.0), 5.97 (3.88); October - 46.2 (48.3), 3.19 (4.02); November - 36.9 (37.3), 5.72 (4.08); December - 15.7 (25.3), 3.51 (4.40).

## Transplanting Of PEI Oysters Is Big Task

The story of transplanting Welsh oysters off the Nova Scotia coast which appeared in yesterday's Guardian has no connection with the much larger transplanting job carried on during the past two years involving the placing of disease free Island oysters in the infected areas of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia coast.

H. R. Found of the biological station at Eglersie, Prince Edward Island, stated that the first step toward the rehabilitation of mainland oyster beds started in 1957 when 1,500 barrels of oysters

## Gales Delay Towing Job

HALIFAX (CP)—Foundation Maritime Limited officials said Wednesday that severe Atlantic gales are delaying the progress of the tug Vigilant. She is heading for Bermuda with the British freighter, Hillcrest, in tow.

A company spokesman said the last word from the tug was that she was making almost no progress at all.

The Vigilant's reported position Wednesday was 150 miles north of Bermuda half the distance from the point where she picked up the disabled Hillcrest Sunday morning.

The British freighter lost the use of her engines Jan. 2 while en route from Hampton Roads, to Sweden with a load of coal.

## Parking Meter Change Opposed

HALIFAX (CP)—The city safety committee is retreating in the face of complaints from shoppers objecting to half-hour parking meters installed recently in some downtown areas.

The committee Tuesday authorized the purchase of 40 one-hour meters to replace more than one-third of the red-topped meters installed a few months ago.

A city police spokesman said the gradual change is being made because of complaints from shoppers. There are 109 half-hour meters in the downtown area. They take only nickels and give no indication how much time is gone until the half-hour expires and the violation flag shows.

The new meters will provide an hour's time for 10 cents.

## Home Building Setting Records

OTTAWA (CP)—Construction starts and completions of new residential housing set records in the first 11 months of 1958, the bureau of statistics said Wednesday in a preliminary report.

Starts totalling 155,036 during the January - November period last year showed an increase of almost 36 per cent over the 114,099 in the corresponding period of 1957.

Completions rose 25 per cent to 133,217 from 106,811 a year earlier.

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## BIRTHS

**DOUGLAS**—At the Prince County Hospital on Wednesday December 24th 1958 to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Douglas Stanley Bridge, a daughter Karen Ann Weight 9 lbs. 2 ozs.

**STEWART**—At the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Montague, on Saturday January 3rd, 1959 to Mr. and Mrs. Arnet Stewart, Murray Harbor, a daughter, "Paula Lee" 8 pounds, six and one half ounces.

**O'BRIEN**—At the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Montague, on Saturday December 27th, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Brien, Cardigan, a son. Six pounds nine ounces.

**ROBERTSON**—At the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Montague, on Friday January 2, 1959 to Mr. and Mrs. Preston Robertson, Murray Harbor, a son "Guy Philip" Seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

**MacRAE**—At the P.E.I. Hospital Wednesday, January 7, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. Sterling MacRae, Brookfield, a daughter, Heather Jean, Weight 8 lbs. 4 ozs.

**MacDONALD**—Born at the Charlottetown Hospital, Wednesday, December 31st, 1958, a daughter 6 lbs., 2 ozs., to Mr. and Mrs. H.C. MacDonald, 11 Goodwill Avenue, City.

**HILL**—At the Prince County Hospital on January 5th, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Millner Hill (formerly Margaret MacLeod) Fredericton, P.E.I., a son John Philip, 7 lbs., 11 ozs.

## Lucy Maude Montgomery I.O.D.E. Chapter Had Meeting

The January meeting of the Lucy Maude Montgomery Chapter, I.O.D.E., was held Monday, January 5th at the home of Mrs. Doris MacMillan with seventeen members present.

The meeting was opened by the regent Mrs. Rankin and the members repeated the prayer of the Order. After the placing of the Flag by the standard bearer, Mrs. Studden, the business meeting proceeded with the secretary reading the minutes of the December Meeting. These minutes were approved with no exceptions. The treasurers report was given and any correspondence received by the regent and secretary was dealt with.

A nominations comprising Mrs. Fleur Stewart, Mrs. Reta Millar and Miss Kitty Bethune, were appointed to bring in a new slate of officers for the coming year.

Before the business meeting, adjourned, the regent welcomed a new member, Mrs. Linda Tweel to the Chapter, and presented her with the I.O.D.E. badge.

On adjournment of the business meeting, lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Helen Love, Mrs. Betty Whitlock, Mrs. Vera Andrew and Miss Miriam Mathew.

## YORK NOTES

Mr. Allen Brown, York, is spending his holidays in Calgary, the guest of his sister and brother, Miss Aletha Brown and Mr. Norman Brown.

Mr. Arthur Wyatt, Charlottetown, is the guest of his niece Mrs. Dewar Swan, York.

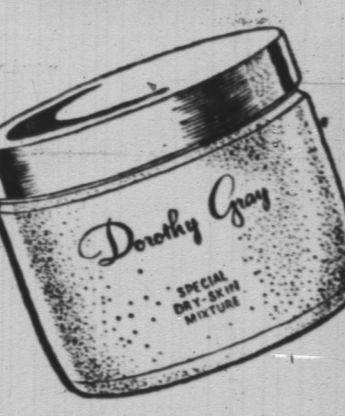
York School Christmas concert was held in the hall on Saturday, December 20th, with a full attendance. Santa Claus also called and treated all the children. The teacher, Mrs. George Whiteway and Mrs. Will Crockett.

A candle-light service was held in York United Church on Sunday evening, the C.G.I.T. group day morning at 8:45 to St. Michael's church, Corran Ban, for Requiem High Mass at 9:30. Interment in the church cemetery.

Miss Hazel Vessey spent the weekend at her home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore and family, Charlottetown, spent

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