

Exports Show Decline For Second Month

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's big exports push lost steam in the first two months of 1953, with both prices and volume of shipments dropping.

With sales to Britain, continental Europe and some Latin-American countries down from last year's records, Canada's total shipments in the first two months declined by \$41,600,000 to \$609,900,000 from \$642,500,000 a year ago, the bureau of statistics estimated Friday.

The drop in values, noted in January, continued in February when reduced purchases by overseas and Latin-American countries sliced exports by \$38,400,000 to \$275,600,000 from a peak of \$314,000,000 in February last year.

Officials said they hope trade will pick up with the opening of the Great Lakes navigation season in the next few days, but they said there will have to be a big jump in exports to overcome the slide in the first two months.

The price index of export goods, based on 1948 prices equaling 100, eased to 118.8 in February from 119.3 in January and from 124.8 in February last year.

Montreal Hospital Announces New Surgical Dept

MONTREAL, (CP)—The Montreal Hospital announced Wednesday establishment of a new department which will use the latest surgical techniques to permit the riskiest heart and lung operations.

Among them will be the opening of an ailing heart to permit new surgical treatments, involving a diseased lung and more effective treatment of internal cancer.

The new department will be opened as a result of recent statistics which showed a high proportion of deaths resulting from heart ailments, said hospital authorities.

The new department will be aided by the use of new drugs, previously branded as "dangerous" and now proven worthy, and the most modern operative equipment, to be installed when the hospital moves to new spacious buildings now under construction.

Canadian gold production from 1952 to the end of 1951 was equivalent to \$3,602,610,000.

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slow one, always a little behind the others in everything that was done. There was the heedless one who was forever getting into trouble needlessly. There was the one who thought he knew all there was to know, but of course knew almost nothing at all. There are many such people in the Great World. Then there were two or three who were really smart. She didn't have to worry over these much.

Now, there always is one who really is the smartest, one who is truly smart. The smartest one among the little Crouses happened to be the smallest. Mother didn't have to worry about her very often. She always remembered what she was told. She always did the right thing, and she always seemed to know what to do when the unexpected happened. There was the time that Gray Fox suddenly appeared. Mother gave the scatter and hide signal, and then flew almost in the very face of Gray Fox to confuse him while her precious ones hid. It happened that the little smart one was where there was nothing near to hide under. There was no brush. There were no leaves on the ground. Her bright eyes darted this way and that. Almost beside her was a hole in the ground. It was a hole that one of Johnny Chuck's family had dug long ago. The smart one didn't hesitate. She darted into that hole, and far enough down to be out of sight. She was terrified, but she was smart enough to understand that the danger outside was real, while there might not be any danger at all inside. She squatted down and held her breath. She hoped that Fox hadn't seen her run in there.

STANHOPE SCHOOL

Following is the result of examinations held during the month of February in Stanhope School:

Grade 10-1. Edith Misener; 2. Harry Kielly.

Grade 8-1. Lois MacCallum.

Grade 7-1. Hilda Chappell and Barb MacMillan; 2. Laura Misener.

Grade 5-1. Gladys Chappell; 2. Linus Misener.

Grade 4-1. Audrey Douglas; 2. Archie Chappell.

Grade 3-1. Doris Chappell; 2. Ronnie Johnston.

Grade 2 (A)-1. Irene Ellis. (B)-1. Donnie Johnston. (C)-1. Arnold Lannon.

Grade 1-1. Anne Misener; 2. Calvin Chappell.

Highest average in senior grades, Lois MacCallum, 82%. Highest average in junior grades, Anne Misener, 87%.

Teacher: Lorraine Morrissey.

Hampton and Vicinity

Mr. Jas. A. Ferguson is recovering from an attack of virus pneumonia.

Messrs. Gerald Best and Everett Howatt, Jr., were business visitors to Hampton on March 20th.

School Inspector Ross visited Hampton School on March 20th, inspecting each department.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ferguson and children were week end visitors to friends in Carleton.

It is pleasing to see Mr. C. E. Shaw out again following a period of illness in the P. E. I. Hospital, with virus pneumonia.

Mrs. Neil MacPhail is being welcomed back to her accustomed duties, and place in her community, following an attack of infection in her hand, requiring medical attention.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. William (Billy) Callbeck for his fine achievement as a prize winner at the recent fat cattle show at Charlottetown.

Due to the road ban on heavy trucks, potatoes are briskly moving daily to the nearest markets via light trucks, at the prevailing market prices.

Mr. Howard Myers, having been on a brief visit to relatives and friends, has left to resume building contracts at Moncton, N. B. on March 22nd.

It is of interest to note that Jimmy MacLeod, member of the Nine Mile Creek Bull Dogs cup winning team, scored the most points of any member of this popular team, and as such, has been presented with a trophy.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. W. E. MacFarlane, now undergoing medical treatment in the P. E. I. Hospital, are hoping that she will make progress toward complete restoration to good health.

At North River Rink on March 16th, Nine Mile Creek defeated Cornwall by a score of 10-8, winning the cup donated by North River Rink managers. Players from this district participated in the game.

Miss Dorothy Baxter has returned to resume her studies at Mount Allison University, following a brief visit at "The Manse". Miss Baxter was guest soloist at the morning service of public worship in Hampton Church on March 15th.

While all roads did not harmonize with charming summer weather, as an inducement to attend the services of public worship throughout this pastoral charge, a goodly number were present, as customarily, giving attentive hearing to the inspiring message in word and song, at the respective churches, on March 22nd.

Miss Myrna Cameron, young daughter of Mrs. Winnie Cameron, entertained her classmates at an enjoyable birthday party, at her home on Saturday, March 21st. After doing justice to the bountiful luncheon and games, all departed wishing Myrna many future happy birthdays as time rolls onward.

Travelling conditions between Cornwall and Charlottetown, via North River Road, are reported in bad order. Many cars and light trucks hauling merchandise, dragging on the axles and rolling and tossing about like ships on a rough sea. It is felt that legislators might bring this matter to the attention of the Minister of Public Works, since it has long required attention.

Many residents of this district have been availing themselves of the rare privilege of learning something of the mysteries and fascination of pottery making, under the capable supervision of Mrs. F. A. Merrill. This talented lady, the gracious hostess at Crowfield, is an authority on ceramics, and fortunate indeed are the district folk to have such a competent instructor.

The St. Patrick's concert, in Hampton Hall on March 17th, drew a capacity audience. Community talent, supplemented by talent from South Melville, DeSable, Argyle Shore and Bonshaw, fully measured up to the expectations of the audience, as rounds of applause greeted each number, well rendered on the balanced program. Considerably over \$100.00 was realized and will be applied to the work being faithfully carried on by the W. A. of the United Church, sponsors of this concert.

Many residents of this district availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the well attended crokinole party in Argyle Shore Hall on March 20th, sponsored by the W. I. Following participation in this interesting and skill requiring game, scores were tallied, and the winners announced, namely: Henry Ferguson, of Hampton, for the men, and Clara MacQuarrie, Bonshaw, the ladies. Delightful lunches were then served. Total receipts to apply to the work of the Women's Institute.

The making of hand hooked rugs in this district is about over for another year, and some very fine specimens of artistic work resulting from this annual occupation may be seen. Mrs. Mullins is busily engaged on a very large hooked rug, which, when completed, will be a treasured possession. Worthy of special mention also, is the work of Mrs. W. A. MacQuarrie, who at over four score years, has completed three beautiful mats and six quilts thus setting a record which many of the younger generation might experience difficulty in duplicating.

Local Soldiers En Route To Korea



In high spirits are these three east coast soldiers of the 23 Infantry Workshop, RCCEM, minutes before their unit left Camp Petawawa for Korea recently. Left to right: Cfn. W. Byers, Charlottetown; Cfn. C. Head, Charlottetown; Cfn. Dave Kelly, Grand Falls, Nfld. (National Defense Photo.)

Exit Tony Blount

by Sydney Parkman

CHAPTER V

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The two men were in the same position, he saw, but one of them was now lighting a cigarette, while the other was talking. Both had their rifles slung over their shoulders and tops on the backs of their heads, and it appeared that they were not making their man-hunting duties very seriously.

He was too far away from them to hear the man's actual words, but when he finished speaking, the other nodded, and flicking his spent matchstick into the stream, fished in his pocket for something. He stood with it in his hand for a moment, talking rapidly, and pointing first upstream and then down. Then with a quick jerk, he sent it flying into the air. It was a coin — for Tony saw the flash of it as it spun in the sunshine — and he caught it on the back of his hand and they both peered down at it.

"Gauche!" he heard the other exclaim; and a moment later they both turned and started to stroll slowly upstream side by side.

He watched them till the intervening trees hid them from view, and then straightened himself up with a gasp of relief. It had been a near thing, and he shivered at the thought that they might have noticed the trampled undergrowth where he had climbed the bank and come upon him while he was still sleeping. What a fool he had been to select a spot so near where they had found Piccart! He might have known that some of them would almost instinctively come here first. But then, of course, he had no intention of sleeping for so long.

He spent some time rubbing and massaging his stiffened joints and muscles, and then squatted down again and took counsel with himself over the situation. What was his best plan now?

Two alternatives presented themselves. He could remain hidden up in the woods till nightfall, and then continue his journey; or he could set off now while he knew that the coast was temporarily clear.

Each plan had its advantages and disadvantages. By remaining hidden, he ran small risk of discovery and could set out again only when he was certain that the patrols had been withdrawn for the night; but on the other hand, he had had enough night travelling in these woods to last him for a lifetime. Also, it meant that he would have to go hungry for at least another 24 hours. By starting off straight away, however, he could make much better speed and ought to be able to find the boat with its food supply more easily. But against that there was the not inconsiderable risk of being sighted by some other patrol.

It was his clamouring stomach which settled the question. A whole day without food and another night on top of it would just about finish him, he felt. The only real risky part lay between where he was and the beginning of the swamp areas, and he would have to trust to luck that none of the search parties were patrolling that particular section. Once among the mangroves he could count himself safe, for the guards had no more liking for mud and water than was natural, and past experience had taught them that hunger would do more to drive their man into their hands than any efforts of their own.

Having arrived at the decision he lost no time in carrying it into execution, and having made certain that there was no one in sight, he hoisted the heavy water-beaker on to his shoulder and cautiously set out.

From the fact that the sun was now high in the sky, he assumed that the time must be about nine or ten o'clock, and he headed roughly north-eastward through the woods. Piccart had advised him to follow the stream down to where it entered the swamps, but he hoped that by taking this direction he would save at least a part of the difficult passage through the mangroves.

As it was, it turned out to be a desperately slow and arduous business, for the nature of the country was changing, and he found him-

self compelled to cross several comparatively open stretches where the only cover consisted of the dense fern growth which nowhere rose to a height of more than four or five feet. This meant crouching almost double and carrying the water-beaker clasped in his arms, like a baby, and as he had to pick his way carefully and avoid undue disturbance in the fern stems, which might have betrayed his passage to watching eyes, it proved to be as exhausting a mode of progress as could well be conceived. Stiff as he was already, this back-breaking ordeal was further intensified by the fact that the sun was beating hotly down upon the back of his neck all the while, and several times he was forced to take long spells of rest while his dizzy head cleared.

For all his care, he was leaving what seemed to be a dangerously obvious trail of bruised and broken ferns behind him, and it occurred to him forcibly that if a patrol once stumbled upon it they would have no difficulty in following him up. However, there was no help for that, and he pressed on with the utmost speed of which he was capable.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Barrett were recent visitors to Hunter River, where they were the guests of Mrs. Barrett's sister, Mrs. Orville Sellars.

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Kingston and Vicinity

A large attendance was present at public worship on Sunday, March 15th.

Mr. Lloyd Scott and Mr. Norris Scott, commercial travellers, were visitors to Kingston on March 16.

Miss Hilda Gallant has returned to her home after spending a very enjoyable weekend in Charlottetown.

Friends in this community are sorry to hear of the Rev. K. R. MacPadyen's illness in the P. E. Island Hospital. All wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. John Docherty has returned to her home after visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Waldron MacKinnon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Walsh and Mrs. George Dixon were among the many who attended the variety concert in Hampton Hall March 17th.

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Fredericton and Vicinity

Mr. Frank Weeks, Fredericton, was a visitor to Charlottetown on Friday March 20th.

Mr. David MacLeod, Charlottetown, was a visitor to Fredericton on Saturday March 21st, the guest of Mr. Ben Outcliffe.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, and Miss Margaret Hill, Summerside, were visitors to Fredericton on Sunday March 22nd.

Mr. J. B. MacDowell was a visitor to Springfield on Sunday March 22nd, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Matheson.

Miss Helen Stevenson, student at Prince of Wales College, spent the week-end of March 22nd, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Stevenson.

Mrs. Ella Abbott, Hunter River, is spending a few days visiting in Fredericton, the guest of her brother, Mr. Harry Weeks and Mrs. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hill and little son Marvin, and Master Freddie MacLure, Breadalbane, are visiting relatives in Halifax, N. S.

Mrs. W. E. Stevenson was a visitor to North Wiltshire on Friday March 20th, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. David Rennie and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Nicholson.

A crokinole party was held on Thursday evening March 19th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Outcliffe, and was sponsored by the ladies of the Fredericton Women's Institute. Prize was won by Robert Weeks. Consolation prize went to Mrs. Woodrow Jackson. Lunch was served by the ladies.

Mrs. Harry Weeks was hostess to the members of the Pleasant Valley Ladies' Aid at her home on Wednesday evening March 18th. Quilt blocks were distributed. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the refreshment committee.

The regular service of worship was held in Pleasant Valley United Church on Sunday morning March 22nd, and was conducted by Rev. W. B. MacPhail. Hymns sung were "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Saviour Teach Me Day by Day," "Throned Upon that Awful Tree," and "Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed". The Choir sang "In the Cross".

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Weeks on Saturday afternoon March 21st, with a good attendance. The devotional period was led by Mrs. Weeks assisted by several members. Mrs. William Stevenson was leader of the study period, which was taken from the first chapter of the new African study book "Nyngas Two Villages". Meeting closed by singing "This is My Father's World, and repeating the benediction in union.

Miscouche and Vicinity

Mr. Gerald Steele, who is attending St. Dunstan's College in Charlottetown, was a visitor in Miscouche on Thursday, March 19, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Doucette of Halifax, Nova Scotia, were week-end visitors in Miscouche at the home of Mrs. Doucette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Perry.

Mrs. Jules Poirier of Miscouche recently visited in Chatham, New Brunswick, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Allison Arsenault.

Mrs. Hubert Gallant of Summerside was in Miscouche on Saturday, March 21st, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Steele.

On Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, the Miscouche branch of the Children of Mary held their monthly meeting in one of the Convent classrooms. Sister St. Mary Sixtus presided.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Poirier of Miscouche motored to Charlottetown on Monday, March 23rd.

Mr. Reggie DesRoches, who is in the Royal Canadian Air Force, is visiting in Miscouche at the home of his mother, Mrs. Theodore DesRoches.

Mr. Nazaire Poirier recently visited in Miscouche at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arsene Poirier.

Mrs. Stanley Smith recently returned to her home in Montreal, Quebec, after having spent some time in Miscouche at the home of her mother, Mrs. Fred DesRoches.

The Grade XI pupils of the Miscouche High School visited the Prince County Hospital on Wednesday, March 25th. They were conducted through the hospital, served a delicious lunch and shown a film on nursing. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Mrs. Alex Gallant of Wellington was a visitor in Miscouche on Thursday, March 27, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Gallant.

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