



QUEEN MOTHER GREET'S CADETS

Queen Mother Elizabeth shakes hands with Cadet Warrant Officer Wilfred Stephens of Regina, as a party of touring Royal Canadian Air Cadets visit Sandringham Castle in London. Princess Anne stands to the left. Behind the Queen Mother is Art Smith, Stephens are, left to right, Cadet Warrant Officer David Miller of North Sydney, N.S., and Joseph R. King of East Saint John, N.B.

Die. enbaker Explains Agricultural Program

FRANCE ALBERT (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Saturday, his Progressive Conservative government has given Canada a comprehensive and co-ordinated program of agricultural development since taking office in 1957.

In an interview on agricultural policies of his government, the prime minister said: "Believing that the national welfare demands a policy designed to assure greater prosperity and the equality of opportunity to all Canadians, we have proceeded with the development of a national agricultural program that is both comprehensive and co-ordinated."

The government had obtained markets for Canadian wheat, enabling it to sell more in the last two years than the Liberal government had in the previous four years.

EXPORTS UP

"In 1958, Canada was the only wheat-producing nation which materially increased its percentage of wheat exports to the world due to an aggressive policy followed by the department of trade and commerce."

Parliament had made available in 1958 about \$40,000,000 to meet the needs of the Canadian farmer, payable to farmers with more than 200 acres at \$1 an acre.

"We also made available cash advances on farm-stored wheat—something that had been asked for some time. About \$35,000,000 is taken up each year under this plan."

The royal commission on price spreads for which farmers had been asking, would likely hand down its report sometime in September. Appropriate action would be taken on its recommendations.

"The farmers have been asking that floor prices in regard to

farm costs be established. The government has made provision for a board which is now operating on a considerable number of farm products."

ANTI-DUMPING ACTION

The government had taken action to prevent the dumping of farm products on the Canadian market. Provisions had been made for special credits to Colombo Plan countries for expanding Canadian wheat and flour sales.

"We also took the first steps of any NATO country to provide for the establishing of a NATO food bank and gave as our donation \$10,000,000 in Canadian agricultural products."

Crop insurance was in essence a matter of prime provincial jurisdiction.

"A statute has just been passed however, for the setting up of a national crop insurance plan. The federal government will pay 25 per cent of all premiums paid and will donate 50 per cent toward the expense of administration."

Mr. Diefenbaker also mentioned the setting up of a farm loans department whereby farmers needing money for the purchase of land, equipment, buildings or the discharging of liabilities, will be able to procure loans up to \$20,000 at the low interest rate of five per cent. He compared this with 6 1/2 per cent under the Saskatchewan farm loan plan.

TOUR THE WORLD

MALDON, England (Reuters)—Five former Southern Rhodesian policemen, all in their 20s, set sail Saturday on a round-the-world voyage in a 16-ton ketch equipped with a 300-gallon water tank and a plentiful supply of canned beer. The ketch is called 'S. Y. Rambili'—Let us go forward.

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Coal Stockpiles Will Drop Soon

SYDNEY (CP)—Coal stockpiles in the area will drop substantially the next two weeks. That's when all pits of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation close for annual vacation for 7,100 miners on the payroll. Colliers, or coal boats, will however continue to haul about 45,000 tons per week up the St. Lawrence River.

In vacation cheques. The huge stockpiles of coal in industrial Cape Breton, which in early 1958 amounted to more than 1,400,000 tons, by last August dropped to 795,814 tons. This month only about 411,000 tons are on hand awaiting shipment. Production from Dosco pits amounts to about 20,000 tons a week, with shipments from international piers varying from 68,000 tons to a low of 37,000 tons weekly.

Friday was the last working day for the miners. But No. 25 pit at Gardiner Mines worked prior to its permanent shutdown Saturday because of safety reasons. Dosco paid about \$1,000,000

SHIPMENTS UP

Total coal shipped to St. Lawrence ports during 1958 was 1,260,000 tons, an increase of 218,000 tons over the previous shipping season.

Much of the coal shipped up river last year was banked with 600,000 tons reported now stockpiled at Montreal.

The Welland Canal bottleneck has already cost U.S. coal shippers substantial amounts. An official of the Columbia Transportation division of Oglebay Norton Company, in Cleveland said recently rates would have to be examined if delays continued.

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