

Drop From '57 Peak Seen In N.S. Apple Crop, Sales

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HALIFAX (CP)—It's still too early to tell for sure, but indications are that Nova Scotia's 1957 banner apple crop won't be matched this season.
Last year's 2,918,000 bushels was worth 66 cents a bushel to Annapolis Valley growers. It was the valley's biggest crop in 10 years.
Fruit growers and government officials say poor weather plus too few export markets are likely to cut the crop value to about three-quarters of the 1957 level when about 500,000 bushels were exported to continental Europe and 380,000 were sold in Nova Scotia.
A steamer-load was sold to New Zealand. Because of crop failures in Germany and Holland last year an unexpected market developed for about 600 bushels. This is unlikely to happen in 1958.

Al Longley, government inspector at Middleton, says this year's crop will still be substantial, although below the 1957 yield. R. D. Sutton of Wolfville, secretary of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, says any crop estimate at this time of year would be "nothing but a poor guess at the most."
British Columbia's harvesting season usually is two weeks earlier than here, and one week ahead of Ontario. Growers here won't know what to expect in the way of a crop until mid-July.
BIGGEST PROBLEM
Deputy Agriculture Minister Walsh of Nova Scotia, says currency exchange is the biggest, single problem growers face trying to cash in on the export market.
He said currency is used by some nations as an embargo. "We don't need any help. We'll put the apple on the market... all we ask is the opportunity to compete." But Nova Scotia growers can't get over the currency barrier.

Growers had been quick to adapt to new ideas. More than 1,000,000 trees, some bearing fruit varieties no longer marketable and others too old to produce, had been uprooted in recent years. Re-planting was now underway.
Mr. Walsh said new methods helped develop the Delicious Red, a variety that now ranks with the McIntosh and Gravenstein as the province's top sellers.
A group of valley growers are now touring the United Kingdom—their biggest customer—looking for new outlets and trying to recover old ones.
Apple trees were first planted in the Annapolis valley's 100-mile-long orchard belt 300 years ago by Pierre Martin. He brought the first trees from his native Normandy.
In two generations, the number of trees increased to 1,600. Today there are over 1,000,000 trees producing more than eight varieties.

Hints At Gov't Action To Keep Waste Out Of Rivers

OTTAWA (CP)—A government supporter broadly hinted in the Commons Monday that some federal action against pollution of Canada's rivers and lakes through dumping of industrial and domestic waste may be forthcoming.
Richard A. Bell (PC—Carleton) said during a debate on water pollution that there is "a necessity for decisive, yes, drastic action."
He spoke on a resolution introduced by Eric Stefanson (PC—Selkirk) calling for government consideration of an amendment to the Criminal Code that would make the offence of water pollution punishable. The resolution, in effect, would call for the same thing as was demanded in past sessions by Prime Minister Diefenbaker when he was an opposition member.
Mr. Stefanson quoted liberally from past statements by Mr. Diefenbaker—not in the House Monday—calling for some action to curb pollution, especially in inter-provincial rivers.

Mr. Bell, parliamentary assistant for finance in the last Parliament, said the resolution proposed by Mr. Stefanson is not the final answer to pollution but is a basic element of Mr. Diefenbaker's national policy of resources development.
Claims of industries that they could not afford the cost of cleaning up their waste before dumping it in rivers was no excuse. The country could not afford the cost of pollution.
"By research," Mr. Bell said, "by dominion-provincial-municipal and industrial co-operation, by appropriate penalties for breach of accepted standards of pollution control, the problem can be solved."
This was taken as a hint that the government may be considering an investigation of ways whereby co-operative action may lead to cleaner rivers and lakes.
Mr. Stefanson's proposal was drastic and "shock treatment," Mr. Bell said in supporting it but he added that broader action is necessary to make it effective.

Water pollution in many parts of Canada had reached "the critical stage" and might become worse with the greater use of atomic energy.
Mr. Bell said industries should be made to treat their waste efficiently so that the noxious elements in it will be removed before it is dumped in rivers and streams.
SUGGESTS CONFERENCE
H. W. Herridge (CCF—Kootenay West) supported the resolution, but suggested a federal-provincial conference on conservation of forest, water, and soil should lay down a national policy to fight water pollution. Federal and provincial agencies would administer the policy, co-ordinate research programs and educate the public not to destroy the country's national resources.
Ernest Broome (PC—Vancouver South) suggested putting teeth in such legislation as the Fisheries Act and the Canada Shipping Act.
Fines for polluting under the Fisheries Act were "rather modest." There was not much difference between the fine assessed an industry for polluting a river and that given a farmer for not putting a fish screen at the mouth of his irrigation ditch leading from a river.

Delegate Dietitians Oppose Plans To Shorten Internship

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP)—Delegates to the Canadian Dietetic Association convention from four provinces Monday voiced opposition to the new intern-training program approved by the association's board of directors.
The new program, designed to increase the earning power of young graduates and to encourage young women to become dietitians, cuts the time they spend as interns after graduation to four months from a year.
They now will take three 10-week skimmer courses after each of the first three of four undergraduate years in household science or household economics, and a four-month course from September until December after graduation. All will be given in hospitals.
Until now their summers were free, but they interned in a hospital for 12 months, usually for less than \$50 a month, after receiving their graduation diplomas.

STUDENTS NOT READY
The Alberta association said students need the money they earned until now in their summers and that students in their first or second year are not ready for internship. Quebec supported the Alberta view and said the new plan would require amendment of legislation in that province.
Manitoba asked for postponement of the decision until it can be discussed more widely and said hospitals are not equipped to handle the students in the summer.
British Columbia opposed the plan on the grounds that it would tend to lower professional standards.
There now are professional dietetic associations recognized by legislation in six provinces—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Plan Winter Employment Talks In July

OTTAWA (CP)—A national winter employment conference of representatives of industry, labor and government has been called for July 14 and 15 by Labor Minister Starr, it was announced Tuesday.
About 90 delegates representing 25 national organizations and provincial governments are expected to attend the Ottawa meeting, purpose of which is to increase the effectiveness of the do-it-now campaigns aimed at opening up more winter jobs.
Three main items on the conference agenda will be (1) extent and causes of winter unemployment; (2) action that has been taken to increase employment opportunities in this period and (3) practical proposals for further action.

Cancer Society Elects Officers

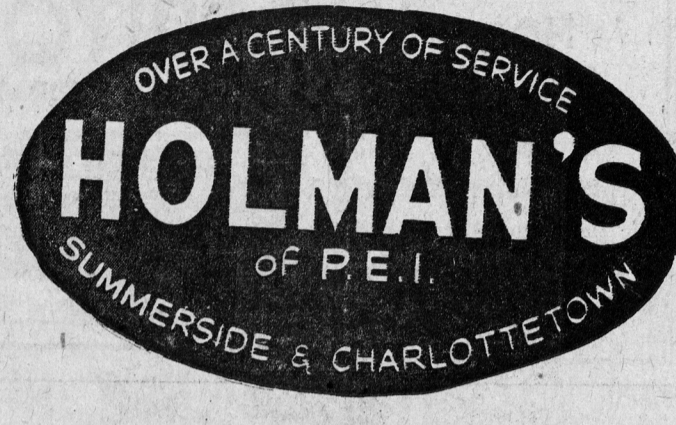
SYDNEY (CP)—Carl B. French of Toronto was re-elected national president of the Canadian Cancer Society at the first meeting of the new board of directors here Tuesday.
Maurice Forget, Montreal, was elected as vice-president of the society, joining re-elected F. H. Brown, Vancouver; George S. Cowie, Montreal, and Dr. N. H. Gosse, Halifax.
Dr. R. M. Taylor, Toronto, executive director; George Pither, Toronto, executive secretary and B. M. Osler, Toronto, honorary solicitor, were all re-elected.
The new board of directors elected includes W. H. Beaton, Charlottetown; T. J. Dalton, St. John's, Nfld.; Mr. Forget; Dr. J. P. McGuigan, Halifax; Lloyd Nickerson, Queenstown, N.B., and R. J. M. Hickey, Fredericton.

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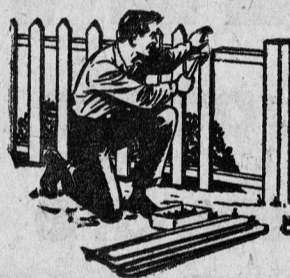
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