

Machinery Price Survey Is "Big Bluff", Says Rossiter

Claiming that "nothing has been done", since Premier Matheson announced his survey into the high price of farm machinery, Leo Rossiter (P.C. Second Kings) said yesterday he was certain that not one dealer on the Island had been contacted by the committee appointed to inquire into the matter. He said "the whole thing is a big bluff."



LEO ROSSITER, M.L.A.

Mr. Rossiter said dealers for three of the major machinery companies operating in the Province have given up their agencies during the past year or so. In his opinion this was not an indication that "there was any fortune to be made in the business."

JOB FOR COMMISSION

No progress in the probe can be made on a provincial level, Mr. Rossiter thought. "It might be a good thing to bring before this Price-Spreads Commission when it comes here," he added. Speaking of the Federal Grant to the Province, the Second Kings member recalled that Premier Matheson a year ago

put the blame for insufficient grants, "squarely on the shoulders of the Federal M.P.'s."

"If he was so ready to give the blame to the members last year why is he not just as ready to give the credit to the M.P.'s this year?" he asked.

Turning his attention to the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Rossiter said he was greatly surprised and he was sure the farmers of the Island would be disappointed to read of Mr. MacDonald's recommendation that margarine be brought into the province for sale.

He said the farmers were trying to build up their dairy herds and in so doing would be greatly handicapped if margarine were to go on sale in the Province. Mr. MacDonald: "It wouldn't hurt anybody. The smaller amount of butter we would use as a result would have no effect whatsoever on the price farmers would receive."

The member from Morell felt that the Newfoundland trade could be greatly expanded if "a proper selling job were done". He said other provinces had a

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Alarm Is Expressed Over U.S. Cut In Fish Imports

Quota Is 1 1/2 Million Pounds Less Under Present Tariff

"Reduced imports of Canadian fish to the United States under previously existing tariff rates has given cause for serious alarm", said Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Fisheries speaking in the Legislature yesterday.

Mr. MacKinnon quoted from a Fisheries Council Bulletin which states that on February 14 the U. S. Bureau of Customs reduced the import quota on fresh and frozen groundfish fillets and steaks from 37, 375, 636, lbs to 35,892,221 lbs under the 1-7-8 cents duty. It is the first significant decline since 1951.

The quota is arranged on a basis of 8,972,055 quarterly and when ever each quarterly quota has been reached the duty jumps to 2 1-2 cents per pound.

Reviewing the tariff situation regarding the export of fish to the United States, Mr. MacKinnon said that efforts have been made for some time among American fisheries interests to have the tariff increased. "Some would have our products barred altogether," he said.

The Minister said Canadian Fisheries people have been currying favour with American in-



HON. MR. MacKINNON

terests for some time an effort to prevent such a move. He said a great deal of money has been spent by Canadians to hold the duty as it was.

He told of an urgent call he received last summer from two of the largest fish dealers in the (Continued on page 10 col. 1)

Short Life Is Predicted For Third Yank Satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) The United States fired its third satellite into orbit Wednesday but the newest man-made moon may exist only a few days in space.

Explorer III, an 80-inch-long metal tube six inches in diameter with instruments designed to solve some of the secrets of the outer atmosphere, was blasted aloft by the U.S. army's Jupiter-C rocket at 12:38 p.m. EST.

Four hours later, Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, head of the army ballistic missile program, said the satellite probably will plunge to its death in a maximum of two weeks.

It may come down in two days, Medaris told a press conference, adding that this is "only an estimate."

CLOSE TO EARTH

Wernher Von Braun, the German scientist who developed the Jupiter-C, said the satellite will swing as close as 100 miles to the earth's wobbly orbit.

This is a much closer approach than any of the other satellites have made. It means that Explorer III soon will be dragged down by the earth's gravity.

For more than two tense hours after the rocket streaked skyward with a thunderous roar, scientists waited to hear whether the 31-pound moon had gone into orbit.

Not until 3 p.m. did Mr. Richard Porter, chairman of the technical panel of the U.S. earth satellite program, report in Washington that the satellite was orbiting and had completed its first trip around the earth in 121 minutes.

THIRD SUCCESS

It was the third U.S. success since Russian announced its test vehicle in space—the firing of Sputnik II, a 1,118-pound satellite with a dog aboard.

A rainstorm lashed Cape Canaveral this morning but it did not interfere with the systematic

count-down of the dependable, 70-foot Jupiter-C.

Inside Explorer III are two radio transmitters. Their messages will help to determine in the final analysis whether it will be possible in time for men to travel to the moon, mars and other planets.

Cannery At Middleton To Remain Closed

MIDDLETON, N. S., (CP) — Operations of the Canadian Cannery Limited plant here will be suspended for 1958, it was announced Wednesday night. The company is the town's major industry and one of the biggest canners in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley.

Mayor M. P. Armstrong said a letter he received from the company's head office in Hamilton notified him that large inventories made necessary the production stoppage. Date of the planned suspension was not disclosed.

The plant, opened in 1936, employs about 200 persons from July through October. Between 50 and 75 persons are employed in the off season. The letter said only a skeleton staff would be retained in the label and shipping departments.

Among products canned here are apples, strawberries, blueberries, peas, beans, squash and pumpkins.

SNIPERS SILENCED

JERUSALEM (Reuters) — An Israeli army spokesman said Wednesday Syrian snipers fired intermittently for several hours Tuesday and Wednesday on Israeli workers south of Lake Hula. Israeli border police opened up on the snipers and silenced them. There were no Israeli casualties, the spokesman said.

New Safety Measures Not Reassuring To Bomber Crews

WASHINGTON (AP) — New safety measures ordered to prevent any further accidental dropping of nuclear bombs apparently reassure everyone except the bomber crews.

The chances probably are low that the crew could jettison a bomb quickly if plane trouble were to develop during the critical moments of takeoff or landing.

It is understood that Strategic Air Command bombers now taking off from American and overseas bases have nuclear weapons so firmly attached that wrenches and screwdrivers are needed to prepare the bombs for release.

Once a bomber is at altitude and cruising, a crew might have time to disconnect the safety device and clear the way for jettisoning a bomb in event of trouble.

But the periods of greatest hazard in flight are during takeoff, when engine failure or loss of power can occur, and in the final phase of approach for landing.

NO TIME

Here there would be no time for the air crew to unfasten safety devices and rid the plane of its TNT trigger for the nuclear bomb. The airman would have to ride the plane — and their luck — to a landing.

One broadcast on a frequency of 108.03 megacycles. The other on 108 megacycles.

Something new in Explorer III is a tiny memory unit which can store up information on cosmic rays and, on radio command, transmit it back to earth on a tape recorder.

Oscar Awards Announced

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Alec Guinness Wednesday night was named best actor of 1957 by the motion picture academy for his role in "The Bridge on the River Kwai."

Actress Jean Simmons accepted the award for Guinness who is in England.

Best special effects — The Enemy Below, Walter Rossi.

Best art direction — Sayonara, Ed Haworth (set direction — Robert Priestly).

Best film editing — The Bridge on the River Kwai.

Best music scoring — The Bridge on the River Kwai, Malcolm Arnold.

Best achievement in cinematography — The Bridge on the River Kwai, Jack Hildyard.

Best foreign language picture — The Nights of Cabiria, Dino De Laurentis Production (Italy).

Best screenplay based on material from another medium — The Bridge on the River Kwai, Pierre Bouille.

Best story and screenplay written directly for the screen — Designing Woman, Gerge Wells.

Best costume design — Les Girls, Orry-Kelly.

Best song — All The Way from The Joker Is Wild.

Eden To Stay On The Riviera

LONDON (Reuters) — Sir Anthony Eden, 60, plans to stay in a villa on the French Riviera this summer, sources close to the former prime minister said Wednesday.

Eden, who resigned in January, 1957, because of ill health, is writing his memoirs.

He and his wife now are living near Newbury, in Berkshire, 50 miles from London.

Two Billion To Send Man To Moon, Is US Estimate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower's space scientists offered a "rough estimate" Wednesday night of the cost of sending a man to the moon: A couple of billion dollars.

Opposed To U. S. Stoppage Of Canadian Cars

CALGARY (CP) — Agriculture Minister Harkness said Tuesday night the United States has "no right or authority" to prevent Canadian companies from exporting goods to Communist China.

Answering a question at a political forum, he said the Conservative party would take steps to avoid a recurrence of the recent stoppage of Canadian export of cars to China.

The U.S. government recently blocked a sale of 1,000 cars to China by Ford of Canada.

"It is unfortunate that there is American control over a subsidiary like this," Mr. Harkness said.

He said if the U.S. continues to restrict oil imports from Alberta, the Canadian government will have to establish import quotas to counter the action.

Boyfriend Of Princess Denies Romance Rumor

LONDON (CP) — Billy Wallace, sometimes dubbed the "old faithful" of the Princess Margaret set because he's about the only bachelor left, now is denying reports of a new romance — this time with a Canadian girl.

Wallace admits, says the Daily Mail, that he saw a lot in his recent Nassau visit of Louise Taylor, pretty daughter of Toronto industrialist E. P. Taylor.

"It's a tight little island and one sees lots of people frequently," the wealthy, 31-year-old Wallace is quoted as saying. But there's "no romance."

Wallace recently returned to London from Nassau. He has been one of Princess Margaret's steadiest boyfriends over the years.

Want Potatoes Under New Act

The Prince Edward Island Legislature will ask the Federal Government to include potatoes in the list of named commodities in the Farm Price Support Bill number 237.

This is indicated in a resolution appearing on the order paper. The motion is sponsored by Harvey Douglas (Liberal Second Kings) and seconded by William Aern (Liberal First Kings).

In addition to asking the above, the resolution asks that the floor price of potatoes be in production rather than 80 per cent of the average price paid in the last ten years.

Yesterday Opposition Leader Bell through a question on the order paper gave notice that he will ask Premier Matheson whether it is the intention of the Government to allow margarine to be sold in the Province or if it is the intention of the Government to amend the law to allow possession and sale of margarine in Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Bell's question explains that the query is being made in the light of a statement made by a Government Minister (Hon. Mr. MacDonald) concerning the presence of margarine in the Province.

Toronto Star Sale For 25 Million Approved By Court

TORONTO (CP) — Sale of the Toronto Star, largest daily newspaper in Canada, was approved by the Ontario Supreme Court Wednesday for the highest price ever reported paid for a single newspaper property.

A \$25,558,021 offer by the Hawthorn Publishing Company was endorsed by Mr. Justice J. L. McLennan after a two-hour hearing.

Hawthorn Publishing is a new company set up by five trustees of the Atkinson charitable foundation — Joseph S. Atkinson, William J. Campbell, Ruth Atkinson Hindmarsh, Burnett M. Thall and Beland H. Onderick — and Harry A. Hindmarsh, a grandson of Joseph E. Atkinson, publisher of the Star before his death.

Mr. Justice McLennan said the Hawthorn Company will agree that if the newspaper or any of its assets are resold within the next five years any profit from such sale will revert to the Atkinson Charitable Foundation which has held controlling interest in the newspaper enterprise since Mr. Atkinson's death.

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Bank Bandits Get \$20,000

QUEBEC (CP) — Two armed men held up a lowertown branch of the Banque d'Economie de Quebec just before closing time Wednesday and escaped with between \$18,000 and \$20,000, police reported.

Install President At R.C.A.F. Ass'n. Anniversary Dinner

David Lecky was installed as president of the R. C. A. F. Association No. 201 (Confederation) Wing at the eighth anniversary dinner held at the Charlottetown Hotel last night, at which the retiring president J. M. Larabee was chairman.

The dinner meeting, which was followed by the annual dance of the Association brought together 175 members and their wives in a most enjoyable with

friendship and affability as the dominant note.

The guest speaker was Mr. W. Black of the Dept. of Mines and Technical Surveys, Ottawa who is on loan to the Defence Research Board. Mr. Black, by the aid of a large map, explained the object of the survey he is conducting over the River and Gulf area of St. Lawrence and down through Northumberland Straits. The aircraft and personnel (Continued on Page 10, Col 4.)

NO QUICK PROFIT

The condition was proposed by Hon. R. L. Kellock, counsel for Hawthorn Publishing, who said it would give assurances that the company was not buying the paper to realize a quick profit.

Following Mr. Kellock's presentation of the P-worth offer C. F. H. Carson, counsel for the public trustee of Ontario, "called it fair and reasonable."

In approving the sale, Mr. Justice McLennan said: "the argument has been clear and leaves no doubt in my mind that approval should be granted."

Mr. Atkinson, who died in 1948, decreed in his will that controlling interest of the Star be held by the Atkinson Charitable Foundation which he had set up prior to his death.

Previous record price for a single newspaper property was \$18,000,000 paid by Cyrus H. K. Curtis for the Philadelphia Inquirer in 1930.

MEANS PROVIDED

The scientists said the means for peaceful exploration of space has been provided by "the military quest for ultra-long range rockets."

To put a satellite weighing from half a ton to one ton into orbit will require a thrust of between 200,000 and 400,000 pounds, said the committee. It added: "rocket engines able to supply this thrust have been under development for some time."

There are, the scientists say, "important, foreseeable, military uses for space vehicles" in the field of communication and reconnaissance.

Canada Reveals Immigrants Cannot Enter Via The U. S.

OTTAWA (CP) — The immigration department announced Wednesday that entry visas and medical cards will be withheld from most overseas immigrants attempting to enter Canada via the United States.

The department said instructions have been issued to immigration officers overseas to withhold these documents unless immigrants can prove they have booked transportation on a ship or aircraft proceeding directly to a Canadian port of entry.

Last July the department asked transportation companies not to book immigrants unless they were bound directly to Canada. At that time the department said ports of entry on the Canada-U.S. border are not equipped to handle large numbers of immigrants.

A department official said the transportation companies did nothing to reduce the flow of Canada — bound immigrants to U.S. ports. The department last October then issued a directive to withhold immigrants from overseas must be landed at Canadian ports.

U.K. Byelection Scheduled Today; Gov't. May Lose

LONDON (CP) — Prime Minister Macmillan's government is threatened today with the loss of its third Parliamentary seat in six weeks.

Despite a majority of more than 9,000 in the 1955 general election, the government is encountering heavy weather in its effort to retain the Devonshire constituency of Torrington.

Even though the Liberals have not contested the seat since 1950, public opinion polls give a clear lead to their candidate, Mark Bonham Carter, over Anthony Royle, his government opponent a National Liberal and Conservative party candidate.

Mrs. Diefenbaker Forced To Rest

MONTREAL (CP) — Mrs. John Diefenbaker, suffering since last Saturday from a recurring back ailment, is to leave her husband's election campaign tour Wednesday for a few days' rest in Ottawa.

Mrs. Diefenbaker, troubled periodically as a result of an old injury, is to rest at the prime minister's official residence until Saturday when they are scheduled to fly to Prince Albert, Sask.

100 Million To Be Spent On Defence Projects This Year

OTTAWA (CP) — Works Minister Green said Wednesday night that federal government expenditures on defence projects this year will total about \$100,000,000.

He said these projects and other public works could have been postponed until later in the year or even longer but are being undertaken now to create employment.

Bank Rate Down

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — The National Bank of Belgium Wednesday announced a reduction in the Belgian bank rate to 4 1/2 per cent from 4 3/4, to take effect today.

AID FOR PROVINCES

Referring to road building, he reiterated that the government is prepared to join with provincial governments in the construction of northern development roads. The government also would help the provinces in the building of main highways in addition to providing help in the construction of the Trans-Canada Highway.

Mr. Green said about 25,000 homes now are under construction across Canada as a result of government action to make more money available for loans for low-cost housing.

The housing activity had provided jobs for more than 100,000 persons and had created work for thousands of other Canadians producing lumber, furniture, hardware and other materials required in a home.