

More Organization Is Urged In Agriculture Labor Market

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal and provincial agriculture and labor leaders say there should be more planning and organizing in the Canadian agriculture labor market.

Provincial agriculture ministers and their deputies met here with Labor Minister MacEachen, Agriculture Minister Hays and other federal officials to discuss the farm labor question. A communique issued later said the need for greater planning would include "steps to upgrade existing manpower and where necessary to transfer workers from areas of surplus to areas of tight labor supply."

A shortage of skilled agriculture labor has been developing in certain parts of the country, said the communique, and this is complicated by the "changing patterns of demand in agriculture." Twice as many workers were needed during the summer as in the winter.

"There is an absence of satisfactory information on working and living conditions of workers on Canadian farms. The absence of data is an impediment to developing adequate agriculture manpower programs. It was agreed that a critical review should be undertaken of existing surveys to determine the gaps that exist and the means by which more com-

prehensive information on farm manpower and employment conditions in agriculture can be obtained, analyzed and presented."

There was also agreement that existing training facilities

for agriculture workers should be expanded, and new programs established where needed.

"The meeting discussed the extension of unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation to the farm labor force. It was recognized that the seasonal nature of agriculture makes coverage more difficult."

The communique said there was a thorough discussion of

the working and living conditions of agriculture employees. Agriculture ministers or their deputies came from seven provinces to the one-day meeting here: Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia were not represented.

INDIANS' ISLAND
Before Europeans arrived, Ellis Island in New York harbor was known to Mohican Indians as Gull Island.

Inquest Is Not Decided

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—No decision has been reached yet on whether to hold an inquest into the death of a seaman whose frozen body was found aboard a ship in Kingston harbor Saturday.

The body of James Edward Thomas, 46, of St. Catharines, was discovered by Ernest Barlow, a shipkeeper, tacked beneath the side rail of the Kingston. A post-mortem was held Sunday and police decided to

send samples of the man's blood to the attorney-general's laboratory in Toronto.

There was a gash on the back of his head and a blood-stained wire was found about 30 feet from the body. Police said they also found glasses, a wallet containing a cheque for one month's work and a hat. The latter items were found Dec. 15

outside Thomas' cabin on the Cosfax, a coastguarding vessel (built the 800-year-old pub so that it will conform to local health standards. Among past customers of the Royal Oak, named for the 1,300-year-old tree nearby, was Sir Francis Drake, who owned a farm near-

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