

# Uranium Reserve Shows Increase

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OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's known reserves of uranium ore have increased by an estimated 109,100,000 tons in the last 1½ years, it was learned Monday.

Official government figures now place the reserves at 334,100,000 tons, compared with 225,000,000 at the end of 1956.

In the Western world, Canada is second both in reserves of uranium ore and in production of uranium oxide. South Africa is first in reserves and third in production, the United States first in production and third in reserves.

Last year the U.S. produced 9,200 tons of oxide, Canada 6,438 and South Africa 5,699.

A mines department official said Monday Canada may overtake the U.S. in production this year.

**REVISED FIGURES**  
Main reason for the increase in Canada's reserves is a revision

of figures for Northern Ontario's Blind River district, largest single uranium mining area in the Western World.

A new survey by the geological department estimates that the Blind River area contains 320,000,000 tons of uranium ore.

This means the area's reserves are 95,000,000 tons in excess of the all-Canada figure of 225,000,000 at Dec. 13, 1956.

The mines department estimates the Canadian reserves of 334,100,000 tons of ore contain about 345,000 tons of uranium oxide, up 108,000 over the 1956 estimate of 237,000.

Estimated oxide content in ore by Canada's four major uranium areas: Blind River 320,000 tons of uranium oxide in reserves of 320,000,000 tons; Northern Saskatchewan, 15,540 tons in 7,400,000 Ontario's Bancroft region 6466 tons in 6400,000, and the Northwest Territories 1,400 tons in 300,000.

## AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

**MISUNDERSTANDING**  
It has been brought to our attention that some farmers believe that some or all of the June set-aside is being used by our own dairy factories for advertising their own particular products. This is a mistaken belief which should be corrected. All the money thus collected is remitted to the Toronto office of the Dairy Farmers of Canada and is used for national promotion and advertising. The dairy plants do not receive anything for the work which they do in making this collection. That is their contribution to national advertising.

Further it should be pointed out that all the different plants in the province contribute to the Dairymen's Association money which issued for advertising work. In addition many of the plants spend very considerable amounts of their own funds in advertising dairy products. The point to be emphasized is that the local plants do not get any of the June set-aside for advertising.

Present indications are that due to increased production in the month of June this year the June set-aside total of 1958 will be greater than the case in 1957.

**FARM ACCIDENTS**  
The last two weeks have seen the death of two prominent island farmers. One from an automobile accident and one as the result of tractor overturning. In addition another farmer had his tractor back over him causing quite serious injury. There were probably many more minor mishaps which escaped public attention, mishaps which might very readily under slightly different circumstances would have been very serious in their result.

Certainly it needs to be emphasized that farm tractors are potential killers and must be handled with the very greatest care. It is not unlikely that even with all precautions that accidents can be completely eliminated. However, many of those so called accidents are really not such at all as the events leading up to them and the condition which produce them can be clearly established. If it were

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**HOG VOTES**  
July 25 is the big day in rural Ontario for on that date the hog producers of that province will decide for or against retaining their hog marketing board. It is estimated that approximately seventy-four thousand are eligible to vote, the plebiscite to carry must show a favourable vote of two-thirds of those going to the polls. Probably the most contentious issue in the program is involved in the policy of the board in directing all hogs to assembly points in the first instance rather than to the packing plants.

In theory the Board apparently feels that their bargaining power is lessened if the hogs are in the first instance in the yards of the packer. The strength of the whole operation the Board maintains rests in the fact that the packer must first bid on and buy the hog before he acquires possession of him. A great deal of interest is being displayed throughout Canada in the outcome of this plebiscite.

The Ontario Hog Board is one of the largest marketing boards in operation and the result of the plebiscite can have a very important bearing for the future of Farming in Canada.

**FARM INCOME**  
Cash farm income from the sale of farm products for the first quarter of 1958 was estimated at \$804,000,000 up \$29,000,000 or 3.5 per cent from the similar period a year earlier. This increase can be attributed in the main, to larger outputs and higher prices for livestock and livestock products. First-quarter cash returns from the sale of cattle and calves jumped

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to \$137,098,000 from \$97,024,000 in the first quarter of 1957. About two-thirds of the increase in returns from cattle and calves accrued to prairie farmers and most of the remainder to Ontario Farmers.

**DOUBLE LOSS**  
It was an unusual coincidence that Mr. C.F. Bailey after whom the Bailey Arena in Amherst was named should have died the same week as the destructive fire in Amherst. Mr. Bailey who was superintendent of the Fredericton Experimental Farm was also president of the Maritime Winter Fair for a number of years, under his tenure of office the fair was considerably expanded and became one of the best shows east of Toronto.

**GRASS AND HAY**  
Good rains and frequent showers have greatly improved the hay crop and maintained pastures in good condition. The hay is remaining quite green and heavy clover is still in ideal condition for making into silage. Hay production this year will be very

much heavier and may almost be double that of 1957. Grain is very promising and even by the tenth of July some fields were showing signs of lodging—unusually early for that condition.

The early potato fields are now coming out in blossom, certainly no crop is much nicer to look at than a clean well cultivated field of potatoes in full blossom. In short, with practically all crops the stage seems to be set for really good production this year.

The first new Island potatoes appeared in the stores about July 12, true they were not all large but at least they were new and probably well supplied with valuable vitamins.

**C.F.A. SEMI-ANNUAL**  
The last week of July at Port Arthur will see the usual semi-annual meeting of the Canadian Federation. Among business to be considered will be the reports and recommendations of three special committees—those on Price Supports and Prices, on

## Tax Concessions For Medical Expenses Called Inadequate

OTTAWA (CP)—W. H. McMillan (L—Welland) said Thursday in the Commons that income tax concessions for medical expenses announced in the budget are inadequate because they afford no relief for lower-income groups. "They don't help those who don't pay income taxes" said

Mr. McMillan, who is a medical doctor. Mr. McMillan spoke as the C o m m o n s considered amendments to the Income Tax Act. He centred his comments on a provision which adds drugs obtained on prescription to the list of items deductible for income tax purposes.

The provision will apply to all such drugs purchased from June 18 on. Taxpayers can deduct those and other allowed medical expenses from income only when the total exceeds three per cent of income.

Finance Minister Fleming Thursday announced one change

from the original budget announcement. Doctors' prescriptions will not have to be written—as first stipulated—and can be ordered or renewed by a telephone call from the doctor to the druggist. But taxpayers seeking to benefit must have the prescriptions registered by the druggist and file receipts for the drug in their income tax return.

**EXPENSIVE ITEM**  
At the night sitting Mr. Fleming said the cost to the treasury of extending tax deductibility for medical prescriptions, eyeglasses, artificial eyes, laboratory and diagnostic services and ambulance trips to and from hospital would run to between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 annually.

Leon Creswell (L—Montreal Cartier) asked whether the provision for ambulance expenses would include the cost of charter-

ing aircraft, taxis or even private automobiles in emergency over long distances.

Mr. Fleming said no. Chesley W. Carter (L—Burin-Burgeo) said there isn't an ambulance in his whole Newfoundland constituency. "I don't think we should put on the statute books anything that doesn't treat all taxpayers alike," he added.

**SCOTS SETTLEMENT**  
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