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Camp Gagetown Parachutists Hold Successful Air Drop

CAMP GAGETOWN, N. B. — Paratroopers of the 3rd Airborne Signals Troop, Royal Canadian Signals, Tuesday battled cold, gusty winds over the half-frozen terrain of central New Brunswick to carry out two successful parachute drops. The show went off without a hitch.

The soldier-paratroopers were carrying out their first airborne training exercise since their formation as a unit last August. The signals troop is one of three such units in the Canadian Army, charged with the task of parachuting in with assaulting infantry to establish wireless and line communication facilities.

Commanded by Lieut. Albert J. Nightingale, 24, of Toronto and Ottawa, the unit is part of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group stationed here.

The paratroopers boarded an RCAP C-119 aircraft at nearby Fredericton airport to carry out the first drop over an area near the village of Eversville. The drop was performed in winds between 12 and 20 miles an hour.

Following a safe landing late in the morning, the paratroopers repeated the exercise shortly after 3 p.m. Officials described the exercise as "a picture descent."

AID FOR TIBETANS

GENEVA (Reuters) — The World Council of Churches said Monday it has appealed to its members to aid at least 18,000 Tibetan refugees it said have fled into India and Nepal. A committee led by a brother of the Dalai Lama has been set up among the refugees.

Flu Is Said On Decrease

AMHERST (CP) — Medical authorities here reported Tuesday that influenza which reached epidemic proportions last week is now on the decrease.

The flu, reported to have struck about 2,000 persons, forced the closing of Island View Hospital to visitors and caused one industry to shut down for several days.

Doctors said that while the flu had passed the epidemic stage there were still new cases being reported daily.

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More Research In Arctic Is Demanded In Commons

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada must do more research in the Arctic to preserve its national integrity, CCF House Leader Hazen Argue said Monday in the Commons.

There is a growing body of evidence that Canada knows very little about its own northland, he said. Canada was dependent on reports by Russian scientists for knowledge of this country's northern regions.

All kinds of research should be co-ordinated to improve the standard of living of Canadians and to maintain the sovereignty of the country.

Mr. Argue was speaking in support of a private resolution calling for the establishment of a special Commons committee to examine the advisability of providing inducements to promote and accelerate research in Canada.

Debate on the motion, sponsored by J. W. Murphy (PC-Lambton West), occupied the first sitting day of the Commons since it adjourned March 25 for its annual Easter recess.

Mr. Murphy said research is important to ensure increased Canadian productivity. A higher production level in business and industry was essential to meet the threat of inflation.

He said scientific research in universities should be encouraged but that the government should leave to industry the job of conducting applied research.

Mr. Argue said the need for greater research of all kinds is necessary and urged the government to state its attitude towards the proposed research committee.

He suggested the committee might study research into such problems as unemployment, inflation, agriculture generally and the question of grain deficiency payments.

The government should do more, he said, to co-ordinate national research programs in such fields as cancer, heart and mental diseases.

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TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

Costs Down

In the fur department of "Women's Wear Daily" is a compilation of actual costs of raising a mink in Wisconsin in 1957, as compared with 1956. Everything from feed to insurance, freight, postage, marketing costs, heat light, power, repairs, maintenance, depreciation, etc., is taken into account.

The actual cost for 1956 shows \$18.50 per mink, as compared to \$19.44 per mink for 1957. The costs for 1958 are not yet available.

Ed Gold, reporting on the mink situation in the United States in March, states that ranch mink maintained its pre-March strength, and even advanced in some instances. Despite bad weather, a good crowd, including European buyers, turned out for the auctions.

Darks and demi-buffs moved very well, with a turnover of 98 to 100 percent, respectively. Miscellaneous raw and dressed mutations moved at a 90 percent clip. The official breakdown of types is as follows:

Ranch mink — 98 per cent sold, with top males at \$38.50 and females at \$23.00.

Demi-buffs — 100 percent sold, top males at \$40.00 and females at \$20.50.

The March collection was poorer than in February; most of these were bought by local buyers, with some males going to Europe. Raw and dressed independent mutations were 90 percent sold. In dressed mutations, the really ordinary females brought \$14.00; commercial types went from \$15.00 to \$16.50; very small males at \$24.00 to \$25.00; commercials at \$27.00 to \$31.00; better commercials at \$31.50 to \$33.00 (all pastels).

EMBA is moving into the mass-circulation field for the first time this month with a two-page spread in Time magazine. The ad will appear in the April 13 issue. They also have a much larger program in the planning stage, all of which will be helpful in increasing the popularity of mink.

In the current issue of "The Black Fox," magazine is the following: "Mink Breeders from all sections of the United States, and quite a number from Canada, came to New York City for the two big auctions held in February. Many were accompanied by their wives.

"Nearly a million mink were sold during that month. No mink auction sales will be held during March, and that will give buyers time to digest the heavy February purchases.

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The new issue will increase the bank's paid-up capital to the highest figure in Canadian banking history, he said.

The issue is being undertaken in view of the substantial increase in total assets of the bank since the last issue two years ago, and because of the formation of the new Bank of London and Montreal Limited, serving Latin America and the Caribbean, he added.

Mr. Hart said the bank last month transferred \$3,000,000 from tax-paid inner reserves to its rest account, which now stands at \$123,000,000, in relation to paid-up capital of \$34,000,000. On completion of the new issue, the B of M capital account will be increased by \$6,750,000, on the basis of \$10 par-value shares, bringing paid-up capital to \$60,750,000. At the same time, the rest account will be increased \$14,850,000 to a total of \$137,600,000.