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Tobacco Not Covered Under Insurance Plan

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Tobacco has not been brought under the crop insurance program because Ottawa feels that the crop should have five years experience in the province before an average production volume can be established on which to base an insurance scheme.

"But," observed Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae yesterday, "we are going to have another look at it later this year, as we feel we have established a fairly uniform volume over a three-year period."

There is no tobacco insurance program existing in Canada under the government-sponsored scheme, it was explained. The growers in Ontario can get full insurance through regular companies, and the history of tobacco production has been so good there over a long period of time, they have never felt the need for any other type of insurance, it was explained.

Mr. MacRae agreed that the average yield of 145 bushels per acre, which has been accepted for potato crop insurance, is well below the actual average crop, which is something less than 250 bushels, and production does run much higher with experienced growers.

But, he explained, complete coverage is not available in other forms of insurance at a low premium, and the premium will be kept low for spuds. The hope is for not more than \$5.00 per acre.

In automobile insurance, for example he said the premium for \$100 deductible is much less than for \$25 deductible.

WORKING EXPLAINED

Asked how the insurance would work, Mr. MacRae said that if the crop should be 10 bushels below the 145 bushel production volume, for detectable disease or other causes in the field, the farmer would collect for the 10-bushel drop at the rate of one dollar and a few odd cents per bushel, which has been established as the 10-year average price.

Mr. MacRae explained that although the insurance covers field conditions, which hamper production, the fungus rot infestation that caused such heavy losses a year ago might be covered, if the susceptibility to the disease could be detected at harvest time.

It would be reported then, and the spuds could be examined in the bin several weeks later, and unusual damage assessed, if there was any.

Foxley River Farm Home Is Destroyed

The farm home of Alvin Bryan at Foxley River was levelled by fire Monday evening. Also lost in the blaze were his entire furnishings and some machinery appliances which were in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan reportedly left the Freeland area for Summerside Monday night and shortly after arriving in Summerside about 9 o'clock were contacted and told their farm home was burning.

Mr. Bryan, who is employed with Willard MacDonald Ltd., in Summerside has not been living on the farm for several years but during the Christmas and New Year's season had spent several days at the farm home.

No estimate of the damage could be learned but it is understood the home and furnishings were partly covered by insurance. The cause of the blaze was not determined. Two other barn and a granary were saved from the flames.

Pulp Cutting Is Expected In Labrador

CORNER BROOK (CP) — Albert Martin, general manager of the Bowater's Newfoundland Pulp and Paper Mills Limited here, said Monday prospects of starting logging operations in Labrador "in a small way" look bright for 1962.

Mr. Martin said in an interview Bowater's officials had been in Labrador to make preliminary studies of a headquarter site, the shipping possibilities, and labor available.

Premier Smallwood announced recently that Bowater's would undertake cutting Labrador pulpwood, estimated at three times the amount on the island of Newfoundland.

Mr. Smallwood hinted the start of Labrador operations also meant the end of one of the last problems standing in the way of a third pulp mill for Newfoundland: Not enough pulpwood on the island to allow for expansion possibilities of three mills.

Mr. Martin said the government had been holding meetings with the British Newfoundland Corporation, the Newfoundland Labrador Corporation and Newfoundland Pulp and Chemical Limited which hold wood concessions to form a new company.

He said he expected Bowater's would be "called in as possible operators" to harvest the wood when details of the new company were worked out.

Skyscraper Height Cut

LONDON (Reuters)—A skyscraper hotel to be built near the London home of Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon will be several stories lower than planned so that guests will not be able to have a peep at their royal neighbors, it was learned here.

The hotel, a project of property millionaire Jack Cotton and Charles Clow, will be only a few hundred yards from Kensington Palace where Princess Marina of Kent, her daughter



GETTING ACQUAINTED

Canadian and U.S. cabinet ministers were on a first-hand basis last Friday as they opened trade talks in Ottawa.

The five-man U.S. group is expected to provide the Canadians with details of President Kennedy's new trade program during the two-day

conference. Left to right are External Affairs Minister Green, U.S. Undersecretary of State Ball, Finance Minister Fleming, U.S. Treasury Secretary Dillon, U.S. Interior Secretary Udall, Agriculture Minister Hamilton and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Freeman. (CP Wirephoto)

WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures:	
	Min. Max
	night day
Dawson	20b 12b
Yancouver	32 36
Victoria	34 39
Edmonton	27b 5
Calgary	15b 17
Regina	30b 5b
Winnipeg	10b 8b
Toronto	34 39
Ottawa	26 34
Montreal	28 34
Quebec	21 34
Fredericton	23 44
Saint John	34 45
Moncton	31 43
Halifax	31 42
Charlottetown	25 39
Sydney	18 29
Yarmouth	35 46
St. John's	14 33

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says colder air will push across the Maritimes today with snowflurries followed by clearing weather.

Regional forecasts: Halifax and vicinity, South Shore, Annapolis Valley: Overcast with snowflurries, clearing by evening; colder; west winds 20. Low - high at Halifax and

Princess Alexandra and Princess Alice, aunt of Queen Elizabeth, also live.

The ministry of works has also vetoed the hotel's planned roof garden and is allowing no possible vantage spot for sightseers with binoculars and cameras.

No such ruling has been made for other buildings, one 25 storeys high, springing up around Buckingham Palace, residence of Queen Elizabeth. They command a bird's-eye view of the palace grounds.

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Algerian Right-Wing Alerted For Action

By ANDREW BOROWIEC
ALGIERS (AP) — French civilian and military authorities in Algeria were informed by Paris Monday that a cease-fire agreement between France and the Algerian rebels may be announced in the near future.

As a result, a powerful French military apparatus in Algeria's major cities was again ordered on the alert to "defend the republic" in the face of rising threats of armed action by the outlawed European Secret Army Organization.

Hundreds of European reserve officers living in Algiers have received warning cards from the secret army to stand ready to try to forestall a French agreement with the rebel Muslim nationalists. The secret army claims it will do anything, even plunge France into civil war, to prevent Algerian independence. The right-wingers contend an independent Algeria would become a Communist state.

WEEKEND BLOODY
Monday's events accompanied by new tension and fear, came on the heels of one of the bloodiest weekends in Algeria's history. At least 50 persons were killed and more than 100 were

wounded in terrorist raids and mob clashes.

In Oran Monday, the regional postmaster for the Oran area was shot to death outside his office in the centre of the city when he arrived for work. Police said four young Europeans acting for the secret army fired at the official, Victor Demare, 46, as he was about to get out of his car.

Scattered violence was reported elsewhere in Algeria during the day.

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Alberton YPS Shown Films

ALBERTON — The Alberton Presbyterian YPS resumed their meetings on Friday in the church hall.

The president, Evelyn Carpenter, presided.

Devotions were led by Anne Clark and 12 members answered roll call with a verse of scripture.

It was decided that during the winter months meetings would be held every second week. Slides were shown on "Nigeria" and "The Bill Field of India" which portrayed the work carried on by Presbyterian missionaries in that territory.

Canadian Army Will Receive New Uniform

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Army will get a new combat uniform in about a year, defence department officials said here.

The new clothing, comprising a combat jacket, shirt, coat, trousers and eight-inch high leather boots, will go into production soon.

The new boots will do away with the much maligned puttees. In long trials, they stood up to a minimum 18 months hard usage without repair.

The new uniform is Canadian designed and developed. It is the result of three years of study and research within the army. It is expected to be on issue to troops by 1963.

The present battle dress and greatcoat will be eliminated for field war but will continue as non-operational dress.

The new combat uniform is 50 per cent nylon and 50 per cent cotton by weight. Although light, it was selected for strength and hard-wearing properties.

attended was held from the MacLean Funeral Home on November 8, service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Campbell. Hymns sung were, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "Abide With Me".

OBITUARY
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Mr. McCourt was born at Emerald, 51 years ago, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCourt. Of this family Michael, Patrick, John, Emma, Mrs. William Greenan and Beatrice — Mrs. Edward McKenna predeceased him. Surviving are Walter on the old homestead, Priscilla — Mrs. Emmett Clow, Emerald, Katie — Mrs. Jerome Malone, Bradford, Massachusetts and Annie — Mrs. Austin McCarron, West Newbury, Massachusetts. His wife Mary Murphy of Emerald died on April 23, 1926, leaving a family of small children who were reared most carefully and who were given all the benefits of a truly Christian home and education. Six children were born of this union. Two sons died in infancy; surviving are Emmer and Harold, both living at Emerald; Beatrice — Mrs. Esfield Smith, Emerald; and Sister Mary Bernard of the Sisters of St. Martha, Charlottetown.

The funeral for Louis McCourt was held Saturday, December 16, from the home of his son, Emmer McCourt, Emerald, to St. James' Church, Summerfield, where Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. J.B. Croken, P.P., assisted by Rev. E.L. Murray as deacon, and Rev. Clifford Murphy as sub-deacon, master of ceremonies was Rev. Wilfred Keefe, Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEschern, Bishop of Charlottetown, was present in the sanctuary. Also present were Rt. Rev. Patrick McFahon, Rev. George MacCormack, Rev. Harold Croken, Rev. J.P.E. O'Hanley, Rev. F. Aylward, Rev. P.F. MacDonald, Rev. Preston Hammill and Rev. Denis Gallant.

Honorary pallbearers were: Albert McKenna, John Murtugh, Clayton Green, Bennett Deignan, James Murphy and John A. Smith. Casket bearers were Percy Murphy, Albert Murphy, George Hughes, Everett Reeves, Louis Mulligan and Pius Croken.

Interment was in the church cemetery where service was conducted by Rev. J.B. Croken, assisted by Rev. Wilfred Keefe.

CARD OF THANKS
The family of the late Louis McCourt wish to extend their sincere thanks to all kind friends and neighbors who were so helpful during their recent sad bereavement. Also to those who sent mass cards, spiritual offerings and messages of sympathy. Thank you one and all.

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The late Mr. Smith was born in Brockton, Mass., in 1906, son of Mrs. George Benjamin and the late C.M. Smith.

Mr. Smith was a valued employee of the Charlottetown Hotel for the last seven years. He will be greatly missed by all his fellow workers there.

He leaves to mourn besides his sorrowing mother, his wife and the following children, Marjorie, (Mrs. W. Moore), Ohio; Katie, (Mrs. Poole), Brockton; Ellen, Brockton; Charles, U.S. Army, Washington; William, Brockton and Gary at home.

Also a half-brother Harry Benjamin of Halifax. A brother Otis and a sister predeceased him.

Prior to the funeral Local 278 of the Charlottetown Hotel, held their service at the funeral home.

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MANWATCHER

The seagull in lower left corner of the picture on the ground is manwatching the birdwatcher. R. F. Oldaker was watching wildlife in Vancouver's Stanley Park when the gull strolled over for a look. (CP Photo)

Low Forest Fire Loss Due To Early Reports

Forest fire losses in Prince Edward Island in 1961 were the lowest in many years, provincial forester Frank Gaudet said yesterday.

The largest of 18 fires reported during the year was at St. Charles, which burned about "five acres," Mr. Gaudet said that the other fires were very small.

SUMMER WAS DRY
According to Mr. Gaudet, last summer was "just as dry as many previous summers" and the forest fire hazard was extreme at times.

Mr. Gaudet attributed the small fire loss to the fact that all fires were discovered quickly and reported early to firefighters. "We have no trouble with fires when we can get to them in time," he said.

Mr. Gaudet said that his department has acquired a four-wheel drive truck that is being fitted with water tank and pump. This truck will be located in Alberton and the Alberton Fire Department will be responsible for it. "In case of a forest fire in that area," said Mr. Gaudet, "the Alberton department will use our truck, calling us to give the fire location."

The forester said that it is planned to get another truck that can be located in Kings County. There is now a pumper truck located in Queens County.

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WESTERN BRIEFS

IN HOSPITAL
Wilbert McInnis, Greenmount, has entered the Western Hospital for treatment.

IN MONCTON
C.B. Leard, Alberton, is in Moncton this week to attend meetings of the Maritime provinces Board of Trade. He is accompanied by Mrs. Leard and they are guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Edmonds.

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