



Shown above are ice boats "crossing the capes" in 1904, supplementing the "Stanley" and "Minto" when icebound between Pictou and Georgetown. These sturdy boats were 17 feet long and equipped with sledlike double runners for passage over ice when possible. They were equipped with oars, sails and ice hooks and the larder contained fresh water and sea biscuit. The boats crossed in packs of six or eight boats each headed by a "Commodore."

Six men comprised a crew, with provision for a maximum of three passengers. Men were charged \$2 for the trip and were required to don harness and "pull" with the crew when travel over the ice was possible and heavy. Women, children and elderly persons were excused from this strenuous labor but the fare in their case was \$4. Keen rivalry existed between the crews in endeavouring to out-guess each other in the possibilities of making the crossing. Tides and

currents, board ice, drift ice, locally; wind, and above all sudden snow squalls had to be taken into consideration previous to every crossing. There was always a slight relief at the old Anglo-American Telegraph office here and the office of the Marine Agent when the news was ticked off from the boat house at Cape Traverse, "six boats arrived 1.15 p.m. ten bags of foreign mail" (All mail was called foreign in those days).



Seven million dollars went into the construction of the sleek seventy-five hundred ton "Abegweit" to make her the most modern and effective icebreaker in the world. Now in drydock at Halifax undergoing her annual overhaul following a strenuous winter

in butting the ice between Borden and Tormentine. —The "Abegweit" is expected to be back on her run in ample time to look after the influx of home-comers and visitors incident to the holiday season associated with "The 24th" of May.

Topsy-Turvy Farm Surplus Situation in United States

By Bob Whitehead
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The topsy-turvy farm surplus situation in the United States might be fairly characterized as "the plague of plenty."

Take wheat as an example among the huge surpluses of corn, butter, cheese, dried milk, cotton, barley, rye and other products. A flow of grain from the wheat lands has almost swamped storage facilities and has even been dumped into holds of ships to save the grain. Workers are busy on the building of new storage places to save the new crop overflow that soon will come to market.

Already the federal government has had to buy — or is committed to buy — more than 800,000,000 bushels of wheat. Under the present farm program if a farmer can't sell his wheat in the market place, the government will take it off his hands at an average price of \$2.20 a bushel.

In the great wheat country of Colorado 20 producers in two counties delivered 281,271 bushels of wheat from their 1952 crops. They turned it over to the government in exchange for federal loans totalling \$805,477.

These loans were the non-recourse loans under which the grower may forfeit his wheat crop in full payment for the loan if the market price is less than the loan value.

Wheat is one of the basic crops supported at the rigid level of 90 per cent of parity. Parity is the price fixed by law intended to give farmers a fair price for their products in relation to the things they must buy.

How much does it cost the farmers to produce \$2.20 worth of wheat? You hear private estimates of wheat being produced for as low as 80 cents a bushel by highly efficient farmers. But the department of agriculture hasn't ventured into this field. So costs are the unknown factor.

One thing is certain: The face of farming is changing. In many regions it's big business. The "farmer" is the big corporation with big acres, mechanized operations and vast production.

Seek Flexibility

President Eisenhower and his secretary of agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, are striving against strong opposition to put across in Congress a flexible price support program in which supports would rise and fall in relation to production. The argument is that this flexibility would encourage production shifts which would minimize the surpluses and put the farmer on firmer ground in the long run.

Administration and congressional leaders are exploring every reasonable proposal to take the surplus overhang from the market. Clifford Hope Rep-Kans., chairman of the House agriculture committee, is looking with favor on a "no-price" system in which wheat is sold to the world market at competitive prices. One would be a domestic price propped up by government price supports at home.

The other would be the world price level.

Would Make Allotments

Suppose \$2.20 was the parity price for wheat, and it was figured that the U. S. could consume only 500,000,000 bushels out of a 1,000,000,000 bushel crop.

A farmer receiving an allotment of 1,000 bushels would get a certificate guaranteeing him \$2.20 a bushel for this wheat. But if he produced anything above the 1,000-bushel allotment, this additional wheat would go at the world price.

Some think this plan would upset the world market and perhaps arouse other nations to take retaliatory measures. Some fear a glut of wheat from uncontrolled production would cause farmers to feed wheat to hogs and cattle, thus upsetting the market for other stock feeds.

FIRE DESTROYS STORES

URANUM CITY, Sask. (CP)—Fire destroyed the \$100,000 Hudson's Bay Company stores and a warehouse in the centre of this northern uranium mining town within one hour Saturday. No one was injured. There was no immediate estimate of damage.

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Frick Demands Enforcement Of New Baseball Rule

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball commissioner Ford Frick Wednesday demanded strict enforcement of the new rule requiring players to take their gloves off the playing field with them when they come in to bat and threatened to forfeit ball games, if necessary, as a penalty.

Frick's warning was in the form of a bulletin sent to all major league clubs and minor league residents.

The commissioner said he was disturbed about persistent reports that various leagues and clubs were going to make their own interpretation of the rule.

Although Frick did not mention any specific leagues, it was reported in Florida that the American League had agreed by a 7-1 vote to oppose the rule and make its own interpretation if the rules committee failed to make changes.

Warren Giles, National League president, had issued a bulletin to all his clubs, laying down a policy of strict enforcement.

Frick pointed out that he holds no brief for or against the particular rule but he does hold that the rules are "not subject to change at the whim of the individual or the club."

Yanks Look Like Same Old Team

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Yankees are playing for money now, instead of just for fun, and they're looking like the same old Yankees.

The pitchers are pitching, hitters are hitting and sly old Casey Stengel is running official scorers dizzy with his "hunch" strategy and two-platoon lineups.

"It looks like the opposition is going to keep shooting left-handers at us all the time," the Yankee manager said today while his team took advantage of the Good Friday schedule break. "I'd be a sucker if I didn't lead the lineup with righthand hitters."

The Yankees and all other major leaguers were idle Friday because of the holiday. Action resumes on all fronts today.

Ball Promoter Back In Tignish

—After spending the winter months in San Antonio, Texas, W. D. Sumner, well known baseball promoter returned to his home in Tignish on Friday. While in the lone star state he visited different cities in Mexico across the border and also attended the Mardi Gras carnival at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Phillies Select General Manager

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—H. Roy Haney, recently assistant general manager of New York Yankees and former general manager of Pittsburgh Pirates, was picked by Philadelphia Phillies Friday as their first general manager in more than six years.

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Bristol and Vicinity

*Mrs. Chester McCarthy, R.N. was a business visitor to the city on April 13.

Miss Genevieve Rossiter, Notre Dame convent, has arrived home to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rossiter.

Miss Joan Bonnell has arrived home from Notre Dame convent to spend her Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bonnell.

Mr. Mauris Martell who has made several trips to the city recently was a business visitor there on April 13.

Miss Yeona Connolly, Notre Dame convent, arrived home, Wednesday to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Connolly.

Mr. James F. MacDonald was in the city on April 10 on fishing business as the starting day is getting near.

Mr. Melvin McDougall of the Co-operative store staff, spent the week-end of April 10 in the city with friends.

Miss Thelma Hawbolt has arrived home from Montreal for a holiday visit with her parents. She has been employed in the big city for some time.

Miss Connie Anderson has arrived home from Florida after spending the winter in the sunshine state.

Miss Virginia Steel and Miss Mary McAdam were in the city on Saturday on business and social calls.

Miss Florence MacDonald spent the week-end here with old friends returning to the city on Monday morning.

Mr. Jack Coffin was a business visitor to the city on April 12, also Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Perry were business visitors on the same day. Mr. Joe MacDonald was a week-end visitor to the city last week-end.

Old friends here and in the U. S. A. regret to learn of the passing very suddenly of Mrs. James B. O'Brien at her home in Morell east, a few days ago. Getting well along in the evening of life, she suffered a stroke and never recovered. Her funeral was held to the church of St. Lawrence, Morell rear from her late residence on Wednesday morning where funeral mass was sung by the acting pastor, Rev. A. L. Sinnott, who also conducted service at the graveside. Burial was in the family plot in the old cemetery near the church. She leaves a husband and a family of sons and daughters, all married, and in different parts of the world. The sincere sympathy of this vicinity is extended to them at this time.

Friends of Robert Squires will be sorry to hear he is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital under going treatment. All hope his stay on the sick list will be very short with the busy season coming on.

This scribe had a pleasant visit with a former resident of Bristol, last week in the person of Mrs.

North River And Vicinity

The many friends of Rev. Mr. Barber of North River, are sorry to hear of his illness in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Ford of Harrington, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jewell.

Mr. Sterling MacKinnon has returned home from the P. E. I. Hospital, much improved in health.

Mr. Earl Ward of Hampshire, was a visitor to the city on business on April 6.

Mr. Redverse Stewart and sons of New Wiltshire made a great showing with their pure-bred Aberdeen Angus Steers at the third

Dwight Mosher, who makes her home in Midgell now with her daughter Clare, Mrs. James, she is tall and hearty, working every day and still calls Bristol home.

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annual fat stock show and sale.

Members of North River 4-H Rainbow Club certainly made a fine show with their calves at the fat stock show on April 1.

Mrs. Daniel Ward of Hampshire, who was confined in bed most of the winter is improving slowly.

Mr. Douglas Jewell is sure spring is just around the corner because he has seen robins on different occasions.

Mr. Stewart Vickerson who is employed in Charlottetown, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Vickerson.

Mrs. Hattie Ward of Hampshire, who was ill for a while is feeling somewhat better.

Mr. Everett Stevenson was a visitor to the city on business recently.

The many friends and neighbors of Mrs. Eddy Yeo were shocked to hear of the sudden death of her father, Mr. Harry Piatt of Elmstead, P. E. I.

WATERVALE SCHOOL (March report)

Grade IX — 1. Donna Shea, Grade VIII — 1. Mary Trainor; 2. Blanche Walsh; 3. Johnnie Curley.

Grade VII (a) — 1. Marjorie Wisener.

Grade VII (b) — 1. Cecil Shea, Grade V (a) — 1. Anita Curley; 2. Basil Trainor; 3. Albert Hayes; 4. Teresa Trainor; 5. Mary Hayes; 6. Leonard Hayes.

Grade V (b) — 1. Marion Quinn; 2. Edna McLeod; 3. Vincent Walsh; (absent for tests).

Grade III (a) — 1. Vernon Trainor.

Grade III (b) — 1. Sheila Quinn and Blair Shea (equal).

Grade II — 1. Gerard Grimes; 2. Allan Trainor.

Highest average in Senior Grades, Donna Shea 98.8%. Highest average in Junior Grades, Sheila Quinn and Blair Shea 97.4%. Teacher, Mae Grimes.

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