

A woman may cry so much as to
make everybody's corns ache.

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Covers Prince Edward Island Like the Dew

A man may be born silly and
afterwards have a relapse.

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CANADIANS SPEARHEAD ACTION ON SECTOR OF FRONT

Report 7 Possible A-Bomb Targets In Canada

Milk And Water Supply Survey To Be Made Here With Mobile Laboratory

A mobile bacteriological laboratory, one of the most modern and best equipped of its kind in Canada, with the staff of two young bacteriologists and a technician arrived here Thursday to conduct a survey of the milk and water supply in the Province. The survey will begin immediately and will continue through three or four months.

In addition to the survey the men will also do a preliminary study of the sanitary arrangements in selected restaurants and other eating establishments in the Province.

The milk and water survey will be the second of its type carried out here. The first was conducted in 1946 when the National Department of Health and Welfare was requested by the Provincial Government to have their mobile bacteriological laboratory visit the island for such a survey.

This was done shortly after the organization of the Division of Laboratories in the Provincial Department of Health and Welfare. The 1946 survey and a subsequent report revealed that certain improvements could be made. This led to the establishment by the Provincial Government of a Division of Sanitary Engineering which is under the direction of Mr. W. K. Sharpe. He has a staff of two sanitary inspectors assisting him in this work.

Stationed At Armouries

The mobile laboratory is being housed at the Armouries. Externally it is similar to a regular site but has the similarity inside. Inside are contained a steam sterilizer and a stove run by propane gas, three incubator units, an ice box, sinks, storage cupboards, racks of test tubes and other laboratory utensils.

In a storage compartment on the bottom of the mobile laboratory are two reels of hose which are used for water supply. One reel is for water and the other for drainage. Nearby are nine propane cylinders.

At the back of the lab on wheels in a compartment are two reels of electric cable each 150 feet in length. One reel conducts power to the lights and electric fans while the other supplies the wall sockets and incubators.

The laboratory and its equipment is valued at about \$35,000. It has been used for only one survey and that in Montreal on market oysters.

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Coming Events

*"Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

*"Dance in Vernon River Hall, March 26th, in aid of C. W. L.

*"Rummage Sale, St. James Kirk Hall, today, 3 P. M.

*"Rummage sale at Pythian Hall 6 o'clock today.

*"Reserve Thursday, March 29th, for St. James Church, Easter Tea.

*"Ham and Scallop Supper, Supper, Crapaud Hall, Saturday, February 24th. Auspices St. John's W. A.

*"Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Canada Packers Limited, until 12 noon each Tuesday, Robert Dawson.

*"Hear Hampton Women's Institute present their two and act plays in Hampton Hall, February 27th. Specialties. Sale of lunches.

*"Cane Cove February 24th. Rachel and the Stranger. Starring Loreta Young and Robert Mitchell. Also two real comedies with Edgar Kennedy. Auspices W. I.

*"Hear Suffolk concert with one-act comedy and specialties at Winsloe Station Hall, Tuesday, February 27th at 8:30 p.m. Auspices Highfield Women's Institute.

*"Farmers Attention — Our seed cleaning plant now operating. Cleaning grass seed until March 15th. After that, grain cleaning and fertilizing will get preference. For real service bring jobs along early. Kindly cooperate. J. A. Gillies & Son, Fitzroy Street.

*"Buying pigs, cattle and cows, all kinds and sizes, Monday, Wednesday, Tuesday, A. M., Brookfield, 10, Millton, 11, Charlottetown Market Square. Paying top a pair for good pigs over 30 pounds each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

Main Highway Section In Bad Condition

The main paved highway between Summerside and Charlottetown has an Achilles heel and it was a very vulnerable spot yesterday and will be again today. The three miles between New Annsboro and Summerside, after the pavement had become broken up is pretty much of a quagmire with this mid damp weather.

Cars were getting through yesterday with great difficulty, many of them becoming stuck and having to be pulled out. Many people wishing to travel between Summerside and Charlottetown yesterday or between Summerside and Kensington for personal or business reasons changed their plans on the advice of those who had come over that section.

A similar stretch between the Wilnot Bridge and Ross' Corner in the North Bedouque area was also bad but not as soft as the Kensington section. Yesterday an I.M.T. bus bogged down and had to be towed out and on other trips the passage was accomplished with difficulty. With the weight restrictions announced yesterday for highway travel no buses will be in operation today except those to the Summerside airport.—S

Recruiting Drive Gains Momentum

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 —(CP)—Canada's recruiting drive gained new ground in January when 3,236 new draftees were inducted into the army, navy and air force.

Defence headquarters, releasing these figures, said they were the highest monthly totals since September when a major drive was put on to build up the special service brigade.

January's total compares with 1,526 in December, 1,522 in November and 1,633 in October. Recruiting last September totalled 5,000.

Today's estimate brought Canada's active force to 64,237—about half the 115,000 Canada needs in the next three years.

The active army took the recruiting lead in January, signing 1,906 men, with another 81 going into the special force. Ground crew for the R. C. A. F. totalled 1,212, with another 10 going into air crew. The navy trailed with 288.

French Casualties In Korea Announced

PARIS, Feb. 23 —(AP)—The French battalion in Korea has suffered casualties of 33 per cent since it went into action two months ago, authoritative sources said today. Losses were: 44 dead, 201 wounded, three missing, 128 injured in accidents. The battalion numbered 1,017 men, these sources said.

Halifax Artist Shows Paintings At Montreal

By DON PEACOCK
MONTREAL, Feb. 23 —(CP)—A two-week exhibition of vivid paintings by young Halifax artist Joseph Purcell is scheduled to open tomorrow in the Continental Galleries here.

The 23-year-old artist won national recognition last year with a painting that took second prize in the Toronto Art Gallery's annual contest for young Canadian artists.

Howe Declines To Give Details In Commons

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 —(CP)—The Commons was told today that seven targets in Canada might attract an atomic bomb attack in the event of another war.

Trade Minister Howe said that is the view of military experts. He declines to name the targets. "I would hesitate to say very much about planning an economy that would be at its best against an atomic bomb attack," he said. "Atomic bombs are tremendously expensive. There are only a few of them, and not likely to be too many."

"It is the view of military experts that it would take a very glittering target to attract an attack by atomic bombs. They believe if atomic bombs were to be used in warfare there are about seven targets in Canada that might possibly attract them."

"How to disperse industries against that sort of threat is a problem. The industry itself might form another target no matter where it was located."

"I do not know where you could put a big plant that would make it safe from air attack by atomic bombs..."

He doubted if atomic bombs would be used simply to kill the civilian population.

Mr. Howe spoke on a resolution to a bill establishing a new Department of Defence Production. The resolution was adopted and the bill was introduced and read a first time.

Opposition parties endorsed the Government's plans to establish the new department, but called for a dispersal of industries, a close check on expenditures and elimination of war profiteering and patronage.

The bill will give the Government and the Minister of Defence Production powers almost as sweeping as those contained in the act under which the Munitions and Supply Department operated in the Second World War.

Howe To Head Dept.

Mr. Howe is scheduled to head the new department. He will have power to do practically anything considered necessary to obtain or produce defence supplies. He will be able to delegate his powers to controllers and to put a controller in charge of a plant if it is felt the plant is not operating efficiently on a war contract.

The Minister will have power to order a company to fulfil a war contract and to examine the books of companies carrying out war contracts.

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Defence Contracts

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 —(CP)—Canada's huge defence buildup was reflected today in an announcement by the Canadian Commercial Corporation that it had let a total of \$7,324,566 worth of contracts for everything from furniture to airplane parts and parachutes in the period Feb. 1-14.

Biggest contract let by the crown purchasing agency was for \$865,538 to Associated Textiles of Canada at Montreal for textiles.

Halifax Shipyards at Dartmouth, N. S., got a \$102,654 contract for ship repairs.

Mr. Hatfield Comments On Potato Board Issue

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 —(Special)—Grower-shippers of Maritime potatoes are in a position to bypass the rulings of Potato Marketing Boards, H. H. Hatfield, Progressive Conservative member for Victoria-Carleton, N. B. told "The Guardian" today.

Mr. Hatfield was speaking of a letter in The Guardian of Feb. 20 from a Prince County potato grower. Facts of the Prince County correspondence were quite right, he said. But shippers who grow their own potatoes are not bound by the marketing boards on the price they sell their products in the Montreal

market. He said there are some 50 grower-shippers in the vicinity of Grand Falls and named three large-scale New Brunswick potato shippers who grow from 500 to 1,000 acres of potatoes each.

Price of potatoes on the Montreal market must be fixed by the marketing boards if their operations are to be effective, Mr. Hatfield said. He is urging Agriculture Minister Gardiner to declare starch factories as "an unusual market" for potatoes, thus increasing the production of starch which is in great demand in Canada today, and gaining a good price for the grower owing to a federal subsidy.

Ministers Queried Re Experimental Farm Lab & Fishing Gear Duties

Want Indirect Controls To Curb Inflation

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 —(CP)—Business leaders called on the Government today to halt inflation — but not by direct controls.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce asked for credit restrictions, increased taxation and heavy cuts in the Government's non-defence expenditures.

The C. C. C. representing 650 boards of trade and chambers of commerce, made the suggestions in a brief delivered through its executive council to Finance Minister Abbott and Revenue Minister McCann.

Later, F. J. Cunningham, executive council chairman, said in an interview that the two Ministers "see pretty well eye-to-eye with us" on the points in the brief.

Three days earlier, the Government received a submission from spokesmen for about 1,000,000 union members asking for price controls and retention of rent controls. The Chamber rejected direct controls as an unsatisfactory solution over a long period of time.

News In Brief

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 23 —(CP)—The Canadian destroyer Huron arrived Thursday en route to duty with the United Nations naval force in the Korean theatre.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 —(CP)—With two months to go in the fiscal year, the Federal Government's budgetary surplus reached \$548,700,000 at the end of January, Finance Minister Abbott announced today.

QUEBEC, Feb. 23 —(CP)—A Quebec Government spokesman tonight announced that the Province is negotiating a \$50,000,000 loan in the United States. The loan, bearing interest at 2-7/8 per cent, will be used to re-finance earlier loans carrying higher interest and totalling \$32,500,000.

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 23 —(AP)—The U. N. Good Offices Committee is using every available diplomatic channel to see whether Communist China will change its mind and negotiate on peace in Korea. This was disclosed today by a spokesman for the committee chairman, Nasrallah Entezam, who is awaiting Peiping's reply to the first — tentative feeler.

Rubber Shipments Continue To China

LONDON, Feb. 23 —(AP)—The British Government will not stop the shipment of Malaysian rubber to Communist China as long as trade is considered "normal". A spokesman, commenting today on reports that 2,000 tons of rubber had left Penang in the British freighter Empire Mountain for Red China, said this had been, and was still, Government policy.

Boxer Fined For Smuggling

TORONTO, Feb. 23 —(CP)—Vern Eccoe of Toronto, 29-year-old heavyweight boxing champion of the British Empire, today was fined \$500 or three months for trying to smuggle \$220 worth of United States cigarettes into Canada Feb. 8 without paying \$300 duty. Eccoe pleaded guilty.

To Head Defence



Health Minister Martin

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 —(CP)—The Federal Government is taking financial responsibility for 14 aspects of civil defence. It was announced tonight after the second Dominion-Provincial conference on civil defence.

A statement issued after the meeting said the Federal Government also considers further proposals put forward by the Provinces for federal responsibility in meeting the costs.

Earlier, the meeting heard an announcement that Health Minister Martin is becoming boss of the Federal Government's section of the Civilian Defence Organization, taking over from the Defence Department.

All Motor Vehicles Over 5,000 Pounds Banned From Roads

All motor vehicles exceeding a total weight of five thousand pounds have been ordered to stay off Prince Edward Island highways until further notice.

The Provincial Department of Public Works and Highways announced yesterday that weight restrictions now apply to all island roads including paved, gravelled and other secondary roads. Earlier this week, restrictions were applied to certain highways in the eastern part of the Province where there is only light pavement.

However, the continuing mild weather has made it necessary for the Department of Highways to extend this ruling to apply to all roads on Prince Edward Island.

The all-inclusive weight restrictions went into effect at six o'clock last evening, Feb. 23rd.

Threat Of Strike On British Railways Ends

LONDON, Feb. 23 —(CP)—Britain's state-owned railways tonight headed off at least for the time being a country-wide strike threat by increasing wages 1-2 per cent in a deal that will mean higher passenger and freight rates.

A new agreement between the railway executive, which runs the nationalized lines, and the three biggest rail unions was signed after five days of haggling.

Under it the country's 600,000 railway employees will get increases totalling £12,000,000 (\$36,000,000) a year, as the unions asked. The unions were reported to have agreed to a Government demand for greater co-operation of the workers toward more efficient operation of the railways.

Canadian Bar Ass'n Meeting

REGINA, Feb. 23 —(CP)—The Canadian Bar Association today opened its mid-winter council meeting with a discussion of proposed changes in its constitution and by-laws. One topic on the agenda of the two-day meeting is legal aid for members of the armed forces.

Carloadings

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 —(CP)—Carloadings on Canadian railways increased during the week ended Feb. 17 to 76,886 cars, compared with 70,537 cars for the previous week, and 71,844 cars for the corresponding week a year ago.

The Bureau of Statistics today reported increases over the similar week last year were registered in loadings of grain and grain products, pulpwood, lumber, woodpulp and paper and gasoline. Declines were shown for coal, livestock, coke and ores.

U. N. Forces Advance Up To 4 Miles Despite Stiffening Resistance

TOKYO, Feb. 24 —(Saturday)—(CP)—United Nations Infantry, battling mud and stiffening enemy resistance, advanced up to four miles Friday, threatened to seize Hoengsong on the Central Korean front. Canadian troops spearheaded action in a sector west of the Communist stronghold.

Friday night, tank-led American troops held the commanding heights around the town and looked down on its smouldering ruins from Communist-dug fox-holes.

Soldiers of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry led the 29th British Brigade in a

hill-to-hill advance just west of Hoengsong, which is 10 miles north of Wouju on the central front.

Reuters News Agency said the Canadians, under fire during the day, gained less than 2,000 yards—a little more than a mile — because torrential downpours and deep mud bogged down the vehicles. By nightfall Friday they were reported facing two battalions of Communists dug in on an important hill northwest of Hoengsong.

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Canadians In Bitter Fight For Rocky Ridge

By JOHN COLLESS
WEST CENTRAL FRONT, Korea, Feb. 23 —(Reuters)—Canadians fighting their second day in action today climbed the muddy sides of a razor-back ridge to fight it out with two battalions of Chinese in the hills northeast of Chipyong.

They hauled themselves up slippery slopes through a hail of fire to within grenade range of Chinese troops, concealed in low scrub and dug in strongly.

New Zealand artillery directed fire close in front of the assaulting Canadians but officers did not dare call for air support because their men were too close to the enemy.

Late today the Canadians swung out of their frontal assault and won high ground overlooking the contested ridge.

The fight began when a patrol led by Lieut. Rick Constant of Lethbridge, Alta., came under machine-gun fire.

Constant later reported to his battalion commander, Lt. Col. J. E. (Big Jim) Stone of Salmon Arm, B.C., "Those Chinamen are rotten shots — they had us in the open at 200 yards and didn't hit one of us."

Only "casualty" from that particular engagement was Constant himself, soaked when he fell into an icy stream.

Later, however, fighting became savage as the battalion moved forward.

An officer said tonight: "The Canadians are in good heart and are fighting well."

Another officer said: "We were holding our own quite nicely. The Chinese gave us a lot of small-arms and machine-gun fire and used some mortars on us but we hit back with every weapon we had."

Australian troops moving forward on the Canadian flank reached their objective just before dark. Soon afterward they came under fire and pulled back slightly to better defence positions for the night.



TORONTO, Feb. 23 —(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures as observed between 7:30 P.M. and 7:30 A.M. E.S.T.: maximum temperatures between 7:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.:

Victoria 34, 47; Edmonton 3, 47; Edmonton 3, 37; Regina 13, 29; Winnipeg 1, 31; Toronto 36, 38; Ottawa 17, 26; Montreal 25, 33; Quebec 29, —; Saint John 33, 41; Moncton 32, 33; Halifax 36, 41; Charlottetown 32, 33; Sydney 33, 38; Yarmouth 37, —; St. John's 34, 38.

HALIFAX, Feb. 23 —(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office in Halifax.

Synopsis: Rain, drizzle, and snow is falling over much of the Maritimes. Winds are strong and temperatures are mostly in the twenties or low thirties.

A storm in the Atlantic is continuing to bring mild moist air into the eastern part of the district. Meanwhile colder air from Quebec is pushing into the western regions. As this cold air advances further across the district the rain will change to snow, and will be followed by clearing weather late Sunday.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Saturday with an outlook for Sunday:

Prince Edward Island: Rain and drizzle, changing Saturday morning to snow. Little change in temperature. Northerly winds 25. Low early Saturday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 30 and 34.

Outlook for Sunday: Cloudy and colder.

High tide today at 12:12 A.M. and 12:45 P.M.
Sun rises at 7:01 A.M. and sets at 5:53 P.M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE
Leave Borden Leave C. T. 9:10 A.M. 2:40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Borden Leave C. T. 6:45 P.M. 8:00 P.M.

NCA AIR SERVICE
Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:30 A.M.—4:45 P.M.
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:25 P.M.—8:35 P.M.
Lv. Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:15 A.M. New Glasgow & Halifax 1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:10 A.M. from New Glasgow only 6:20 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.
Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday.