

# Devoted Gardeners Tend The War Graves Overseas

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Windsor, Ont., Nov. 12 (AP)—Mostly, nature and devoted gardeners have tended the war graves in Canada since the war. In battle they were commemorated again at the National War Memorial in Ottawa and at hundreds of other smaller memorials across the nation wreaths of poppies and maple leaves will be placed during the 11 a.m. ceremonies Nov. 11.

Nearly all of Canada's more than 100,000 war dead are buried far from home. But their last resting places are not neglected. Probably the most straightforward and at the same time most poignant document issued by the government is the annual report of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

The commission's task is to provide permanent commemoration of the 1,164,890 Commonwealth servicemen who died in the first World War and the 563,000 in the second.

**HIDDEN CEMETERIES**  
Here are some paragraphs from the commission's most recent report.

"For visitors to Flanders go to the small cemeteries hidden among the Flemish woods and farms, to which access can be gained only by deep-rutted roads."

"Yet their distinctive layouts, ranging from informal rhododendron plantations to formal benches and located among wild woodlands of hazel, alder and willow, enhance their natural dignity and beauty."

"These are only a few of the many small, remote cemeteries which receive constant attention from the commission's staff. The gardeners continue to show great care and enthusiasm for their work."

"The importing of good topsoil and re-levelling and turtling after building operations had been completed at Hollem and Groesbeek Canadian war cemeteries were the principal horticultural tasks during the winter."

**CLEANING HEADSTONES**  
"The cleaning and straightening of headstones of the 1914-18 war is virtually complete in Europe and is progressing elsewhere."

"The commission is again beginning to concentrate—as it did 25 years ago—the task of keeping in good repair what has been

of the Crownrest Rates.

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Mr. MacPherson said the 1949 royal commission on transportation found the Crow rates do not impose any "undue burden" on shippers generally or specific types of shippers. Mr. Jones also cited the commission's report.

**BRIDGE RESTORED**  
ISMAILIA, Egypt (AP)—The Ferdinand bridge over the Suez Canal, damaged during the fighting last fall, is back in service. The first Egyptian passenger train bound for Gaza crossed the span this month.

**HIDDEN TREASURES**  
Experts on the Antarctic believe the frozen continent may hide valuable mineral deposits.

## N. S. P. M. Sees No Inflation

TORONTO (CP)—A plea for revision of credit restrictions and a description of rowing units among the four Atlantic provinces were given here Thursday by Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia.

Speaking in a luncheon meeting of the Empire Club of Canada, Premier Stanfield said his province sometimes suffers for the success of other parts of Canada.

"While we were carried along in the swell of the great Canadian boom, the Bank of Canada decreed that you were suffering from inflation. Certainly we had none of the obvious symptoms," he said, as Premier Fleming of New Brunswick said, everyone in the family had to take ration lines.

"So far as we in Nova Scotia are concerned, we view

"We want neither a dose of charity, spare us from a role of chronic supplicants. The fact that we, as Nova Scotians or as Maritimers, earn less per man, more per man than anyone else in Canada is a clue to a part of our problem."

He said the Maritimes gave us "our railroads" in the interest of a national system and have suffered for it ever since. "We waived our just claims to the northern territories later awarded to other Canadian provinces and now proven rich in resources."

He said "we have stood aside in the national interest and seen the great seaway built and the trans-Canada pipe line laid—all the short-term prospects look to be in our obvious disadvantage."

However, he praised "the very aggressive and dynamic A. V. Roe company" for moving into "Nova Scotia to do business."

## U. S. Overtaking Soviet Missiles

WASHINGTON (AP)—A U.S. defense department scientist said Thursday the United States fell four or five years behind the Russians in missile development but "were very close to them now."

"I think we'll be ahead of them in another year in all missile work in general," said Dr. Paul D. Foote, assistant secretary of defense in charge of research and engineering.

Foote testified before the House of Representatives post-fire and civil service subcommittee.

Early in his testimony Foote said, "we're four or five years behind the Russians and it's going to be hard to catch up."

But a little later, Foote referred back to this statement, and said, "that's not to say we're

four or five years behind them now."

At one point, Foote said the Russians got into missile development in a major way in 1945 but that the U.S. program did not get going in earnest until 1952. This apparently was what he had in mind in speaking of being four or five years behind the Russians.

The House group called Foote before it in connection with a study of whether the government is wasting scientific manpower. Foote said statements have been made that later - service rivalry slowed the United States and put it behind the Russians.

"That is absolute nonsense," Foote said. "Rivalry between the services has accelerated our missile program."

"The reason we're behind it is that the Russians started earlier," he said. "We've got to ad-

mit that the Russians have an effective and efficient research organization, but that I don't think we should feel completely licked."

He said the United States had a good solid program and if it's 'let alone, "in the long run we're going to have a satisfactory development."

**FRENCH COAL**  
PARIS (AP)—Domestic coal prices in France this month rose by 6.5 per cent, and imported coal by 20 per cent. Hard coal now costs the equivalent of from \$47 to \$63.

**INDUSTRIES SHORT**  
VIENNA (AP)—Latest editions of the official Bulgarian Communist party newspaper reaching here disclosed that 40 light industries and 19 heavy industries failed to reach production quotas in the third quarter this year.

## Western Provinces Unite In Battling Freight Rate Hike

By JOHN LABLANC  
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OTTAWA (CP)—Three western provincial government lawyers met Thursday in battling a proposed railway increase in freight rates.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba ranged up on British Columbia for the B.C. suggestion that the board of transport commission should take a hard look at the Crownrest rates.

But apart from this rift in the customary provincial solidarity, the provincial representatives addressing the board were unanimous in their attitude that the commission should address the railways' application for a general 10-per-cent increase.

He told that would amount to about \$40,000,000 a year — the board should throw it out.

**EAST ON MONDAY**  
Anti-increase arguments of the three westerners will be followed Monday by similar contentions on behalf of the four Atlantic provinces by Frank D. Smith of Halifax and for Alberta by provincial government counsel J. J. Hawley. The board is expected to reserve decision next week.

Final settlement of the case has been hanging fire for 1 1/2 years. The railways initially applied for a 15-per-cent boost in 1946 and got 11 per cent of that two months ago. They asked to have the remaining four per cent of the original application shifted to a new 10-per-cent one.

Coming into conflict Thursday were B.C. Premier W. Brazeal of Vancouver and Saskatchewan counsel M. A. MacPherson of Regina and Dave Jones of Winnipeg after Mr. Brazier brought up the Prairie-sensitive subject

of the Crownrest Rates.

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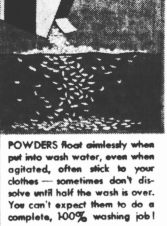
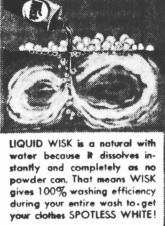
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