

SEES POTATO MARKETING PROSPECTS GOOD IF BLIGHT MENACE CURTAILED

Production of potatoes in the United States is now estimated at 344,861,000 bushels, according to information released this week by the United States Department of Agriculture, states Mr. D. A. MacDonald, manager of the P. E. Island Potato Marketing Board. This figure represents a decline of approximately a million bushels in comparison with their July estimate, and is about 30 million bushels lower than their 1953 production. "If total production in the United States is not substantially increased later in the season," says Mr. MacDonald, "there is no doubt but that Island growers can look forward to a good marketing season during the coming year. "The potato market in the United States for the past several months has been on a satisfactory level. Potatoes were moved at good prices soon as they were harvested, and there is at the present time a measure of confidence in future prospects which never existed between January 1953 and June 1954. "The potato crop on the Island, New Brunswick and Maine, which are the chief producing areas in the East, is still very vulnerable to blight infection because of weather conditions. Any further crop damage will materially reduce the prospective yields and could create a very short supply position in the over-all picture."

Red China's Premier Chou En-lai Advocates "Liberation" of Formosa

LONDON (AP) — Red China's Premier Chou En-lai has advocated to his people's government council "the task of liberating Taiwan (Formosa)," the Peiping radio announced Friday night. Chou's statement came in a foreign policy report read and approved during a session of the council, the broadcast said. He is foreign minister as well as the premier.

Coming Events

- **Dance, Cardigan Head School, August 16.
**Dance, Inna West School every Friday.
**St. Peter's Bay annual Bazaar, August 24th and 25th.
**Dance Grandview hall Thursday, Burns Orchestra.
**Reserve Wednesday, Aug. 18th for Lot 8 parish picnic.
**Dance, Fort Augustus Hall, Wednesday, Burns Orchestra.
**Hampton Church Supper on Wednesday, August 18th.
**Dance, Belfast Hall, August 19th, North Pinette W. I.
**Dance, Little Pond Hall every Monday, Chalmers' Orchestra.
**Unloading cement Friday and Saturday, special prices. P. J. Noye & Co.
**Wheatley River Ice Cream Festival in Hall, Tuesday August 17th.
**Dance, Millview Hall, Monday, August 16th. Sponsored by Millview Women's Institute.
**Crabpudd Exhibition and Live-stock Show on Rink grounds, August 25th.
**Just arrived by Steamer, Feed Molasses. Special price, immediate delivery. Dillon & Spillet.
**Pantry sale Noyes store, Saturday evening, August 14th, 7:45 p.m. Pleasant Valley W. I.
**See "Miracle of Fatima, South Rustico Hall, August 15th, 8:30 p.m.
**Remember Provincial Flower Show, Baptist Hall, Summerside, August 24th and 25th.
**Weekly dance Winsloe Station Hall every Tuesday, Doiron Bros. Orchestra, Canteen.
**Morell Ball Club will sponsor Variety Concert in Morell Hall, August 17th. Dance after. Admission 50c and 35c.
**Chicken and Ham Supper in Bear River North School, Monday, August 16th. Dance after. Good music.
**Notice. All committees that had part in Orange Tea, are asked to meet in Prince Arthur Lodge, Saturday evening.
**Dance, St. Peter's Lake School, Tuesday night, August 17th. Burns' Orchestra. Luncheon. Sponsored by W. I.
**Dance in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Souris, Monday, September 6th. Sponsored by Women's Auxiliary Canadian Legion.
**Regular Dance, Stanley Bridge Rink Hall every Tuesday night. Music, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
**Dance, West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service 10-1:00 Daylight Saving.
**Banner lobster supper, St. Marks Lot 7 Church grounds, starting at 4 o'clock Tuesday evening, August 17. Games, bingo, hot dogs, etc.
**Memorial and Decoration Service St. Catherine's Cemetery Sunday, August 15th, 8 o'clock. Standard time. Dr. A. Weir will give the address. One of Maritime's best pipers, will play a Lament. Please bring flowers.
**Showing at Mt. Stewart, Friday and Saturday, "City Beneath the Sea" starring Robert Ryan, Mela Powers and Anthony Quinn. A story of adventure in Technicolor. Also Tuesday night—"Desert Song", Technicolor Musical Drama, starring Kathryn Grayson, Gordon MacRae, Steve Cochran, Raymond Massey, Dick Weston.

Seaway Project Completion By 1958, Announcement Forecasts

Forecast Wheat Crop Lowest In 4 Years; Potato Crop Down From Last Year

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's 1954 wheat crop was estimated by the bureau of statistics today at 512,984,000 bushels, the lowest for the last four years, but higher than the average for the last 10. The estimate, first of the 1954 season, placed the crop at about 100,000,000 bushels less than last year's 613,962,000, which was the second highest in history. But, if realized, it would be well above the 423,000,000-bushel average crop for the last 10 years and the fourth time in history that the crop has exceeded the 500,000,000-bushel mark. Canada had bumper crops in the three years 1951-53 inclusive. The average yield was estimated at 21.1 bushels an acre, down from last year's 24.1. The spring wheat crop was placed at 490,051,000 bushels, down from 587,756,000 a year ago, while winter wheat output was estimated at 22,933,000, down from 26,206,000. OTHER GRAINS The crop forecast for other grains, with last year's production in brackets: Oats for grain 330,683,000 bushels (406,960,000); barley 222,416,000 (262,045,000); fall rye 13,233,000 (21,225,000); spring rye 2,955,000 (7,550,000); alfalfa 16,188,000 (28,775,000); mixed grains 65,142,000 (62,188,000); flax seed 12,140,000 (9,512,000); potatoes 54,578,000 (67,002,000); tame hay 20,010,000 tons (19,650,000). Actual harvesting of the estimated crops is dependent "to a considerable greater extent than usual" on favorable weather, the bureau said. Frost and rust were the main dangers. The forecasts are based on August crop and weather conditions.

OTTAWA, (CP)—Construction of the St. Lawrence seaway is expected to be completed by 1958, a joint Canadian-United States announcement said at the conclusion of talks on problems connected with the joint undertaking Friday.

The announcement said Canadian and American officials at the two-day conference explored possible modifications of the existing arrangements for development of the seaway as embodied in an exchange of notes on June 30, 1952.

The 1952 agreement for an all-Canadian seaway provides for construction of the International rapids canals on the Canadian side of the river. However, U. S. legislation approved this year by Congress enables the U. S. to build the canals only on the U. S. side of the river.

The announcement said various factors involved in modifying the 1952 agreement were "examined in a friendly and constructive manner" and proposals put forward are being referred to the Canadian and United States governments. The next stage is expected to be an exchange of notes modifying the arrangements made in the notes of June 30, 1952, the announcement said.

Fire At Kingston Penitentiary Under Control After Seven-Hour Battle

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Warden Walter F. Johnstone said Friday night that a fire in the roof of the main cell block at Kingston penitentiary has been brought under control. During the seven-hour battle with the flames in old wooden rafters and roofing material, 70 guards with rifles stood guard on the thick limestone outer walls to avert any possible attempt by the 1,000 prisoners to stage a break. No one was injured during the firefighting operations. The main cell block at the 121-year-old prison is built in the shape of a cross.

ROOFS COLLAPSED

The fire broke out in the south wing and spread to the north wing. Eventually part of the roofs of both the north and south wings collapsed. The blaze badly damaged the west wing roof and caused some damage to the roof of the east wing. Flames also reached the rafters of the 166-foot dome, a Kingston landmark, and officials said the dome was "fairly badly" damaged. Some time ago tenders were called for the tearing down of the dome and the building of a new one. The fire broke out, officials said, from defective wiring at mid-afternoon. All the prisoners from the cells were at work under supervision.

U. S. Federal Court Convicts Nine Red Leaders

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—A federal court jury of seven women and five men has found nine alleged Communist leaders guilty of conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States by force and violence. The jury, which heard 47 days of testimony and legal argument, deliberated approximately eight hours before reaching its verdict Friday.

The nine defendants were charged with violation of the Federal Smith Act. Maximum penalty on each count is a five-year prison term and a fine of \$10,000. None of the defendants testified in his own defence, though Joseph Kuzma, 42, was granted court permission to act as his own counsel and made an opening speech to the jury and a brief closing summation. Other defendants were Robert Klonsky, 35; Sam Gobeloff, 44, also known as Joseph Roberts; Benjamin Weiss, 39; David Dubensky, 46, also known as David Davis; Thomas Nebrief, 51; Irwin Katz, 35; Walter Lowenfels, 56, and Sherman Labowitz, 29, all of Philadelphia.

SOEST, Germany (CP)—The 1st Canadian infantry brigade group moves under canvas today for a two-week period of special range practice at Seemelager, 35 miles north of this Westphalia province brigade headquarters.

Duke Sees Secret Weapons

By DAVE STOCKHARD Canadian Press Staff Writer VALCARTIER, Que. (CP)—The punching power of Canada's new Heller anti-tank weapon was previewed to the Duke of Edinburgh Friday inside the fenced — and guarded grounds of the Canadian armament research and development establishment here. The army still isn't giving out any information on the bazooka-type weapon, which is for infantry use, but may do so in a few weeks. The defence research board describes the Heller as being "notable for its punch and its uncanny accuracy." The duke, who spent three hours at Carde, a fenced-in part of Valcartier army camp, sat in on another secret bit of shooting as well. He watched the firing of a 17-pound anti-tank gun using pot shot ammunition—a Canadian development described as providing "almost phenomenal" penetration against armor plate. The technique isn't new but the Canadian modifications are.

Plane Crashes In Sask; 4 Killed

SIMPSON, Sask. (CP)—An RCAF Mitchell bomber fighting its way through violent wind and hail storm crashed and burned near here Thursday night. All three aboard were killed. The twin-engine plane smashed into the side of a hill as it roared through the storm which swept the Simpson district, 90 miles northwest of Regina. Dead are Sqdn. Ldr. Neville Baron, 33, the pilot; Flt. Lt. Frank Klassen, 32, and P. Victor Loewen, 24, all of Saskatoon. The aircraft, flying from Regina to Saskatoon, was from No. 408 squadron at Saskatoon.

Construction To Start On Cable Terminus

CLARENVILLE, Nfld. (CP)—Construction will soon start here on a \$200,000 submarine cable station, terminus of a new international telephone system between Europe, Canada and the United States.

Cut In Defence Spending Quadruples Estimated Federal Surplus For 1953-54

OTTAWA (CP)—An unexpected cut in defence spending more than quadrupled the government's estimated budgetary surplus for 1953-54. Finance Minister Harris announced Friday that the surplus for the 1953-54 fiscal year actually totalled \$45,797,000—not the \$10,100,000 estimated by former finance minister Abbott last spring. The increased balance was applied against Canada's national debt now reduced to a net of \$11,116,000,000, down from \$11,162,000,000 last year. Revenues in the last fiscal year, which ended March 31, 1954, were \$4,000,000 below the \$4,400,000,000 estimated by Mr. Abbott in his last budget statement. Mr. Abbott now is a Supreme Court of Canada justice. Expenditures, however, dropped to \$4,351,000,000, about \$39,000,000 less than the budget estimate of \$4,390,000,000.

BILLS \$33,000,000 DOWN

The spending drop was due "mainly to a shortfall in defence expenditures," Mr. Harris said. The department had planned to spend \$1,839,000,000, but the bills came to \$1,806,000,000, lower by \$33,000,000. The 1953-54 surplus is the eighth consecutive favorable balance and just about double the \$28,500,000 in 1952-53. It brought total surpluses for the eight years to \$2,305,600,000. This year the government is aiming at a small surplus of \$4,000,000, but with revenues declining, the possibility now appears that there will be a small deficit, the first in post-war years. The government's March liabilities at the end of March, 1954, totalled \$17,922,000,000 up from \$17,918,490,000 at the end of the previous year. However, assets increased to \$6,807,259,000 from \$6,756,700,000, thus reducing the net debt to \$11,115,937,000.

Canadian Truce Commission Delegates



Canada's five representatives to preliminary talks at New Delhi on the Indo-China truce commissions are shown above. Left to right: Scott Reid, Canadian high commissioner to India; Air Commodore H. H. C. Rutledge, joint staff co-ordinator, National Defence Department; R. M. Macdonnell, assistant under-secretary for External Affairs; Brig. R. E. A. Morton, head of the Canadian military mission in Tokyo; and Bruce M. Williams, first secretary at Canadian high commission, New Delhi.—(CP Photo).

News Briefs From Home And Abroad Montreal Man Heads C.T.F.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Capt. Michael Tobin, master of many Newfoundland coastal steamers, will take over command of the William Carson when the new ship begins its Cabot Strait ferry service later this year. BATHURST, N. B. (CP)—Gilbert Peters, 22, of nearby Canobie, has been sentenced to two years in the Maritime penitentiary at Dorchester, N.B., for an attempted holdup here Wednesday. TRURO, (CP)—Farmers in the Musquodoboit and Stewiacke valley districts of central Nova Scotia reported Friday they are suffering heavy losses from an invasion of crop-destroying army worms. OTTAWA (CP)—ROCAF operations are not slackening off despite the fact that air force expenditures are running about \$36,000,000 behind those of last year, defence officials said Friday. Officials said the decrease is accounted for mainly by "seasonal fluctuations" in aircraft orders and a continuing downward trend in construction of airfields, hangars and other buildings. SYDNEY (CP)—Rotund watchmaker Peter Gluckman flew his single-engine plane "City of San Francisco" into Sydney Friday, still searching for a way around the Canadian transport regulation barring his projected transatlantic flight. He hopes to continue to Newfoundland today. (Continued on page 2, col. 3) VANCOUVER (CP)—Dr. Laurence F. Patterson, principal of the School for Crippled Children in Montreal, Friday was elected president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation at the annual convention here. Forbes Elliott, principal of Simonds Regional High School, Saint John, N.B., was named vice-president. Newly appointed directors include G. A. McArthur, Shawinigan Falls, Que.; Mrs. C. A. Blanchard, Carleton Place, Ont.; J. Frank Glasgow, Sydney, N.S.; Elmer Pineau Summerside, P. E. I.; and Clifford Andrews, St. John's, Nfld. Dr. Patterson said such solutions to the "serious" problem of the shortage of teachers as lowering entrance qualifications in teacher training schools, "lower the prestige of teaching." It makes the profession "less desirable for our young people to enter," he said. "The proper and only real and permanent answer to the problem is raising existing standards."

Portuguese Ready To Defend Goa

NOVA GOA, Portuguese India (AP) Portuguese authorities in this seacoast colony surrounded on three sides by Indian territory have speeded defence preparations against a threatened Gandhi-style "liberation" invasion Sunday. Armed police sealed off all border areas facing India and restricted entry to those with special passes. Loudspeakers along the Indian frontier warned trespassers to stay out of Portuguese territory. Troops moved into position to back up police and civil defence forces. Paper stickers plastered on the windshields of nearly all automobiles and buses said in Portuguese, "Out With the Invaders" and "Defend Our Country, Long Live Portugal." This dispatch passed through Portuguese censorship, as does all copy from the colony. The censors delete statements they interpret as critical of Portugal. INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY Pro-Indian nationalists picked Sunday to stage their march on Goa because it is the seventh anniversary of Indian independence from British rule. Indian Prime Minister Nehru gave his blessing Friday to plans for the march in a New Delhi speech, laying down only one condition—that the marchers stick to India's professed principles of non-violence. Leaders of the Sunday invasion have announced they will enter Portuguese territory unarmed, carrying only Indian flags. This technique of "passive resistance" was employed frequently by followers of Mohandas Gandhi during the Indian freedom movement against British rule. Nehru said the Indian army could, if it wanted, take over Portuguese Indian territory "in a trice." But he added that "we do not want to use the army and will not." Indian spokesmen said the move was aimed at blocking smuggling, but Portuguese legation sources in New Delhi said it appeared part of a mounting Indian economic war against Portuguese India. MERGER INEVITABLE Contending that Portugal's 1,588

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vision in machine shops or with farm gangs. Three-foot-square steel trapezoids at either end of the attics of the 200-foot-long cell blocks had previously been welded shut and there were no other entrances. Firefighters used acetylene torches to burn holes for hoses. They also chopped openings in the roofs through which firemen working from aerial ladders could bring hoses to bear on the flames.

Railway-Union Negotiations To Reopen Monday

OTTAWA (CP)—Company-union negotiations in the strike-threatened rail dispute will reopen here Monday for the first time in almost eight weeks. Answering a personal appeal from Prime Minister St. Laurent, chiefs of non-operating unions agreed to the step Friday after the railways had consented in a conference here Thursday. The discussions that started late last year and ran into a series of deadlocks will start all over from scratch when the disputants gather in the Senate's railway committee room at 10 a.m. EDT Monday.

To Build 11 Schools In Two N. B. Counties

MONCTON, (CP)—School officials announced Friday that 11 schools containing 42 classrooms are to be constructed in Westmorland and Albert counties to alleviate overcrowded conditions. The project will cost about \$750,000 and will be completed by the beginning of next year. Meanwhile there are 35 rural classrooms in the two counties that are still without teachers for the coming term.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States granted political asylum Friday to Yuri A. Rostovov, a top-ranking former Russian spy in Japan who deserted to the West last Jan. 24.

THE SEASHORE IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE THE 'SEE SIDE' (Illustration of a child playing in the sand)

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min, Max. Includes Dawson, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Saint John, Moncton, Halifax, Fredericton, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's.

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather of ice here says dry air will flow into this district to give fine weather over the weekend.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; little change in temperature; winds westerly 15; low-high at Charlottetown 50 and 75, Moncton and Fredericton 50 and 75, Saint John 52 and 75, Edmundson 50 and 75, Campbell's 50 and 75. Outlook for Sunday: Clear. High tide today at Charlottetown at 10:04 a.m. and 11:25 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. High tide today at the North Shore at 5:23 a.m. and 6:40 p.m. Sun rises today at 5:13 a.m. and sets at 7:21 p.m. (The time is Atlantic Standard.)