The crippled childrens' auction which is held annually by St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge at Montague and usually raises well over $1,000.00, which is donated to the Red Cross for use of crippled children is to be held tonight. Committee members are, left to right, Harry C. Johnstone, secretary; R. K. Clements, treasurer; "Buster" Dutney, W. M., and Douglas MacLaren, past G. M.

11th Annual Masonic Auction Slated At Montague Tonight

MONTAGUE — Tonight, the 11th. annual St. Andrew's Masonic Auction for crippled children will be held in Yeo's Theatre Montague.

The sponsors are looking forward to again realizing over $1000.000, most of which will be donated to the Red Cross for aid to crippled children and the remainder for use by the sponsoring lodge for crippled children in this area.

Always a huge success, the auction committee of R. K. Clements, Buster Dutney, Douglas MacLaren and Harry Johnstone, have planned the biggest auction ever to raise money for this important cause.

BRITISH ON POTOMAC

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—For the first time since 1951 a British warship, H.M.S. Ulster, will sail up the Potomac River next Thursday for a visit to the capital of the United States.

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AUCTION "45" Score Cards for sale at Guardian-Patriot Central Printing.

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US Coal Miners Get Pay Boost

WASHINGTON (CP)—John L. Lewis Tuesday won a two-stage, $2-a-day wage bnost for the 180,000 soft coal miners in the U.S. but made a concession to the captive-mine sector of the bituminous industry.

Reliable sources said the agreement was reached for signing today between Lewis, boss of the United Mine Workers Union, and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, major industry bargaining group.

Under the agreement the miners, now working for a $22.25 basic daily wage, will get a $1.20-a-day raise Jan. 1 and another 80-cent increase next April 1.

The agreement, which is to run for a year and beyond until terminated on 60-day notice, also increases miners' vacation allowances from $180 to $200 annually.

DEER SEASON OPENS

BOSTON (AP)—Massachusetts' annual six-day deer hunting season opened Sunday. With favorable conditions, fisheries and game director Charles McLaughlin said, nearly 5,000 deer will be shot during the week. Last year gunners bagged 4,090 deer.

Highways Left Hazardous By Drifting Snow

MONTAGUE — Drifting snow driven by heavy winds which started late yesterday morning, and continued well on into the night, coupled with icy highways, created hazardous driving in most of Kings County.

No roads were reported blocked and it was not necessary for government plows to make their first appearance of the season.

Motorists were proceeding with caution and the only accident reported involved a panel delivery truck, owned by the T. Eaton Co., which went out of control on the icy highway one-half mile west of Murray River and landed on it's side in the ditch.

Both the truck and it's contents were considerably damaged.

The driver was unhurt.

Probe Collapse Of Two Floors

MONTREAL (CP)—City building inspectors were still prowling through the interior of a four-storey greystone building in the city's financial district Tuesday night in an effort to find what caused the collapse of the building's top two floors early Tuesday.

The floors caved in several hours before office workers would have arrived for work, but the tons of rubble and water from split pipes which spilled into the lower floors caused several thousand dollars damage of goods and stock.

The building housed two import-export firms — the W. H. Thornhill Company and the U.K.-Canadian Importing Company. The top two floors were being used as a warehouse.

Earliest theories were that water leaking from a defective sprinkler system may have weakened the top floor and sent it tumbling in upon the third which collapsed under its weight.

33 Attend W.I. Leadership Course Held At Montague

MONTAGUE — A leadership course for women's institute officers of Eastern Kings was held in the A.D. MacKenzie Hall, Montague, with 33 members present.

Registered chairman of the meeting was Mrs. Keir Clark, who welcomed the members and opened the meeting by repeating the Mary Stewart collect in unison.

Miss Theresa MacLeod explained the duties of the officers and suggested ideas for well planned meetings, having all members participate in meetings, and on conducting meetings properly.

The order of business was discussed, and this all proved informative to the newly elected officers. A group discussion disclosed many new ideas and interesting suggestions.

The group joined in singing old songs with Mrs. L. A. Johnston at the piano.

Mrs. Murdock MacGowan, past president of the P. E. I. Women's Institute, explaining the projects and affiliations of the Federated W. I. of Canada, of which she is an executive member, and the Associated County Women of the World.

Mrs. Lincoln Dewar outlined the work of the various convenors on the executive board of the P.E.I. W.I.

An interesting display of handicrafts was shown by Miss MacLeod, and other projects, as program competitions, 4-H Club work, etc., were discussed.

A question period was led by Mrs. Clark with an open discussion on questions, followed by a vote of thanks to the supervisors and executive members extended by the chairman.

GEORGETOWN

Mr. George Martin of New Perth was a recent business visitor to Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy were visitors to Charlottetown on Wednesday 26th.

Mr. J.B. Edwin Reid, of Rollo Bay, Sheriff of Kings County, was a business visitor to Georgetown on Friday, November 28th.

Mr. Michael Sigsworth of New port was a visitor to Georgetown on Friday of last week.

Mr. E. Gordon Kirr, Provincial Executive Commissioner of Boy Scouts Association, visited Georgetown on Friday on Boy Scout business.

On Friday, November 28th, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Lavers, Miss Sheila DeLory and Miss Connie Lavers motored to the city.

Mrs. Maurice Donovan, left during the week-end for Pictou, N.S., where she will reside for the winter with her son Mr. Jack Donovan and Mrs. Donavan.

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Railway Plans Reduced Fares For Servicemen

MONCTON, — Canadian National Railways will be offering reduced fares to personnel of the armed forces during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

George Stiven, general passenger agent for the company's Atlantic region, disclosed Tuesday that the CNR has authorized round-trip coach class fares for members of the armed forces during the festive season at the regular one-way coach class fare and one tenth.

These armed froces vacation tickets will go on sale Dec. 12 and may be purchased anytime up to and including Dec. 31.

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Trade Talks With Russia Stalled For Instructions

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — Soviet-Canadian talks on renewal of a three-year trade agreement have stalled because of a lack of firm instructions from Moscow, informants disclosed Tuesday.

This throws some doubt on whether Russia will buy more wheat from Canada when the current pact expires next February. Russia is reported to have harvested a big crop in the Ukraine and in virgin northern lands.

Canadian spokesmen expressed confidence that Russia in the end will renew the pact, but in initial talks, Russian Embassy officials emphasized they can take no firm action on negotiations until they have heard from Moscow. And apparently Moscow has remained silent.

A Russian spokesman said: "We want to do business in Canada but I don't know what will happen regarding wheat. It is better not to guess."

UP TO MOSCOW

The current pact, signed Feb. 29, 1956, had a deadline in it—agreement on renewal had to be reached three months before the expiry date. That deadline was Nov. 29, but both sides agreed that it could be disregarded. The Canadians said it would be up to Moscow to determine whether any new negotiations are to be held.

Under the current pact, Russia agreed to buy a minimum of 14,800,000 bushels of wheat a year over the three-year period in return for a lowering of Canadian tariffs on Russian goods to the most-favored-nation level—the same as extended to the United States and other members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

As events turned out, the terms of trade were definitely in Canada's favor. Russia kept her bargain to buy Canadian wheat but sold little to Canada, outside of some furs, chrome ore and a few other small items.

In initial talks, the Russians emphasized that they would buy more wheat from Canada if the Canadian government could assure them of a firm market for a larger quantity of Russian goods. This would amount to barter—a kind of trade rejected by this government and the previous administration.

Last year, for example, Russia bought $10,600,000 worth of Canadian goods—mostly wheat—but sold only $2,800,000.

In the first nine months of this year, Russian purchases from Canada totalled $17,900,000. Canadian purchases from Russia totalled less than $1,000,000.

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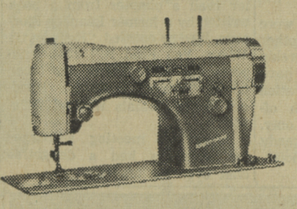

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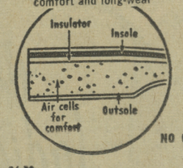

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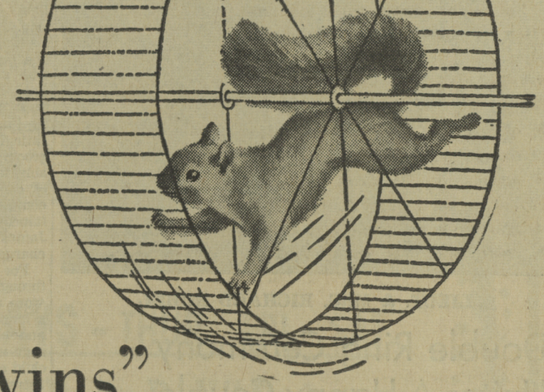

"With business activity in this country, and also in the United States, now clearly on the rise, the need for aggressive budgetary and monetary stimuli has diminished. And the task of refunding large maturing issues of government securities, to which monetary policy has been noticeably adapted in the past year, has been lightened by the success of the Canada Conversion Loan. I may say that our facilities were used to the greatest possible extent to assist in this operation.

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"What is more, these very conditions of world trade underscore the need to ensure that Canadian products represent good value, which is the only sound basis for maintaining and improving Canada's position in world markets.

"Let us resolve and work together, then, to stop this treadmill of inflation, for it is a race in which one must run to keep even and a race that nobody wins."

GORDON R. BALL,
President.

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