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Construction Contracts In Canada Increase

TORONTO, May 8—(CP)—Construction contracts in Canada for the first four months of this year are almost double those for the same period last year.

MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., state that they total \$603,961,800, compared to \$309,467,800, a jump of 95 per cent.

Contracts for April totalled \$146,731,400, up \$33,800,000 over April.

However, says MacLean Reports, an increasing number of projects are being deferred in all categories except engineering, as the result of increasing pressure to channel construction into defence projects.

"But the backlog of commitments already made, carried over from the new highs in spite of such additional measures as the deferred depreciation allowance clause of the budget, and an increase in some mortgage interest rates.

"New residential work, in fact, showed an increase for April alone of \$6,800,000, bringing the resident total for the four months to \$122,843,100, up \$5,400,000.

April figures by categories were: Residential \$49,821,800, up \$5,800,000; commercial \$45,066,100, up \$15,500,000; industrial \$14,957,000, down \$3,000,000; engineering \$36,886,500, up \$14,500,000.

By regions: Maritimes \$7,339,200, down \$79,400; Quebec \$32,193,500, up \$5,416,300; Ontario \$68,333,400, up \$19,850,800; West \$38,845,300, up \$9,617,300.

Largest April job was an oil refinery at Sarnia, Ont., \$9,000,000;

followed by a water-supply dam on the Capilano River, for Vancouver, \$6,600,000; and a new Granville Street bridge across False Creek in Vancouver, \$6,284,400. Other engineering jobs over the \$1,000,000-mark were a hydro-electric development for the Northwest Territories Power Commission on the Mayo River and enlargement of Gander, Nfld., air-drome.

FREETOWN W. M. S.

The May meeting of Freetown United W. M. S. Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Smith. Twenty-one members and one visitor were in attendance.

Temperance and Christian Citizenship was the theme chosen for the meeting. The devotional period opened by singing the hymn "Fight the Good Fight." Scripture reading, Corinthians 8, was read by Mrs. Allison Profit. A prayer for Peace was offered by Mrs. Roy Burns. The singing of "Give Peace, O God," ended this part of the meeting.

Interesting and instructive readings on Temperance were given by Mrs. Frank Cairns, Mrs. Edson Dammarell, Mrs. R. A. Profit, Mrs. Louise Cairns, Mrs. Hubert McNeill, and Miss Mary Cairns. The leader, "How we are working for Peace" was given in part and put on by Mrs. Scott Cairns, Mrs. Brewer Auld, Mrs. Louis Cairns and Miss M. Cairns.

The president, Mrs. Austin Rogers took the chair for the business period. Mrs. Elmer Smith Community Friendship Secretary read a letter received from the Presbyterian Secretary, Mrs. Stanley Thompson. Egg Sunday funds were handed in and the South Freetown apron had been received.

Regret was expressed by all about the intended departure of Mrs. Frank Deacon, who has given faithful service for many years. As a token of esteem, Mrs. Roy Burns read an address and Mrs. Edson Dammarell made the presentation to Mrs. Deacon of a certificate for Life Membership in the W. M. S. from the members of the Auxiliary.

At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and committee in charge and a social hour enjoyed by all.

NEW YORK, May 7—(AP)—Federal tax liens totaling \$52,532 against band leader Xavier Cugat and his wife, Lorraine, were filed here today. The liens, stated the musician was in arrears for \$24,518 for 1948, \$21,998 for 1949 and \$6,014 for 1950.

Marshall Says MacArthur Upset Peace Appeal

WASHINGTON, May 8—(AP)—Defense Secretary George Marshall said yesterday that Gen. MacArthur's peace appeal to the enemy last March destroyed for the time being any chances of a Korean war settlement.

He said the United Nations was preparing an announcement of preparations to discuss a war settlement—the announcement to come from President Truman—when MacArthur issued a statement March 24 that he was ready to talk peace terms with the Communist commander in Korea.

"In view of the serious impact of General MacArthur's statement on the negotiations of these nations," Marshall said, "it became necessary to abandon the effort, thus losing whatever chance there may have been at that time to negotiate a settlement of the Korean conflict."

Marshall made this statement in the closed-door hearing of the Senate armed services and foreign relations committees after declaring that MacArthur's plans would risk an all-out war with Russia, expose Europe to attack, and perhaps split the free world into two camps.

But he hinted the United States will hit Communist China by air and sea if the Reds strike at American forces outside Korea, presumably those in Japan and with the 7th Fleet of Formosa.

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Distinguished Travel Writer To Visit Island

One of Canada's outstanding travel writers, Mrs. John Garvin (Catherine Hale) will be visiting Charlottetown soon, as she is making a tour of the Maritimes on an assignment for the O.P.R. and will write an article for May-fair magazine in her impressions.

For some years she was literary critic for the Toronto "Mail and Empire." She is a member of the Canadian Women's Press Club, past president of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Authors' Association, a member of the Women's Canadian Club and the Hellenic Club, and honorary member of the Womens Art Association.

Mrs. Garvin is chiefly distinguished for her travel writing, and has done considerable work in the past for both the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National Railways. She has lectured in many cities in Canada and the United States, has written both prose and verse which has been published in periodicals and in book form. At present she is May-fair literary critic and is writing the most distinguished book reviews published by any periodical in Canada today.

Catherine Hale is a well-known poet. Her first book publications were in this medium, and attracted wide attention. Poems began to appear in many anthologies, Canadian, American and British. With "Canadian Cities" and "Canadian Houses of Romance" she turned to prose, and these works were followed by "Legends of the St. Lawrence," which won for her a place among the honorary members of L'Institut Historique et Heraldique of France.

She is a charming, humorous and intelligent woman, and hopes to find much to interest her in Charlottetown and the Island in general.

First Plane Flight Over North Pole

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 8—(AP)—The first plane flight to the North Pole was made by Lt.-Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd 25 years ago Wednesday.

Admiral Byrd, now 62 but hoping to make a fifth trip to the Antarctic, will spend the anniversary day at work here. He is conducting a secret, scientific study of strategic problems for the United States Defence Department.

"I had hoped that our globe-shrinking flight to the Pole would be a harbinger of improved communications and friendship between the continents," Byrd says.

"But ironically it seems now that the Polar airways have become potential, inter-continental routes for death-dealing armadas of the air."

With Floyd Bennett as co-pilot, the 37-year-old naval officer took off from Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, at 12:50 a.m. May 9, 1926, and reached the North Pole at 9:02 a.m. Byrd located the Polar position by astronomy and sun compass.

His flight increased knowledge of Polar geography, helped pave the way for obtaining important weather information, and greatly stimulated interest in the then-infant science of aviation.

In 1925, Byrd and Bennett possessed only a desire to fly over the North Pole—no money, no plane, no personnel for an expedition. Byrd asked Edsel B. Ford for help.

"I don't think you will fail," said Ford as he gave him a \$20,000 cheque. John D. Rockefeller gave him a similar sum while others also contributed funds.

The U. S. Shipping Board lent them a 3,500-ton ship; a crew of 50 men was selected, and a trimotored Fokker was chosen as their plane, named Josephine after Edsel Ford's three-year-old daughter.

Byrd described the arrival at the Pole in two sentences: "At 9:02 a.m. on May 9, 1926, Green-

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They circled the top of the world several times, taking readings and making photographs, before flying back to Spitzbergen.

Two days later explorers Roald Amundsen and Lincoln Ellsworth flew over the Pole in the dirigible Norge.

Byrd also made the first flight over the South Pole at 1:55 a.m. Nov. 29, 1929. He went over it again in 1947.

NEW DELHI, May 4—(Reuters)—India, though desperately in need of grain, has turned down an Italian offer of rice because of its price. Deputy Food Minister Thirumala Rao told Parliament today. He said Italy had offered tons of rice in exchange for jute goods. This was on the same lines as the recent India-China agreement with Communist China.

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