

# Crofters Oppose Rockets, May Emigrate To Canada

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LONDON (CP)—The British government is silent on the issue of the "silence of the seas."  
"Among the farthest Hebrides," the lines from Wordsworth's poem, "Solitary Reaper," have a contemporary application today in the small Scottish island of South Uist, where a group of rugged Gaelic individualists is desperately resisting atomic-age techniques.  
Threatening to break the "silence of the seas" in the farthest Hebrides are British government scientists. They want to convert 1,500 of South Uist's 90,000 acres into launching sites for a rocket range. The islanders, clinging to a way of life that goes back 1,500 years, object strenuously.  
**WOULD GO TO CANADA**  
Rev. John Morrison, a Roman Catholic priest, says the 3,000 persons in South Uist would rather go to Canada as a unit than live beside a rocket range.  
"We have many friends in Canada," Father Morrison said in a telephone interview. "There have been a great many folk going to Canada from the islands. We thought our younger people, particularly, would be able to pick up the threads of their old life in Canada."  
Would-be emigrants were thinking in terms of Alberta and Brit-

ish Columbia.  
Father Morrison regards South Uist as the "last bastion" of Gaelic culture in Western Europe. Four in five persons are Gaelic-speaking. The basic fear is that this traditional culture will be submerged in alien ways.  
**BRITISH CITE ADVANTAGES**  
A British government spokesman said construction of the launching site will bring advantages. Water and electrical supplies would be increased and there would be higher prices for milk and eggs.  
South Uist is a thriving green oasis off the west coast of Scotland. It has rich agricultural land, sandy beaches and waters rich in salmon and brown trout.  
Crofters in some Hebridean islands may have a tough time, but South Uist has no financial worries and funds to cover mass migration to Canada may be partly covered by compensation awards if the rocket range becomes a reality.  
South Uist has its history. There is a memorial to an island girl, Flora MacDonald, who gave Bonnie Prince Charlie shelter on the island in 1745 and helped him get to the Isle of Skye.  
"We are still hoping the government will change its mind," says Father Morrison. "If the

situation becomes intolerable, we will go to Canada as one unit."  
A protest meeting of 1,000 crofters, held at the weekend, called for a judicial inquiry into the rights and wrongs of the rocket range. Six islanders, including Father Morrison, expect to broadcast an appeal to Canada this week.  
**OTTAWA (CP)**—Stanley Knowles, CCF whip, said Monday it has been reported that 2,500 Scotsmen wish to leave their island in Scotland's Outer Hebrides and move to "one of the outer islands of Newfoundland."  
What arrangements have been made for them he asked Immigration Minister Pickersgill in the Commons.  
"Mr. Pickersgill, who represents a Newfoundland constituency said he hasn't heard about the report. "If it's true, I commend their good judgement," he added.  
Mr. Pickersgill said later, during Commons study of final supplementary estimates for the 1956-57 fiscal year ending March 31, that "if the proposal is serious, we would look at it sympathetically."  
He said that on past occasions, depending on circumstances, the federal government has helped settlers move en bloc from one part of the country to another. But there was no continuing policy to do so.



## READY TO FLY MET BALLOONS

TRENTON, Ontario. Three of the twenty-five airwomen who graduated from the R.C.A.F.'s 40th Met Observers course at Station Trenton are shown just prior to receiving their Graduation Diplomas: left to right they are, Airwoman J.J. Hilchey, daughter of Mrs. H. Stewart, Harmony Road, Kingston, N.S., AW D.C. Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Stewart, Clyde Ave., Sydney Mines, C.B., and AW J.E. Savage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Savage, Ber-

wick, N.S. Airwoman Hilchey is posted to R.C.A.F. S. N. Namoo, Alta., AW Stewart to R.C.A.F. Stn Centralia, Ont. and AW Savage will remain at Trenton to serve with the Met Observer Branch at that station.  
The B.C. cider, sold in small lots as a market test late last year, was produced in Summerland, B.C., by the Dominion Experimental Farm in co-operation with the Co-operative B.C. Fruit Processors, Ltd. It contained low alcohol percentage and was a light, sparkling brew with a foamy head, like beer.  
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## Canadian Apple Growers Have More Interest In Apple Cider

MONTREAL (CP)—Developments in two apple-growing districts of Canada point the way to establishment of a new industry.  
A few experimental batches of apple cider have been run off by the Quebec government through the Mont Rouge Apple Co-operative with satisfactory results.  
In British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, small lots of cider have already been made commercially and market tests carried out. More is to go on sale after legal technicalities have been overcome.

At a recent meeting here of the Quebec Apples-Producers Association, growers urged the provincial government to press more apples.  
**DOUBLE BLOW**  
There were two reasons for the interest in cider: Loss of markets in the United Kingdom and severe frost in 1955.  
When the United Kingdom switched to lower-priced European apples, Canadian growers were stuck with a surplus that had to be disposed of before it spoiled.  
Frost damaged trees so badly that many last season produced fruit below market standards for size and color. Generally, unsold apples are turned into juice and sauce.  
But even these products, the Quebec association said, don't find the favor they should on markets.  
In alcoholic form, the association speculated, apples might find more favor.  
Establishment of a regular cider industry in Quebec would not only give growers an expanded market, it would cut short the flourishing but illegal strength of bootlegging super-strength cider, the association said.  
The elder plan has found favor

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**CLINIC AT GEORGETOWN** School on Tuesday, March 19th, 1957 at 10:30 a.m. First polio inoculation No. 1 for pre-schoolers aged 6 months to 15 months. No. 2, ten-agers not attending school 15-19 years, consent slips must be signed by parents. Pre-schoolers for booster inoculations or vaccinations are required.

## EAST BALTIC

The host of friends of Mr. Chester McNeill, Red Point, are glad to know that he is out and about again following his recent illness. All hope he will continue to enjoy his usual activities.  
Miss Romie Ching, Toronto, is spending a couple weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ching, Black Pond.  
Miss Bernadette MacPhee, East Baltic, has been a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital for the past two weeks. Her friends and school pals are wishing her a speedy get well. Bernadette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McPhee, East Baltic.  
Mr. William MacDonald, Kingsboro, had for a few days not been enjoying his usual good health but is now out and about again.  
Congratulations to Miss Joanne Waterworth, Montague, Miss Mary Johnston, Murray Harbour North, on receiving their caps at the P.E.I. Hospital capping ceremony on February 14.  
Mr. A. P. MacPhee, general merchant in Elmira, spent several days as a patient in the Souris Hospital with pneumonia.  
The many friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Percy Johnston, Peter's Road, are sorry to hear that she is a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital and a speedy get well is extended to her.  
The writer and family extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Harold Hewitt, Lower Montague, Mrs. L. Poole, Montague, on the sudden death of their mother, Mrs. M. R. Danison in Norwood, Mass., February 15th.  
Mr. Art Johnson, York, was a business visitor to the eastern district completing electrical work in several homes.  
Although the children enjoy the snow they have been greatly disappointed during the past couple of weeks, as the Red Point Community open air rink is completely covered with snow. It will require some hard man labour before it will be used for skating again. This rink was a great sport for the children especially on Saturdays.  
The friends of Mrs. John Bartlett, Souris, regret to learn of her continued illness and a speedy recovery is extended to her. Mrs. John Bartlett resided in East Baltic for many years before taking up residence in Souris.  
Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Albert Griffin, Souris, and on the recent death of their mother Mrs. Ernest Griffin, on February 19th.  
The College and Vocational students had difficulty in returning to their classes due to the recent long week-end storm. They had to fall back on the old faithful train on Tuesday noon.  
It is with regret we learn of the illness of Mr. Robert Baker, Lakeville, and his host of friends are extending to him a speedy recovery.  
Rev. H. R. Bell, Red Point, is now out and about again following his recent long illness with the gripe.  
Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. John H. MacKenzie, Montague, on the death of his stepmother, Mr. M. R. Danison, Norwood, Mass., on February 15th.  
The many friends of Mr. Robert Machon, well-known plumber, Montague, regret to learn that he is ill in the P.E.I. Hospital and a speedy get well is extended to him.  
Mr. Percy Poole, Souris, is confined to his home through illness and his host of friends are wishing him a speedy get well.  
Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Ernest Griffin, Albion, on the recent death of his wife, Mrs. E. Griffin on February 19th.  
Mr. Neil McLellan, Red Point,

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Allan Nelson, and two children Donald and Shelley, of Montague, have returned home, after visiting her parents in Charlottetown.  
**W.C.T.U. Meeting**  
The regular meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held yesterday afternoon in the parlour of the Baptist Church. The devotional period was led by Mrs. W.M. Crawford, stressing the value of total abstinence. Readings were given by several of the members and a discussion followed re the sale of beer and wine in the hotels of this Province.  
The W.C.T.U. strongly deplored the speech of Mr. A.A. MacIsaac, member for Fifth Queens, in which he advocated the sale of beer and wine in the hotels of this Province during the summer season.  
Reference was made to the letter in yesterday's Guardian of Mr. Jeremiah Simpson, Cavendish, "in which he clearly pointed out the reasons why we should not cater to the liquor industry."  
The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Samuel Campbell.

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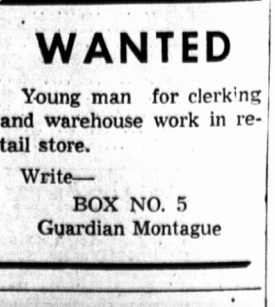
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## Study Value Of Plantings Of Fish From Hatcheries In Ont.

KENORA, Ont. (CP)—A study to determine the value of whitefish and pickerel plantings in Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake will be made by the Ontario lands and forests department.  
The department will try to find out in the long-term study whether the catch of the two species is being increased by plantings of fish from hatcheries.  
Each lake will be double-planted every second year rather than being planted each year as now is the custom. Every second year's hatch of fish will receive increased hatchery support.  
**STUDY NATURAL SUPPLY**  
Scale samples will be collected each year to determine the age of fish. It is felt that by adequate sampling the catch of fish from hatchery-supported years can be compared with the catch from the lakes' natural production.  
The study may last at least 10 years because pickerel and whitefish are five or six years old before they are caught in commercial nets.  
A special study has been conducted in the Bay of Quinte on Lake Ontario during the last 10 years to determine the value of whitefish planting. The investigations have indicated that the planting of whitefish has little effect on the population in those waters.  
Planting of pickerel eggs in

Minnesota waters was stopped some years ago because it was felt the effort was not increasing the population.  
Biologists and fisheries managers have questioned the value of planting eggs and spawn of pickerel and whitefish. Studies during the last 25 years have indicated the reproduction in most lakes is more than adequate, with the size of the lake, its fertility and the influence of weather the controlling factors as far as the number of fish is concerned.  
**Montague Fire Dept. Meets**  
Seventeen of the twenty members of the Montague Fire Department were present for the regular monthly meeting held in the Council Chambers last night. Fire Chief Douglas Coffin presided.  
One of the topics for discussion was the necessity of an extra tank truck to carry water if called to out-of-town fires, as well as for use in the town. It was suggested that the opinion of some of the farmers in the vicinity be sought. Considerable work has been done by the committee already.

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