



AT MARITIME HARDWARE SHOW

Jobbers, wholesalers, dealers and staff members from all over the Maritimes assembled this week for the 1962 annual Maritime Hardware Show at Moncton.

George Rogers (left center) of Charlottetown and Harry Barlow (left) and Edmund Burke (center) are shown having a friendly discussion with two Dosco representatives.

John J. Armstrong of Saint John (left) and Edmund Burke at the extreme right.

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Radiological Warfare Is Listed Impractical

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Effects of Nuclear Weapons, idea of radiological warfare, in which a deadly contamination would be sprayed or otherwise spread over an enemy area, is out. U.S. weapons say the plan considered during recent years just isn't practical. Moreover, better results could be obtained by exploding fission weapons at low altitude or "salting" them with extra poisonous material. A newly-revised edition of the defense department's strategy commission handbook, The

N-bomb, or death ray, is that a precisely controlled nuclear explosion would be made to produce a burst of intense radiation without the intense shock, heat and radioactive contamination of present bombs. Thus it would kill without destroying. But what work if any is being done on the idea is secret.

Computer System Planned To Help Fight Cold War

WASHINGTON (CP) — A \$100,000 electronic computer system is being developed to help United States diplomatic and defense planners fight the cold war. The defense department has earmarked funds for the project to help speed an estimate of some of the probabilities a scientist might encounter in testing the value of certain economic aid programs, disarmament plans and military buildups.

Research analysts that might take weeks to complete by humans could probably be completed in a matter of hours in the new electronic equipment now being developed by the Raytheon Company at Bedford, Mass.

Interest Rate Shows Increase

OTTAWA (CP) — Average interest rate of this week's issue of 91-day government treasury bills increased to 3.24 per cent from 3.19 last week, the Bank of Canada reported. After four months of relative stability the treasury bill rate, an indicator of conditions in the short-term money market, has risen from 3.07 per cent two weeks ago. The Bank of Canada interest rate, set at one-quarter of one per cent above the treasury bill rate, advanced to 3.49 per cent from 3.44. The bank rate is the minimum charge by the central bank on its infrequent loans to chartered banks. The bank announced that \$6,000,000 of 91-day treasury bills were sold by tender at an average price of \$99.159 for an average yield of 3.24 per cent. The bank yield was 3.26 and the overall 3.21. Last week's average price was \$99.159 for an average yield of 3.19. Thursday's treasury bill rate increases with the record high of 3.18 per cent on Aug. 13, 1959, and the record low of 0.87 per cent on July 21, 1958.

AIR JUDGE LONDON (CP) — Air Commander Charles H. Greenway chief of the RCAF will act as chief judge in NATO's aerial reconnaissance competition at Ramstein, West Germany, May 8. Capt. George H. East will be first runner-up.

Duplessis County Is 'Rich Man In Rags'

By GERRY McNEIL. QUEBEC (CP) — Duplessis County, a ponderous chunk of rock, frost and iron in north-eastern Quebec, is a rich man dressed in rags.

Sept-les, its capital 310 miles northeast of Quebec City, is a busy town with a swelling population. Rapid rivers, natural for hydro-electric projects, flow to the coast. Railways slice through the rock mountains to the iron ore deposits in the interior.

"No one knows yet what other minerals are in there," said Henri Colteux, Liberal member of the legislature for the riding. Yet some of the poorest people in Canada live along the Gulf of St. Lawrence coast between Sept-les and Blanc-Sablon on the strait of Belle Isle.

Sea-swept Harrington Harbor has no source of fresh water. Residents board rain. FRESH FRUIT RARE Some children along the coast have never seen fresh fruit. Their parents are awed by tales of those who have visited cities such as Quebec or Montreal.

Rocky, treeless Blanc-Sablon provides no natural fuel for the residents who sometimes walk eight miles digging roots for the stove. As the years pass, the

The export settlements north-east of Sept-les are the homes of Montagnais Indians and Cor-nish and Breton fishermen, who have changed their habits little in centuries.

"They often make less than \$300 a year," said Mr. Colteux. "They can't afford to improve their equipment or do anything to help themselves."

Mr. Colteux has high hopes for improving conditions there. First among them is organization of communications between the villages. But the most ambitious is Mr. Colteux's hope that a road—even a winter road—can connect Blanc-Sablon with Sept-les.

Mr. Colteux says this might lead to a ferry connecting Newfoundland and Quebec. Blanc-Sablon is only about 20 miles from Newfoundland at this point.

Third on the Colteux list is

problem of paying for costly projects needed to improve poor, thinly populated regions. He hopes Quebec can do the same.

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