

# Imports Of American Coal In Island At All-time High

During recent months American coal imports have reached an all-time level in Prince Edward Island. Coal dealers, however, are not unanimous regarding the necessity of these imports, or the need for their continuance.

Reason for the large scale importation is attributed by the dealers to a combination of three separate factors: the shut-down in Springhill, an unusually heavy demand for the Cape Breton coal originating in both Newfoundland and various ports along the St. Lawrence River, and the early onset of sub-zero temperatures.

In addition one dealer asserted that the apathetic and inefficient marketing policy of the mainland suppliers was greatly to blame for the present situation.

**IMPORTED NONE**

One prominent Charlottetown supplier said that he had not imported an ounce of American coal this season, and did not expect to be forced to do so.

He declared that he had filled his warehouses during the spring and early summer and was able to meet all demands as they developed.

He added that he had had considerable experience with American coal in the past and was "a bit leery" of it.

One car might be excellent and the next of much poorer quality he stated, whereas he found that Cape Breton sources could be depended upon to supply uniform grades.

Another dealer noted that

prior to the November disaster Springhill miners were hoisting every day, which approximately an average of 3,000 tons of coal 1,200 tons was used to fill demands of the domestic market. Cape Breton mines were now obliged to shoulder this burden in addition to their former quota he said.

**HEAVY DEMAND**

Also, demand for Cape Breton coal in Newfoundland and ports along the St. Lawrence River was particularly heavy this past fall.

Had American coal not been available at competitive prices, Islanders would have been faced with a serious shortage, he maintained.

A third Charlottetown coal merchant said that he would buy no more coal in Nova Scotia. He complained that he had had constant trouble with mainland suppliers ever since the last war.

It appeared to him that Island orders were often the last to be filled and recalled that he and other major provincial coal vendors had on occasion been "left flat" by mainland mines.

**NOT INTERESTED**

"Those people there are not interested in selling coal," he said, adding that sometimes it was necessary to wait as long as six weeks for receipt of orders, and substitution of poorer quality was often the case.

On the other hand, the same merchant said, orders forwarded to West Virginia are usually confirmed the next day, and the product received is always well washed and screened, with "less than a wheel-barrow load of slate in most cars."

He pointed out that this imported coal could be sold in the province for the same price as normally charged for Old Sydney. This was possible because the initial price of the American product was considerably less than half that charged by mainland sources. Customer action was excellent, he said.

**CLAIMS REPORTS UNTRUE**

Though unofficial reports indicate that several centres in Kings and Queens Counties were out of coal, a Montague dealer claims such reports to be untrue so far as that Kings town is concerned.

The dealer states that his firm had coal at all times, but admitted that at times certain specific brands were unavailable. He foresaw no immediate necessity for importing the American product.

The same Montague source points out that coal was available from the mainland earlier in the year, but all attempts to convince prospective customers to place orders at that time proved fruitless.

In this merchant's opinion the influx of orders due to the protracted December cold spell created an impression that there was a widespread shortage of coal in the province.

**SUMMERSIDE UP**

Summerside's two top coal merchandisers both state that

they imported more than their usual amounts of American coal this past fall, and also attribute the switch to the same reasons listed by their Charlottetown colleagues.

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ADJUDICATOR

British actor-producer Richard Ainley, 48, son of the late Henry Ainley, noted Edwardian actor, arrived in Canada, Monday (Dec. 29) to begin his itinerary as adjudicator for Dominion regional drama festivals in 1959. He is pictured here in his stateroom aboard the Canadian Pacific's Empress of Britain as he discussed his assignment which he regards as "the blue ribbon of the adjudicating world." Mr. Ainley will be in Charlottetown, March 6 to 9th. Canadian Pacific Photo

## Fined \$150 For Impaired Driving

A Clyde River man drew a fine of \$150 and costs or 30 days in jail when he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while impaired when he appeared before Magistrate K.M. Martin in Charlottetown police court Saturday morning.

He originally had been charged with driving while intoxicated. A plea of guilty to the lesser charge was entered by defence counsel, R.R. Bell, Q.C.

A Euston Street man was remanded for one week when he appeared on a drunk and disorderly charge. A similar charge against a Young Street man saw the accused draw a fine of \$20 and costs.

A King Street man appearing on a charge of being drunk and incapable was handed a 12-day jail sentence and a similar charge against a West Royalty resident resulted in a fine of \$10 and costs or two days.

## MECHANICAL LUNG STOLEN

CHICAGO (AP)—A thief stole a polio victim's lightweight mechanical lungs while he was getting a post-surgery check. Henry Messerschmidt, 32, of Elkhorn, Wis., left the 100-pound multilung equipment in a parked car while undergoing a checkup Friday at a hospital. He can get along without an artificial lung about two hours.

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## King's College President To Lead Week Of Prayer In City

The Charlottetown Ministerial Association welcome as their guest of honour and special preacher this week at services in observance of The Universal Week of Prayer, the Rev. Canon L. L. Puxley, M.A., D.D., President of the University of King's College, Halifax, and Canon of All Saints' Cathedral in that city.

Dr. Puxley was born in England and received his education at Eton College and Brasenose College, Oxford. Being awarded a Commonwealth Fund Fellowship for research in economics he took his M.A. at Yale and wrote "A Critique of the Gold Standard" published in 1933. His divinity training was taken at Trinity College, Toronto, which honoured him with a Doctorate in 1955.

Serving for eight years as missionary professor at St. John's College in Agra, India, Dr. Puxley wrote two more books, "Agricultural Marketing in Agra District" and "Christian Land Settlements."

In 1949 he became General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement of Canada, and in 1953 was appointed Secretary of



CANON H. L. PUXLEY

the Departments of Overseas Missions and Evangelism in the Canadian Council of Churches.

Four years ago Canon Puxley became President of the University of King's College, Halifax, and at the same time was installed as Canon of All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax.

## Sees Canada Benefiting From German Pulpwood Shortage

OTTAWA, (Special) — West Germany has announced it requires considerably more pulpwood, and this provides Canada—including Prince Edward Island—with an opportunity to sell more to that country.

This is indicated in an article in the current issue of Foreign Trade, official trade department publication. It was written by J. M.T. Thomas, assistant trade commissioner in Hamburg.

P.E.I. in 1958 was the only Canadian province to report increased pulpwood production over the previous year. "Canada, in 1951 was the third biggest supplier of pulp to the German market, principally of sulphite," writes Mr. Thomas. "Since then, Canadian sulphite sales have declined considerably."

He points out, however, that West Germany is now badly in need of much more pulpwood and North American exporters are in a good position to benefit from this change in demand.

Canada, as a result, now stands a chance to regain some of the markets it lost and this means all producing provinces can benefit.

Output of pulpwood in P.E.I. in the first nine months of 1958 was almost double that during the same period in 1957—31,378 cords compared with 17,758 cords.

make an appearance for at least six months, though.

In 1958, the hurricane season began June 14 with the birth of Alma. It ended Oct. 11 with the death of Janice.

The other 1959 names are: Edith, Flora, Gracie, Hannah, Irene, Judith, Kristy, Lois, Marsha, Nellie, Orpha, Penny, Quella, Rachel, Sophie, Tanya, Utele, Vicky, Wilma, Xcel, Yamin and Zasu.

A weather bureau official said selections of the names is an annual headache and that "just about everyone gets a finger into it." He said a search for likely names goes on all year but that serious work on the new list began the middle of November.

## List Hurricane Names For 1959

WASHINGTON (AP) — After more than a month of heavy thinking, the weather bureau today announced its list of feminine names for 1959 Atlantic hurricanes. The roster begins with Arlene and ends with Zasu.

If 1959 follows form, most of the names won't be used because there won't be 26 tropical storms in the Atlantic-Gulf of Mexico area.

However, Arlene, Beulah, Cindy and Debra—the first four names on the list—are almost sure to be heard from. They probably won't

## COMING EVENTS

Organizations using this column to promote their meetings and entertainments are requested to place their announcements in the name of the Organization or Group who are sponsoring the event.

Our Chick Hatchery is now operating, and as we are only setting by order, we would ask you to book at least one month in advance of delivery date. We will have Cockerel chicks available on January 12 and 15, also at later dates. So if interested we would ask you to book at once. Dillon and Spillett, Ltd.

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Variety Concert in Vernon River Hall Tuesday, January 6th. Sponsored by Earncliffe C. W. L. Regular entertainment after.

Annual meeting Kingston Public Hall, Thursday, January 8, at 8 p.m. Heber Barrett, Secretary.

Mens Association Meeting in North Rustico United Church on Monday January 5 at 8 p.m. Lester Keizer of Charlottetown guest speaker.

Hockey at North River Rink tonight. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs versus York Rangers. League game. Game time 8.30. Skate after.

**FIRE CHIEF INJURED**

VANCOUVER (CP) — Three firemen, including Chief H.S. Bird, were taken to hospital early Friday with injuries suffered in fighting a three-alarm fire that burned out a three-storey brick building housing a men's clothing store and offices. Chief Bird suffered a deep gash to his right arm.

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