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See Prairie Rust Losses Hitting National Prosperity; Ottawa Worried

OTTAWA (CP) — Losses from the prairie rust epidemic, destroying large parts of the western wheat crop, have affected national prosperity. They may have a particularly worrisome impact on the federal treasury.

The bureau of statistics estimated Monday that Canada's gross national product, which has increased all through the post-war years, declined to an annual rate of \$23,900,000,000 in the first half of 1954. The drop was attributed almost entirely to smaller farm output.

If this trend continues, it will mean an overall decline for the year of \$400,000,000 in national production from the all-time high of \$24,300,000,000 in 1953. A decline of this proportion would be four times the drop of \$100,000,000 in 1945.

The gross national product is used by federal budget planners in gauging the country's potential tax yield. Last April when he brought down his 10th and final budget, former finance minister Abbott estimated that the national product in 1954 "will be at least equal to 1953 and probably higher."

REVENUES COULD DROP

He concluded that the second half of the year would more than compensate for the declines evident in certain branches of industry last spring. On that basis, he estimated revenues at \$4,464,000,000 for the 1954-55 fiscal year. This would give him a surplus of \$4,000,000 over expenditures.

However, federal officials agree that revenues could decline with a drop in prosperity, thus increasing the possibility of a budgetary deficit—unless, of course, the government trims its spending.

Some declines in spending have already taken place. The bureau will have no firm figures until some time later this week, but it estimated in its preliminary report that federal defence spending was down 10 per cent in the first half of 1954 from the rate in the similar 1953 period.

The gross national product—the total value of all goods and services produced—was unchanged in the second quarter of 1954 from (Continued on page 15, col. 5)

New Substances May Upset Soil Fertility

LONDON, (Reuters)—Sir John Russell, internationally known agricultural scientist, warned biologists Monday that many new substances now used in farming might upset fertility of the soil over a long period.

Russell, former president of the International Society of Soil Science, told 400 scientists attending the conference of applied biologists that nature's equilibrium of plants, insects and other small animals was in danger of being disturbed.

Speaking of insecticides, fungicides, and plant hormones, the one-time chairman of an agriculture subcommittee of the United Nations relief association, said they gave great powers of control but raised many new problems.

"These drastically potent new agents may disturb the equilibrium with consequences that cannot yet be forecast."

EDMONTON (CP) — The Canadian Education Association swings into the opening sessions of its 31st annual convention here today following preliminary executive meetings and registrations.

Eden Makes Progress On Plan For Arming Germany

5 Planes Search For Helicopter

HALIFAX (CP) — Five planes searched unsuccessfully Monday for a commercial helicopter that disappeared Saturday with two men aboard in the wilds of Labrador.

The copter, owned by Canadian Helicopters, Ltd., of Toronto, had five hours fuel when it took off from an exploration campsite 100 miles south-southeast of Goose Bay.

Although it is radio-equipped, there has been no word from it since. The search was slated to continue today.

ROME, (Reuters)—Foreign Secretary Eden flew here Monday on the next-to-last stage of a swift diplomatic tour aimed at finding a new method of rearming West Germany.

With him, the British statesman is believed to be carrying blue-prints for bringing West Germany into the 1948 Brussels pact—originally intended as a bar to German aggression—as a prelude to giving her membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Italian officials hailed reports of the Eden proposal, which also would bring Italy into the Brussels pact of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. Britain thus would be firmly linked with the Continental nations in the new plan for West German rearmament.

MAKES PROGRESS

Eden arrived here in an RAF bomber after talks with West Ger-

BLIGHT SITUATION WELL IN HAND REPORTS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

Following a meeting of the Potato Promotional Committee held yesterday afternoon, Hon. C. C. Baker, Minister of Agriculture, said the blight situation was pretty well in hand and he did not anticipate it would affect the yield much. Tuber rot is drying up, according to his observation and from reports received. The potato tops look as if they had taken a bad beating, which will have little, if any effect on the tubers.

Blight is not developing as fast as was anticipated, the Minister said. While most fields have been infected, the situation is far from serious. Root magot in turnips had made it practically impossible to ship any quantity of turnips from the Province. Unfortunately the worst is expected in this direction.

Touching on the overall situation as a result of the storm, Mr. Baker said that in conversation with farmers from Carleton, Kings, York, Bedford and other more distant parts, it was evident that the yield of grain was considerably below that of last year, regardless of the adverse conditions in harvesting. The fact that the grain was badly broken, contributed to additional wastage in harvesting and threshing.

Island farmers have learned to take reverses in good part, and I imagine they will measure up to the present situation as usual, Mr. Baker said.

ORCHARDS HARD HIT

Mr. W. P. MacLeod, Federal Fruit and Vegetable Department, said that reports reaching him indicated no damage to the root-

Coming Events

- Dance at Gordon Lodge every Friday night.
- Buying and cleaning timothy daily. McGuigan & Boyle.
- Regular Dance Crapaud Rink, Wednesday night.
- Dance, Fortune Hall, every Tuesday night.
- Dance, Fort Augustus Hall, Wednesday.
- Dance, Cozy Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday, September 15th.
- Lot 65 Parish Chicken Supper, Bingo and Dance, Thursday, September 16th. Meals served from 5.
- Dance Harrington hall, Thursday, Sept. 16, in aid of the Iron Lung Fund. Special music.
- Showing at Mt. Stewart, Monday and Tuesday, 13th and 14th, "The Titanic", Time 8.30.
- Buying young pigs; also feeder cattle. Paying market price. Pius MacDonald, Mt. Stewart.
- Dance Lorne Valley Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 14th, Webster's Orchestra.
- Rose Valley United Church Chicken Supper in Rose Valley Hall, Wednesday, September 15th.
- Visitation, other L. O. L. Lodges, in Crapaud District, visit at Lorne, this Thursday evening.
- St. Teresa's Chicken Supper, September 20th, instead of September 22nd.
- Hope River Credit Union Meeting, Tuesday, September 14th. Last before Annual Meeting.
- Dance South Rustico Hall every Thursday night, music Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- Greenwich Church Hot Chicken Dinner, Legion Hall, St. Peter's Bay, September 22nd.
- Regular Dance, Stanley Bridge Rink Hall every Tuesday night, music, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- Owing to a death, there will be no dance in Winsloe Station all tonight. Dancing next week as usual.
- Provincial Plowing Match and Fair, Dundas, September 15th and 16th. Two full days of competition and entertainment.
- Marketing Timothy Seed. Contact your local Co-op or Island Co-op Services, 58 Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.
- We are buying Timothy Seed daily at highest market prices. Beaton and MacRae, Shur-Gain Feed Service, Winsloe, Dial 9514.
- Raymond Wadman and his Augustine Cove Skyliners will be in Borden Town Hall, Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 8:30 p.m. Sale of candy. Admission 40 and 25.
- Chicken Supper in the Central Royalty Hall, Wednesday, September 15th, supper starting at 5. Daylight Saving Time. Sponsored by Central Royalty W. I.
- We have inquiries for an unlimited quantity of good quality grain either mixed or straight. Contact us before selling. Beaton and MacRae, Winsloe, Dial 9514.
- Step dancing and fiddlers contest in Emerald hall, Friday, September 17. Please send applications to Ivan Clow, Emerald, Dance after.
- Poultry. Buying live and dressed at our plant on Clark Street, Charlottetown, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday each week. Phone 6618. M and A. Peters.
- P. E. I. Plowing Match and Exhibition. All classes of live stock, including cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, to be shown on Wednesday. Draft and general purpose horses only classed on Thursday. Roots and vegetables.
- Rural Youth Fair September 16, at 8 o'clock, Prince of Wales College. Public Speaking Competition and Poultry Dancing, September 17th at 8 o'clock, judging of calves, poultry, vegetables, sewing and grain. In the afternoon, fashion parade and sports.

FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE GIVES VIEWS

Oppose Textile Tariffs Boost

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Federation of Agriculture says that higher tariffs on British textiles would weaken the ability of the United Kingdom to buy Canadian farm products.

The warning is contained in a brief submitted to the Canadian tariff board which is investigating the impact of British preferential tariffs on this country's textile industry. This investigation was ordered by the government after the domestic industry demanded a tariff increase against competing British textiles.

"Any move by the Canadian government to increase tariffs against the entry into Canada of British textiles would further seriously impair the already weakened ability of the United Kingdom to make purchases of Canadian farm products," the federation said Monday in a statement.

Not only would the result be a further lessening of British purchases from Canada but would also bring about an increase in the cost of Canadian textiles to Canadian consumers and would therefore offer only a very temporary relief to the textile industry.

TO DISCUSS CHANGE IN PLACING OF POWER LINES ON CITY STREETS

The possibility of having all power and telephone lines placed on one side of the street only was told last night by Coun. Elmer MacDonald at the regular meeting of the City Council. He said the matter was under discussion by the companies involved and if they are in agreement then a joint meeting will be held to arrange details according to the wishes of the Council.

Coun. MacDonald said the plan involved Council deciding on which side of the streets the lines would go and then removing the trees on that side to avoid service disturbances through falling trees and broken branches. However, he pointed out that the beauty of the City would not be destroyed as where trees were removed from the lines' side new ones would be planted on the opposite side.

The matter is under consideration by the companies individually as a long-range proposition which probably would be carried through on a 10-year plan. Results of their (Continued on page 15, col. 4)

Two Committed For Trial On Charges Of Theft From N. S. Liquor Store

ST. PETER'S, N.S. (CP) — Two first employees of the local branch of the provincial liquor commission were committed for trial Monday after stories of after-hours drinking parties at the store were placed on the records.

Former clerk Albert Morrison, 34, will appear with manager Harold Gibson, 30, at the next term of the Supreme Court. They are charged separately and have denied charges of theft of money and goods in excess of \$200.

Both were suspended May 14 after liquor commission inspectors uncovered shortages amounting to \$2,815.

Ten Electrical Companies To Stand Trial

TORONTO (CP) — Ten companies comprising virtually all the \$124,000,000 Canadian electrical wire and cable manufacturing industry will go on trial late this year on charges of conspiring to operate a price-fixing combine.

They were named in a true bill returned by a grand jury Monday at a sitting presided over by Mr. Justice G. A. Gale of the Ontario Supreme Court.

The trial is not expected to start before December.

Gaspe Area Reports Heavy Storm Damage

CAMPBELLTON, N. B. (CP) — Heavy rains accompanying hurricane Edna on its wild ride Saturday through the Maritime provinces caused damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000 in Quebec's adjacent Gaspé peninsula.

Telephone and telegraph communications were disrupted and had not yet been completely restored. Seventy-five per cent of the district's fishing fleet and equipment was reported swamped or destroyed.

A Canadian National Railways freight train was derailed at Maria, a few miles from here on the Quebec side of the border, when the flooding Matapédia river washed out sections of track. No one was injured. Traffic has not yet been restored on the spur line between Gaspe, Que., and the Matapédia valley to the west.

A small mill a few miles from Maria was flooded and damage there was said to be \$50,000.

Elsewhere, houses were floated off their foundations by rampaging waters and undermined telephone and telegraph poles were toppled by high winds. Several roads were closed to traffic.

Results Of Maine Voting

PORTLAND, Me. (AP) — The "minority" Democrats' youthful candidate for governor held grimly onto Republican Governor Burton M. Cross' heels Monday night as tabulation of Maine's election neared the one-third mark.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Republican, and three Republican congressmen had comfortable leads.

The governor's lead was only 1,163 votes in 196 of 626 precincts. The totals: Cross 14,991; Edmund S. Muskie, Democrat, 13,828.

Vice-President Richard Nixon, saying the Maine voting had "great significance nationally," had called for "an even greater majority than ever before as a standard for the 47 states voting in November."

Thousands In Japan Homeless After Typhoon

TOKYO (AP)—One of the worst typhoons in Japan's history struck the southern mainland Sunday, forcing evacuation of three cities and leaving 24 dead and thousands homeless.

The storm bore on northward with weakening intensity toward the populous main island of Honshu, leaving behind havoc on the southern island of Kyushu. Communications were out with the stricken area.

Kyodo news service and national rural police figures listed 24 dead, 68 injured, 11 missing and 11,000 homeless on Kyushu. Three small ships were reported sunk, 31 bridges washed out and 15,000 acres of farm land washed out.

Winds of 110 miles an hour along a storm front 300 miles wide hit Kyushu, bringing cloudbursts and tidal waves. Winds fell to 50 miles an hour as the storm moved inland.

Discuss Agenda For Economic Council Meeting

MONCTON (CP) — Agenda for the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council meetings in Halifax Sept. 28 was discussed Monday by the executive council of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade. It was agreed to place the matter in the hands of a special committee for the meeting called by Nova Scotia's acting premier, Hon. Harold Connolly.

Left with the same committee was the naming of Board of Trade delegates to attend the economic council session.

The session Monday was under chairmanship of George W. Wilson, Truro, president of the board.

Also discussed during the session were plans for the annual board meeting to be held at Halifax Oct. 3, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

FAIR MAKING PLANS

TORONTO (CP) — The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair will open Nov. 12 for an eight-day run, it was announced Monday. Arrangements are being made for exhibits of farm produce, livestock, machinery and equipment, a horse show and a variety of entertainment and competitions. The fair is expected to attract exhibits from all 10 provinces.

Agree To General Terms of Reference

MONTEAL (CP) — Representatives of the railways and unions Monday agreed to general terms of reference to govern an arbitration hearing into their contract dispute.

The agreement was announced after closed hearings here presided over by deputy federal labor minister Arthur Brown and assistant deputy labor minister M. M. MacLean.

The deputies, announcing agreement on the terms of reference, limits within which talks under a federal arbitrator will be held—did not disclose whether there had been any changes in terms set earlier by the labor department.

Other sources disclosed, however, that "no substantial change" had been made in the labor department's set of rules governing the forthcoming arbitration talks.

Officials said the terms of reference will be signed by both sides before the arbitration hearings commence. They said the name of the arbitrator to deal with the multi-million dollar dispute over "fringe" benefits will probably be made public by the government today.

No date for the start of arbitration hearings has been announced.

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BURMA NAMES DELEGATE

RANGOON, Burma (Reuters)—U Tun Shein, permanent secretary at the Burmese foreign office, will lead his country's delegation to the Colombo plan planning consultative meeting in Ottawa Sept. 20, it was officially announced Monday night.

News Briefs From Home And Abroad

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill has rejected a demand he recall Parliament for an emergency debate on Europe's defence, an informed source reported.

The demand came last week from the Liberal party, which had a handful of seats in the House of Commons.

QUEBEC (CP) — Governor-General Massey left Monday by air for Halifax to attend an investiture ceremony at Government House today. Ten service men will receive decorations.

QUEBEC (CP) — An autopsy Monday revealed that James Aube, 58, whose blood-spattered body was found earlier in a downtown rooming house, died of pneumonia before the body was partly devoured by rats, police reported Monday night.

PIONEER AIR FAN

LIBERTY, N. Y. (AP) — Otto Hillig, 73, who hired a pilot to fly him across the Atlantic in a single engine plane in 1931 for fun, died Sunday. A portrait photographer for more than 50 years, Hillig became a flying enthusiast in the early days of air travel across the ocean.



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