

### Canada's Position Better, Bank Of N.S. Head Reports

HALIFAX (CP)—Canada is in a better position to go ahead than at this time a year ago, F. William Nicks, president, told Wednesday's annual meeting of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

"There is no longer undue preoccupation with the fear of inflation," Mr. Nicks stated. "Nor are there unrealistic expectations in the business community of what easier money may do. Canadians now are much more aware of the kind of competitive world in which they live and are adjusting to it. We have an exchange rate which is at least in reasonable alignment with our underlying economic interests."

"It may indeed be that we are emerging from a period of economic disturbance into one more favorable to economic growth."

To date, however, although there has been improvement, economic circumstances are by no means satisfactory, Mr. Nicks said, and the Canadian economy is operating well below its real potential.

**SHOULD LOOK AHEAD**  
During the last few years Canadians had not been making the most of their increasing talents nor of the widening opportunities for industrial growth

manly possible for the benefit of mankind. "When any drug produces tragic side-effects, 'no one regrets it more than the physicians and drug houses."

### St. John's Plans Anti-Bug Drive

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—City council decided Wednesday to consider an allocation in its next budget for a mid-summer campaign to rid the capital of European earwigs.

The small insect pests, spreading across the city since they first appeared about 20 years ago, were the subject of a fact-filled report from City Engineer Duncan Sharpe. The report was presented to council Wednesday.

Mr. Sharpe says a federal experimental farm outside the city has been investigating earwigs for some years. The insect population increased considerably in the last year because of a mild winter.

In 1961, the farm put out 10 charges on imports would be removed "as quickly as circumstances permit and before the price increases which they encourage become embedded into our cost structure."

Mr. Nicks' comments were contained in a text made available to the press in advance of delivery.

chased in the last two years alone, and the circulation of French language magazines controlled by English-Canadian capital now has reached 325,000. "Our position before the Toronto magazines is exactly as disadvantageous as that of the Toronto magazines before the American magazines," Mr. Marchand said.

### French Papers Ban To Fight English Push

MONTRÉAL (CP)—Publishers of 52 French language periodicals have banded together to fight competition from or absorption by English-language periodicals.

The group calls itself L'Association Canadienne - Française des Périodiques Incorpore. Gabriel Marchand, president of the new association, announced at a press conference Tuesday night that French-language magazines are being bought by Toronto firms.

The association wants the federal government to give French-language periodicals the same kind of protection that a federal royal commission on publications has proposed be given Canadian magazines in a competition from Canadian editions of U.S. publications, he said.

**RED HITS ALBANIA**  
PRAGUE (Reuters)—President Antonín Novotný of Czechoslovakia Tuesday attacked the Albanian Communist Party for "completely departing from the principles of the International Communist Movement." Novotný told the opening meeting of the 12th Czech Communist Party Congress that while the Soviet Union was trying to "buy" the hand of the American imperialists, "Albanian leaders were doing the opposite."



### ESKIMOS ACT AS SURVIVAL EXPERTS

These Eskimos, employed as instructors at the RCAF's Arctic survival training school near Resolute Bay, N.W.T., inspect igloo model

at the RCAF's Naino headquarters, north of Edmonton. The school's chief instructor is Ptl. Lt. Dick Connick (left) of Gull Lake, Sask.

The Eskimos are (left to right) Kudlo, Inout and Jackouse. (Cp from National Defence)

### Plea Made Not To Hog-Tie Food And Drug Directorate

OTTAWA (CP)—The Senate was told Wednesday Canada's food and drug directorate is a model for the rest of the world and it shouldn't be hog-tied with stifling regulations.

Senator Joseph Sullivan, a Toronto ear specialist, said all new drugs are given an "intense scrutiny" now and despite the tragedy of the thalidomide baby-deforming drug, regulations concerning new drugs should be the minimum required for public safety.

The conservative senator was supporting a bill that would tighten control around new drugs but he presented a well-documented speech to show that such regulations could eventually have a stifling effect on medical science. The health department "acted well" in the thalidomide issue, he said, although a re-called group of do-gooders would think otherwise. Despite the tragedy surrounding the pills the question must be studied from an unemotional viewpoint.

It was due to a lack of scientific knowledge and not with any deficiency in the law. The pill was marketed after the most thorough scrutiny and all laboratory testing indicated thalidomide was safe.

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ages, and "Canadian prescription drugs are as safe as modern science can make them."  
There still were a number of unresolved scientific problems associated with the development of new drugs. Tests on animals could go only so far before promising drugs must be tested on humans.

Senator F. W. Gershaw (L-Alberta), also a doctor, said scientific researchers "give

their whole heart and soul to society." In developing new drugs they did everything hu-

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