

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dawn
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Sir John's Anniversary

Noted in a recent Ottawa dispatch was the fact that little enthusiasm was being shown in the nation's capital and throughout the country in today's big event, the 150th anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald.

There will be a fitting program here for the occasion, and while it has been planned by the Young Progressive Conservative Association its non-political nature is emphasized.

Today it is our privilege to carry tributes of appreciation of Sir John's greatness in nation building. This is one subject on which both Premier Shaw and Opposition Leader Matheson see eye to eye.

Our American neighbors are more zealous than we are in honoring their founding fathers. Have we any less reason to be proud of the achievements of those who made Confederation possible?

We can do our best here to make up for this omission, and for the disappointing apathy which has been shown in handling the affair on a national scale.

New ARDA Agreements

As indicated by Forestry Minister Sauve, the minister in charge of ARDA at the federal level, a broad attack on rural poverty will be launched under the newly signed federal-provincial agreements.

A special fund for rural development is to be set up, under which a maximum of \$50 million during the five year period may be spent on rural development programs in selected areas.

training or re-establishment, but who are affected by programs, to switch their farms to other, more efficient uses.

Under the new agreements, Ottawa will spend up to \$25 million a year, an increase of \$5 million over the annual federal maximum allowed at present.

The federal government has also agreed to examine provincial ARDA agreements on a year-to-year basis, instead of examining each program individually.

The current ARDA agreements have run more than two years. To Nov. 30, 678 projects had been approved or were under consideration.

How does Prince Edward Island expect to fare under the new agreements? Apparently there is a feeling that difficulties are being ironed out and that there will be less delay in getting action than was experienced in the past.

Significant Trend

It appears that Communist China is going to keep on depending on western capitalist countries—except the United States—for food and industrial machinery and supplies to build up its own industry.

Australia occupies first place in this respect; its wheat accounts for half of Peking's imports. Next comes Canada, with wheat again the main commodity.

Britain, Red China's oldest western trading partner, is emphasizing machinery and supplies. Her total sales to Peking hit \$36,400,000 in 1963, and final figures for 1964 are expected to reach \$56,000,000.

This trade has been looked down upon at Washington, but in his State of the Union message President Johnson indicated there may be a change of policy in this regard.

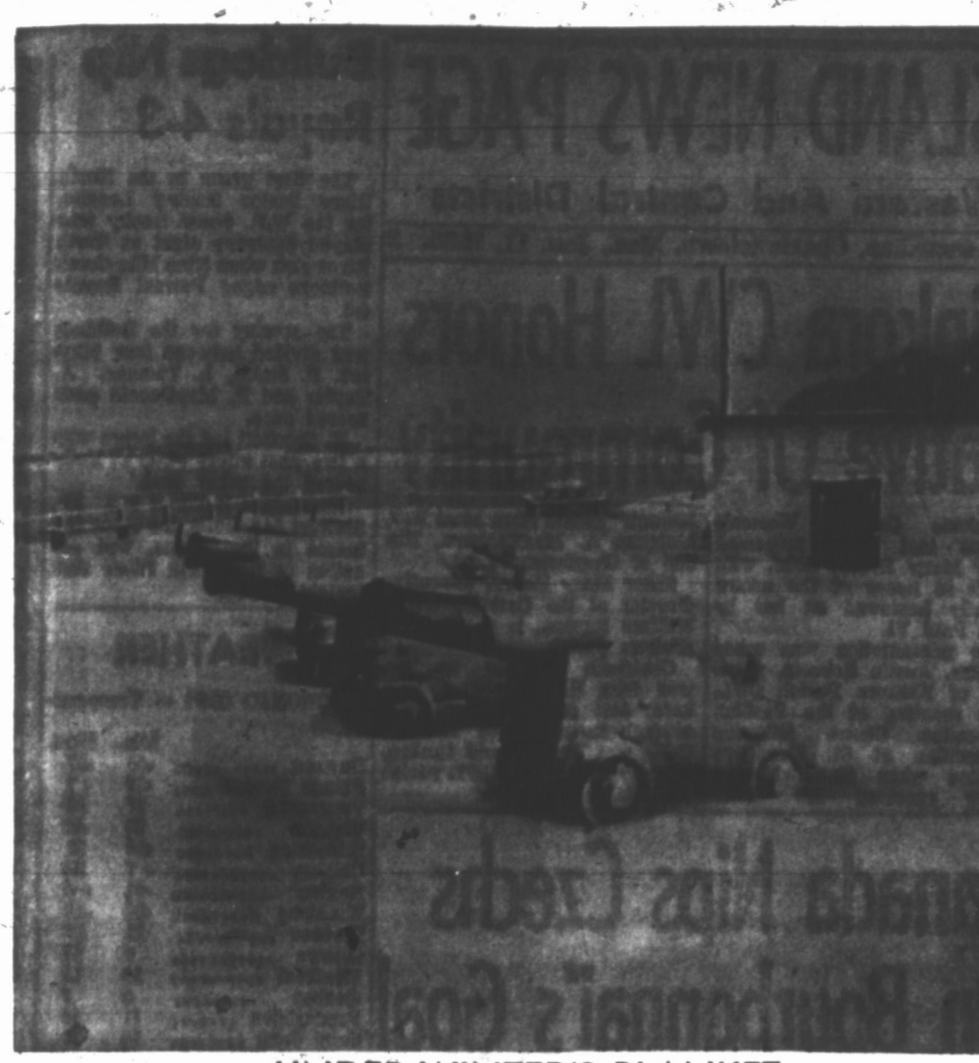
Certainly it is among the most striking events of the past year that 60 per cent of Communist China's imports came from the western bloc.

Should Be Amended

The Supreme Court of Canada is said to have "stunned" the Department of Immigration in deciding that ministers of immigration had no right to decide whether or not a person should remain in jail.

The judgment of the Supreme Court is in itself an argument for a complete overhauling of the immigration law. Anything that is left to ministerial discretion is a discretion that is in the hands of deputy ministers and lesser officials.

The minority judgment in the case settled by the Supreme Court is interesting in that it points out that the Minister of Immigration is the only person who can decide on deportation and that there is no appeal from his rulings in that regard.



UNDER WINTER'S BLANKET

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Delicate Problem Posed For Conservatives

The three small parties in the House of Commons went home for Christmas in the mood to throw out the Liberal Government as the first opportunity in 1965—unless Prime Minister Pearson first purges his cabinet of its suspected wood-rot.

The arithmetic of the composition of the House in this: in Government, 129 Liberal MPs, of whom one, Mr. Speaker, does not vote except in case of a tie; in Opposition, 96 Conservative MPs, 13 New Democrats, 13 Creditists and nine Social Crediters.

But this very situation is at the root of the questions that are being asked in Montreal. Scientists are worried whether science today is being corrupted by affluence, and whether the behavior of some scientists may be leading to serious public consequences.

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Science And Ethics

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San Marco In Space

They borrowed an American rocket, but their satellite was their own. Thus Italy became the first nation after the Soviet Union and the United States to venture into space with its own experiments and its own launching crew.

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But a sound film of a man or woman staggering along a straight line or clapping the desk sergeant on the back while sharing a greeting or a protestation of innocence could be devastating.

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Cold Weather Can Be Killer

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Last year many older people in England suffered unnecessarily or died as a result of cold weather. Their body temperature was below 95 degrees F. (hypothermia) and authorities estimated that many more cases of this type were missed because ordinary thermometers do not go low enough.

The majority did not complain of the cold; the diagnosis was made accidentally because their offspring or neighbors were suspicious that all was not well with the aged person. The pulse and respirations were slow and the blood pressure low. The skin was pale, bluish, and puffy. Shivering seldom occurred after the temperature fell below 95 degrees F. and the best clue to their plight was to feel the abdomen; it was cold.

Hypothermia is more common in the elderly, especially those living alone. They are less active and their homes or apartments have an unheated heating system. In addition, many cannot afford warm clothing.

Overexposure also is a problem among the feeble-minded and the confused; they leave windows open or walk outside without dressing warmly. Concern about bodily discomfort decreases in people with diseases of the brain and mental problems. The use of alcohol and the barbiturates also plays a role.

The best treatment is a warm room where the hypothermic man or woman can sit or recline while the body temperature goes up gradually. Heat should not be applied to the skin, which means that electric blankets and hot water bags are taboo. Severe hypothermia requires fluids, antibiotics, and hydrocortisone.

NO APPETITE Mrs. G. writes: My husband never is hungry and has to force himself to eat. Is there a pill I could give him to improve his appetite? REPLY Let well enough alone, provided he is otherwise healthy. We assume you are serving attractive and appetizing meals, and making dinner a pleasant and happy occasion. A cocktail before eating may encourage appetite.

PAINLESS ULCER M. J. H. writes: Can a peptic ulcer exist without pain? REPLY Yes, because pain stems from burning of the o, an ulcer by the stomach acid. A good example is the relief of pain that follows a few days of treatment. The ulcer has not had time to heal, yet there is no distress because the stomach acid has been neutralized.

NORMAL THYROID Mrs. E.S. writes: What is meant by a nontoxic thyroid gland? REPLY The gland is normal if it is not sluggish, not toxic, and not enlarged. When an excessive amount of thyroid hormone is secreted, symptoms of toxicity often occur thyrotoxicosis.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A lot of moonshine is being sold in Quebec thanks to the strike of liquor store employees. It's not the same as the stuff that separatist speakers have been spreading around.—Ottawa Journal

In this increasingly automated world it is a joy and a delight to be reminded that no machine has been invented that can shoe a horse and that blacksmiths, stout fellows, are making a mint.—Vancouver Sun

Regular Customer—"I shall want a large quantity of flowers from you next week for my daughter's coming out." Flower Woman—"Yes, mum. You shall have the very best for 'er, poor dear. Wot were she put in for?"—Montreal Star

Who are the champion book readers? Don't try to guess you couldn't! They are the Finns. In Finland the reading of books has reached the astonishing figure of four books per year, per capita. In England the population reads about one book per year, each. In the United States one figure is a dismal one-tenth of a book per year for each one of us.—Washington Journal

A policeman's dog in Santa Monica, California, did not wake up when a burglar entered his house and stole a purse. When a police officer arrived later to investigate the burglary the dog was awake and bit the visiting policeman. In fairness to all police dogs, it should be mentioned this mixed-up mutt was a Chesapeake Retriever. Fort William Times-Journal

Grim Wait For Malaysia

By Carman Cummings Canadian Press Staff Writer Malaysia has small hope of aid from the United Nations in the event of Indonesian attack, in the view of many UN diplomats.

They believe Russia would veto any attempt by the Security Council to set up a peace force. A smaller group of dissenters, however, thinks there still is an outside chance the Soviet Union would permit formation of a force—depending on the circumstances of the attack.

They apparently base the hope on belief that Russia will try to prevent any closer relations between China and Indonesia, now that the latter has quit the UN. ASSEMBLY POWERLESS Representatives of both points of view agree there is no chance that the General Assembly would set up a force in the event of a Soviet veto.

Some diplomats also question the potential effectiveness of a UN presence, which presumably would patrol the long jungle border between Indonesia and Malaysia on the island of Borneo. At the least, however, the force would represent a reproof from much of the Communist and non-aligned world against Sukarno tactics. WILL ASK HELP Malaysia has not yet asked for UN assistance, although it said Thursday it will do so "immediately" if "more intensive" Indonesian attacks are launched.

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