

FARM CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY

See Surpluses In Spotlight

OTTAWA, (CP)—The problem of disposing of Canada's agricultural surpluses is expected to hold the spotlight at the federal-provincial agricultural conference opening here Monday.

The biggest surplus headache is wheat, but growing butter stocks and higher livestock production without an attendant increase in markets are other topics almost certain to be discussed at the three-day annual meeting of federal and provincial agriculture representatives.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner and officials of his department may find the discussions livelier than they have been for several conferences. For while other segments of Canada's economy continue to expand, agriculture has not kept pace.

In its current review of the situation, the agriculture department says world trade in agricultural products has not increased as rapidly as production. It says this is largely due to efforts of many countries towards greater agricultural self-sufficiency.

Mr. Gardiner has said there are 10,000,000 pounds surplus. But the National Dairy Council of Canada has estimated the butter surplus at 65,000,000 pounds, predicting it will reach 70,000,000 by next spring.

The department's review says hog and cattle marketings for 1955 are expected to show increases of 15 per cent and cattle by two or three. It estimates that stocks of pork will be slightly higher by the end of the year at \$4,000,000 pounds compared with last year's \$3,950,000.

These conditions probably will provide plenty of food for discussion at the conference. Other subjects likely to come up are marketing boards and the recently announced government-backed bank loans on farm-stored Prairie grain.

Western farm officials have indicated some dissatisfaction with the loans, which permit farmers to borrow up to \$1,500 on grain stored on the farm.

The legality of provincial farm marketing boards also has been questioned in some parts of the country. There may be suggestions from some provinces that the federal government step into these fields.

Apple producers in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and British Columbia produced an estimated crop of 18,600,000 bushels, 28 per cent higher than last year and second largest commercial crop on record.

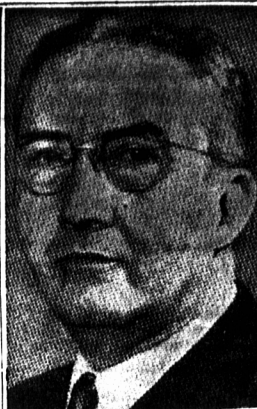
The need of more export markets for apples likely will be aired by representatives of the apple-growing provinces.

One Dead, Two Injured In N.S. Freight Wreck

ANTIGONISH, N.S. (CP)—A fireman was killed and two crewmen injured Sunday when a double-engine CNR fast freight slammed into the nose of a standing freight at Harve Boucher, 20 miles east of here.

Engineer Harold Davis, 38, of Sydney, and brakeman Stewart Kennedy of Port Hastings, N.S., were cut and bruised when they jumped from the cab of the moving freight. Neither was seriously injured. Alex Matheson, of Sydney engineer of the standing freight was uninjured.

All three engines and a total of seven cars left the rails in the yards at Harve Boucher. Wrecking crews were dispatched from Sydney and Truro and workmen said the Sydney-New Glasgow line would be plugged for six or seven hours.



PIONEER DIES

BALTIMORE, (AP)—Glen L. Martin, pioneer flier and airplane builder, died Sunday night of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 69.

Martin had been ill since late in October, when he came down with a heavy cold or virus infection. He was taken to hospital Nov. 4, when complications involving the vascular system made him seriously ill. He recovered from this condition, however, and was convalescing at his farm where he was stricken this morning.

MUNSEL SCALDED

LOCUST VALLEY, N.Y. (AP)—Opera star Patrice Munsel was scalded on both hands Friday night in a kitchen mishap at her Long Island home. The injury was serious enough to cause cancellation of her appearance in a Monday night production at New York's Metropolitan Opera. She will be replaced by Roberta Peters.

Construction Under Way On Television Station

Construction of the CFCY Television Station is proceeding fairly close to schedule according to Robert F. Large, Station Manager, who returned on Saturday from Ottawa, where he had been attending hearings by the CBC Board of Governors.

The Board have given their approval to the application of the station to raise its power from 21,000 watts up to 38,600 watts average power. However, due to a new television transmitting development by the Canadian General Electric Company, which will be supplying the equipment for the station, CFCY-TV will actually have a peak power of nearly 80,000 watts in certain preferred directions.

This new antenna, Mr. Large states, will enable power to be directed along the length of Prince Edward Island, and towards New Glasgow and Amherst, Nova Scotia. It will largely eliminate wasting television signals over the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the north of this Province. The antenna will mount on a 500 foot tower which will be erected early next spring on the station's site at Churchill, P. E. I. The overall height of the structure will be 936 feet above sea level.

The complete operation of the CFCY Television station will originate in the combined transmitter-studio building at Churchill. The building is completed except for a few minor details, and the installation of equipment will begin within the next few weeks. It is anticipated that test programming from CFCY-TV will be under way by next May. A studio camera will be installed for the presentation of local live programs, and the latest film reproducing equipment will bring viewers all the well known television features.

Latest advice is that the CBC Television network will be connected through to the Maritimes in the summer of 1957 and then all programs will come direct from the major production points.

BOISTEROUS WELCOME IN SYDNEY

England To Australia Air Mark Set By New Comet

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters)—Britain's new Comet III jet airliner whizzed into Sydney Sunday on a record-breaking test flight from England and found 35,000 Australians waiting to give it a boisterous welcome.

Police turned fire hoses on sections of the crowd that spilled on the tarmac as the Comet moved into view after setting a commercial record of just over 44 hours.

Group Capt. John Cunningham, at the controls of the silver, white and blue airliner, was preparing to touch down when he received an urgent order to "keep circling" as police struggled with crowds surging across fences and temporary barriers.

The Comet, a "flying laboratory" prototype being the way for a new Comet IV series, was forced to stay in the air over the airport for 24 minutes before trying to land. As it taxied to a halt, the enthusiastic Australians surged forward again, overrunning police and airport staff. Many wanted to touch the plane and some even scratched their initials on it.

A fire engine and other vehicles which tried to "rescue" Cunningham and his crew became trapped in the mass of people. Finally, on police orders, another fire engine turned its hoses on the crowd, who fell back booing and shouting.

The flight began Friday and ended at 5:08 p.m. local time Sunday. Total time from the take-off at Hatfield, England, to landing here was 44 hours and 11 minutes. This established a commercial London-Sydney flight record. The previous record, set by a Qantas (Australian) Airline Constellation in June, 1953, was 53 hours, 28 minutes.

After the crash Airwoman Pippen walked with Graham a mile through the woods to find a farmhouse. Although they could speak no French, they managed to get across to farmer Andre Leonard what had happened. He telephoned the police and the Canadian base. A French-speaking officer at Marville asked him to call a doctor.

The scene of the crash was near a small road and ambulances were able to travel to within a short distance of the wreck to evacuate the injured and take out the bodies of the dead.

Another farmer, Rene Mareil, said he visited the crash scene and saw "the plane had cut a great swath in the woods as it came down."

He said the fuselage had been split in two with the halves still together, the wings were torn off and the engine was smoking some distance away.

An air force spokesman said the base knew of the crash almost as soon as it happened because it was in touch with the plane as it came in for a landing. When it was advised where the crash had occurred, it sent ambulances.

While Airwoman Pippen and Graham went to find help, McKinstry searched the wreckage for injured.

The plane, one of five based at Langar, is a medium-sized, short-range transport used chiefly for ferrying personnel and freight between England and Canadian bases on the Continent.

But Cunningham said the Comet's actual flying time was 24 hours and 23 minutes. The plane touched down at Cairo, Egypt, Bombay, India, Singapore and Darwin before arriving here.

Cunningham had told reporters earlier, when the plane landed at Darwin, that the Comet had "gone like a bird all the way without a hitch."

"I think we have ironed out all faults now," we've learned a lot in the last five years," he said the trip had been smooth except for 45 minutes in the vicinity of Timor, where a tropical front "threw the Comet around a bit."

The first class of Comet was withdrawn from service last year after two disastrous crashes in the Mediterranean that cost 56 lives.

Archbishop Boris, delegation leader representing the Moscow patriarch in North and South America, said there are no statistics to show whether Russian church membership is growing or declining.

But any Russian can believe in God and practice these beliefs and "many persons so believe and practice." There is no ban on worship.

There are "about 20,000 churches in Russia, about 35,000 priests, 69 monasteries and 5,000 monks and nuns," he said. New churches could be built where needed and some have been built.



EASTERN COMMAND Headquarters officers who arrived by R.C.A.F. plane from Halifax to attend Military "At Home" here were met on arrival by Major O. R. Simons, M.B.E., C.D., and Lieut. Col. J. T. Davies, C.D. Pictured left to right: — Lieut. Col. L. Gerry, C.D. Major Simons, M.B.E., C.D., and Lieut. Col. J. T. Davies, C.D. Major J. Bailey, C.D., Lieut. Col. M. R. Harries, O.B.E., C.D., Lieut. Col. Davies. W. Taylor Photo.

Truman Makes Apology For Memoirs' Error

WASHINGTON, (CP)—Former president Harry Truman has apologized for an inference contained in his recently published memoirs that Canada received U.S. lend-lease aid during the Second World War.

In a letter to Canadian ambassador A. D. P. Heeney, Truman expressed regret at the oversight and said it had been caught and corrected in the final proofs of his book, "Year of Decisions."

However, it had gone uncorrected in an installment of the memoirs appearing in the New York Times.

His letter, replying to one from Heeney a month ago, expressed admiration for the fighting qualities of Canadian troops during the war.

In the installment appearing in The Times, Truman included Canadians among Commonwealth troops equipped with U.S. lend-lease weapons. Heeney, in drawing his attention to the error, noted that Canada had operated its own mutual aid program and in fact had overpaid the United States for war equipment bought from the Americans.

Coming Events

Bingo and cards, Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, December 6th.

Bellevue Christmas concert in Grandview Hall, December 22.

Card party Dunstaffnage school tonight 8.30.

Nine Mile Creek concert Dec. 21st.

York Point Christmas concert, North River Hall Dec. 21st.

Christmas concert, Alberry Plains School, Wednesday, Dec. 21st.

United Church congregational concert in Fredericton Hall tonight.

Card party Spring Park Hall tonight 8:30. Lunch, prizes, tournament starting.

The annual meeting of the P.E.I. Yorkshire Breeders will be held at Experimental Farm Dec. 8, at 10 a.m.

Come to Variety Concert in Morrell Hall Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 8 o'clock. Presented by Marie United Church.

The Hillsboro Fire Brigade meeting and films tonight, Mt. Herbert School, 8 sharp. Everyone welcome, especially ladies.

Buying chicken and fowl Tuesday, Dec. 16. Will pick up at farm. D. L. MacDowell. Phone 27-2. Hunter River.

There will be a rummage sale at the Salvation Army Y.P. Hall Tuesday, December 6th. Doors open 1.30.

North River Senior Hockey League meeting Monday night, December 5 at Fulton Warren's. Teams entering league send two representatives.

Attention Farmers! Buying poultry Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Paying highest market prices. Phone Charlottetown 7886 collect for pick-up service. Urban McQuaid Southport.

Annual meeting of Federal Dairying Company, Eldon, Belfast Hall, Friday, Dec. 9th, 8 p.m. Stockholders, patrons and others interested invited to attend. J. W. MacWilliams, secretary.

Enjoyable Military Function At Armouries

The Commanding officer, Brig. G.G.K. Peake, D.S.O., E.D. and officers of No. 2 Military Group were "At Home" to a number of invited guests at the Officers Mess, Charlottetown Armouries, on Saturday afternoon. The guests were received by Brigadier Peake and Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers, E.D.

His Honour Lieut. Governor Prowse was accompanied by Lieut. Cmdr. J. N. Kenny, Naval Aide, and Wing Cmdr. Alan Macmillan, Air Force Aide, Premier A. W. Matheson, Mayor J. D. Stewart and Group Capt. Swetman, R.C.A.F. Sumner was also present.

A group of officers from Headquarters Eastern Command also attended. These were: Lieut. Col. W. Milroy, D.S.O., C.D. GSO, C.D. AA and QMG; Lieut. Col. L. Gerry, C.D., AAG; Major J. Bailey, C.D. Officer Commanding No. 6 Works Coy. Capt. J. H. Fraser, C.D., GSO 3.

Other No. 2 Group officers attending were: Col. J. H. Shaw, R.C.A.M.C., Lieut. Col. J. T. Davies, C.D., Lieut. Col. J. A. MacDonald, E.D.

Former officers present as guests were: Col. G. E. Full, V.D. and Col. F. I. Andrew, O.B.E., M.M., E.D.

Garrison officers commanding units, accompanied by their officers attending were: Lieut. Col. Arthur H. Peake, C.D. (17 R.E.C. C.E. Regt.), Lieut. Col. K. M. Johnston, E.D. (5 Sigs. Regt.), Lieut. Col. J. K. L. Irwin, (5 Medical Coy R.C.A.M.C.) Appropriate music was rendered by the RECC band located in the gunners room.

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New Threats At West Berlin

BERLIN, (Reuters)—Communist East Germany aimed a barrage of threats at West Berlin Sunday as the isolated city braced itself for the possibility of a new Red economic squeeze.

The East Berlin semi-official newspaper, Berliner Zeitung, said West Berlin "lies in the middle of the sovereign German Democratic Communist Republic"—and called on West Berlin authorities "to behave accordingly."

LONDON (Reuters)—The engagement of Westminster Abbey organist Sir William Neil McKie to Mrs. Phyllis Ross Birks, widow of Gerald Walker Birks of Montreal, was announced Saturday.

Peter Casey, noticed smoke rising around the chimney of the Arsenau home.

Mrs. Arsenau made a frantic attempt to enter the house through the back door but she was beaten back by intense heat and smoke. Mr. Casey tried to enter by the front.

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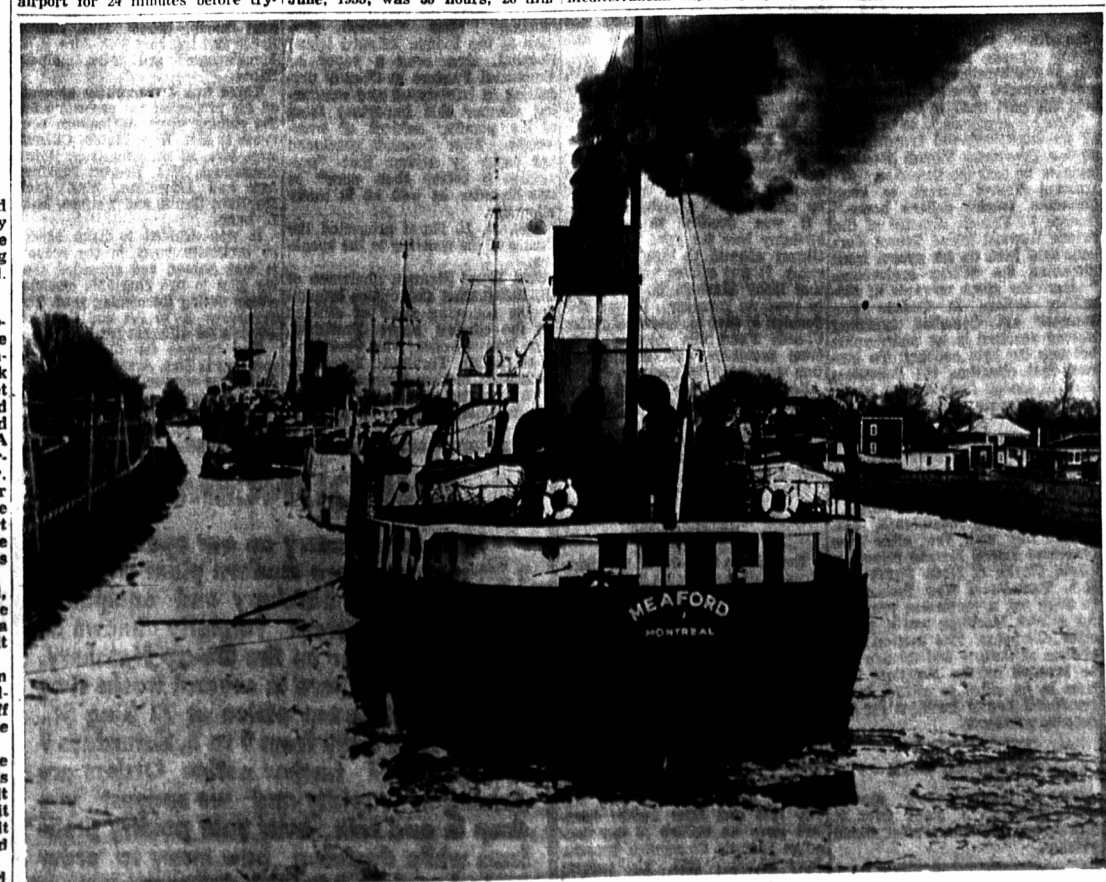
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TRAFFIC JAM IN CANALS NEAR MONTREAL

These are among the 50 lake and ocean ships trapped by ice in the Lachine and Soulanges canals near Montreal. An early cold snap threatened to force some of the ships to winter in the canal.

At least 15 ships, most of them overcast-bound have been cleared through the ice-clogged Lachine canal so far this weekend, but some 40 others face an inland winter trap. Jean Barcelo, district superintendent of canals, says he has scores of men and three tugs on the job day and night in an effort to get as many vessels as possible into the St. Lawrence river before dropping temperatures make the canal unnavigable.



TORONTO (CP)—Temperatures issued by the Toronto public weather office:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	7b	2b
Vancouver	33	40
Victoria	38	41
Edmonton	3	13
Calgary	9b	12b
Winnipeg	15b	3b
Montreal	23	27
Ottawa	22	26
Quebec	14	19
Fredericton	14	25
Saint John	19	24
Moncton	17	22
Halifax	21	—
Charlottetown	24	29
Sydney	30	33
Yarmouth	30	32
St. John's	30	32

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office here says snow that has reached Yarmouth, Saint John and Fredericton will advance eastward during the next 24 hours.

In Nova Scotia a fall of about three inches is expected before it turns to rain. In New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the Gaspe there will be less rain and a snowfall of near six inches. Along the north shore of the St. Lawrence eight to 12 inches are likely.

Clearing will begin in the western Maritimes by evening.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Cloudy, snow beginning before dawn changing to rain in the afternoon and ending by evening; much milder; southeast winds 15 increasing to 25 in the afternoon. (Low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 28.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:17 a.m. and 3:33 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 7:38 a.m. and sets at 4:32 p.m.