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Federal Gov't May Aid Farmers In Rabies Cases

Prison Terms Given Youths

OTTAWA (CP) — Red-haired James McDermott, 17, involved in a second street-fight killing in less than 18 months, Tuesday was sentenced to 15 years in prison. He was charged with murder in the Nov. 23 steak knife slaying of Robert O'Leary, 20, but was convicted last week on a reduced charge of manslaughter.

A companion, James Post, 16, drew a seven-year prison sentence for manslaughter. Maximum sentence is life imprisonment. In 1957, McDermott was put on probation and given a two-year suspended sentence after Rene Jodoin, 17, was kicked to death in a street brawl McDermott was required to be at home not later than 10 p.m. each night. O'Leary was killed about 3 a.m. Three other youths also charged with murder were acquitted.

"You were false to your parole and as a result O'Leary lost his life," Mr. Justice F. H. Barlow said in passing sentence.

Flour Price Hiked, Bread May Follow

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian farmers may get more for their wheat, but Canadian consumers may have to pay more for their bread.

That was the reaction of a bakeries spokesman Tuesday to the wheat board's decision to boost the Lakehead price of wheat by 5¢ cents a bushel, effective last Friday.

The board said the price boost, which applies on domestic as well as export sales, will ensure that savings in shipping costs resulting from opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway are passed back to Prairie wheat growers.

The price boost, increasing No. 1 northern wheat to about \$1.69 a bushel, will not change the final price paid by overseas buyers since the rise will be offset by lower shipping charges.

N.S. Fishing Boat Missing

LIVERPOOL, N.S. (CP) — An RCAF Canoe has entered the search for the 35-foot fishing boat Prince Albert, unreported since shortly after it left here Saturday with two persons aboard on a 20-mile trip to Fundy Point.

The white-hulled fishing vessel was skipped by Capt. Albert Payzant, 43, of White Point, a small community about 10 miles south of here. A passenger, Violet Morrison, 36, also of White Point, was also reported aboard when the vessel left here.

The boat was last seen at dusk Saturday off White Point. The Canoe, from the RCAF's 108 rescue unit at Greenwood, N.S., was scheduled to arrive in the area Tuesday afternoon.

One Of Richest Landlords Succumbs To Heart Attack

NEW YORK (AP) — Vincent Astor, 67, one of the world's richest landlords, died Tuesday. He had just recovered from another illness when a heart attack struck him.

Astor's real estate holdings in New York alone were valued at more than \$40,000,000. He also owned other property from coast to coast.

Strangely enough, Astor's last big real estate venture floundered for lack of financing. In 1956 he announced plans for a \$75,000,000 Park Avenue business development, but the project had to be shelved.

Astor's fortune came down to him through four generations. His great-great-grandfather, John Jacob Astor, a German butcher's son, came to the United States in 1794 with \$2.94 in his pocket. On this slender base he accumulated a fortune as a fur trader and invested it in real estate.

RICHEST BOY IN WORLD
Vincent Astor inherited \$75,000,000 at the age of 20 from his father, also named John Jacob Astor, who went down in the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. The bequest made the son in his day

'Outmoded' Credit System Hampers Farmers, Claims

OTTAWA (Special) — Canadian agriculture is laboring under a "most inadequate and antiquated" credit program, a Conservative MP from Prince Edward Island has charged in the Commons.

John A. Macdonald, who represents Kings riding, spoke in support of a private MP's resolution urging the government to establish an agriculture and fisheries development bank. Such a bank would make available enough capital so primary producers could make capital improvements necessary to efficient and profitable operations.

Mr. Macdonald, speaking in both English and French declared it was necessary for the benefit of the Canadian economy that "we have a much improved credit system." This, he added, should provide better intermediate, long and short term credit facilities for farmers.

SHARPLY CRITICAL

The Canadian businessman was sharply critical of the move in Canada toward "vertical integration" in agriculture, and said it was something that should be "greatly abated." Most farmers were entering into those arrangements only of necessity, he added, because agricultural credit was unavailable.

What was needed, he continued was a program of "horizontal integration" under which farms could be enlarged and thus benefit by a reduction in unit costs. As it was, he said, small farms were being abandoned rapidly in Prince Edward Island and good land had been allowed to become waste because those tilling it found it uneconomical to do so. This land could be reclaimed, but the longer it was left the greater would be the cost of

bringing such land back into production.

To achieve this expansion, he said, farmers must have increased facilities to buy additional land and more and heavier equipment to till it.

"Under present credit arrangements," he noted, "only those who are well set up in farming are able to obtain additional assistance. The small farmer, on the other hand, is unable to obtain money for the additional outlay required."

Mr. Macdonald spoke highly of the credit legislation in force in Quebec province, and suggested the rest of Canada might do well to copy it. It enabled young farmers to borrow money and refund it on a long term basis at a "very low" rate of interest.

Loans, he pointed out, were for a period of 39½ years and refundable by semi-annual payments at a rate of four percent. This included interest and reimbursement—2½ percent refund.

VITAL TO FISHERMEN

Turning to the reposed credit regulations as they would apply to fishermen, the Kings MP said the same principle applied to fishing as to farming. "To our many fishermen credit is something which is very important," he said.

He underlined that if fishermen were going to have more profitable operations, then it was necessary for them to have "better credit facilities." This applied not only to the fishermen but also to the packer. The packer's capital was often tied up and he was unable to give a better price to the fishermen because he had to sell the pack as soon as he got the fish.

"The fisherman is often in much the same position," he declared, "for he is obliged to sell his catch to one buyer as

soon as he lands the fish. If credit facilities were available to both fishermen and packer, then the fisherman would be in much better position to bargain after he had landed his fish.

"The packer, too, would be able to secure a better price for the fish he has in storage or in cans."

VILLAGES HOLD MEETINGS

Parkdale Ratepayers Support Fluoridation

Commissioners of the village of Parkdale were empowered last night to investigate the cost of installing fluoridation equipment and, if it is economically feasible, to have such equipment installed.

A resolution dealing with fluoridation was moved by Dr. J. I. Higgins, seconded by Mrs. Edwin Cook and passed without a dissenting vote at the annual meeting of the ratepayers of Parkdale held in the Community Hall.

The Parkdale meeting was one of 15 annual meetings held last night in villages throughout Prince Edward Island.

The resolution read as follows: "That the village commissioners be empowered to investigate costs of installing fluoridation

Supplementary Estimates Are Debated In Commons

OTTAWA (CP) — Agriculture Minister Harkness indicated Tuesday that the federal government may be prepared to enter into a plan with the provinces and municipalities to pay compensation to farmers who lost cattle through rabies infection. He gave this indication after Eric Winkler (PC-Grey-Bruce) proposed in the Commons that a flat sum be paid as compensation

with the federal, provincial and municipal governments each absorbing one-third of the cost.

Mr. Harkness also said during debate on supplementary spending estimates that the number of animals alleged to have died from rabies has been "very much exaggerated."

The supplementary estimates of \$27,954,667, announced Friday by Finance Minister Fleming, boosted the governments budgetary spending for the fiscal year ending March 31 to an all-time high of \$5,324,070,310. They included an appropriation of \$400,000 for compensation for animals slaughtered because of disease, which the Commons approved.

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earlier, cabinet ministers made two major announcements:

1. Finance Minister Fleming said the government has assumed Ontario one-third share of financing the Crown-built Northern Ontario section of the Trans-Canada natural gas pipeline.

2. Justice Minister Fulton, reporting on his Jan. 29 Washington meeting with U.S. Attorney-General Rogers, said Canada and the United States still are at odds in their views on an American anti-trust suit involving Canadian companies. But they had agreed to prior consultation on such issues in future.

In the estimates debate, Mr. Winkler bid for some form of compensation for animals lost through rabies was supported by other government members from rural constituencies and by spokesmen for the Liberal and CCF parties.

Mr. Harkness said Mr. Winkler's suggestion "seems a reasonable one. If the provinces and the municipalities wished to propose it the federal government would be prepared to look at it very seriously."

However, he had not yet received any proposals along this line from provincial or municipal authorities.

FIGURES SUPPORT CLAIM

In support of his contention that rabies figures are exaggerated, the minister said that from April 1 to Dec. 31 last year 2,024 animals died of the infection in Canada. Of these, 978 were domestic animals.

Mr. Harkness said thousands of head of cattle die in Canada every year. If the government was required to pay compensation for one form of death it would be called upon to pay similar compensation for other causes.

The Animal Contagious Diseases Act provided compensation to eradicate contagious diseases among cattle. Rabies did not fall into that category.

He said his department has stepped up greatly its program for the elimination of tuberculosis and brucellosis among cattle. This became necessary last November as a result of strict U.S. regulations barring imports of cattle with the disease.

The Commons also approved an extra \$2,500,000 for freight subsidies on prairie feed grain moving to British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces.

COMMITTEE NAMED

A community planning committee was elected as follows: Edwin Cook, chairman, Henry Douglas, Mrs. Lester Johnston, William MacLeod and Arthur Myers. George Newman was appointed serviceman for the village.

Other resolutions passed included one empowering the commissioners to enter into a 10-

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Lumber And Fish Exporters Reply To West Indies Beefs

HALIFAX (CP)—Leading Maritime fish and lumber exporters agree that you usually get what you pay for.

That's their answer to recent criticism of Maritimes products by West Indies businessmen.

The just-completed Canadian trade mission to The West Indies was told by local businessmen that the quality of fish and lumber shipped from the Maritimes was inferior and improperly graded.

"DUMPING GROUND"
One West Indian importer, Frank Proverbs of Bridgetown, snapped:

"For years we have been the dumping ground for the worst fish available."

R. F. Johnson of Halifax, secretary-manager of the Atlantic division of the Canadian Salt Fish Exporters, said "I certainly won't agree entirely with that."

"Never in my knowledge has the West Indies been prepared to pay a competitive price." All exported fish was government-inspected and "nothing that comes out of the Maritimes is inedible." West Indian importers "only get what they pay for."

Lumberman C. G. McGrath, managing director of MacCulloch's (Halifax) Limited, said that

if importers are specific about what they want "we can normally get it."

MacCulloch's exports pine to a Barbados buyer. "It's a good market," Mr. McGrath said, and importers could be sure of good quality if they dealt with larger mills.

D. R. Arkie, a large Halifax lumber dealer who lost his West Indies market seven years ago because of "the problem of hard currency," said "I would imagine they get what they bought."

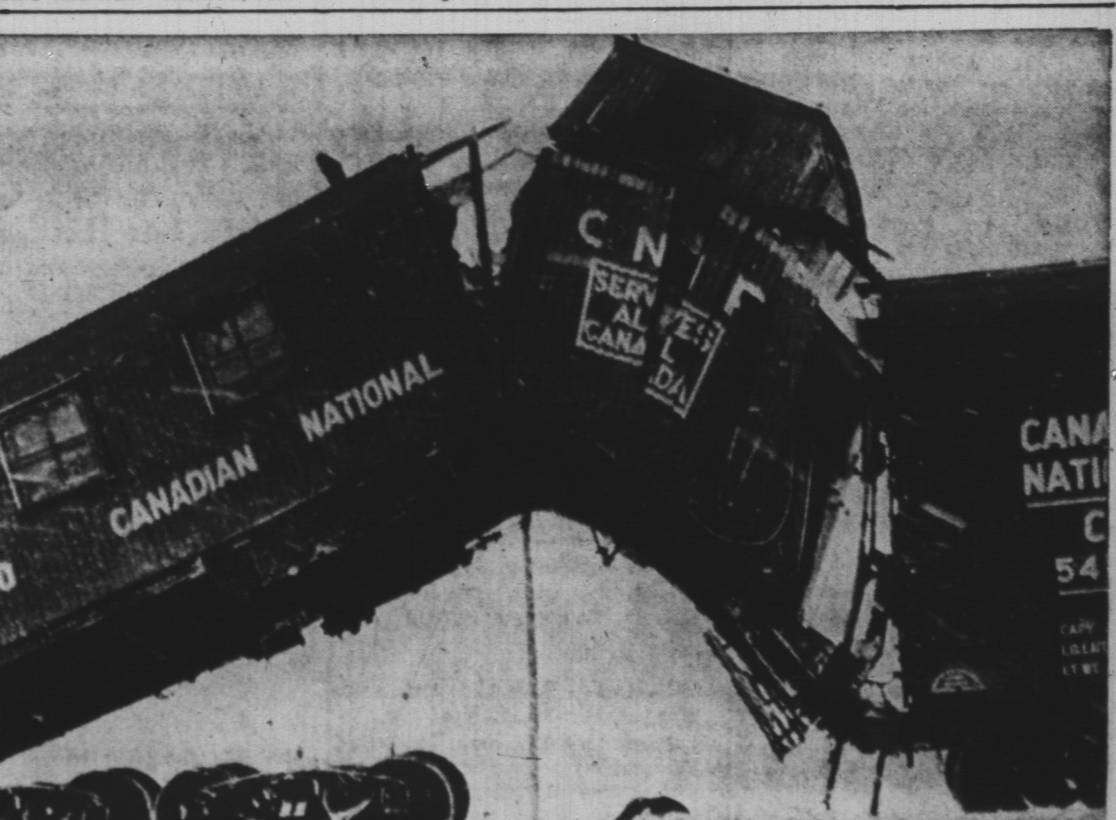
He said during the war years when his firm shipped as much as 2,000,000 board feet, mostly white pine, to West Indies buyers annually, there were no difficulties.

His firm maintains its contacts with the West Indies and "we're still interested in getting back the market."

Colin McKay, who operates the McKay Lumber Company of Saint John, N.S., said "We haven't done business with the West Indies in 50 years—we're not interested."

BBC HEARINGS

OTTAWA (CP)—The Board of Broadcast Governors will hold its next public hearings on broadcasting applications here starting March 16, it was announced Tuesday.



Buckled up in the air after a collision between two freight trains in this CNR caboose on a siding at Hanover, Ont., 27

CABOOSE UP

miles south of Owen Sound. The trains backed into each other, causing derailment of diesel engine. No one was injured, but a railway worker jumped clear of the caboose just in time.

(CP Photo)



SPACE PILOT TRIES SUIT

Capt. Robert M. White, left, who may be the first man in space, tries out a MC-2 full pressure flying suit which he'll wear when he takes the X15 on its flight into the black void beyond the earth's atmosphere.

White here is seated in a specially equipped plane used for testing the suit under flight conditions at Edwards Air Force Base, California. The man at right is another pilot, Maj. Ernest B. Bradley, Jr. White

a 34-year-old Air Force pilot, asked for the job of flying into space — but not the nickname "Danger Ranger" which has come along with it.

(AP Wirephoto)

Possible Flare Sighting Reported Off Greenland

HALIFAX (CP) — What may have been a flare was sighted Tuesday night on the ice-choked waters south of Greenland, the U.S. Coast Guard said. The missing Danish ship Hans Hedtoft reported striking an iceberg near there Friday.

Four aircraft continued patrolling iceberg-dotted waters south of Greenland Tuesday without finding a trace of the 2,875-ton ship which radioed last Friday afternoon she was sinking after striking an iceberg. There were 95 persons aboard.

RCAF Search and Rescue headquarters here said five searching ships moved out of the ice pack and rode out Tuesday nights storm.

Weather permitting, the ships and aircraft will head back into the area at first light today.

Bodies Found Under The Ice

NEW GLASGOW (CP)—Navy divers today discovered two bodies in a car that plunged through the ice of nearby Pictou harbor.

The bodies are believed those of Alexander Ross, 54, of nearby Abercrombie, and George Shearer, 81, of Tatamagouche, N.S. The men were last seen Sunday driving across the harbor ice.

RCMP asked for the divers after the car was spotted through a hole in the ice by searchers. The navy team was led by Lt. Cmdr. C.S. Smedley of Dartmouth, N.S., commander of the diving tender Granby.

Three Rock 'N' Rollers Killed In Plane Crash

MASON CITY, Iowa (AP)—Three rock 'n' roll singing idols whose records and appearances stirred millions of teenagers were killed early Tuesday with their pilot in a plane crash in a snow-swept Iowa field.

The four-place plane crashed within minutes after taking off in light snow from the Mason City airport.

Dead are Buddy Holly, 22, of Lubbock, Tex., Ritchie Valens, 17, of Los Angeles, J. P. (Big Bopper) Richardson, 28, of Beaumont, Tex., and Roger Peterson, 21, of Clear Lake, Iowa, the pilot. The troupe with which the trio had appeared had entertained an estimated 1,100 teen-agers at the Surf Ballroom in nearby Clear Lake Monday night.

The chartered Beechcraft Bonanza was to take the three singers to Fargo, N.D., in advance of the troupe's engagement there Tuesday night.

BLAME WEATHER
Authorities, tentatively blamed

weather conditions for the crash. Valens, whose real name is Richard Valenzuela left high school last year to seek a career singing. His first recording six months ago, Donna, sold more than 1,000,000 copies.

Holly, star of a group called The Crickets, who also appeared at the Surf, hit the rock 'n' roll pinnacle with his recordings of Peggy Sue and That'll be the Day. Both sold more than 1,500,000 copies.

Richardson, known professionally as the Big Bopper, was on leave as a disk jockey, singer and program director at station KTRM in Beaumont.

His Chantilly lace was rated by Billboard for a time as the third most-played record, and was released to 37 other countries.

Richardson is survived by a wife, Adrian, and a daughter.

Holly recently was married and Valens was single.



CNR MARINE ENGINEER RETIRES

William P. McMullen (left) of Moncton has retired as marine engineer supervisor for Canadian National Railways in the Maritime Provinces. Here the general superintendent for the Maritime

district, David Blair, presents Mr. McMullen with a remembrance on behalf of CNR officers. Mr. McMullen, a native of Port Hawkesbury, N.S. began work with the CNR in 1938 when he

joined the Canso Strait railway ferry service. Later he was transferred to Northumberland Strait. He was appointed marine engineering supervisor for the Maritimes in 1943.