

Redeeming Features Noted In Tariff Board Findings

The full report of the Tariff Board statement on the potato tariff question has been received by the P. E. Island Potato Marketing Board and the following summary, with comments thereon, has been prepared by the Board manager, Mr. E. W. Campbell:

1. A basic factor in the situation facing the Canadian potato grower is the progressive decline in the demand for his product. Total production per annum today is about what it was in the '20's, despite a four-fold increase in population; consumption per capita has declined drastically and appears to be still declining. In a word, more and more Canadians are consuming fewer and fewer potatoes.

2. With total production almost static—and although potatoes are still grown on almost all farms—the trend has been toward concentration of production in relatively few specialized areas, signally outstanding by reason of their constantly-rising yields per acre.

3. This trend toward concentration of specialized production on a commercial basis has had as a concomitant (a) increasing demand for expensive power equipment for planting, spraying, harvesting, grading, and shipping and (b) the intensified use of fertilizer. Labor-saving machinery is costly; and capital investment therein on a substantial scale can be justified only if it reflects itself in increased efficiency—perhaps the most reliable criterion of which is yield per unit of cultivation.

MECHANIZED FARMING

4. Mechanized farming as applied to potatoes is much more general in the United States than in Canada, and particularly so in those highly-specialized areas of production which lie, from East to West, just below the border, and from which come the imports of late potatoes of which Canadian growers have complained. In these competitive contiguous areas, yields per acre are very high by Canadian standards generally. These are the areas where intensified production, "assembly-line" methods, high fertilization, and scientific storing and handling, have so dominated the United States potato industry as a whole that, as long ago as 1949, less than one per cent of the farms in that country produced two-thirds of the total quantity of potatoes grown on farms reporting potato production.

5. Normally, the obvious market—and as a general rule, the most profitable market—for potatoes is the area in which they are produced. Largely water by weight, potatoes are an expensive commodity to transport any appreciable distance; in general, they do not move far if there is a substantial or mass-market close at hand. Principal or mass-markets exist, for example, in Ontario and Quebec, in eastern Canada; and in British Columbia, in western Canada. No such immediate mass-market exists for the great producing provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS

6. Since cash returns to the grower are related directly—and in one sense, in almost inverse ratio—to the distance his product has to travel to its ultimate market, transportation costs bear with inordinate weight, therefore, upon the growers of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, (with no local market to speak of). In these two provinces, average returns to the growers are normally substantially less than average returns to growers in Canada as a whole. Conversely, the highest returns per acre are achieved, as a general rule, in areas where the local market absorbs the bulk of local production (e.g.—British Columbia).

7. Reference to costs of transporting potatoes necessitates the comment that the growing use of the motor-truck—either the grower's own truck, or a hired vehicle—has had a definite influence upon the pattern of distribution of potatoes, whether or not, in fact, such carrying be done by truck or by rail. Trucking ignores boundary

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HAPPY CHILDREN AT PARTY

At the Garrison Sgts. Mess on Saturday, Donna Downe receives a handshake and a Christmas gift from Santa Claus and tree at Charlottetown Arm.

Revolutionary Engine Is Shown In Great Britain

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SOREL, Que. (CP)—A stubborn wind-whipped blaze, started when an oil stove exploded, Saturday night levelled a 300-foot stretch of buildings in the heart of the business district of this St. Lawrence river shipbuilding centre.

A total of nine two- and three-story buildings, housing nine business establishments and 17 dwellings, were destroyed in the six-hour fire which was brought under control about midnight.

Chief Albert Tanguay of the Sorel fire department estimated damage at \$300,000.

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Pro-German Parties Lead In Saar's Sunday Voting

SAARBRUECKEN, Saar (AP)—The Saar Sunday elected a government pledged to bring about early union with West Germany.

With three-quarters of the votes counted, the three big pro-German parties—of French domination of this industrial area—had 63.9 per cent.

But the German forces fell short of their goal of winning 75 per cent of the seats, a majority with which they alone could erase constitutional restrictions to union with West Germany.

This will force them to work with the Christian People's Party (CVP) of former Premier Johannes Hoffmann which has collaborated with the French during the 16-year occupation.

The CVP, champion of the defeated plan to "Europeanize" the rich industrial basin, has said it will not block the impending constitutional changes.

NINETY PER CENT VOTE

Ninety per cent of the 646,000 eligible voters turned out in chilly, rainy weather to elect a new member Parliament. Nine parties entered candidates—six of them only a few miles from West Germany.

Ex-Nazi Heinrich Schneider's Democratic party, which has a neck with the Saar wing of West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrats. The German Social Democratic party was fourth, trailing Hoffmann's CVP.

Schneider, 48, who helped Hitler win back the Saar for Nazi Germany in 1935, waged a whirlwind campaign with thundering appeals to national emotions.

He demanded an immediate end to France's special economic privileges in the Saar and the quick return to Germany of the Saar as the 10th state of the Bonn Republic.

Unofficial incomplete returns showed: Christian Democrats 111,042 (24.6 per cent), Schneider's Democratic party, 109,681 (24.3), Hoffmann's Christian People's Party 96,650 (21.4), German Socialists 67,777 (15.0), Communists 20,399 (4.7), Saar Socialists 27,161 (6.0).

Three splinter parties polled only a handful of votes and were shut out of the new Parliament. CALLED "FRENCH STOOGE"

Hoffmann's party had been labelled a "French stooge" by the pro-German party. Hoffmann was forced to resign when the Saarlanders rejected a Europeanization plan for the little territory in the Oct. 23 plebiscite, but his party machinery survived.

The three German parties are expected to form a coalition government. This will be the first time since 1945 that this 991-square-mile border territory has been ruled by political forces with open allegiance to Germany.

France occupied the Saar after the Second World War and in-

Bad Weather Forces Ferry Scotia To Take Shelter

QUEBEC (CP)—The Canadian National Railways ferry, Scotia II, heading for an overhaul at nearby Lauzon shipyards, Sunday was forced by bad weather to head for shelter in Gaspe Bay.

The ferry was 300 miles downriver from here, off Saint John, when she had to return to Gaspe because of high winds and rough water, the transport department signals service reported.

Until a few months ago the ferry operated on the Canso Strait run between the Nova Scotia mainland and Cape Breton Island. She has been laid up during construction of the causeway there.

She was originally expected at Lauzon last Friday but had weather has delayed her since she left Mulgrave, N. S., Friday, Dec. 9.

BLUENOSE ON THE WAY

Another government-owned ferry the Bluenose, passed Father point, 200 miles downriver, Saturday night on her way to Nova Scotia. She sailed from here Saturday morning in near-zero weather.

The Bluenose, built at a cost of \$4,000,000, will be put into service between Yarmouth, N. S., and Bar Harbor, Me. She was originally scheduled to be delivered in August, 1954, but her completion was delayed by difficulties over her British-made propulsion gears.

Princess Stuns Style Experts With Costume

LONDON (AP)—Princess Margaret, who rates on nearly everyone's list of best dressed women, stunned style experts Sunday with a costume for the races which they say violates the rules of fashion.

"She shocks the fashion world," says a front-page headline in one Sunday paper, The People.

The pretty Princess sported the costume when she went to the races at nearby Hurst Park Saturday with the Queen and the Queen Mother. Although the stylists criticized her, they admitted they were intrigued by her unconventional getup, which consisted of:

GRONCH TO U. S.

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Giovanni Gronchi of Italy will pay a three-day state visit to the United States at the end of February. Announcing this Saturday, White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said the Italian president's visit will involve high-level policy discussions.

CAPPED WITH PEARLS

Said No. 1: "It seems a strange blend of town and country wear, and neither is the right thing for a race meeting. You can't mix suede shoes and suede handbag with pigskin gloves."

Said No. 2: "The coat is too short for an ordinary coat and not short enough for a short one. To my eye the collar is wrong and the lapel line is not at all smart. However, it's daring of her to wear it."

Said No. 3: "It can't follow the style. With that fur it's essential that the dress should be of the same material. The princess defies the rule. Yet she's matched the buttons. Extraordinary, to say the least, and different."

Oh yes, with all this Margaret wore a string of pearls. And—she had two winners.

UNAWARE OF DEATHS

The pre-Christmas blaze which struck the white Marjorie street house on the west side was one of Ottawa's worst fire disasters. Firemen found the bodies of the twins, Jane and Janet Estenson, badly burned but still alive in a downstairs bedroom.

They found the bodies of the mother, 24-year-old Mrs. Florence Estenson, and those of her other three children, Elizabeth, 5, Brian, 4, and Ronald, 2, in the upper storey near the head of the stairs.

The husband and father, 26-year-old Arthur Estenson, naval photographer, was taken to hospital suffering from slight burns and severe shock after he apparently made three futile attempts to rescue his family.

He lay in Ottawa Civic Hospital all first unaware that his wife and three children were dead and that in the same hospital the tiny twins were fighting a desperate battle for life, their entire bodies covered with burns.

Says Pope May Refer To Vision

MILAN (AP)—The usually reliable newspaper Corriere d'informazione says Pope may refer to the vision he experienced a year ago when he gives his radio Christmas message to the world on Dec. 24.

Just a week ago the Vatican paper l'Osservatore Romano spoke of the Pontiff's experience, after the report of the vision—originally published by a Milan magazine—had been confirmed by the Vatican press office.

Corriere d'informazione says that "presumably" the Pontiff will make some mention of the vision of Jesus Christ which he experienced shortly after dawn on Dec. 2, 1954, during his grave illness.

The Pontiff's Christmas speech this year will be the 17th of an unbroken series which he began after his election in 1939. The usual theme of the annual speech is dedicated to peace, but the Pontiff, generally, has also taken this occasion to speak on the state of the world.

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Reports Eisenhower Has Chance To Live Years

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—Heart specialist Paul Dudley White pronounced President Eisenhower "out of danger" in his September heart attack Saturday night but skirted the second term issue.

The chief consultant on the president's case told a press conference that with average luck and common sense care, "it is possible for the president to live for years, and be fully active." Yet he said that "the future is in the lap of the gods."

The Boston heart expert, who examined Eisenhower on Saturday morning, said his patient has made "excellent and encouraging progress" toward recovery. It still will be toward February, he said, before it will be known how the president's damaged heart stands up under increasing mental and physical activity.

And the decision on running for a second term, White said, must be left to Eisenhower himself—not his doctors.

The conference produced word that:

1. Eisenhower will not deliver his State of the Union message to Congress in person next month.
2. Because the doctors are recommending more exercise the president plans to go south, possibly to Augusta, Ga., for a fortnight after Christmas. The absence will be broken to return to Washington for the opening of Congress.
3. The physicians have advised

Offer To Build Dam On Nile

WASHINGTON (AP)—British and the United States countered Russia's Middle East political offensive Saturday with a \$70,000,000 offer to help Egypt begin building one of the world's greatest dams at Aswan on the upper Nile river.

The two Western powers further assured the Egyptian government that they are prepared to put up more money—possibly another \$130,000,000—to carry forward the project after the first phase of work is well started.

The construction of a great dam at Aswan—it would be three miles long, 365 feet high and create the greatest man-made lake in the world—has long been an Egyptian dream. The Western powers have considered assisting in the work for several years but their studies were speeded up by Russia's wooing of the Arab world and particularly by Communist Czechoslovakia's offer to supply turbines for the project.

The future rests in the lap of the gods, as it more or less does with all of us in this room. With average luck and common sense care, it is possible for the president to live for years and be fully active—like many others among my own patients who have recovered similarly... at this stage of their convalescence.

"But since none of these other patients of mine with coronary thrombosis have been president of the U. S. A., I cannot speak with experience on that point.

"We can only advise; that is, we doctors can only advise the president medically.

"He must make his own decision."

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The reference, Mr. Garson said, will deal specifically with the legislation. However, he said that any Supreme Court judgment will have a bearing on the constitutionality of similar farm-marketing acts in other provinces.

Theodore Parker, a Stratford farmer, recently challenged Ontario's hog marketing legislation which obliges hog producers to market their hogs through a co-operative.

S'ide Legion Sponsors Santa At The Orphanages

The Mt. St. Vincent and Mt. Herbert Orphanages were the scenes of joyous occasions yesterday, when Santa Claus made his annual appearance. Instead of the traditional sleigh and reindeer the jolly old gent arrived by RCAF bus complete with brass band, and loaded down with treats for the youngsters.

At both places he was met by a guard of honour comprising Sea Cadets from RCSCC Kent, under the command of Lieut. Jack Samilwood. The Summerside Sea Cadet Band was under the direction of Sub. Lt. Gabriel Chaisson and was accompanied by the Commanding Officer Lieut. Roy Boates. During and after time that Santa was giving out the treats to the children, the band played several selections, which were greatly enjoyed by the youngsters. At Mt. Herbert much to the delight of the children, Santa led them in a short song, and one of the little fellows sang "Jingle Bells" for the man in the red suit.

The visits were under the sponsorship of No. 5 Branch of the Canadian Legion at Summerside. Vic Sanderson and Robert Dalzell represented the Legion, and Les Jenkins was chairman for the occasion. Representing the Navy League was the president Charles Hogan.

After Santa had visited the orphanages, the band and members of the Legion visited the Provincial Sanatorium, where a band concert was given, and five pound boxes of chocolates were placed in various wards.

Coming Events

- Lower Freeborns Concert Dec. 2nd.
- Springfield Concert and Films Dec. 21.
- Concert, Chilton Hall, Tuesday, December 20th.
- Upper Montague Christmas concert, December 22.
- Wheatley River Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
- The Riverside School Concert will be held Dec. 20th.
- Crapaud Christmas Concert December 20 at 8.30 p.m.
- Mt. Mellick Christmas Concert Dec. 20th, Pownall Hall.
- Christmas concert, Springton School, Monday, Dec. 19.
- Christmas Concert Marshfield Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 8.00 p.m.
- South Melville Christmas Concert Tuesday, Dec. 20.
- Flat River School Concert, Thursday, Dec. 22, 8.00 p.m.
- Orwell Cove School Concert Thursday, December 22.
- Elmwood School Concert and dance December 22nd.
- Christmas Concert Indian River School Wednesday, Dec. 21st.
- Ringwood School Concert in Elliott Hall, December 19th.
- Central Bedeque School Concert Thursday, Dec. 22nd, 8 p.m.
- Clyde River Christmas Concert Tuesday, Dec. 20, 8.15 p.m.
- Summersville Christmas Concert Summersville School, Dec. 20th.
- The Hartsville Sunday School Concert will be held on Dec. 20.
- M. Margaret's Christmas Concert, Monday, Dec. 19th at 8:00.
- Kinkora Tuesday evening, bingo, prizes, jackpot. Come join the crowd.
- Card party Spring Park Hall tonight, 8.30 p.m. Lunches. Tournament prizes.
- Borden School Concert Wednesday, Dec. 21, in Canadian Legion Hall, 7.30 o'clock.
- Victoria Concert Dec. 21, with special operetta entitled "Christmas Eve".
- The Christmas Concert of North River School will be held in North River School Friday, Dec. 23rd.
- Attention horsemen: On Dec. 21, New Glasgow Racing Club will hold a meeting at C. B. B. at 8 o'clock.

Says Pope May Refer To Vision

MILAN (AP)—The usually reliable newspaper Corriere d'informazione says Pope may refer to the vision he experienced a year ago when he gives his radio Christmas message to the world on Dec. 24.

Just a week ago the Vatican paper l'Osservatore Romano spoke of the Pontiff's experience, after the report of the vision—originally published by a Milan magazine—had been confirmed by the Vatican press office.

Corriere d'informazione says that "presumably" the Pontiff will make some mention of the vision of Jesus Christ which he experienced shortly after dawn on Dec. 2, 1954, during his grave illness.

The Pontiff's Christmas speech this year will be the 17th of an unbroken series which he began after his election in 1939. The usual theme of the annual speech is dedicated to peace, but the Pontiff, generally, has also taken this occasion to speak on the state of the world.

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