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Heavy Reduction

There is no longer any room for speculation on the effects of the United States "give-away" program on this country's export trade...

According to a report recently published by the Bureau of Statistics, Canada's wheat exports in the ten months of the current crop year declined by 19,200,000 bushels to 215,400,000, compared with 234,600,000 in the similar period last year...

It is possible, of course, that other factors had something to do with this heavy reduction in Canadian exports; but the chief factor, undoubtedly, was the current American practice of selling wheat for the currencies of the importing countries on long term credits...

German Militarism

Following both World Wars attempts were made to destroy or render impotent what was called "German militarism" which was supposed to have been the cause of most of the nation's troubles...

It is a bit too early to say what effect the anti-militarism argument has had since the end of the second war. All that is known is that the new West German army was established on the "citizen in uniform" concept...

If that is true—and it probably is—it means that either West Germany eventually will have to be permitted to build its forces in its own traditional manner or it will be a half-hearted ally of the West...

Smoke Treatment

From time to time, word comes from Russia of interesting new experiments in agriculture. Thus, a recent report from the Crimea throws light on experiments in the feeding of plants on smoke.

In one instance, the burning of red phosphorus is reported to have increased the yield of tomatoes by nearly one-third, and of beans by two-fifths. It is also claimed that by the application of smoke treatment, the sugar content of grapes has been increased as much as 16 per cent...

from the untreated fruit of the same variety. The results are achieved by subjecting the vines to smoke treatment for half hour periods when the fruit is beginning to form...

Discounting the growing tradition of Russia's superlative excellence in research, these discoveries appear to have been largely accidental. They came as a result of experimenting with new methods of protecting lemon groves from frost...

In California and Florida, the smoke pot as a protection against frost is a familiar device; but no one, seemingly, had thought to study the incidental results in improved quality of the fruit.

Comfort For Israelis

It is reported that, with the blessing of the United States State Department, Prime Minister Nehru of India has been trying to persuade President Nasser of Egypt and other Arab leaders to take a less belligerent stand towards Israel over its claim to a right of way through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba...

Doubtless, this turn of events will give some comfort to the Israelis, who ever since the founding of their State in 1948 have been struggling in both peace and war for recognition of the right to exist...

Israel's defiance of totalitarian assaults is one of the finest examples in modern history of the basic strength of democratic institutions.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An English doctor has referred to school examinations as "a savage survival of tribal initiation rites." Most youngsters will agree with him in principle, although they may not use quite as strong language.

Queen Mother Elizabeth is doing a lot of travelling in the interests of Empire and Commonwealth. Having just returned from an extensive tour of certain African areas, she is now considering a trip to Australia in late 1959 or 1960...

British Foreign Secretary Lloyd told the House of Commons that an agreement for banning nuclear weapons "would not be worth the paper it was written on, since neither side would believe that in the ultimate recourse the other would not use the weapons it possessed."

Dr. John Keyston, new vice-chairman of the Defence Research Board, does not believe in the existence of flying saucers because, as he put it, "it would be incredible to think that spacemen came within a few feet of earth and did not land."

Some political observers see in Mr. St. Laurent's decision not to occupy Stornoway, the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition, an indication that he does not intend to remain as Liberal leader much longer...

Now just a minute. The Liberals took a terrific trimming last June 19 and true, the CCF had a hand in it. Its 680,000 votes, spread across Canada, but mostly in Saskatchewan, accounted for 11 per cent of the active electorate...



GOOD POLICY

OTTAWA REPORT Precarious Trade Position

By Patrick Nicholson

No matter what other differences there may be between the Conservative government and the Liberal opposition, they are agreed on one paramount topic: something must be done to improve our present precarious trade position.

That means specifically two things: we must correct our unfavourable balance of trade with the U.S. (we are mortgaging our future year after year to pay that bill), and we must sell more wheat more quickly (on some Prairie farms six year old wheat still lies unremoved, unpaid for and now rotting).

Our position is made especially rough by this U.S. attitude. We are buying from U.S. machinery to boost our development; we are also buying U.S. consumer goods and luxuries on an unprecedented scale.

Government Should Act

Cape Breton Post

The Maritimes' economy is hurt, and not lightly, by the strike that has tied up vessels of Canadian National Steamships at Halifax and Montreal since early this month.

It's time the Federal Government acted vigorously to bring about a resumption of CNS activity. The problem is of a nature that should preclude a sense of holiday home in Ottawa.

For one month, an essential flow of commerce between Canada and the Caribbean has been stopped, a two-way flow of trade in which Nova Scotia figures importantly, is blocked.

This is the situation: The islands of the British West Indies, and Cuba, and British Guiana on the South American mainland, have been dependent on Canada for manufactured goods, and the products of our fisheries and agriculture, for which they will turn elsewhere unless they get them from us quickly.

Now Just A Minute! Since the election upset in June, the politics have been taking the country's pulse, like a horse doctor who just discovered a wheeze in Swapp's bellows.

The only genuine David of the CCF to knock off a true Goliath of the Liberals this year is school-teacher Douglas Fisher of Port Arthur. He scalped C.D. Howe.

In the main the Liberal defeat came upon a Conservative revival, and the only man to carry the ball for 100 yards from nowhere to the goal line in Canadian history is Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

But the old firm of St. Laurent and Co. still had more than 2,500,000 votes on June 18. That's 41 per cent of the Canadian vote. Maybe that looks like political peanuts out in Saskatchewan. Down here it looks like still the biggest party in business in Canada.

The average depth of Hudson Bay is 70 fathoms, or 420 feet.

Experiment In Chicago Cited

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. Administering thousands of doses of Salk anti-polio vaccine in the face of the constantly increasing number of infantile paralysis cases might be deemed a calculated risk. However, we felt the calculated risk was less than the risk involved in not making available the protection afforded by the Salk vaccine.

Polio Cases Soared We knew that when we ordered mass inoculations last summer as Chicago's polio cases soared toward a near record incidence rate. In fact, the Illinois Department of Public Health had issued a directive dated May 25, 1956, only about a month before our upsurge began, which stated: "Inoculations with poliomyelitis vaccine can be continued into the summer until there is an increased prevalence of the disease."

By the end of June we knew we had an "increased prevalence of the disease." We also knew that about the only weapon we had to combat it was the Salk vaccine. So we made preparations for mass inoculations.

On July 9 the state health department issued a second directive: "Because of the high rate of poliomyelitis this early in 1956, all physicians are urged to continue vaccinating as many children as possible."

And vaccinate them we did. Wholesale cooperation. Everyone cooperated—doctors, nurses, hospitals, police, newspapers, radio, television, all the local authorities.

Understandably some of them were afraid that the vaccine would actually trigger an attack of polio. Some of you parents may still be worried about this. This is one of the reasons I decided to make this report at this particular time, the peak of the polio season.

As doctors, we knew that certain preparations of pertussis, diphtheria and tetanus antigens might possibly "provoke" paralytic poliomyelitis, if given during the polio season. I have had an injection in the arm might make that arm more susceptible to paralysis.

On the other hand, if we were to buy more from Britain, we would thereby provide Britain with more dollars, which she would then spend on our products, such as bacon, cheese, salmon and many other articles which we have in surplus supply, especially wheat.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker talks of switching 15 per cent of our present U.S. purchases. That would amount to \$650,000,000 and that switch would exactly halve our trade deficit with the States.

Today Uncle Sam is the world's richest creditor nation, but he still insists on behaving as if he owed money to the rest of the world. A creditor nation must agree to accept a surplus of imports from its debtors: that is the only way they can pay their debts.

Our position is made especially rough by this U.S. attitude. We are buying from U.S. machinery to boost our development; we are also buying U.S. consumer goods and luxuries on an unprecedented scale.

Powerful assistance will come to our government's campaign from an unexpected quarter: the British government itself and leaders of British industry. Within two months a very significant but so far hush-hush step will be launched to encourage British exporters to put more muscle into their drive to attract Canadians to "Buy British."

strikes in the past. IMPORTANT COMMERCE The CNR ships use Halifax as a winter port and in the St. Lawrence open season they stop at Halifax to discharge and take on cargoes, in their passage to and from Montreal and the Caribbean.

It is a commerce likely to greatly increase, provided the ships keep moving, and as Canadian enterprise is exerted to take advantage of trade opportunities with a great area which is much closer to the Maritimes than to the rest of Canada.

It is an association of commerce and travel in which Maritimes history has played a large part, a traditional association that should be cultivated, and is in danger of disintegrating. It is important that the Government act immediately to do all that is within its power to restore this commerce.

Leisurely Bees (Kitchener-Waterloo Record) The honeybee hastens about; and no wonder, since in the home hive food must be stored away and the queen fed lavishly.

Yes, the honeybee is a worker but the bumblebee, while no idler, moves about in leisurely manner. He has little future and so does not need to store food. His time, from now to frost, may be spent among flowers and in eating.

Honey-suckle blooms seem to have been created for his leisure, since no other bee can drink from their long cups.

Red clover is his delight. It has such deep florets that, of all bees, only the bumblebees have sufficiently long tongues to reach the nectar. Red clover is, therefore, dependent upon these bees for developing its seed.

Only the queens among bumblebees survive the rigors of winter. Probably they are better nourished and therefore have more endurance than the workers.

TO DISCUSS OMAN LONDON (AP)—Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said Monday he will discuss the rebellion in Oman with John Foster Dulles during the U.S. secretary of state's visit to London. Dulles arrived Monday night.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Perhaps the Oregon Labor Press has hit the core of the inflation problem, with a wry editorial: "Americans are getting stronger. Twenty years ago it took two people to carry \$10 worth of groceries. Today a child can do it."—AFL-CIO News

Doctors at the University of Wisconsin say they have found that the addition of oat hulls to the diet of animal reduces the incidence of their dental caries by 50 per cent. Then let's cut out this flouridation row, and all take to munching oats like a horse!—Ottawa Citizen

A new postage stamp is to be issued to commemorate the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Canada in October. Let us hope it is simple, dignified and worthy of the occasion—some of our special issues in recent years have won no acclaim.—Ottawa Journal

A monument is to be erected at Clifden, Galway, Ireland, to mark the place where the first trans-Atlantic flight, by Alcock and Brown, ended. As this historic event was in 1919 it must be said no undue haste has been shown.—Ottawa Citizen

when given in the face of a rising incidence as experienced in Chicago. That's what we told the doctors—and that's what I'm telling you. Yes, we knew that we were giving the vaccine amidst a rising polio rate. But we decided, after discussing the matter thoroughly with medical societies and organizations, that the risk to our people would be far greater if we did not offer them the protection of the vaccine.

QUESTION AND ANSWER S.M.: Can a person have amebic infection of the liver? Answer: Yes. This is often a very serious complication of amebic dysentery.

The ameba often travels from the blood stream to the liver and may form large abscesses which may even penetrate into the chest cavity.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian-Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 30, 1932) Passengers from the S. S. Gaspesia, which was in port at Summerside Wednesday, enjoyed a pleasant outing to Breakwater Beach by motor. They were taken by Mr. Rendle Bowness. The Gaspesia has about 25 passengers on board, and left yesterday with a cargo of over 3000 bags of flour and cement together with numerous other articles.

A large barn owned by Charles MacEachern, Rice Point, was completely destroyed by fire Thursday morning. Although neighbors gathered they were unable to save anything or put out the fire. A large quantity of farm machinery and feed was lost. The building was partly covered by insurance.

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