

Maxims of a Mere Man
Quiet children are into mischief.

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Foresees Lobster Expansion

U.S. Market For Island Fish "Precarious" Says Minister

The position of the fishing industry in the Province was described as "somewhat precarious" by Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources, speaking on the Draft Address yesterday.

He said there was some agitation among the fishermen of Massachusetts regarding the importation of Canadian fish into the United States and that great pressure was being brought to bear upon the American Senators to have a tariff put on.

Mr. MacKinnon said it was lucky for Maritime fishermen that these tariffs are controlled internationally otherwise the market would have been seriously affected before now. He pointed out that the Canadian market had not developed sufficiently to consume all our fish, about 70 percent of Maritime fish go to the American market, he said.

CONFLICTING INTERESTS
"We have conflicting interests in our economy," said Mr. MacKinnon, "farmers feel that they are suffering an injustice because of American tariffs on potatoes and if there is insistence enough to have certain changes made, fishermen may find themselves on the receiving end of similar action on the part of the United States."

"If we were to lose these American markets it would be a calamity to our fresh frozen fish industry," he said.

The Minister said the lobster industry was in a very favorable position because the supply has not as yet been able to meet with the demand. Fishermen last season got the best price they ever got.

LOBSTER FISHING
Mr. MacKinnon felt there was a chance to expand the lobster fisheries of the Maritime Provinces. He said that for years fishermen were working on the theory that when any particular area was fished, there was little use in going back to that area because all the fish were caught.

He said he was of the belief that beyond the continental shelf lobster could be found in abundance. In support of this belief, Mr. MacKinnon read an experiment which was carried out by the United States Department of Fisheries off Cape Cod.

A ship equipped for deep trawling was taken to the waters off the Massachusetts coast and on a rock bottom 2,400 feet below the surface they gathered up several tons of lobsters ranging in size from a pound and a half to some jumbo sized, weighing 20 lbs.

The Minister explained that the

ship was specially equipped with heavy trawlers and other special machinery for deep sea fishing which would be beyond the cost of an ordinary fisherman could provide. Nevertheless, he felt that there were possibilities in this type of fishing.

VERY LITTLE POACHING
The Minister said poaching among Island fishermen was negligible. He said when fishermen were made to realize that a liberated lobster which is slightly underweight will, the following year, be

worth three times as much money, they have shown a willingness to cooperate.

Mr. MacKinnon felt that the inshore fishing was being neglected. "I do not think the druggers are doing much harm to the inshore fishermen," he said. With the progress being made in the fresh fish and frozen fish business, he could foresee a good future for the inshore fisherman who could now find a ready market for dry cured and salt fish.

Reference was made to the long (Continued on page 2 col. 3)

Will Not Halt Planes To Egypt

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent announced Thursday the government will not halt the impending shipment from Canada of 12 Harvard training planes to the Egyptian Air Force. His statement produced an immediate storm of opposition criticism in the Commons.

He informed the House the cabinet decided "that under circumstances as they exist the government would not be justified in interfering with the shipment—remainder of a 15-plane sale authorized last summer."

Opposition Leader Drew, firing the first of a barrage of critical questions, asked for reconsideration.

The situation in the Middle East, he said, the planes "definitely could be of use in the event of any disturbance arising there."

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Later, he added: "The government had committed itself to a permit for the export of these Harvard trainers which we did not intend to withdraw."

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"ARE YOU AWARE?"
Alistair Stewart (CCF—Winnipeg North), nearly shouting, asked: "In the prime minister's view, is it the situation that prevails in the Middle East?"

"I think I am," Mr. St. Laurent replied quietly.

His announcement, made at the opening of the Commons sitting, followed his statement Wednesday that the government would con-

sider whether to halt the shipment in the light of current tension in the Middle East.

The 15-plane sale, by Canada Car and Foundry Ltd. of Montreal received export authorization by Trade Minister Howe last July. The first three planes were shipped in January. Customs clearance for the others was given Feb. 20 and nine of the Harvards are in crates at a Halifax dock awaiting a ship.

Thursday's criticism of the shipment—necessarily expressed in the form of questions during the opening question-and-answer period—was a renewal of a dispute which boiled up early this session.

The issue was formally debated early in February, with the government imposing an arms embargo Jan. 20 until the debate closed Feb. 6.

Ottawa To Continue Aid To Salt Fish

OTTAWA (CP)—The government has extended for another year its program to pay Maritime fishermen half the cost of the salt they use to salt fish, it was reliably learned Thursday.

Cabinet approved a continuation through the calendar year 1956 of the plan initiated last year by Fisheries Minister Sinclair to aid the salt fish industry of the Maritimes.

A total of \$500,000 was set aside in government estimates for the program last year. An informant said that when all claims are made they just about equal that amount. A further \$500,000 will be sought from Parliament for 1956.

The plan applies to the salt fish industry in the four Atlantic provinces and Quebec. Fifty per cent of the cost of salt used in the salting of cod, haddock, pollock, halibut and cusk can be claimed.

Last week in the Commons some Maritime members urged that the rebate be increased to as much as 90 per cent for the light salt cod industry which uses less salt than fishermen using heavy salting methods.

APPROVE 50 PER CENT
It is understood, however, that cabinet approved payment of 50 per cent for the light and heavy salted industries.

The money may be claimed by salting plants as well as by individual fishermen. Heavy claims come from fishing schooners of the Maritime provinces which carry their salt to the fishing grounds and salt the fish on the spot.

Worker Impaled On Two Steel Rods

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A sewage plant worker was impaled on two steel rods when a scaffold collapsed dropped him 12 feet Thursday. Darrel L. Ernest, 30, was extricated from a pit by co-workers.

The three-eighths-inch rods were cut from their cement bases to free Ernest. One rod pierced his left hip, emerging through his right side. The other transfixed his left shoulder and back.

His condition was listed as critical.

Italian Girls Can Flash Legs

TURIN, Italy (Reuters)—An Appeals Court decided Thursday that legally Italy's women may sit side-saddle and flash their legs on the backs of thousands of motor scooters that buzz about the country.

The court ruled on a claim by Deifina Silena who fell and was injured while riding side-saddle on her brother's scooter when he braked to avoid hitting a dog. She sued the dog's owner and the court upheld a lower court order that he should pay \$1,120 in damages.

The owner claimed Deifina had only herself to blame for preferring elegance to safety by riding side-saddle.

It declared women were entitled to ride side-saddle—"a position which is not only allowed but widely used and regarded by some experts as the more secure—or at least the less insecure."

No Agreement On Show of Force

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—The state department said Thursday there is no agreement between the United States and Britain for "a show of force" in the Mediterranean in an effort to calm tensions in the Middle East.

State department spokesman Lincoln White discounted London reports that a show of force had been agreed on.

"I don't know what they are talking about," he told a press conference.

Fight Communist Subversion

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Federal Subsidies On Movement of Coal To Continue

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal subsidies on the movement of coal to market will be continued at their present levels through the 1956-57 fiscal year.

The cabinet Thursday accepted a recommendation of the Dominion Coal Board to extend the subventions and also decided to continue a special subsidy until a United Kingdom order for Nova Scotia coal is completed.

Mines Minister Prudham made that announcement following the cabinet action which means the subventions will stay in effect until March 31, 1957. The government has placed \$9,210,000 in its annual estimates to cover the assistance.

The subventions, officials estimated, will be applied on about 3,750,000 tons of coal. This is about the same as the total expected for the current fiscal year that ends March 31.

Nova Scotia is expected to get the major share of the treasury payments—about \$7,150,000 on regular coal movements of 2,750,000 tons of coal, as a bounty on the production of coking coal. In addition, the remaining 100,000 tons of its 340,000-ton British order for slack coal will be aided at a top of \$2.30 a ton.

TOP OF \$3 A TON
Of the Nova Scotia movement, 2,000,000 tons is expected to go by water to St. Lawrence river ports at a top of \$3 a ton, and 1,000,000 tons of this amount would move inland by rail under another subvention of a \$1.75-a-ton maximum.

These two subventions are based on the difference between the laid-down costs of Nova Scotia and United States coal at Quebec and Ontario ports.

This rail movement from Nova Scotia was estimated at 450,000 tons. This carries a subvention of 45 per cent of the freight rate with a \$2.50 top.

Another 200,000 tons of Nova Scotia coal would be for railway consumption, carrying a maximum \$4 subvention.

For New Brunswick, a subsidized movement of some 35,000 tons is expected, calling for \$60,000 in subventions.

Expect Ottawa To Turn Down Provincial Tax-sharing Plans

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government does not intend to accept any of the various provincial plans so far disclosed for major changes in its tax-sharing offer to the provinces, it was learned Thursday.

Informants said the central government's view, on the eve of the federal-provincial fiscal conference today, is that any proposals calling for serious reconsideration of the federal plan will have to involve an entirely new concept still not made known.

This appeared to knock out the chance that fundamental changes already suggested by several provinces—Ontario, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick—would get anywhere at the conference of government heads.

But one federal authority said the government's proposal to share parliamentary treasury revenues with the provinces, spelled out first in January and modified slightly in the provinces' favor last month, is not entirely on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

The federal attitude was that any brand new plan would get consideration. But it would have to be something unheard of up to now—an unlikely possibility.

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There was uncertainty as to whether the conference would end late today or stretch into Saturday. The Friday meeting will be closed. There was a possibility of a Saturday morning sitting at which federal and provincial spokesmen would make public statements.

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CAIRO (Reuters)—The Arab "summit" conference Thursday night sent an emissary with a note and verbal message for King Hussein of Jordan, the little Middle East kingdom with the best fighting unit in the Arab world.

It was learned from Arab diplomatic sources that Syria's premier, Said el Ghazzi, is flying from Cairo to Amman, the Jordan capital, with the message from the meeting of Egyptian, Syrian and Saudi Arabian leaders.

These sources have said that the 20-year-old King of Jordan may be invited to the conference here if sufficient progress is made on the question of Arab financial aid to Jordan to replace British grants of 212,000,000.

The sources said a meeting between Hussein and the three heads of government would go a long way toward winning Jordan over to the Egyptian-led Arab states and away from Iraq, a member of the Western-backed Baghdad Pact. Hussein and Iraq's King Faisal are cousins.

(In London, a retired British diplomat who helped create Jordan under the 1948 Anglo-Jordan treaty arrived from a secret trip he made to Jordan after Lt. Gen. Sir John Glubb was dismissed a week ago as commander of Jordan's Arab Legion. Sir Alexander Kirkbride gave Prime Minister Eden a personal report on the trip.

ON "PRIVATE" TRIP
He arrived in Amman 72 hours after Glubb's dismissal by Hussein on what the foreign office later described as a private visit.

15-Day Sentence For Theft of Paper

TORONTO (CP)—Eugene McCarney, 24, of Toronto, Thursday was sentenced to 15 days in jail for the theft of a newspaper from a city news stand.

DRAGGER EXPANSION
Mr. St. John said that the 13 draggers operating out of Souris last season completed 233 trips. With the addition of another plant this coming year, a number of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick draggers have indicated they intend to make Souris their home port while others have agreed to land their catch at Souris.

"The reason for the hike catch being down," said Mr. St. John, "is that a great number of fishermen left the South shore to fish cod on the North side." He expected that hike fishing would be revived next year with about 12 boats fishing out of Annandale.

POTATO CHAMPIONS
Mr. St. John spoke highly of the

Near Port With Disabled Sealer

HALIFAX (CP)—The icebreaker N. B. MacLean neared Sydney Thursday night towing the disabled Halifax sealing ship Peary.

The sealer was rescued from an ice field a near the Magdalen Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where she became caught after damaging her propeller.

The MacLean reported to the transport department here she was bucking ice six to 12 inches thick covering 60 per cent of the sea's surface.

At dusk the two vessels had reached a point near St. Pauls Island off Cape Breton's northern tip.

The Peary carries a crew of 25 Newfoundlanders headed by Captain William James.

MENTALLY UNFIT
NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—Percy Olmstead, 31-year-old mechanic, Thursday was found mentally unfit to be tried for murder in the fire-death of his wife last October.

Olmstead was charged only in connection with the death of his 77-year-old wife, Simone, although the bodies of their three children were found in the ashes of their two-room home.

Dr. L. C. Simard, head pathologist of Notre Dame Hospital in Montreal, said research to find the cause and cure is more difficult and complicated than the formula for the atom bomb but "the jig-saw mystery of cancer is being slowly pieced together."

Pakistan Is Supported In Kashmir Issue

KARACHIE, Pakistan (Reuters) The eight South East Asia treaty powers Thursday emphasized their aim to improve living standards and methods of fighting Communist subversion in the area.

A 2,000-word communique at the end of three days of talks by the SEATO foreign ministers said Russia's recent shift in tactics was not accompanied by "any convincing evidence of intent to abandon efforts to subvert, weaken and overthrow" other systems.

It deplored statements and interventions by Soviet leaders in recent months "designed to increase tension and promote division in the Asian communities and among other nations of the free world."

The foreign ministers attributed the "seeming shift" in Soviet tactics away from violence in large measure to the collective security arrangements of the free nations.

FORCES IMPROVED
They noted that the SEATO members—the United States, Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand—had "significantly improved" the quality of their security forces and moved ahead with other measures to reduce threats to democratic government and social progress.

In its communique the SEATO council of ministers:

1. Called for an early settlement of the Kashmir dispute through the United Nations or by direct India-Pakistan negotiations. It noted a United Nations resolution calling for a plebiscite in the mountain state is still in force.

Pakistan, angered by the Soviet support for integration of Kashmir with India, raised the issue Wednesday.

India holds that conditions are not yet suitable for a plebiscite. Many delegates fear the inclusion of reference to Kashmir will arouse Indian public opinion. The Indians say Pakistan's membership of SEATO has aggravated relations over Kashmir.

BACK PAKISTAN
2. Backed another Pakistan plea by recognizing the 1893 Durand line as the frontier between Pakistan and Afghanistan—in effect rejecting the Afghan demand for creation of a separate Pushtun-speaking state in the northwest.

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Heavy Snowfall Causes Big Traffic Tangle in Montreal

MONTREAL (CP)—The winter's heaviest snowfall Thursday caused one of the worst traffic tangles in the history of this hilly city.

The 12-inch fall—with a total of 16 inches expected—all but paralyzed traffic and was blamed for at least three deaths. On Decarie boulevard, one of the city's main thoroughfares, 600 cars were counted stalled bumper-to-bumper at one point.

An official of the Montreal Transportation Commission said he could describe the situation in just one word:

"Bad."

Many firms sent their employees home early in an attempt to ease the evening rush hour, when traffic moves at a snail's pace at the best of times. The storm, spread over a wide area, also hit hard at Quebec City.

The snowfall was reminiscent of last year's Christmas week storm, when a record 19 inches of snow fell in Montreal, the city has enjoyed a comparatively easy winter this year until now.

Power, Phone Lines Down

STALLS STREETCARS
Streetcars and buses were almost stopped dead by Thursday's snowfall and crawling along in snatches. Trains also ran behind schedule. Airline flights were cancelled because of runway conditions at nearby Dorval airport.

Pedestrians were lashed by winds gusting to more than 40 miles an hour early in the day but these later subsided. Renewed cold winds were predicted as the storm moved away.

Pierre Mimault, 8, was killed near his home at Montreal north when he was hit by a Laval Transport bus during the storm. Joseph-Emile Meunier, 60, Montreal, and Romeo Lafleur, 64, collapsed and died while struggling through snow.

ported and several persons were severely injured in highway accidents.

Ontario Lashed By One Of Worst Storms Of Winter

TORONTO (CP)—High winds, freezing rain, sleet and snow lashed Ontario Thursday in one of the worst storms of the winter.

At least two deaths were reported.

As power and phone lines toppled, numerous towns and villages were without electricity, causing schools, factories and offices to close.

Six inches of snow fell in Ottawa and North Bay. Mammoth snow drifts made many rural roads impassable.

The Grand river overflowed its banks in several places near its mouth on Lake Erie. Flooding acres of low-lying ground.

Morning rush-hour public transportation services were almost at a standstill in Ottawa, while traffic moved at a crawl from Toronto's northern suburbs into the city.

Trans-Canada Air Lines cancelled services from Toronto to Ottawa, northern Ontario and Montreal, where another blizzard raged.

The storm handicapped workers mopping up flood damage in the Don and Humber valleys near Toronto following heavy rains Tuesday night.

The worst power failures were in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and the Brantford areas. Hydro services also were cut in Oshawa, Oakville, midway between Toronto and Hamilton, and many small towns.

"Since they paid off so well in other fields it would be foolish to ignore them in cancer research," said Dr. Quastel, director of the institute. "Cancer research is like warfare. You must constantly develop new and more effective weapons to fight the enemy."

Extremely Tricky Business

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