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FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES DROPPED TO ESKIMOS ON HUDSON BAY ISLANDS

OTTAWA (CP)—Food and medical supplies were dropped Sunday to an Eskimo community on the Belcher Islands in Hudson Bay where 10 have died in recent weeks of influenza or serious colds. An RCAF Dakota, commanded by Sqdn. Ldr. Hal Haverstock of Edmonton, dumped the 4,065 pounds of supplies to the main island of the barren, treeless group near the entrance to James Bay. The aircraft, flying at 100 miles

an hour at about 100 feet from the ground, dropped out the supplies without parachutes in five runs across the island. On the sixth, the final load was dropped by parachute from 800 feet. A resources department official said it is believed the cold or influenza germ was taken to the islands by a party of Eskimos visiting from the mainland. Word of illness was brought out to the town of Great Whale River where the Great Whale river flows into Hudson Bay about 700 miles north of here. About 165 Eskimos live in the isolated community. There are no whites in the area.

LACK RESISTANCE
The official said cold or influenza germs are uncommon among the Eskimos who have not built up a resistance to them. Once word reached the town of Great Whale River, on the south eastern side of Hudson Bay, a report of the epidemic was sent here. The official said the Eskimos in the island-group are known to have had a good year hunting and fishing but might be short of such foods as flour and tea. The medical supplies included some drugs and instructions in Eskimo for care of the ill and administration of the medicines. Members of the Dakota's crew were VFlt. Lt. P. R. W. Webb of Ottawa, navigator; F.O. G. A. Mackenzie of Jamaica, co-pilot; F.O. A. D. Tompkins of Woodstock, N. B., radio operator; and Cpl. C. A. Magnus of Ottawa, flight engineer.



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Let's Talk It Over

Without taking sides on the controversial issue of whether establishing daylight saving time is wise or unwise for Prince Edward Island, we think that a policy of local option with respect to the time might cause a lot of confusion. Perhaps if only one or two centres decided in favor of daylight time, the arrangement could be kept within workable limits, but if, say, half the incorporated towns declared for fast time, and the other half decided to stick with Old Sol, keeping track of the time could be almost as difficult as figuring out one's income tax report.

If affairs should threaten to come to such a pass, it might be a solution for the centres desiring fast time simply to open and close their places of business an hour earlier. It might. But there would be still plenty of complications. To keep morning and afternoon working periods in proper balance, this would mean dinner at eleven and supper at five. It would involve the schools, (not for long, however, if June 15th were chosen as the date for change), and also the theatres and dance halls whose clock-punching patrons would be in danger of losing an hour's sleep. This wouldn't bother the night owls too much, but there are a lot of people who still like to get their eight hours.

The problem of daylight saving time in P. E. I. is a difficult one. Its establishment would seem to work a hardship on one class of our people, and be something of a boon for others. Compromise is scarcely feasible as advancing the clock a half-hour would throw us still more out of gear with the outside world and put a further nuisance demand on our mathematical powers. There are times when for the sake of harmony, minority groups should agree to be gracious losers. Possibly this is one of them.

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