

Commons Gives Approval To Russian Trade Treaty

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's first trade agreement with Russia, signed here Feb. 29 after a month of negotiations, was approved unanimously Wednesday by the Commons, which discussed it for less than three hours.

The resolution proposing ratification of the historic treaty, passed by voice vote in the Commons, moves to the Senate.

Only real criticism was voiced by Donald Fleming (PC-Toronto Eglinton), the Conservatives' trade spokesman. He criticized the fact there is nothing in the pact to prevent Russia from exporting to this country goods manufactured by forced labor.

Mr. Fleming also warned that Canada should guard against Soviet trade delegations being used for espionage purposes.

NO ESTIPULATION

Trade Minister Howe said that in negotiating the "most-favored-nation" agreement with Russia the Canadian government "does not attempt to stipulate that certain things shall be imported into Canada and that other things shall not be imported."

Most important part of the agreement is Russia's guarantee to buy a minimum of 4,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat in the next three years. At current prices this is worth about \$60,000,000.

Mr. Howe would not attempt to predict the extent of any long-term demand by Russia for Canadian wheat.

"This agreement provides a demonstration that the government is prepared to move cautiously, on commercial terms into any market that develops. If there should prove to be a continuing market in the U. S. S. R. that we can satisfy, then we shall be all the more pleased."

CHEAPER TRANSPORT

However, it was reasonable to expect that there would be at least some continuing basis for Russian purchases of wheat from this continent even if Russia should not be short of grain.

"From the point of view of transport, it is cheaper to ship wheat across the Pacific to far eastern ports of the U. S. S. R. than to transport it overland from the major wheat growing areas in western Russia."



MR. B. R. WILSON
NEW APPOINTMENT

Steel Mills In U.S. Operate At Full Capacity

CLEVELAND (AP) — For the second time this year, steel mills in the United States operated last week at 100 per cent of rated capacity. Steel magazine says.

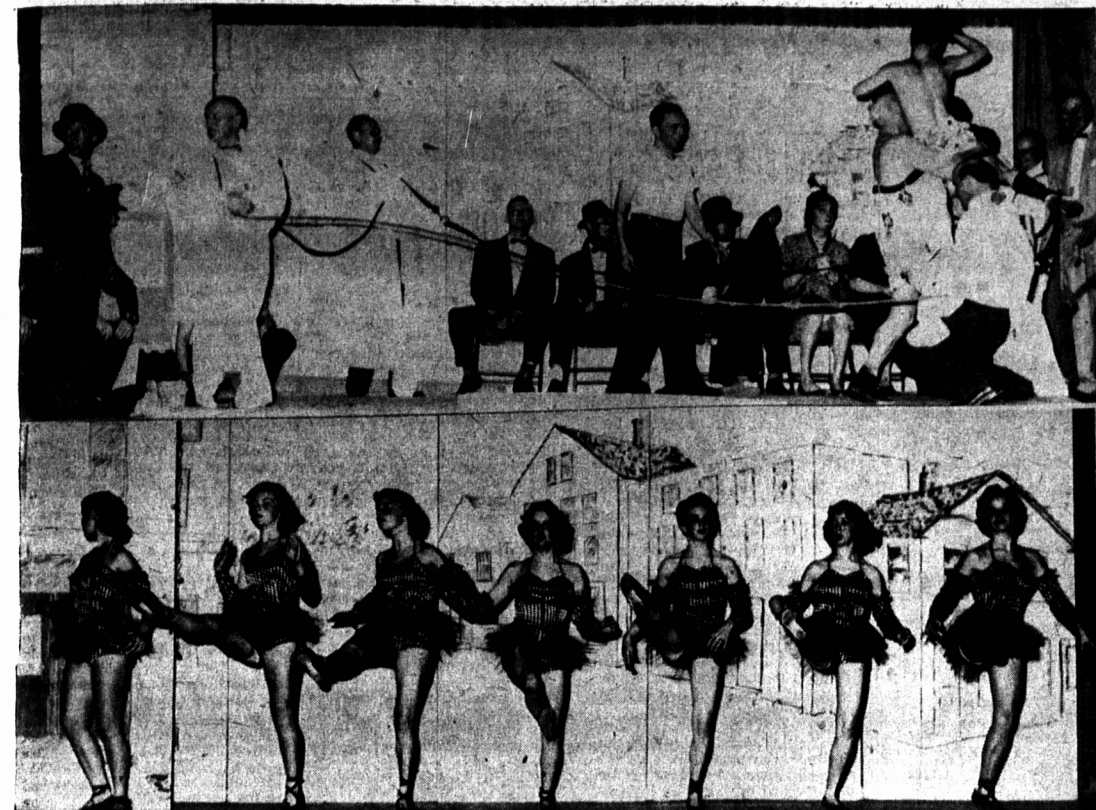
"And despite a few soft spots in demand, steelmaking should continue at near capacity at least until June."

Last week's rate was up from 99.5 per cent the preceding week. The other 100 per cent of capacity mark was in the week ended Feb. 19.

Demand for hot-rolled bars is easing as a result of a reduction in production of agricultural implements. Galvanized steel sheets, in short supply a year ago, are easy to get now.

PROFIT OUTLOOK GOOD

But the "demands of customers who are building steel inventories in anticipation of higher prices strikes" should keep steel production up for at least six weeks.



FIRST TWO NIGHTS OF FOLLIES

Two of the specialties which have made a hit in the first two nights of the Centennial Follies of 1955 are the battle of the century, Flyspeck vs. Jumbo; and the Elizabeth Dancers in the "Can-Can" which are appearing again tonight at P.W.C. The Follies are presented by the Y's Men's clubs.

Burlesque would probably be the better word for the production which takes off Charlotte-town centennial celebrations in a light hearted way.

Guardian Photo

RUHAMAH SCHEINFELD FRANK WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

OLD MEN OF THE TOWN

Where do they go, the old men of the town, Thrust from their rightful place at some farm hearth Where garbled old hands find tasks to do And tired old eyes have vision true Enough to guide a young one in the land he dreams at close of day?

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Where can they go these old men of the town when they shuffle forth from their lonely cheerless rooms? So they stand around in forlorn groups in the doorways of stores, or bus stations to get a little warmth, to look at people who still seem to have things to do, to belong. Later, when it gets warmer, these old men will sit on the stone steps in the market place. Those who will find benches will sit there, heads drooping, by the hour.

A few find their way to the library, but these men, most of them, are ill at ease among books and the silent readers of books. They have worked with their hands all their lives and have learned the human spoken word, not the language of books.

In the rural districts life is much kinder to the worn old men. There is room for them in the home of a son, a daughter. There are jobs they can do around the house, and for neighbors. Small children are safe and happy in their care. Odd times they can find a place near the stove in the grocery store up the lane. Customers greet them by name. They feel they belong.

GOLDEN AGE CLUBS

We cannot bring back what was fine and good in the past. We at present cannot reverse the trend of the times from the farm to the towns. There are bound to be many old people living alone in dreary rooms. Richer cities have "Golden Age Clubs" or gathering places with similar names where old people can talk and laugh and forget their aches and loneliness for a while.

I have visited such centers and described a few in these columns. Some were very elaborate where there were classes in current events, handicrafts and painting for the members ranging in age from sixty to ninety. Dances were given, plays were staged by the members themselves. In some centers generally became interested enough to take the members on outings etc.

But often the "club" for the elderly and old was just a room with a few checker-boards and other simple games in a school or some other public building. There were a few easy chairs donated by private individuals or sympathetic organizations, a radio, a victrola, a table. Occasionally some women's club served tea and cookies. I looked in once on such a club. What struck me was the aliveness of the scene.

There were smiles, there was laughter, there was conversation. There was thought and planning at the checker-boards. New friendships were being formed that would brighten after "club" hours. Really, the expense involved in establishing the club was so trivial the human satisfaction achieved, so considerable! Can we, perhaps, do likewise?

Says Pilots On DEW Line Job Are Complaining

MONTREAL (CP) — The Gazette says pilots on the Distant Early Warning line are complaining of the heavy toll in death and injury suffered by Canadians for the relatively-small role they are playing in construction of the radar network.

"Some very sour notes" are being injected into the praise hitherto heard for Canada's contribution to the chain, The Gazette says.

"The aircrew men claim that the aircraft they fly are in many cases obsolete and dangerous; that while aircrew operators are making big money from the operation, pilots and aircraft are being pushed to the danger point."

"Fourteen aircrew members have been killed in 18 crashes since the aircraft started a year ago and aircrew point out that that, for the 31 Canadian commercial aircraft involved in this job, is equivalent to 300 major crashes a year among air carriers in the United States."

The story says veteran fliers blame pilot fatigue to some degree for the majority of the crashes and that the Pilots Association is preparing a detailed report on the airlift for presentation to Transport Minister Marler.

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NEWSY NOTES

CEYLON

Ceylon recently has been frequently in the news, because of the election which was just replaced, Sir John Kotelawala's pro-British government by the leftist People's Front party led by Neutral-Solomon Bandaranaike, who wants to make Ceylon a Socialist Republic, though he has declared that he would like to remain on good terms with Britain and the British Commonwealth.

LOCATION

Ceylon is a tropical island shaped very much like a pear with its stem towards India on the north, from which it is separated by the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Strait. Across between these bodies of water, extend peninsulas from either side, and a chain of sandy shoals known as "Adam's Bridge" that is about 30 miles long. Ceylon lies between 5 deg 55 min and 8 deg 51 min north latitude and 79 deg 42 min and 81 deg 55 min east longitude. It is 266 miles long and its greatest width is 140 miles. Its area is 25,332 square miles, or about one-half the size of the three Maritime Provinces, being larger than Nova Scotia but smaller than New Brunswick.

HISTORY

The history of Ceylon may be divided into ancient and modern. It is recorded that Wijayo, from the Ganges River country, invaded and conquered Ceylon in 543 B.C. He founded a dynasty that lasted about 8 centuries. There were several invasions later by the Malays, who at one time possessed the whole island, but they were defeated in 1235 A.D., when a native dynasty recovered part of the kingdom.

Portuguese from Europe first visited Ceylon in 1505, and first formed a settlement at Colombo for trading by 1517. They were driven out by the Dutch in 1658, and following a European war, Ceylon was formally annexed by the British Crown in 1802. As a crown colony, Ceylon was administered by a governor, an executive council of five members, and a legislative council of 15, partially elective. The population has increased from about 4 million in 1910 to approximately 6 1/2 million at the present time. In 1948 Ceylon became an independent country, and a full member of the British Commonwealth.

THREE LAND DIVISIONS

Topographically, Ceylon is divided into three great sections: The Low Country in the north and around the coast, with elevations up to 500 feet; the Mid Country, with elevations from 1,500 to 2,000 feet; and the Up Country in the centre and south, with elevations from 3,000 to 5,000 feet. There are five mountains over 7,000 feet high, the highest being Mount Pittotallagala, 8,281 feet. The nearby tableland of Nuwara-Eliya that has an elevation of 6,210 feet lies between these mountains. There have been two geological uplifts, which produced the sharp, rugged hills of the Mid Country and the mountains of the Up Country.

CLIMATE

Ceylon is known as "The Pearl of the East". Its temperatures are wonderfully uniform, and seldom exceed 95 deg F. The daily maximum temperature in the Low Country rises to 80 deg F., and in the cooler areas on the beautiful tablelands of the Up Country, the thermometer in the shade never rises above 70 deg F., with an average temperature of 62 deg F. The nights are cool and refreshing in the neighbourhood of the sanatorium.

April is the hottest month. The south-west monsoon commences in May with a deluge of rain and the prevailing wind continues until October, when the northeast monsoon begins. The North Equatorial Current sets eastward during the summer monsoon and westward during the northeast winter monsoon from the Bay of Bengal.

Two-thirds of Ceylon is known as the Dry Zone, where the annual rainfall is less than 75 inches, and where there are from three to five months of drought, with less than two inches of rain per month. This area is low and level, and more suitable for mechanized agricultural operations. The WET Zone is

Girl Guide Column

CAMPING

Are you aware there will be two Guide Camps this summer at North Rustico? Dates are July 11th-21st, July 22nd-31st. Guides could start now making plans to attend. The Camp Commissioner and committee are anxious to hear from any Guide Captains or others, who would be interested in attending as staff personnel. Please submit your name to Miss Marion Langille, 44 Hillboro St., Charlottetown.

CENTRAL ROYALTY CO.

I keeping with Thinking Day, the 1st. Central Royalty Guide Co. had as guests, Miss Arsenault, Queens County Commissioner, Miss Marina Kay, 1st. and 3rd. Charlottetown Co., Mothers of Guides, and guests from the Glee Club who sponsor the Guide Co.

Miss Arsenault enrolled five guides, namely: Phyllis Stewart, Joan Crawford, Elaine Kenney, Joyce Hamby and Sonia DuPasquier. Guides and guests, seated in a circle, learned something of our International Sisterhood of Guides as the Lieutenant, Mrs. F. Farquharson, told about the Cabana which was being dedicated on Feb. 22nd, in Mexico by Chief Guide, Lady Baden Powell. In her honour the Guides sang "Happy Birthday to you". The Captain, Miss Langille, then introduced Marina Kays, who gave a most interesting description of the adventure Camp which she attended last summer at Camp O'Hara, B.C.

Mrs. Fred Osborne, Commissioner for Lones for Prince Edward Island reports that Ruth Osborne, Cape Traverse, Annie Lee Pye, Stanley Bridge, Ella Acorn, Wood Island, Mary Leslie, St. Peter's South, Jean McInnis, St. Peter's Bay, Shirley Reid, Stanley Bridge, Hilda Malone, Stanley Bridge, Ruth MacLennan, Caledonia, have all joined the Lone Guides.

Twenty Guides have received their Tenderfoot pins. Helen Dingwell, Middel, and Mary Nicholson, Wood Island, have received the second class badges, while Norma Profit and Barbara Jay have received their Horseshoes, Cooks and Friend to Animals badges Marilyn Robertson, Alexandra has received her needlework badge.

To Establish Prison Farm In New Brunswick

By STEWART MacLEOD
Canadian Press Staff Writer
FREDERICTON (CP)—A prison farm will be something new for the Maritimes, but Attorney-General W. J. West believes it will justify itself in the rehabilitation field.

New Brunswick will be the first Maritime province to have a prison farm system. It will be established on a rolling 1,000-acre property at Kingsclear.

"Of course," Mr. West adds cautiously, "we can't tell for sure what it will mean, but I hope and believe it will help many prisoners."

TO SCREEN PRISONERS

Inside the fenced boundaries of the farm screened prisoners will study experimental farming and forestry and some will turn out products in woodworking and other shops. Others can cut lumber in the 850 acres of woodland on the farm.

Only the best type of prisoners will be assigned to the country reformatory, and will not include the federal penitentiary at Dorchester. Apart from supervision the provincial government does not maintain any prisons.

Mr. West says the provincial government has no major worries about crime in the province because "you know, there are really no bad people in New Brunswick."

HANGED IN UN BUILDING

ROME (Reuters)—The body of a 37-year-old translator was found hanging in an interpreter's booth in the conference building of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization headquarters here Monday. The translator, Jacques Michot, had been missing from his home since last Tuesday.

Baxter Honoured With Freedom Of Southgate

SOUGHTGATE, Middlesex, Eng. (CP)—Sir Beverley Baxter, Canadian-born Conservative member of Parliament, Thursday received the freedom of the borough he represents in the Commons.

"A thousand thanks," Sir Beverley said as he was presented a carved oak casket containing a scroll granting him freedom rights in Southgate, a borough north of London.

The red-robed mayor, John Claricoats, was first to congratulate the 65-year-old Toronto-born MP who made his name in British journalism with Lord Beaverbrook after the First World War.

In proposing the resolution granting freedom of the borough, Councilor Gordon Douglas Payne, formerly of Port-de-Grave, Nfld., summed up Baxter's journalistic achievements. But he did not mention that Sir Beverley led Beaverbrook's Express in the 1930s to join Lord Kemsley's group. For the omission, he was chided good-naturedly by Sir Beverley who said: "As a matter of fact, Lord Kemsley is here tonight."

He sat in the front row with other friends of Sir Beverley.

Baxter was first elected to the British Parliament in 1935, standing for the constituency of Wood Green, which at that time contained Southgate. In 1950, the riding was split, and Sir Beverley ran in Southgate.

The only other Canadian-born MP to be made a freeman was Bonar Law who got the freedom of Bottle in Lancashire in 1918.

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Fish Waste For Poultry Rations

HALIFAX (CP)—Nova Scotia's poultry may soon become fish eaters.

The Atlantic Fisheries experimental station here is working on the theory that fish waste can be converted cheaply into poultry food. A single trawler throws away enough fish waste to make 30 tons of meal.

The meal is prepared by placing the waste in large vats, allowing it to ferment, then grinding it to powder. It is then sent to the agricultural experimental station at Nappan, N.S., where it is fed to poultry, cows and pigs.

Researchers at the farm have found that meal produced from lobster claws and tails produce a poor growth response in poultry. However, head, brislet and tail sections produce growth equal to that of fish meal.

The scientists believe the manufacture of fish meal will be feasible if the price can compete with other sources of protein such as soybean oil meal.

AID TO RESERVATIONS

TORONTO (CP)—Trans-Canada Air Lines announced Monday that Toronto is to become the central control office of a private-line telephone system it is leasing to handle flight reservations. The plan, to go into operation later this month, would supplement the present teletype system. Some of the telephone circuits have been in existence for some time but additional lines will be put in extending from Sydney, N.S., to Vancouver.

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