MONTAGUE PONY HAS FOAL

Excitement ran high on Riverside Drive, Montague, as the news broke that the arrival of a pony foal at the farm of Jack MacKinnon had occurred recently. The above picture shows the mother and baby, with the owner and trainer, Robert Clements in the background. The mother purchased a few years ago by Robert's father for the family and well exercised by the children in the neighborhood was trained by Miss Nancy Johnston while the pony mother was stabled at the Lowery and Annear stables. Robert was quite generous with the other children of his street and they are as pleased as Robert of the addition to the pony family.

Tourist Bureau Expects Trade To Top $10 Million

By NICK FILLMORE
Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer

"With any luck at all this summer, revenue from the P.E.I. Tourist industry should pass the $10,000,000 mark for the first time in the history of the province", George Fraser, director of the provincial tourist bureau, said yesterday as he outlined plans and hopes for the Island's tourist industry in 1963.

"Last year's revenue reached an all-time high of $9,500,000, despite a lengthy siege of rainy weather at the height of the tourist season", said Mr. Fraser, "and if this year's planning doesn't bring in an additional $500,000, I'll be more than surprised."

"We're also looking forward to breaking the record for visitors again," he said. "Last year, Island visitors numbered 252,000, an increase of 22,000 over 1961. This summer we hope to have as many as 275,000 guests, to proportionally match our expected revenue increases."

Mr Fraser said that nothing very startling has been added to the tourist bureau's activities for this summer, but commented over a period of years the tourist association had been trying to encourage as many new events as possible

"There is one major addition, however," he said "but it has little connection with our department, although we definitely plan to promote it." He was speaking about the P. E. I. Wild Life Park, situated at North Rustico, that is scheduled to open in June. Managed by Charles Bartlett, the park hopes to develop gradually with the ultimate aim of having 31 different mammals and about 50 species of birds.

Other attractions that Mr. Fraser felt were developing favourably are the Northumberland Strait swim, the highland dancing and piping summer school, and Old Home Week and the Lobster Carnival.

"Our summer staff, in the past few years, has been about 20," he said. "We have a full-time staff of five at the Charlottetown office and operate branches from June 15 to Labor Day at the Wood Islands ferry terminal, Albany, Borden, Aulac (in N.B.), Stanhope, Cavendish, Kensington and Montague." The association also works in conjunction with the Summerside tourist bureau.

TRAFFIC COUNTS

The bureau will again this year take traffic counts at the Borden and Wood Islands ferries in an attempt to determine where the visitors are coming from. It has been found in past years that approximately 70 per cent of the visitors were from other provinces with the American tourists increasing every year.

Literature available to tourists includes a 40-page booklet containing a quantity of valuable information, a tourist accommodation booklet, a tour book, a detailed road map, a camp site and trailer park booklet as well as various pamphlets promoting the Island individual summer activities.

"Spot radio advertisements throughout the Maritimes will be given this summer," said Mr. Fraser, "in an attempt to interest persons in our neighbouring provinces to become conscious of the Island's facilities."

"We want to learn more about our visitors," said Mr. Fraser, "so we joined with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to carry out a survey of our guests so we can plan for future years by adjusting gradually to their wants."

3,000 INQUIRIES

The department sent out 3,000 guest inquiries to people who visited the Charlottetown bureau last year, in an attempt to have three major questions answered. The association wants to know how much time the visitor spent on the Island, the number in the party and how much money they spent.

"More than 1,200 enquiries returned to us have been sent to Fredericton, where they will be compared with those of N.S. and N.B." The results have not come in from Fredericton, but as soon as they do arrive the information will be put to immediate use, Mr. Fraser said.

The summer's event list has been released by the bureau, with the following activities: July 5-6 — Souris Fisheries Exhibition and Regatta; July 10 — Lower Montague Regatta; July 15-20 — Summerside Lobster Carnival and Livestock Exhibition; July 24 — North Rustico Fisherman's Regatta; July 29-Aug. 15 — Highland Dancing and Piping Summer School, North Rustico; July 31 — Alberton Aquatic Day. July 27 — Northumberland Swim.

August 7 — Highland Games; Aug. 7 — Tignish Legion Carnival; Aug. 13 - 14 — Scottish Festival of Music and Dancing, North Rustico: Aug 12 - 17 — Old Home Week, Aug. 16 — Gold Cup and Saucer Parade, Charlottetown; Aug. 21-22 — Prince County Exhibition, Alberton. September 4 — Kings County Exhibition, Souris; Sept. 11 - 12 — Provincial Plowing Match, Dundas.

EASTERN BRIEFS

VISIT IN BOSTON

Rayford Jordan and Beck Jordan returned to their home in Murray Harbour after visiting in Boston.

RETURNED HOME

Mrs. Roy P. Brooks has returned to her home in Murray Harbour after visiting in U.S.A. for the past several weeks.

ARE ILL

Miss Myrtle Keith and Louis Keith are patients in the Kings County Memorial Hospital suffering from severe attacks of 'flu.

IS PATIENT

Mrs. John Lewis, New Perth, is a patient in the Kings County Memorial Hospital.

WAS PATIENT

Miss Carole MacLeod has returned to her home in Beach Point from Montague where she had been a patient in Kings County Memorial Hospital.

ARE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Burgess are visiting in Murray Harbor where they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brooks.

HAD SURGERY

Crilly Lee of Murray Harbor has returned to his home from P.E.I. Hospital where he recently underwent surgery.

AT GUERNSEY COVE

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin MacKay have returned to their home in Guernsey Cove after visiting in Boston during the Easter holidays.

PLANT CLOSES

Dr. J. H. Dechant, inspector in charge of T. H. Fraser canning plant has returned to his home in Moncton, N.B., since the plant has closed for a brief period before the beginning of the lobster season. During the past several weeks chicken has been packed by this plant.

Flaws Claimed In Income Tax Act

By STEWART MacLEOD

MONTREAL (CP)—An individual, an association and a company poured a more grist into the mill of the Carter taxation commission Friday with claims that there are inequites, flaws and discrimination in Canada's Income Tax Act.

The individual, Julius M. Sharing, a Montreal electrician, told the commission that the basic exemption of taxpayers should be increased, the deduction for dependents increased, that bigger allowances be made for medical expenses, easier appeal procedures be adopted, and a new, more simple, tax return form be brought in.

The six - man royal commission, charged with reviewing the tax act while insuring that Canada maintains a sufficent flow of revenue, estmated that Mr. Sharing's recommendations would result in an immediate annual loss of $200,000,000 to the treasury.

"You will realize our difficulty in this," said Commission Chairman Kenneth Carter.

GAINS GROUND

"I am not thinking about myself," said Mr. Sharing. "I am thinking about all Canadians." He said the cost of living has been gaining ground on deductible allowances.

Some of the lost revenue could be offset by improvement in the operation of government as recommended by the Glassco Commission.

The government would also get additional revenue from the increased public buying power, brought about by the suggested tax changes.

The association brief, from the Canadian Association of University Teachers, said members are getting an unfair deal under present tax laws because they are classed as employees while they are actually practicing a profession. They should be brought under the "business" classification.

Professor Kenneth Byrd of Megill University told the commission that university teachers should be able to claim exemptions for expenses incurred on research projects, for summer lecturing assignment, and for such things as buying professional journals, robes and books, and paying personal clerical help.

DISCUSSION TECHNICAL

The day's third brief, from the Great Britain and Canada Investment Corporation, involved a highly technical discussion on a special section of the Income Tax Act that deals specifically with closed - end investment trust companies.

Closed - end investment companies, as opposed to mutual companies, operate on a basis of fully-subscribed shares that cannot be sold in an unlimited quantity to expand capital.

The corporation said that changes should be made in the special section of the act to allow these firms to invest in foreign stock because this is "essential to provide the diversification of investment necessary for an investment company."

Jim T. Kenward, director of the corporation's financial directorate, said investment companies should also be allowed to deduct dividend payments from their gross income and to be taxed only on the undistributed balance.

Louis Cantelo Again Heads Southern Kings Fish, Game

MONTAGUE — Louis Cantelo, Seven Mile Road, was re-elected president of the Southern Kings Fish and Game Association at the annual meeting this week.

Other officers are Walter Conohon, (re-elected) as vice-president and Joseph McDonald, re-elected as secretary treasurer.

Mr. McDonald and Mr. Conohon will be serving for their second term, however, Mr. Cantelo has been president for a number of years. One of the members mentioned that Mr. Cantelo must have set some sort of record having held the position as president for so many years; another member said that more had been accomplished by the association with Mr. Cantelo as its head than could possibly have been done by any other member.

The president, in his report, pointed out that work had been started on two dams, one at Lower Montague and the other at Murray Harbor South

He pointed out the necessity of preventing pollution of streams saying that it must be brought to the attention of farmers and others that insecticide bags and cans, kill many more trout than they are aware of. The farmer is not the only one to be blamed for this however, he said, as streams are also polluted in several other ways. Many streams have been found with garbage disposal cans containing poisons that could kill fish and wild life.

Mentioning the Cardigan causeway he stated that a test last year due to the wet, cool season did not leave the association with useful information. However water samples will be taken as soon as the season is such as to warrant a check.

LOUIS CANTELO

Russell McAulay gave a report on the fishing results during the past year on this dam and stated the water level was too low and that clay placed there had washed away and that some rock fill should be placed to help raise the water level.

The meeting went on record as supporting the Montague dam project to take place in the near future on the Sutherland - MacKinnon stream. This dam is a joint project of the Town of Montague and industry and natural resources department. The meeting also went on record as being in favor of a causeway at Seal River.

One of the issues of the meeting which caused considerable discussion is the game warden situation. It was the opinion of all present that the one RCMP officer could not possibly give the necessary protection to Kings especially when these men are changed quite often before really becoming familiar with all the ins and outs of the area. It was suggested that two or even three game wardens should be engaged to cover Kings. It was made clear however that the association had no complaint on the RCMP officers themselves and they were doing a fine job but that it was entirely impossible to protect such an area with one warden.

In answer to the question on the trout season it was agreed that it should be left as it is and also agreed that the hunting season should start a couple of weeks later.

Spy Probe Clears Officials

LONDON (Reuters)—A government-appointed tribunal investigating the spying career of admiralty clerk William John Vassall has cleared his superiors of responsibility for his seven years of undetected espionage for the Soviet Union.

Instead the tribunal's 50,000-word report made public here, blamed an admiralty intelligence official now dead for failing to spot the 36-year-old Vassall as a homosexual and a security risk.

The three-man tribunal, set up to investigate allegations of scandal and security lapses following Vassall's arrest last fall, specifically cleared the clerk's immediate chief in the admiralty, Undersecretary Thomas Galbraith, of allegations of an improper relationship with the spy.

Vassall, a parson's son and a self-confessed homosexual, admitted at his trial he was recruited while serving at the British embassy in Moscow by Russian agents who compromised him and blackmailed him. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

SELECTED FROM 40

The report said he was selected from among 40 volunteers for the Moscow job, "under a system that permitted only a superficial check on his general reliability and character."

It said the official responsible, H. V. Pennells, civil assistant to the director of naval intelligence who died four years ago, was "remiss and lacking in judgment" in selecting Vassal.

Rusk Gets Beaver Pelt As Token

WASHINGTON (CP) — State Secretary Rusk has become the proud possessor of a Canadian beaver pelt which he described as symbolic of Canadian goodwill and friendship.

The pelt, from a young beaver trapped at Minstik Lake, Alta., was presented to Rusk on behalf of Canada's 4-H clubs and Canadian representatives to the 53rd national 4-H conference. Delegates from nine provinces are attending the week-long session.

Ruth Woods of South Edmonton, Alta., who delivered the presentation speech, said Canadian Ambassador Charles Ritchie has asked to be associated with the presentation, which commemorated the 50th anniversary of Canadian 4-H clubs.

Rusk said he was deeply moved by the gift, particularly because of the crosss-border goodwill it represented. If sometimes sparks fly across the border, he said, it is because the two countries are vigorous, independent nations working towards a common goal.

Presenting the pelt were Gail Robison of Harvey Station, N.B., and Keither Baker, Upper Falmouth, N.S.

Joyce Dewar of New Perth, P.E.I. is one of the 4-H delegates.

Grass Fires Extinguished At Montague

MONTAGUE — The Montague fire department has been called to extinguish grass fires in the past few days, with possibly the most dangerous one being extinguished yesterday morning near the home of Mrs. Lake, adjacent to the hospital.

This fire could have destroyed several homes if it had gotten out of control and Fire Chief Douglas Coffin stated this should be a warning to our citizens to be very careful when burning grass.

Many people feel that the grass is wet and will not burn out of control at this early season of the year but this is a dangerous fallacy says Chief Coffin.

Healthy Trade Surplus Seen From Sharp Rise In Exports

By RUSSELL ELMAN

OTTAWA (CP)—A sharp rise in exports coupled with a substantial drop in imports gave Canada a $69,500,000 trade surplus in the first quarter of this year. In the corresponding period last year there was a trade deficit of $74,500,000.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, reporting Friday the continuing improvement in the trade balance, said the change was influenced by last year's devaluation of the Canadian dollar and the emergency surcharges on imports. The last of the temporary import levies were removed April 1.

The bureau's preliminary figures showed a 6.6-per-cent gain in exports in the first three months to $1,467,300,000 over the $1,595,400,000 recorded in January-March, 1962. Imports were down 3.5 per cent to $1,417,700,000 from $1,469,800,000.

The monthly statistics for March showed a surplus of $59,400,000. It was the 10th consecutive monthly surplus since June, 1962.

The opening quarter's export gains were chalked up in spite of the mid-winter shipping shutdown on Canada's inland waterways.

During the three months exports to the United Kingdom were up 11.1 per cent and to the United States 2.5 per cent over the corresponding 1962 figures. Of Canada's total exports, 59.1 per cent went to the U.S. and 14.2 per cent to the U.K.

Sales to the U.K. climbed to $211,500,000 from $190,400,000 and in the month of March jumped 19.7 per cent to $75,200,000 from the previous March total of $62,800,000.

Exports to the U.S. in the first quarter amounted to $878,600,000 compared with $887,100,000 a year earlier. The traditional trade deficit with the U.S. during the period was $156,600,000, nearly one-quarter less than in the first three months of 1962.

73 PER CENT FROM U.S.

Canada bought 73 per cent of her imports from the U.S. and 7.3 per cent from Britain in the first quarter. Purchases from Britain dropped 24.4 per cent during the period.

Imports from the U.S. were down 2.1 per cent to $1,035,200,000 from $1,057,100,000 and from Britain fell to $103,800,000 from $137,300,000 in the three-month period.

Exports to other Commonwealth countries in the first quarter rose to $88,400,000 from $82,900,000 a year earlier, and to all other countries to $308,700,000 from $277,900,000.

Imports from other Commonwealth countries increased to $64,000,000 from $54,900,000 and from others dropped to $214,800,000 from $220,500,00.

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TB LEAGUE PRESENTS PICTURES

Walter Coulson, vice-president of the P.E.I. Tuberculosis League presents Billy Hill, Carleton, and Mrs. Howard MacDonald, director of nursing with pictures to decorate patients' rooms at the P.E.I. Sanitorium yesterday.

"BAHAI WORLD CONGRESS"

LONDON ENGLAND, APRIL 28th - MAY 2nd, 1963

Baha'I Shrine on slopes of Mount Carmel overlooking Haifa, Israel, near the site where the election of the International administrative body of the Baha'I World Faith will take place.

At a press conference held at The Royal York Hotel in Toronto today (March 29), Mr Rowland Estall, Chairman of The National Assembly of the Baha'is of Canada, said:

During the week of April 21 the slopes of historic Mt. Carmel in Haifa, Israel, will be the scene of an event unique in religious history. There the elected representatives of some fifty-eight national Baha'i communities from all parts of the globe will meet to carry out the first global election ever undertaken by a religious organization and, very likely, by any organization. The occasion is the formation of the first International House of Justice, the supreme administrative body for the four million Baha'is of the world. The April 1963 date has been chosen to coincide with the centenary of the founding of the Baha'i Faith as well as with the completion of a Ten Year Plan which has established Baha'i communities in two hundred and sixty countries and dependencies of the globe.

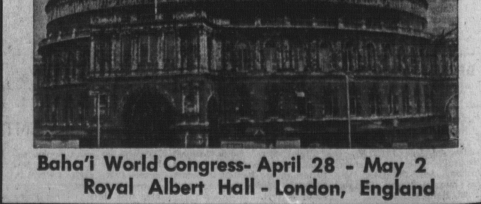
The election is significant as well because of the universal nature of the Baha'i Faith. Alone among the world's religions, Baha'i accepts the truth of all the great faiths, believing them to have come from one source. Baha'is from Buddhist, Christian or Moslem backgrounds do not give up their original beliefs on joining but rather are encouraged to share their spiritual heritage with their fellow members from other backgrounds. As the fundamental truths of all the revealed religions are the same, Baha'is feel that diversity of understanding is an asset.

This feature of the religion adds particular significance to the choice of Haifa as the location of the convention. Palestine has been a holy land for three world faiths: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, and the delegates who come together in April in a setting known to Jesus, Elijah and so many other figures from man's spiritual history, will themselves represent virtually every religious background on the planet, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, Moslem, Zoroastrian, Christian, both Catholic and Protestant, and many of the primitive beliefs. Though the coincidence is a happy one, the actual choice of location was dictated by the presence in and near Haifa of the tombs of the central figures of the Baha'i movement. Baha'u'llah, a Persian nobleman who founded the faith in the latter part of the nineteenth century, passed away there in 1892 as a prisoner of the Ottoman Turks, and his eldest son, Abdul Baha, who was liberated by the British armies in 1918 and later knighted for his philanthropy during the Palestine famine, died in Haifa in 1921. Their shrines, as well as the faith's international headquarters, are located amidst the magnificent Baha'i gardens covering the slopes of Mt. Carmel and nearby Bahji and are today one of the foremost beauty spots on the Mediterranean coast.

The election of the International House of Justice has been a hundred years in preparation. It was first envisioned a century ago in the writings of Baha'u'llah; gradually, as the faith spread through the West, the necessary framework of local and national assemblies began to arise. During the past forty years, a series of teaching plans culminating in The Ten Year Plan just now coming to a close carried the Bahai message to virtually every part of the globe where it is now established in some nine thousand communities. Interestingly enough, the most outstanding successes of the past two or three years have been among the primitive peoples of the world. Last year, for example, over twenty thousand Congolese including several hundred Pygmies entered the faith, as did a similar number in the mountainous regions of northern India. In South America where the faith has become sufficiently established to elect national assemblies in all twenty-one republics, the greatest increase in numbers was among the primitive peoples of Central Bolivia. The same is true to a lesser extent of Canada. We have been most encouraged by the response of the Indian people, several hundred of whom have become Baha'is in Alberta, Quebec, Ontario, and especially in Saskatchewan. Approximately one-fifth of the sixty local assemblies elected in Canada this April will be formed on reservations.

The establishment of a larger number of locally elected administrative units is important as a base for national Baha'i assemblies. These latter consist of nine persons elected by secret ballot from among the entire adult membership in a country and it is the collective membership of the fifty-eight National Assemblies which forms the electoral body for the International House of Justice. Of the 522 delegates eligible to participate in the Haifa election, at least two-thirds are expected to be present in person, the rest casting their ballots by mail.

Following the election the newly formed International Council together with the entire body of delegates will fly to London, England. There a World Congress of some ten thousand Baha'is from all parts of the world will convene in Albert Hall for a week of commemorative events and consultation on the future teaching plans of the movement. Approximately three hundred Canadians are expected to be present. Baha'is view their world-wide community and the principles it embraces as a pilot project in the creation of a united mankind. The formation of the International House of Justice provides a powerful instrument toward the realization of this goal.



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