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## GOVERNMENT BACKS CLAXTON AND DEFENCE CHIEFS

### Railway Heads To Meet With Union Chiefs

#### Huge Increase In Value Of P. E. I. Field Crops, Statistics Bureau Reports

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—Value of Canada's 1952 field crop production may climb to a record \$2,400,000,000, the Bureau of Statistics said today in a preliminary estimate.

This would be an increase of almost \$300,000,000 over the previous high of \$2,123,000,000 in 1951, the bureau said.

The estimate is based on a continuation of current prices and the inclusion of roughly the same kind of final payments for Western wheat, oats and barley as made last year.

The bureau emphasized that this is just a rough estimate and is subject to price change and fluctuations in final payments to farmers who are members of the Western grain pools.

This is the first time the bureau has ever attempted to forecast specifically what the final value of Canada's field-crop production will be.

Usually, in the initial stage, it bases its estimate just on the amount the farmers received in initial payments for Western grains.

But even on that basis, said the bureau, the value would be 13 per cent higher than last year's peak, boosting the preliminary 1952 value to \$1,940,000,000 from \$1,716,000,000 last year.

The big increase results from unusually large grain production, including a record-breaking 688,000-bushel wheat crop.

Farm value of various crops, based solely on initial payments for grains and not considering further payments that likely will be made before the crop year ends next July 31:

Wheat, \$813,588,000; oats, \$278,467,000; barley, \$233,492,000; rye, \$36,838,000; mixed grains, \$59,820,000; shelled corn, \$30,896,000; buckwheat, \$3,474,000; dry peas, \$2,364,000; dry beans, \$55,221,000; potatoes, \$14,618,000; flaxseed, \$42,353,000; soybeans, \$11,063,000; sunflower seed, \$11,700,000; rapeseed, \$547,000; field roots, \$13,000,000; tame hay, \$266,941,000; fodder corn, \$17,382,000; sugar beets, \$9,691,000.

Preliminary value of all crops by provinces with last year's figures in brackets:

Saskatchewan, \$716,343,000 (\$634,553,000); Manitoba, \$200,261,000 (\$169,391,000); Alberta, \$409,314,000 (\$376,387,000); Ontario, \$332,618,000 (\$365,757,000); Quebec, \$155,146,000 (\$167,319,000); British Columbia, \$36,174,000 (\$40,978,000); Newfoundland, \$30,898,000 (\$20,389,000); Nova Scotia, \$23,275,000 (\$19,323,000); New Brunswick, \$26,149,000 (\$33,403,000).

#### Will Discuss Current Series of Wage Talks

MONTREAL, Dec. 17—(CP)—Negotiations between Canada's railways and 17 brotherhoods moved into top-level stage today with announcement that the presidents of the two big companies will sit in on a specially-requested meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. EST tomorrow. It comes in the midst of current discussions brought on by an impasse over a conciliation board report.

Whether the meeting presages an agreement on the important wage question, another deadlock or an approach to common ground was not indicated.

A week ago, while the present negotiations between the two plenary representations were going on, the railways announced they were putting into effect the wage recommendation—16 cents an hour—of the conciliation board's majority report. The unions, seeking 45 cents, had rejected the report.

A spokesman for the railways said tomorrow's meeting was requested by the Railway Committee for the 15 international and two national brotherhoods representing 144,000 non-operating employees.

The request was accepted to by President Donald Gordon of Canadian National Railways and President W. A. Mather of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The current talks have revolved about the majority and minority reports of the conciliation board, referred to by Justice R. L. Kellock of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The majority report recommended a wage increase averaging 16 cents an hour. The minority report fixed the increase at 26 cents. Both reports dealt with certain changes requested in working conditions.

#### Destroyer Nootka Home From Duty Off Korea

##### Observed Her 99th Birthday Yesterday



By Irving C. Whynot  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

HALIFAX, Dec. 17—(CP)—The destroyer Nootka came home from an action-studded second tour of Korean duty today by her skipper, Cmdr. Richard Steele of Rethesda, N. B. said many of her most exciting exploits remain on the secret list.

While telling of many of the Nootka's feats—including one where she was almost trapped by Communist shore guns—Cmdr. Steele parried other questions which evidently touched on her most outstanding jobs.

Two harbor ferries and a tug, the only craft active in the harbor at the time and navy planes overhead gave a welcome as the destroyer steamed into port with her pay-off pennant at the masthead. That means she is headed for the reserve fleet and an overhaul.

Nootka, which sailed from Halifax Dec. 30 of last year came home by way of the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean, more than 400 miles shorter than the route through the Panama Canal.

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Another grand old lady is pictured above in her room at the Sacred Heart Home here. Mrs. Teresa Reid yesterday celebrated her 99th birthday with an afternoon tea and a large number of visitors. She was born at Cornwall, P. E. I., December 17, 1853, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leonard. She is the last survivor of her family as her five sisters and six brothers are all dead. She married the late Mr. J. Reid in 1876 and the couple lived in Hope River for 41 years until her husband died in 1917. She has been living at the Home for six years.

Extremely keen of mind and with she also enjoys excellent hearing and can appreciate a joke as well as make one. She has a fine memory for people, places and dates and recalled clearly that there was a big difference in farming today when the modern reaper does his job with a combine while on her home farm as a girl it was done by hand with a scythe. She said the old farm is still within the family and is doing well as it did 125 years ago.

Photo by Barter's Film Lab.

So far as could be learned last night there is only one islander on the Nootka. He is AB. Vernon MacKinnon, son of the late Mrs. Selina MacKinnon who died in the Provincial Sanatorium last week. AB. MacKinnon has had over four years service, joining the Navy in 1948. Another brother, Ernest MacKinnon, presently home on leave, is also in the same branch of the service.

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House Adjourns

It was one of the last topics discussed before the house adjourned tonight to Monday, Jan. 12, for Christmas.

Defeated two Opposition motions of want of confidence in the government. The first, from the CCF, was

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Two Dead In Truck-Train Collision

PERTH, N. B., Dec. 17—(CP)—Within 12 hours of the death of her husband in a level crossing crash, Mrs. Warren Post, 39, died in hospital here tonight from injuries suffered in the accident.

Warren Post, 45, was killed when a one-ton truck was hit by a CPR freight train at Muniac, nine miles south of Perth. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clarence Post, 18, is in hospital here, critically injured.

Ethel Post, five-year-old daughter of the Beech Glen couple, was held in hospital for observation. She was unharmed in the disaster, it was understood.

The 1947 truck, which Post had been using as a school van, was hit about 10:30 a.m.

Post, who was driving, had just left the yard of William Clark's store at Muniac. Witness said he drove on to the crossing, directly into the path of the southbound freight. The impact carried the truck a considerable distance and demolished it.

Martin Hits Religious Persecution By Reds

(By Norman Altstetter, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 17—(CP)—Health Minister Paul Martin today told the United Nations today that religious persecution in Soviet-bloc countries has reached a level of frenzy comparable with the worst times under the Nazis.

The leader of the Canadian delegation said before the social committee that the efforts in Iron-Curtain countries aim at putting the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths under complete subservience to the state.

Martin spoke during discussion of the Economic and Social Council's report on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—Postmaster General Cole said today in the Commons the possibility of restoration of two-day mail deliveries is "still under consideration" by the government.

#### Opposition Demands That Heads Fall

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—Against Opposition demands that heads should fall over the Currie report, the government in the Commons today expressed confidence in Defence Minister Claxton and the present and the previous chief of the general staff.

Progressive Conservative, CCF and Social Credit speakers had urged that Mr. Claxton be moved out of his portfolio as the result of findings of the Currie report on army works administration.

The Minister, the present chief of the General Staff—Lt. Gen. G. G. Simonds—and his predecessor—Lt. Gen. Charles Foulkes—were defended by members of the government.

Defends Claxton

Solicitor-General R. O. Campney—evidently speaking for the government as acting defence minister—came to the defence of Mr. Claxton tonight as an able and energetic minister.

Earlier, Prime Minister St. Laurent said in effect that neither Gen. Simonds, nor Gen. Foulkes, could be blamed for conditions disclosed in the Currie report criticizing administration of the works branch of the army.

The discussions on the Currie report

There have been reports in newspapers both that some Liberal members want Gen. Simonds fired and that he himself has considered resigning unless the government stands by him and his administration.

The Ottawa Citizen also published today a prediction that Mr. Claxton will be moved to another department in a "spectacular cabinet shuffle" arising from the report.

No Cut In N.H.A. Down Payments

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—The government is not planning to reduce the 20-per-cent down-payment provision for home loans under the National Housing Act, Resources Minister Winters said in the Commons today. The Minister, in charge of housing, was replying to a question.

Towing Fishing Vessel Into Port

HALIFAX, Dec. 17—(CP)—The sea-going tug Foundation Lillian put a line aboard the helpless fishing vessel Rupert Brand off Cape Breton's northernmost tip and began towing her to Port Hawkesbury, N. S.

The 161-ton vessel, owned by British Columbia Packers of Canso, N. S., fouled her propeller in a fishing net late yesterday. The Lillian expects to reach her destination tomorrow morning.

Tito Cuts Diplomatic Relations With Vatican

BELGRADE, Dec. 17—Premier Tito's Communist government cut diplomatic relations with the Vatican today, charging in effect that the recent nomination of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac to the College of Cardinals was a slap in the face.

The Holy See was accused anew of hostility toward Yugoslavia and interference in her internal affairs. The Deputy Foreign Minister, Ales Bebler, called in the Vatican's charge d'affaires, Msgr. Silvio di Oddi, to notify him of the break and asked him to leave as soon as possible.

Yugoslavia has had no diplomat at the Vatican since last year, when Charge d'Affaires Oren Ruzic left. Yugoslavia was the last of the Communist countries with which the Vatican had diplomatic relations.

(Vatican officials reserved comment pending the receipt of further information.)

The rupture capped six years of

dispute in which Stepinac has been the central figure. Convicted by a Tito court of collaborating in the Second World War with the Germans, Italians and domestic foes of Tito, he was freed conditionally after serving five years of his 16-year sentence. Now 54, and a "former archbishop" in the view of Yugoslav officials, he is limited to the work of a parish priest in his native town of Krasic.

The Pope named him Nov. 29 among 24 prelates who will be elevated Jan. 12 to the College of Cardinals. But whether he will ever receive the red hat of a prince of the Roman Catholic Church is in question. He told a reporter recently he had no plans to go to Rome for the consistory next month, adding "if I did leave, I probably would not be permitted to return." Circumstances of the break suggest Yugoslavia will not welcome delivery of the red hat by a Papal messenger.

#### Reduction Shown In Latest U. S. Potato Crop Estimate

The United States potato crop estimate for December places the crop at approximately 347,500,000 bushels. This is about 1,725,000 lower than the estimate for November. The information was received last night by the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board.

Since the first United States crop estimate was released last August there has been an increase shown each month and the present reduction indicates a change in that trend.

Mr. D. A. MacDonald, chairman of the Marketing Board, said there are also signs of a heavier shrinkage than usual in storage stocks in both the United States and parts of Canada and believes this is a further indication that there should not be too many potatoes for market requirements during the coming months.

He believes this reduction in the final United States crop estimate should have an immediate stabilizing influence as far as markets for Island potatoes are concerned.

Tablestock Markets

Tablestock markets, particularly in Central Canada, have been quite weak for the past 10 days, and Mr. MacDonald thought it was apparent those markets have been over-supplied as December is usually the wrong time to attempt to market excessive quantities.

The Marketing Board has endeavoured up until now, to hold both seed and tablestock prices at the highest possible level. It is believed that this is not the

Liner United States Is Damaged During Gale

LONDON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Howling gales sweeping across Britain slammed the giant liner United States against a pier at Southampton today and delayed her departure for New York.

The new 53,000-ton American luxury ship suffered a dented bridge wing. Seven tugs fought to get the vessel away from the pier, but finally had to give up the struggle against the ferocious winds.

If the winds abate, the United States will try to get out later tonight.

In some places the gale blowing across Britain reached hurricane force, with gusts of more than 100 miles an hour. Small coastal vessels hurried for shelter. Ashore, the storm left a trail of roofless houses, broken fences and tangled road traffic.

Fear Tough Winter

After two weeks of fog, snow and ice, Britons began to suspect they were in for their worst winter since the big freeze-up of 1947. The Air Ministry predicted "cold northerly winds with wintry showers" throughout the night.

Gusts of 130 miles an hour were recorded atop Snowfield Mountain on the Isle of Man. This, said the Air Ministry, was the windiest place in Britain.

The United States suffered only superficial damage in her tussle with the gale.

Three landing ships of 2,000 tons each were driven ashore at Gare Loch, near Glasgow. Only one was believed damaged. The vessels, part of the Royal Navy's reserve fleet, were unmanned and had broken from their moorings.

The 1,800-ton Finnish freighter Solbritt was driven on rocks off the Isle of Arran, off the Scottish

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High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:15 P. M. and 11:11 P. M.

High tide on the North Shore at 6:53 A. M. and 6:13 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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proper time to either reduce prices nor attempt to market excessive quantities. Over 400 rail cars have been shipped since December 1, and at least several hundred more carloads have been loaded at Island ports for the Southern States.

This week the Board has received reports of prices as low as \$1.75 per 75 pounds being paid to farmers. If those reports are correct it would seem the price is somewhat below the \$1.90 at producers nearest shipping point.

New Board Order

At a meeting of the Potato Marketing Board last night it was decided to change the regulations on tablestock prices and have them applied at the farm rather than at shipping point. Accordingly a Board order will be issued today making the minimum price \$1.85 per 75 pounds bulk at the farm for tablestock potatoes purchased and loaded in the central part of the Province, and \$1.50 for potatoes purchased and loaded in the outer railroad zone, which generally speaking covers those parts of the Province west of Summerside and east of Charlottetown.

This differential is necessary at this time in order to cover the difference in freight charges as between the two railway shipping zones.

The minimum prices on seed potatoes remain the same as they were and Potato Marketing Board officials again advise the public to insist on obtaining these values.

Blizzards Reported

The Automobile Association reported blizzards raging tonight in parts of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Westmorland. Two-foot-deep snowdrifts covered roads in parts of Derbyshire.

At Blackpool, North England playground, the wind blew down chimney stacks, shattered dozens of store windows and scattered slates. A 28-foot tide of solid water crashed over the boardwalk.

At nearby Lytham St. Annes a blinding sandstorm stung through the streets, lashed by winds of 93 miles an hour.

LONDON, Dec. 17—(Reuters)—The R.A.F. will enter Britain's fastest long-range bomber, the four-jet Valiant, in the £30,000 England-New Zealand air race next October, Air Minister Lord de Lisle and Dudley announced today. One or two Canberra twin-jet light bombers also will take part, he told the House of Lords.

More Shopping Days

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#### Coming Events

- \*Irishtown school concert, Dec. 19.
- \*Alexander School Concert, December 18th.
- \*York Point School Concert, December 19th.
- \*Christmas Concert, Iona Hall, December 18th.
- \*Christmas Concert, Seaview Hall, December 22nd.
- \*Christmas Concert, Vernon, Saturday, December 20th.
- \*Millvale School Concert, December 19th. Dance after.
- \*Newtown Christmas Concert, Friday, December 19th.
- \*Christmas Concert, Millview Hall, December 19th, Curtain 8 P.M.
- \*Christmas concert, Watervale School, December 18, Curtain 8:15.
- \*Come to Ebenezer Christmas Concert, Friday, December 19th, at 8:30.
- \*Marshfield School Concert, Thursday, December 18th, at 8 P. M.
- \*Tryon Consolidated School presents A Festival of Christmas, December 19th.
- \*Freetown Christmas Concert, Freetown Hall, Monday, December 22nd.
- \*Legion Auction and Dance, Belfast Hall, Thursday, December 18th. Lunches served.
- \*Christmas dance, Beaver Hall, Montague, December 23rd. Don Messer's Orchestra.
- \*Christmas Concert in North Wiltshire Hall Monday, Dec. 22nd at 7:30. Dance after.
- \*Eymvale Christmas concert in Lot 65 Hall, Monday, December 22nd. Dance after.
- \*Salvation Army Christmas tree and program Friday, Dec. 19th at 2:30 p.m. Silver collection.
- \*Come to Mount Mellick School Christmas Concert, Pownall Hall, Thursday, December 18th, 8 P. M.
- \*Christmas Concert, Cross Roads School, Friday, December 19th, 7:45.
- \*Buying live chickens and fowl every day except Saturday. Frank MacLean, Wheatley River.
- \*Long River School Concert, Thursday, December 18th. Serve it often.
- \*Mt. Albion School Concert, and Christmas Tree, in Hall, Tuesday, December 23rd.
- \*Farmers, ask about the Shu-Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- \*See Lorne Valley Christmas Concert in Lorne Valley Hall, Thursday, December 18th, Curtain at 8 P. M.
- \*Highfield Sunday School Christmas Concert, Monday, December 22nd at 8 o'clock in Winslow Station Hall.
- \*Don't miss entertainment in Craupad Hall, December 26th. Films, etc. Lunches sold. Auspices St. John's W. A.
- \*Buying live and dressed fowl and chicken. Contact us for pick up service. Smith Bros, Pownall. Phone 1 R-23.
- \*Fortune Bridge Friday evening, December 19th, at 8 P. M. Meeting organized by Golf Club. Films will be shown. Parents and young people cordially invited.

#### Eisenhower And MacArthur Meet

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(AP)—President-elect Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur discussed across a luncheon table today the problem of how to achieve peace in Korea and the rest of the world.

"We discussed the possibility of peace in Korea with particular reference to the world situation, in which, of course, such Korean peace would have to be determined," Eisenhower said afterward.

Eisenhower and MacArthur conferred for more than two hours as guests of John Foster Dulles, secretary of state-designate, in Dulles' town house on Manhattan's upper east side.

The President-elect described it as a "very enjoyable luncheon" MacArthur said it was a "very pleasant reunion with the President-elect."

The meeting stemmed from a Dec. 5 speech in which MacArthur said there "is a clear and definite solution" to the stalemated Korean fighting.

#### Suggests Dollars Be Kept At Par

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—J. A. Richard (L.—St. Maurice-Lafleche) suggested today that Canada and the United States reach some agreement to keep their dollars at par.

Speaking in French in the Commons, Mr. Richard referred to the fact that the Canadian dollar was officially worth more than the American dollar during most of the tourist season. The Canadian tourist trade had suffered.

Mr. Richard said that in the interests of the tourist industry he hopes the Canadian Government will confer with the United States on the possibility of keeping the dollars of the two countries at par.

#### Latest Move To Solve Iranian Oil Crisis Flops

PARIS, Dec. 17 (AP)—An 11th-hour effort by the Truman administration to solve the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute appeared tonight to have collapsed.

Official sources said the latest British-American talks ended here without "any sort of solution in sight."

New suggestions were advanced last week by the United States for ending the deadlock arising from Iran's action in nationalizing the billion-dollar Anglo-Iranian Oil Company holdings.

These suggestions were said to have been an elaboration of ideas contained in the offer made to Iran last August jointly by President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill. The purpose was to prevent Communists from seizing control of near-bankrupt Iran.

The August proposals contained a conditional offer by the U. S. of a \$100,000,000 grant to Iran. In the latest round of talks the U. S. was reported ready to advance as much as \$100,000,000 in the form of a loan and grant—if Iran would cooperate with Britain in settling the controversy and restore the flow of oil to Western nations.

The exact issues on which the latest effort foundered were not disclosed, but British reaction has been cool from the start. State Secretary Dean Acheson and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden conferred here twice this week, and they also named two experts to try to reach an acceptable basis for a new offer to Iran.

Britain was reported to be allergic to any suggestion that AIGOC should be compensated with money from the U. S. That, one informant said, might have encouraged other mideastern states where the West has oil interests to follow in Iran's footsteps.

#### Judgment Reserved In Witnesses Case

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—The Supreme Court of Canada today reserved judgment on a request by Jehovah's Witnesses for recognition as a religious denomination, entitled to the same freedom as other denominations.

The case, argued before the court for seven days, was based on a City of Quebec by-law prohibiting the distribution of pamphlets without a permit from the chief of police.

#### Reveals Figures On Cigaret Sales

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—Value of cigarettes released for consumption in Canada last year was about \$315,000,000, State Secretary Bradley said in a reply tabled today in the Commons. He said the excise tax on the cigarettes was \$79,812,000 and the excise duty \$94,193,000 but was unable to give the sales tax figure.

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