

Year In Review—

Canadian Economy Marks Up Records In Busy Year

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OTTAWA (CP)—The fruits of prosperity were showered on Canada with unsurpassed generosity in 1950, and officials believe that, if all goes well, the shower may be continued well into 1951.

Grim problems of surpluses have disappeared into the darkening clouds of war. If anything, the demand for goods in 1951 may become so great that there simply will not be enough to go round.

The crucial shortage is in steel, wrought by a sudden swing in the economic machine to gear for defence. Even with controls there is no certainty that the shortage in steel will be overcome. Sharp cuts in many civilian goods Canadians like to buy are in prospect.

Canadians got an inkling of this in the dwindling days of 1950. Compulsory steel controls—a step the government took with the greatest reluctance—were clamped on to block sales for non-essential construction.

But even with these shortages, and others which are beginning to show up in aluminum, nickel and other strategic metals, Canada is not expected to fall back from the records in trade, capital investment, national income and gross national production she built up in 1950.

A slackening in civilian construction, forced by controls, is expected to be taken up with a quickening in defence building. Controls on exports of certain strategic goods are expected to be countered with an expanding domestic market.

NUMEROUS RECORDS
The records Canada chalked up in 1950 were spread throughout the economic realm. Unemployment was pared to the bone. Jobs went begging in agriculture. Wages to a growing labor force swept to \$3,200,000,000 from \$7,700,000,000 in 1949.

Capital investment shot up to a record \$3,700,000,000; and the

gross national product, sum total of all goods and services produced, to a record \$17,000,000,000, a gain of \$1,000,000,000 over the previous year.

Because of dollar import restrictions, exports to Britain topped about \$250,000,000, but this was more than taken up with a \$400,000,000 climb in sales to the United States.

And probably most significant of all, Canada achieved a near-balance in her trade with the U.S. The traditional annual imbalance of about \$500,000,000 which normally put a crimp in Canada's dollar reserves was chopped down to about \$100,000,000.

This imbalance may disappear altogether in 1951, with the big rearmament drive in the United States calling for greater and greater supplies of raw materials.

The Canadian economy in 1950 was so strong, so buoyant that the government could, without batting an eye, free the dollar for the first time since the beginning of the Second World War.

This bold, imaginative step, taken mainly to put a halt to inflationary speculation that Canada's devalued dollar would be brought up to war, earned Canada the respect of the money markets of the world.

The dollar, devalued 9.1 per cent in 1949 in relation to the U.S. dollar, immediately shot up about five per cent shortly after it was freed on September 30. Officials predicted it would go even higher.

In freezing the dollar, the government achieved its goal. The speculators, who had rushed millions of dollars of "hot money" onto the Canadian scene on the chance of making a quick profit, showed no rush to cash in their chips. The speculative investments remained.

Black Object Plunged Wheel?

SEATTLE (CP)—It was doubted here yesterday a black object sighted in the North Pacific about 150 miles off Vancouver Island might be a wheel from a missing United States patrol bomber. Searchers reported yesterday sighting such an object.

The plane has been missing since Monday. It carried a crew of eleven.

Report of the "black object" came from the Royal Canadian Navy corvette, H.M.C.S. Clifton, which stated it was "standing by" as planes were dispatched to make a check of the new search area.

Counsellor On V.D. Is Visitor

Correlation of policy and education in venereal disease control is the job of Miss Doris Barish P.H.N., Vancouver, presently visiting Prince Rupert Health Unit. Miss Barish, epidemiological counsellor for the division of venereal disease control, Department of Public Health and Welfare, arrived in the city by Saturday night's train to call here for her last visit to northern health units.

The idea of the department is to study the policies of the 15 health units in the province and formulate an overall plan for the educational side of V.D. control as well as reporting of contacts and notification of new cases. It is also hoped to promote the interchange of ideas.

In recent years, according to Dr. Duncan Black, director of Prince Rupert Health Unit, the public has become much more aware of V.D. and has been reporting symptoms at the earliest opportunity. The majority of those who have contracted a disease are anxious to take treatment. Although there is provision for bringing in law enforcement agencies to assure that those infected receive treatment, Dr. Black said, it has not been necessary to do that since he has been director of the health unit here.

Miss Barish reports a successful trip and has found excellent co-operation. She sails tonight on the Prince George for Vancouver.

Mountie Is Fined For Drunkenness

VICTORIA—There will be an investigation into the case of 23-year old Constable John F. McLeod who has been fined in Esquimalt court for drunkenness. He at first pleaded guilty and then changed the plea to one of guilty.

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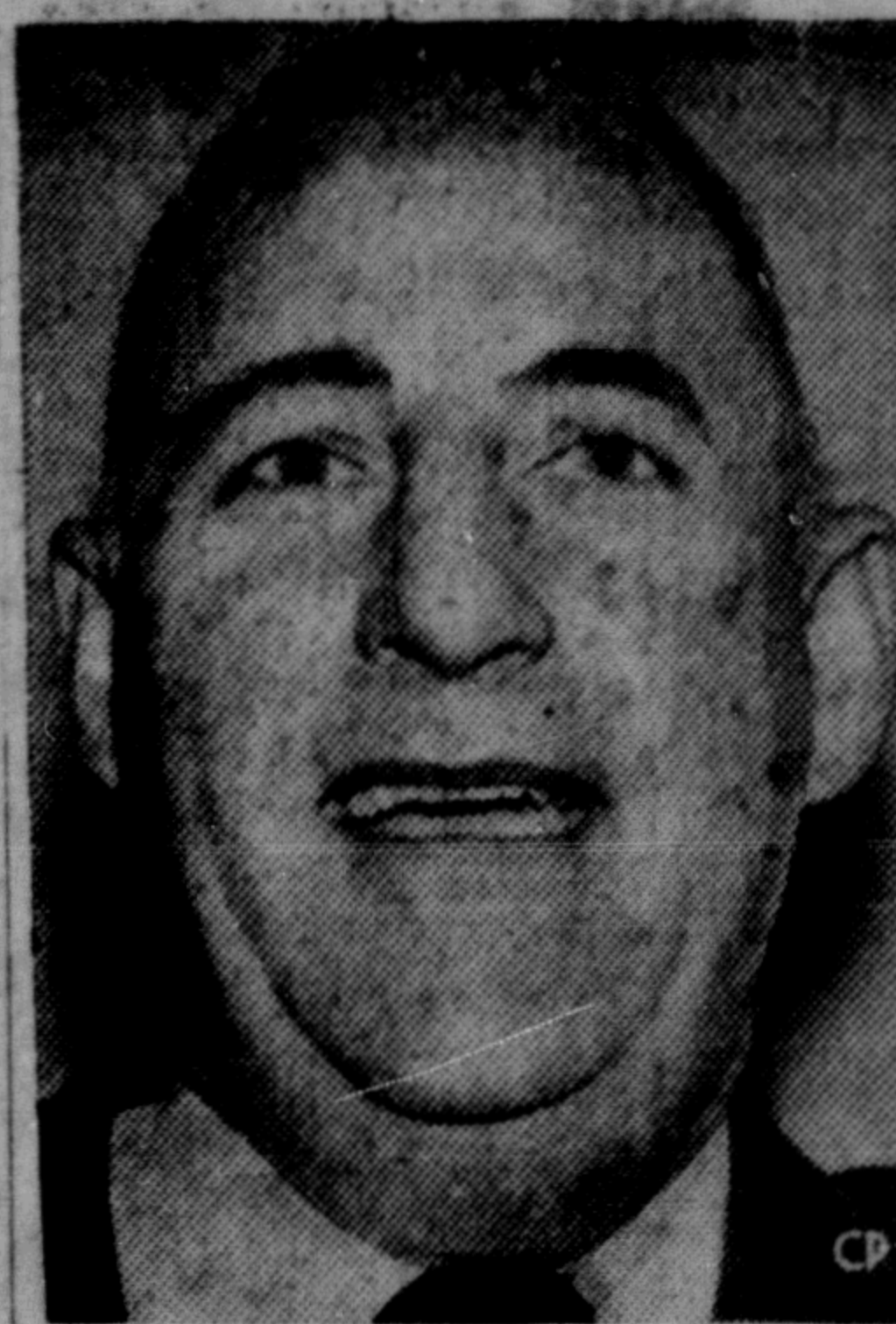
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Mrs. W. Thomson was guest. During the evening Mrs. Gus Krause gave an interesting account of her recent trip to Scotland. The interchange of presents added a delightful touch to the gathering. Those present were Mrs. John Johansen, Mrs. H. Killan, Mrs. H. Paulson, Mrs. R. Murray, Mrs. Gus Krause, Mrs. Fred Barber, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. L. Wide, Mrs. F. Ellison, Mrs. V. Menzies, Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. B. Guyan and Mrs. W. Thomson.

Barbara Brent's BUYS AND WHYS



MONTREAL, Dec. 21st—"Up to your eyes" in Christmas shopping? Then here's a time-saving, meal-getting tip for you. Prepare several delicious JELL-O dishes (fruit salads 'n' desserts) and keep them in the ice-box—ready-to-serve at a moment's notice! So easy to prepare... JELL-O JELLY POWDER dishes are always welcome—and as gay and merry as Christmas itself. And you have Jell-O's seven "looked-in" flavors to choose from... all of them exciting AND economical!

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Baby's Too Tiny to eat most holiday foods—but there's a regular "party dish" he'll enjoy every morning! Yummy 5 Minute "CREAM OF WHEAT" that cooks to baby-ready digestibility in just five minutes of boiling. For a special baby-treat, serve "Cream of Wheat" topped with a "Crown's Face" of raisins. He'll crow with delight! And, my goodness—it's good! Good for him, too. For 5 Minute "Cream of Wheat" contains iron necessary for good red blood—and Calcium and Phosphorus for diets deficient in these elements. And—mother!—here's a special offer!... for your free copy of the helpful, delightfully illustrated leaflet "Commonsense Feeding Habits for Your Baby"—simply write to me, Barbara Brent, 1411 Crescent St., Montreal, P.Q.

For "Just Before Christmas" here's the "sav-est" meal-getting discovery I've ever made! Just let Heinz "Chef" see you through these hectic Christmas shopping days with his 7th HEINZ MAIN COURSE MEAL! All you have to do is heat any one of them and a hot, delicious, nourishing main dish is ready for your family to enjoy! They save you work—save you worry—save you hours at the stove—and save you money by taking the place of dishes that cost more. And here they are—four favourite kinds of Beans, all oven-baked—two kinds of Cooked Spaghetti, and Heinz Cooked Macaroni in Cream Sauce with Cheese. You know they're good because they're Heinz!

For A Beauty-Complexion as fresh and sparkling as Christmas snow there's a "magical" skin beautifier called PENATEN... and you'll find it in the new, extra-rich WOODBURY DRY SKIN CREAM! Wonderful Penaten helps Woodbury Dry Skin Cream penetrate deeper into the important corneum layers of your skin... supplements your skin's natural oils. Just 10 minutes a day with this miraculous, new-formula cream (it also contains lanolin and 4 other special skin-softeners) gives your skin a feeling of velvet softness—smooths and soothes it—banishes that dry, taut look! Try Woodbury Dry Skin Cream—beginning today!... Jars 20c, 39c, 89c and 98c.

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