

Navy Launches Two New Ships

OTTAWA—The names they will bear to sea in the service of the Royal Canadian Navy will be given two ships at a double christening ceremony at Sorel, P.Q., on Saturday, June 14. Naval headquarters announced today.

At the same time U.S.-designed guns, produced for the first time in Canada by Sorel Industries Ltd., will be delivered to the Royal Canadian Navy, the United States Navy and the United States Army.

The Arctic patrol vessel now being completed by Marine Industries Ltd. will be named HMCS Labrador by Mrs. St. Laurent, wife of Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

The coastal minesweeper under construction in the same shipyard will be christened HMCS Chignecto by Mrs. Brooke Claxton, wife of the Minister of National Defence.

The RCN Arctic patrol vessel has been built to the basic design of the U.S. Coast Guard's "Eastwind" class icebreaker modified to meet Canadian needs. A feature of the design is a helicopter platform above the quarterdeck.

The vessel is 260 feet long, has a beam of 63½ feet and displaces

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these. It would actually have paid the U.S.A. to have bought all the land in Italy and to have re-sold it on long terms to the actual peasants. That would have literally and figuratively cut the very ground from under the feet of the Communists whose cry is "The land for the peasants."

OVER HERE, where we are used to an abundance of good water, we can't realize that in ancient lands like Italy they never have enough. One reason why the people of those countries drink so much wine is because you simply can't drink the filthy water in most places. Incidentally, that is also one reason why Coca-Cola has become the symbol of American economic inroads everywhere.

I can't relish the stuff myself—but better even than that dysentery. At least it is wet and sanitary.

A FEW months ago the U.S. army got tired of having to pay the Italian authorities such exorbitant prices for the water they used. They drilled for water themselves in Genoa. In less than 200 feet they found vast quantities of fine, clean water.

If the Americans would go all over south Europe, the Middle East and south Asia simply drilling wells for the benefit of the people, they would really "make friends and influence people." A Canadian, now in Arabia, tells me that you can get plenty of water almost any-

School Board Accepts Japanese Teacher

Application from a Japanese teacher for a position at Booth Memorial High School has been accepted by Prince Rupert School Board.

Decision to employ the young man, who received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Saskatchewan and later completed the teacher-training course at University of B.C., was made at last night's monthly meeting of the board.

The 26-year-old Japanese-Canadian graduated from Kelowna High School before he entered the Saskatchewan university where he majored in physics and mathematics.

Mrs. M. M. Roper, board secretary, was instructed to advise the man that his application has been accepted.

If he accepts, he will be the first Japanese teacher to be employed in a high school here.

Commenting on the application, members agreed that his qualifications fitted the position

where in the desert. Almost every time they drill for oil they come on plenty of water, down below.

THE QUESTIONS which still beset Italy are "how do we eat?" and "what can we get to drink?" If democracy does not solve them, in a certain length of time, then democracy will be swept aside—next time for keeps—by either Fascism or Communism.

5,400 tons, with accommodation for a maximum complement of 25 officers and 204 men.

The Labrador's hull is 1½-inch high tensile steel—as compared with the quarter-inch plates of a destroyer or frigate—and is greatly strengthened internally to resist pressure of ice.

A feature new to Canadian icebreakers is the Denny-Brown ship stabilizer, consisting of gyro-controlled retractable fins, 20 feet below the water line, designed to control the roll of the vessel in heavy seas.

Her diesel-electric power system will produce 10,000 shaft horsepower. Roomy living quarters are warmly insulated against the Arctic cold.

Distinguishing her from civilian icebreakers are her flight deck and her defensive armament. Two helicopters can be carried and naval aviation personnel are already training in their use at the RCN air station, HMCS Shearwater, Dartmouth, N.S.

NEW SHIPS DIFFERENT

The coastal minesweeper Chignecto differs from wartime sweepers in many respects. Aluminium has been widely used in her construction. She has wooden hull planking on aluminum alloy framing and the superstructure is also of aluminum alloy. She is 152 feet long and displaces 390 tons, with accommodation for five officers and 35 men.

Diesel-powered, with twin shafts, the minesweeper will be equipped with the latest navigational radar and minesweeping equipment.

Insulation has been improved over that in use during the Second World War and will permit operation of the ship in varied climates. Mess-decks are fitted with bunks and foam rubber mattresses and meals will be prepared in an electrical galley.

The Chignecto is one of 14 minesweepers under construction in Canadian shipyards for the Royal Canadian Navy.

Christie Won't Attend Forum

Tom Christie, Progressive Conservative candidate for Prince Rupert in the June 12 election, will not appear at a public meeting in Canadian Legion auditorium on Sunday.

Mr. Christie said today he had made previous commitments to speak at Butedale and Klemtu on Sunday and would be unable to attend.

The other three candidates, however, have expressed their intention of being present.

which becomes vacant at the close of this school term and it was agreed after brief discussion to accept him.

"Certainly these young citizens should be given a chance in our schools," said one member of the board after it was moved by Joe Scott and seconded by A. Dominato that the application be accepted.

Members pointed out that the young applicant instructed in physics at UBC while taking his teacher-training course and has three years officer training in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Killer Dogs Menace BC Sheep Industry

VICTORIA (CP)—Marauding dogs are threatening to destroy British Columbia's sheep industry. Department of Agriculture officials disclosed here.

W. R. Gunn, B.C. livestock commissioner, said that sheep-raising on Vancouver and elsewhere in B.C. is rapidly declining, chiefly due to widespread killing by dogs.

Killer dogs sometimes take a toll of more than 60 sheep in a single raid, leaving many to die a slow death from wounds, he said.

Mr. Gunn said the taxpayer is paying out money in compensation for the damage done by dogs. "But that is nothing when you consider an industry is being slowly destroyed."

But besides killer dogs, the industry on the mainland has another problem—the shortage of shepherds. Few people today care to live out in the hills with flocks for several months, livestock officials said.

Some sheep raisers have brought shepherds over from Scotland.

To meet Canada's annual

needs, it is estimated that wool from more than 12,000,000 sheep would be required. At present the flocks total only about 2,000,000 animals.

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on the whole accurately reported in your paper.

There was, however a slight error in printing the figures in respect to the public debt in Alberta.

At the end of 1944, the provincial debt was \$151 million. At the end of 1951, it was \$98 million, a reduction of \$53 million. In the same period, the municipal debt in the province rose from \$42 million to \$116 million, an increase of \$74 million.

As I indicated at the meeting, this represented a net increase in the public debt of \$21 million.

Yours sincerely,
ELMER E. ROPER.

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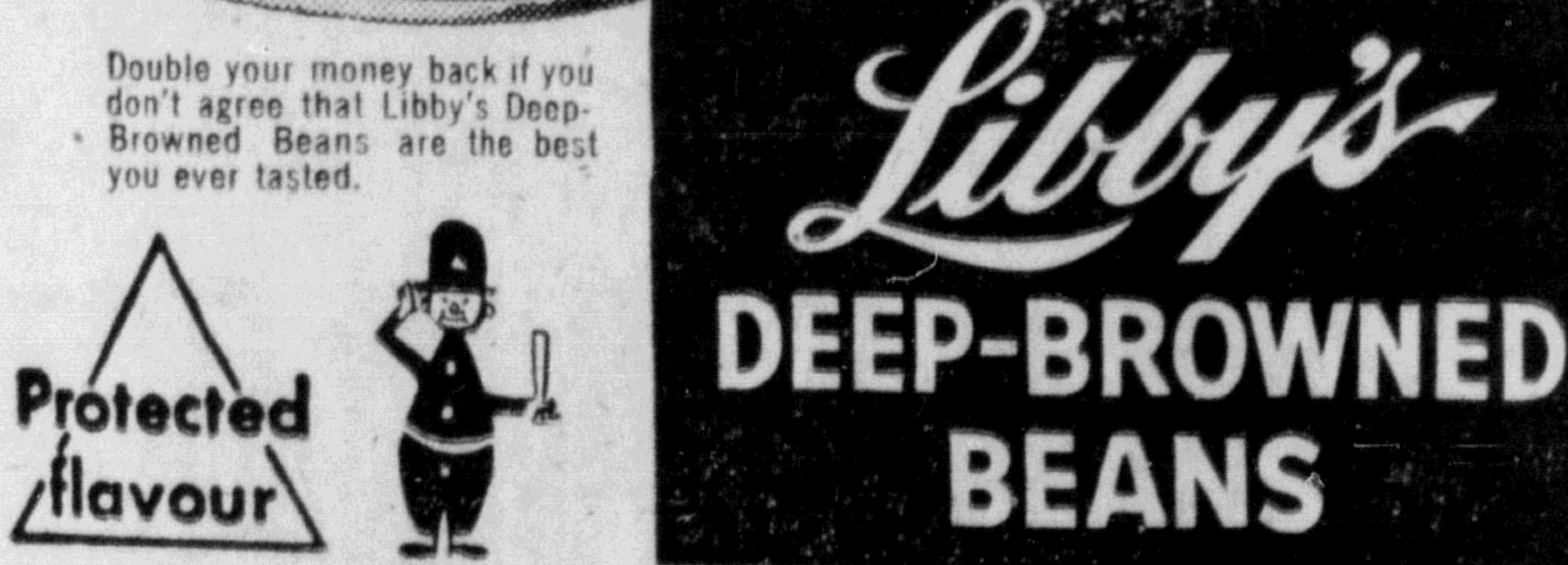
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