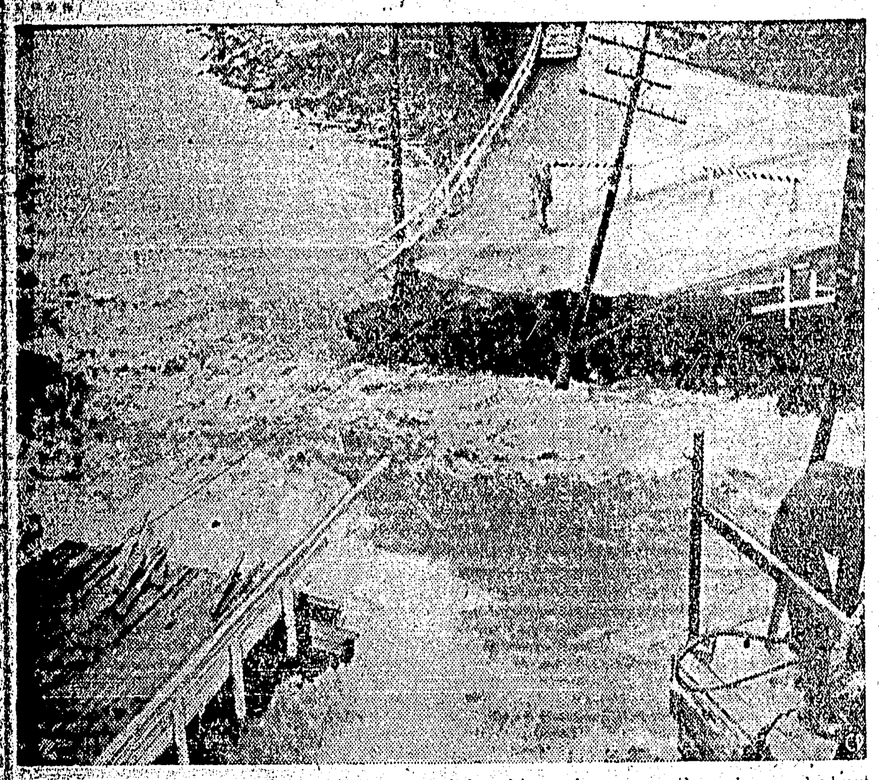


THE SACKVILLE RIVER, swollen by thaws and drenching rains, sweeps through a washed-out bridge between Bedford and Dartmouth, N.S. The river turned into a raging torrent after it broke through a dam. More than 1,000 were homeless as flooding Nova Scotia rivers rolled on to the sea after a week of melting snow, rain, sleet and gales. (CP Photo)

Lack of Help, Materials Hit By CCA Head

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor

WINNIPEG (CP) — Canada is building at such a pace that there aren't enough materials and trained people to do the work, W. G. Malcolm of Winnipeg, president of the Canadian Construction Association said at the association's annual meeting, being held here.

"The ability of the construction industry to expand its capacity has been dramatically proven on several occasions during the last 15 years but the increased demands for the industry's services have been such that construction schedules are being held up by delays in the delivery of a number of materials, Mr. Malcolm said.

"Similarly, our training program for practically all personnel classifications has failed to keep up with the pace of the industry's expanded volume. The number receiving apprenticeship training should be at least doubled and there is a chronic shortage of engineers, superintendents, estimators and other skilled men."

BIG INCREASE

Never before, Mr. Malcolm said, had a CCA president been able to report the completion of $5,000,000,000 worth of construction in a year.

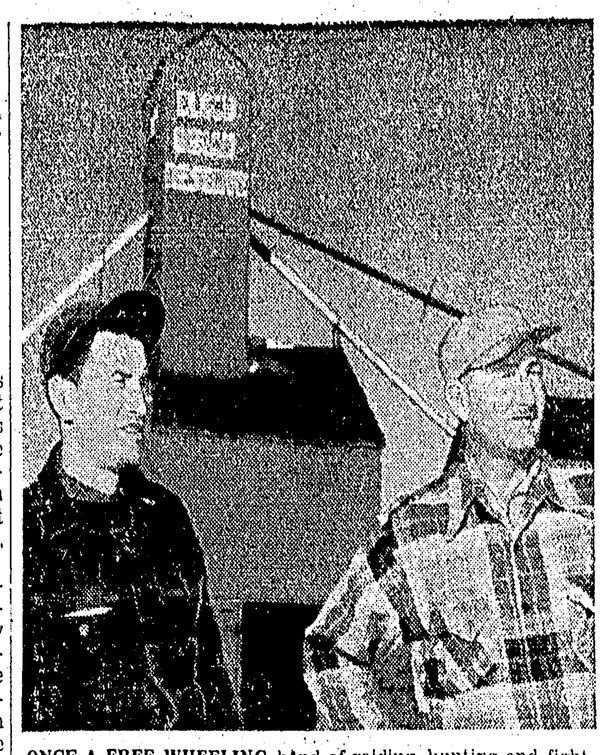
This was about twice in volume and more than three times in dollar value the amount that had been reported when the association last met in Winnipeg in 1946. Nearly one-third of the record 1955 volume was in western Canada.

MATERIAL SHORTAGES

"It would seem, however, that increases in the volume of construction will likely be limited more by shortage of certain materials, such as structural steel, than by shortage of investment capital.

Looking further ahead than 1956, Mr. Malcolm said the industry should establish a greater sense of direction and purpose.

Use Want Ads—They Pay



ONCE A FREE-WHEELING band of raiding, hunting and fighting Indians, the Bloods of southwestern Alberta now are rated as Canada's wealthiest Indians. The Bloods retain many of their ancient traditions but they earn large sums of money leasing out reservation land to white farmers and ranchers, selling petroleum and natural-gas rights. Here Horace Gladstone (left), a Blood farm instructor, and Harry Mathews, white farm headquarters supervisor, stand before a seed-cleaning plant on the reservation near Cardston. Nearby almost 1,000,000 bushels of wheat and coarse grains are stored. (CP Photo)

Blood Band Richest Indians By Leasing Land, Ranching

By DAVID OANCIA
Canadian Press Staff Writer

CARDSTON, Alta. (CP)—Canada's Blood Indians, who live on the country's largest reservation in southwestern Alberta, no longer count their wealth by the size of their herds of horses. Slowly, reluctantly they have adopted more realistic yardsticks.

The hero of Indian youth today no longer is the skilled horseman, expert buffalo hunter or fearless warrior. He has been replaced by the western cowpoke.

This band once roamed at will across the Prairies in search of buffalo herds, used dogs and travois to transport their household goods and frequently raided neighboring tribes to steal horses and women. Now they are a peaceful group, rated as the wealthiest in the country.

LEASES LAND

The band earns large sums of money by leasing out reservation land to white farmers and ranchers, selling petroleum and natural gas rights and selling gravel.

It spends this money on pensions, housing, farming and ranching programs and doles out small monthly payments to every man, woman and child during the winter months.

Despite the changed outlook, government officials and welfare workers are concerned about the future of the Indians. Easy money they are afraid will be detrimental and an encouragement to laziness.

Behind the old Blood's inscrutable face the memory of the past lives on. The Bloods still cling tenaciously to customs, traditions and tribal rites.

This is manifested openly in the sun dance held on the reserve every summer. This is an eight-hour prance in honor of the supernatural influence of the mythical godhead of sun, moon and morning star.

The Bloods have also become famous for their Kainai chieftainship, an honorary tribal fellowship designed "to foster and propagate a policy of future Canadian citizenship."

HONORED MEMBERS

The membership of the Kainai, which is limited to 35 persons, includes the Duke of Windsor, Governor-General Vincent Massey, Earl Alexander, Trade Minister Howe, Agriculture Minister Gardiner, Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland, Premier Manning of Alberta and even Hollywood cowboy Rod Cameron.

Despite the Bloods' colorful past, most teachers and missionaries in the area feel the Indians would be better off if they scrapped some traditions and planned for the future.

It was a painful evolution that brought the band to its present state from the free-wheeling days of raiding, hunting and fighting.

Sixty-one-year-old Chief Jim Hind Bull, a band councillor, remembers the days after the band moved on to the reserve.

MONTHLY RATIONS

"Times were really tough then for the Bloods. The government supported them — gave them monthly rations of meat, flour, beans, rice, tea and bacon. There was some game, but not enough."

For decades the Bloods would sooner have starved than have parted with their horses. They resented the suggestion that they sell their horses and start raising cattle.

Teachers, missionaries and federal government officials worked to change conditions and during the 1930s the bands of horses declined. But some Bloods still have as many as 100 finely bred animals.

Although the Indians now are better off than ever before, many serious problems still remain.

"Moccasin," a conglomeration of tiny one-room shacks and tents on the outskirts of Cardston, is a thorn in the side of those concerned about the welfare of the Indians.

BACKWARD STEP

The village was started to provide adequate housing close to town for older Indians. But whole families moved in.

Rev. M. LaFrance, an Oblate missionary and principal of a residential school, described the building of "Moccasin" as a backward step.

"As many as 12 persons sleep in the tiny shacks. Every night mattresses are strewn all over the floor. Men, women and children all sleep in one big heap."

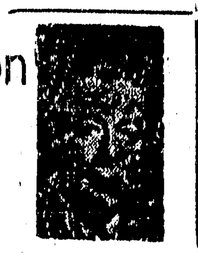
Liquor is a serious problem and from it springs the allied problems of juvenile delinquency and degenerating moral standards.

The situation was described as "a mess" by Rev. J. E. DeWolfe, principal of St. Paul's Anglican Residential School. He said:

"The government has no policy and the churches have no policy. The leaders and administrators have little knowledge of sociology and the social problems which must be faced in dealing with the Indian situation."

Mr. DeWolf said he felt the whole Indian question should be studied by trained sociologists who could make recommendations and then put them into practice.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE



By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Mrs. Fusty's Own Magic Involves Hand Counting

Mrs. Fusty does not make every contract she plays, but when she is defeated it is never because she has failed to try to get a count on her opponents' hands. She worked her own peculiar brand of magic to win 12 tricks in today's deal.

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH (Mr. Dale)
♠ A 7
♥ Q J 5 3 2
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ A 4

WEST (Mr. Meek)
♠ K Q J 10 9 8 6 2
♥ None
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ 3

EAST (Mr. Abel)
♠ 4
♥ 10 9 4
♦ 2
♣ Q J 10 9 8 6 6 2

SOUTH (Mrs. Fusty)
♣ 5 3
♥ A K 8 7 6
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 7

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
3 ♣	3 ♥	4 ♠	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The king of spades was led and she won with dummy's ace. A casual look at the hand indicates that she has to lose a spade and a diamond. But Mrs. Fusty never looks at a hand casually.

She looks at it intensely. She lost no spades and no diamonds. Instead, she lost a trump trick. And that was her only loser.

SPADE DISCARD

At trick two she led a heart to the king and noticed the spade discard on her left. Now she reconnoitered by cashing the ace and king of clubs. Mr. Meek discarded another spade on the second club.

At this point Mrs. Fusty knew for certain that Mr. Abel had started with eight clubs, three hearts and two other cards, one of which was a spade. Was the unknown card another spade or was it a diamond? She decided it was a diamond in view of Mr. Meek's unusually bold bid of four spades.

Accordingly she took one more high trump, leaving Mr. Abel with the ten, and then cashed the ace of diamonds.

SQUEEZE PLAY

When the diamond was not ruffed she knew Mr. Meek was going to be squeezed. She led a low heart, played low from dummy and Mr. Abel was in.

On the forced club return she discarded her spade and ruffed in dummy. She cashed dummy's last heart, the queen, then entered her hand with a small diamond to the queen.

Now she led her last trump and it was Mr. Meek's play from a holding of the queen of spades and the jack and ten of diamonds. If he discarded the spade, obviously dummy's seven would be good. So he parted with a diamond and Mrs. Fusty played the spade from the board and took the last two tricks in the diamond suit.

Travel on PGE Seen as Fast As World's Best Railways

VICTORIA (CP)—Travel is going to be faster by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Railways Minister Ralph Chetwynd announced he has plans to put into effect when the government-owned line's southern extension is completed to make it one of the fastest railways in the world.

"We intend cutting the time between North Vancouver and Prince George to 16½ hours," said Mr. Chetwynd. The present journey—40 miles by boat from Vancouver to Squamish at the southern terminal of the railroad and about 420 miles by train to Prince George—takes 26 hours.

For the speedier service, the PGE will order five new stainless steel passenger coaches valued at a total of $1,000,000. When they are in operation the present ancient Pullman cars will be scrapped.

Official opening of the southern 50-mile extension from Squamish to North Vancouver is set for June 11.

Ambassador Assumes Duties In March

LONDON (CP) — R. P. (Dick) Bower, Canada's trade envoy in Britain for 11 years, leaves this month for a diplomatic appointment in South America.

He expects to start as Canadian ambassador in March, joining Canada's external affairs department after 26 years with the department of trade and commerce.

In London, first on the wartime prices board and later as commercial counsellor, Bower created a friendly reputation for himself and Canada. He played a key part in convincing British businessmen to invest in Canada, at a rate now reaching $100,000,000 a year.

THE SENSATION IN SWEDEN these days is a reducing powder that works by taking away the urge to eat. Called Minus, the powder went on sale in Stockholm this week and stocks were completely sold out within a few hours. Chemist Ulla Levin (above) is showing how the powder works. It's stirred in water (beaker at right) and taken before a meal. The solution mixes with hydrochloric acid in the body and forms a jelly (beaker at left) which fills the stomach and reduces hunger. The jelly reverts to fluid in the intestines and passes off. Doctors say the reducer is harmless and useful.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — A motorist told police Wednesday night of a horse that resented his horseless carriage. Johnnie Martinez said he was driving along when a horse ran out of a field and leaped on the hood of his car, smashed the windshield and damaged the hood, a fender and the radio antenna, then ran back into the field.

Wallace's Dept. Store
Infants Baby Wear Department
DIAPERS NIGHT-GOWNS
SLEEPERS OVERALLS
RIBS ROMPERS
BLANKETS SWEATERS
VESTS PANTIES
Everything Good For Baby!
WALLACE'S Dept. Store

Fred. E. Dowdie
Optometrist
Phone 5548
303 3rd Ave. W.

For Fine and Exquisite Jewellery
For Every Occasion
MAKE SURE IT'S
MANSON'S Jewellers

where craftsmanship counts.....
PRINT JOB
For the ultimate in the printing art . . . delivered to you quickly and on the agreed-upon date . . . at surprisingly modest cost, be sure to consult with us for your next printing order.
there is no obligation. Just phone 4125 for an appointment.
count on us!
THE DAILY NEWS
COMMERCIAL PRINTING DEPT.

FREE delivery bottled BEER
Phone 4032
25c PER DOZEN PAID FOR EMPTIES. PLEASE HAVE THEM READY WHEN THE DRIVER CALLS.
This advertisement is not published or displayed by the Liquor Control Board or by the Government of British Columbia.

VISIT THE COMMODORE
"WHERE GOOD FOOD COSTS LESS"
We Cater to Banquets of all Types
DIAL 3 1 3 3
FOR ORDERS TO TAKE OUT

G-E Standard Type WASHERS
With General Electric Washers you get the years of experience in washer design and construction that have gone into the perfection of the models you see on display in our store. Every single one is a perfect machine . . . guaranteed to give you years of service. Come in right away and check the many features.
from $139.50
Trade-Ins and Terms That Are The Best In Town
GORDON & ANDERSON
Dial 3014

YOUR LOCKER PLANT SELLS Red Brand Beef

Chinese Dishes
CHOP SUEY . . .
. . . CHOW MEIN
Open 6 p.m.-3:30 a.m.
Hollywood Cafe
For Outside Orders Ph. 6226

THUNDERING NEW TARZAN THRILLS!
TARZAN'S HIDDEN JUNGLE
GORDON SCOTT
Today! Capitol
FAMOUS PLAYERS THEATRE
7:00 8:15
Clash By Night

Today to Wed. Shows 7 - 9 p.m.
THE DAY ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE....
VIOLENT SATURDAY
CINEMASCOPE
VICTOR MATURE
RICHARD EGAN
STEPHEN McNALLY
Totem

USED TRUCKS
ALL SIZES...
MAKES...
and MODELS
★ WHITES
★ FORDS
★ FEDERALS
Contact:
NEAL EVANS
Transportation Co. Ltd.
Government Dock — Prince Rupert, B.C.