

The Week at Ottawa

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Ottawa (CP)—Medical science has made history, and youngsters have been given a chance against the scourge of polio.

On announcement that the new Salk vaccine is 80 to 90 per cent effective in warding off polio, government plans were laid to inoculate perhaps 1,000,000 young Canadians. Many more will walk and play without fear of the crippling and killing disease in the years ahead.

Dr. Thomas Francis Jr. told a gathering of scientists at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, that field trials conducted last year in the United States, Canada and Finland had proved that the vaccine is a preventive against paralytic polio.

Following the announcement, Health Minister Martin, a victim of polio in his boyhood, said the federal government will continue to put up one-half the cost of all vaccine purchased by the provinces in the 1955-56 fiscal year, just as last year.

Production Task
Enough vaccine may be produced to inoculate perhaps as many as 1,000,000 youngsters in Canada by next July when the polio season starts rising to an August peak.

The main producer of Salk vaccine in Canada is the University of Toronto's Connaught laboratories, which turned out 90 per cent of the virus for the vaccine used in the 1954 trials. Connaught officials say they have enough doses for 600,000 persons and are able to handle future demand.

The University of Montreal's Institute of Microbiology may be ready for mass production this summer, and is expected to produce 600,000 doses in the first year, enough to inoculate at least 175,000 children.

To provide further supplies, the government has granted vaccine production and distribution licenses to two U.S. drug companies with Canadian branches.

The vaccine, culmination of many past experiments, was developed by Dr. Jonas E. Salk, Pittsburgh scientist. He has urged that only two shots be given over a four-week period and that the remaining or booster shot be injected seven months later.

Some provinces have indicated they will follow Dr. Salk's advice. Others apparently prefer the field trials pattern of three shots in five weeks.

Ottawa, which already has started its mass injection program, will inoculate about 230,000 school children this year, with three shots in five weeks. The Ontario government intends eventually to make available enough Salk vaccine for the entire population of the province and will spend \$10,000,000 on inoculations this year.

At the same time, the Canadian Medical Association issued an appeal asking doctors to administer any vaccine that becomes available only to the most susceptible groups. The association said production of the vaccine is being increased rapidly, but "with accuracy it may be assumed that the immediate supply will not be large."

Other Provinces
About 50,000 British Columbia children will be given two shots now and the booster injection in seven months.

New Brunswick will inoculate 18,000 Prince Edward Island 6,000 and Manitoba 35,000 on the two-shot basis. Seventy-five per cent of the immediate P.E.I. object of 3,000 grade one children already have received the first needle.

Nova Scotia plans to immunize 18,000 and Newfoundland 4,000, but neither has announced whether it will use two or three shots. Neither has Alberta, where injections on 40,000 to 50,000 children will start next week.

In Quebec, limited inoculation of children of two and three years of age is expected to start in May.

As the production overcomes the demands of the federal-provincial program, the vaccine will become available commercially and parents may have their children inoculated by the family doctor, for a fee.

Safeguard Supplies
Later, as more vaccine becomes available, adults who normally become more immune to polio may also obtain the vaccine for themselves.

Mr. Martin has announced Canada has thrown up safeguards against possible black marketing of the polio vaccine. He also indicated there will be no exports from Canada of the preventive until Canadian needs are met.

"No time will be lost in getting sufficient production ready," he said. But naturally we are anxious to get Canadian children vaccinated first.

"Any supplies that remain we will share with the world."

Federal health authorities have also said there is no shortage of needles and syringes. Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa said earlier there was a shortage and claimed the defence department was "sitting" on tens of thousands of needles and syringes "all across Canada."

Royal Visitor
The Princess Royal, Queen Elizabeth's aunt, will visit Canada for the first time next autumn. Princess Mary will come primarily as the guest of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, of which she is colonel-in-chief.

The Princess, who will be 58 on April 25, is expected to arrive in Quebec City in late September or early October. At Quebec she will be the guest of Governor-General

Vincent Massey at the Citadel, his official residence.
The Princess, who holds the rank of major-general in the British Army and also is colonel-in-chief of the Royal Scottish Regiment of Victoria, will meet the Corps of Signals in Kingston, Ont., about October 7-9.
She will also visit Ottawa, and perhaps Toronto and Montreal.

OMAGH

Elect Officers For Euchre Club

The final party for this year was held on Wednesday evening in S. S. No. 7 by the euchre club. A large number attended with prizes going to Mrs. Gear Sinclair, Mrs. M. May, Thomas Howden and Arthur Peacock.

The retiring officers were Clayton May and Arthur Peacock. Newly chosen president is Craig Royce and secretary is treasurer, Arnold Howden. Pie and ice cream were served as a special treat for lunch, after which all enjoyed dancing to the music supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair and Mr. Howden and Mr. R. Brown, floor manager. Tea hostesses were Mrs. C. May and Mrs. A. Peacock.

Easter Message
The ladies of Omagh Presbyterian W.A. and W.M.S. were entertained at the home of Mrs. Cecil Jarvis for the April meeting. Mrs. C. Peacock, president, was in charge of the W.A. business. Mrs. W. E. Robertson of Milton gave a fine Easter message. Letters of thanks were read for fruit and flowers from Mr. Gillies, Mr. R. H. Peacock, Mrs. Robert Biggar and Miss Johnston. Reports of various committees were given and were approved. Boston W.A. were to be invited guests for the June meeting.

The W.M.S. meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. Marshall, president. Mrs. Hamilton, treasurer, reported on the pot luck luncheon. The Glad Tidings prayer was given by Mrs. Charles Jarvis and the study book on India was well given by Mrs. C. Patterson. Roll call was answered by the 30 ladies present. Mr. McFaul closed the meeting with prayer.

A sale was held after which a lovely lunch was served by Mrs. C. Marshall and Mrs. H. Rutherford, assisted by the hostess and all enjoyed a social half hour.

Club Holds Euchre
The girls of Omagh Softball club held a most successful euchre in the school on Thursday evening. Prize winners were Mrs. Alfred Ford, Mrs. Emmerson Ford Allan Bush and Bruce McCann. A lunch was served by the girls and all report a good time. The president, Marilyn Eves and secretary-treasurer, Marion Ford, are planning another party very soon, at which time a draw will be made for a mixette.

Mrs. Florence Jeffcott arrived home last week after a holiday in the sunny south. Mrs. Jeffcott and her mother, Mrs. A. Slicer of Oakville, made the journey by air and report having a most enjoyable vacation.

In reporting on the music festival last week, we were sorry to note that Mrs. Robert Brownridge's name had been omitted as teacher at Coyne's school.

Sunday school started for this year at Omagh Presbyterian church last Sabbath with a good attendance. Mr. William Raynor is the superintendent.

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Child Psychologist To Address Society

Dr. William E. Blatz, eminent Canadian child psychologist and director of the Institute of Child Study, University of Toronto, will address the annual meeting of the Halton County Children's Aid Society tonight in the Sunday school room of St. Paul's United church, Milton. W. G. McKenzie Robinson, Oakville, president of the 41 year old society, has invited all interested citizens to attend.

Dr. Blatz, author of many books, notably "Understanding the Young Child", is internationally known

Ross Austin Heads Holstein Calf Club

The organization of the Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club was held on Wednesday, April 13 at the Court House, Milton. Art Bennett explained the 4-H Calf Club program and showed two films pertaining to 4-H and junior farmer work.

There were 48 members present and they elected the following officers: president, Ross Austin, R.R. 3, Georgetown; vice-president, Tommy Hunter, R.R. 2, Georgetown; secretary, Lorna Woodley, R. R. 1, Milton.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24th, 1955

AT 12.01 A.M. TO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1955

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C. H. HESLOP, Mayor

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