

## The Week at Ottawa

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Ottawa (CP)—Broadly speaking, the Canadian government currently has a two-price system for buying uranium: the set-length published price and the negotiated premium price, unpublished. This system apparently is going to change next March 31.

Exact dimensions of the change were not given by Trade Minister Howe last week in a statement he said was to clarify previous statements by himself and Prime Minister St. Laurent on the government's uranium purchasing policy.

Mr. Howe did say, however, that there is a limit on the amount of uranium the government will buy at the premium price and that all contracts will be completed by March 31, 1962—beyond which time the military demands for uranium apparently cannot yet be calculated.

He said that "on the basis of our present information," no more premium-price contracts will be negotiated after March 31, 1956.

It was not expected that contracts would be negotiated between now and the end of next March unless there is satisfactory evidence that production will begin not later than April 1, 1957.

### New Atomic Reactor

Last week was one in which uranium and atomic plans held a high place in the news. A day after Mr. Howe's announcement the government made known its claim that Canada next year will be operating the world's best experimental atomic energy reactor.

The new \$40,000,000 NRU reactor, now under construction at Chalk River, Ont., was described in these terms in a new booklet published by Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., crown company in charge of atomic research in this country.

On uranium buying policies, Mr. Howe said that since Canada's uranium currently is sold to the United States atomic energy commission for military purposes, he could not, for security reasons, make public the quantity of uranium that still may be bought under the premium price.

"If the military requirement should be extended beyond March 31, 1962, the government's decision as to its future (uranium) purchasing policy will be announced," he said.

He traced these developments in the government's uranium buying policy.

1. On March 16, 1948, the government said it would buy "all acceptable uranium concentrates offered under a published price schedule" for a guaranteed period. The published price schedule now is guaranteed until March 31, 1962.

2. It also said that "in special circumstances consideration might be given to the payment of prices higher than those contained in the published price schedule."

Officials of Eldorado Mining and Refining Ltd., a crown company designated as the government's purchasing agent, said later that the price in the special contracts is secret but is "substantially higher" than the published price. They said all uranium now is bought under the premium price, not the published price. The reason was that in present conditions uranium cannot be produced at a profit under the published prices.

### Sliding Scale

The published price schedule provides for a sliding scale, depending on grade, to a maximum of \$6 a pound for uranium in concentrates with a uranium content of not less than 10 per cent. In addition a development allowance of \$1.25 a pound is paid during the first three years of production.

Mr. Howe said negotiation of the premium-price contracts involves a contract between the producer and Eldorado and a contract between Eldorado and the U.S. atomic energy commission.

The formula used in negotiating the premium-price contracts has been established by AEC, he said.

Mr. Howe said he wants to make "quite clear" that while the government is committed to buy all acceptable uranium concentrates under the published price up to March 31, 1962, it has no commitment to buy all uranium offered at prices higher than the published ones.

With atomic power projects in Canada and abroad still in the beginning stage, it was impossible to predict their uranium demands. But "full information on the progress of power reactor development, particularly as it bears on uranium requirements," would be made public as soon as available. So would government policy.

### Precautionary Moves

Officials at Ottawa say the possibility of inflation in Canada is not imminent, but they are concerned lest the economy by rising too steeply and suddenly from its 1954 recession might cause excessive pressure on goods and labor resulting in price jumps.

The economy has been expanded at a record pace. The gross national product—value of all goods and services produced—likely will rise to a record of more than \$25,000,000,000 this year, up more than \$1,000,000,000 from 1954. Consumer credit rose sharply in the April-June period, the main rise being in installment buying of automobiles.

Consequently the Bank of Canada last week boosted its lending charges on loans to chartered banks and the money market generally from one and a half per cent. to two per cent. Such a rise in the central bank rate is usually a signal for the chartered banks to tighten up on loans to their customers.

The government has increased the sales price of its 1954 storage butter to 58 cents a pound wholesale from 56. Officials said the increase applies only to Canadian consumers. Buyers from other countries can still get Canadian government butter at sharply reduced prices. Exports to Communist Czechoslovakia recently got 300,000 pounds for 37 cents a pound.

Just why the government decided to boost the price of storage butter at this time was not made clear. It still holds about 40,000,000 pounds, the highest it has ever held at this season of the year. In addition, it now has gathered about 30,000,000 pounds of freshly-made butter.

**Takes Summer Course In Home Economics**

Mrs. H. F. Whewell of J. M. Denyes school, Milton, attended the Home Economics course given by the Ontario Department of Education this summer. The course was held in Central Technical school, Toronto, from July 4 until August 5. The purpose of the course was to give teachers formal instruction in the subject of Home Economics.

Upon successful completion of two summer courses in Home Economics, the teachers receive an Elementary Home Economics Certificate. This certificate qualifies the holder to teach part time Home Economics up to the grade level for which she is already qualified to teach general subjects. This year 45 teachers were attending for the first time and 30 for the second time.

## What's Free At The C.N.E.?

When a family is going to the Ex each year, a question in the mind of the one who has to pay the bills is "What's free at the C.N.E.?" It costs 50 cents for each adult to get into the grounds, and a dime for each child, but once in Exhibition Park, the breadwinner wants to know what he can show the family without spending too much in the process. Here is a guide for him.

There is the new Avenue of the Provinces, the main boulevard of Exhibition Park on which tower symbolic arches. The theme of this year's Ex is "Canada's Parade of Progress." Each province will be represented in the Grandstand show and each day the CNE salutes a province.

From the newest to the oldest, is a visit to Toronto's oldest house, the Scadding cabin furnished as it was 161 years ago. Not far from the Scadding Cabin, each night visitors will be able to view the nearer galaxies through a telescope and hear a lecture on the heavenly bodies.

In the Ontario Government Building is the kindergarten zoo of the Lands and Forests Department. At night from this building there is an excellent view of the \$50,000 worth of fireworks which the Exhibition sets off to end each day.

Each afternoon and evening from the Bandshell the great United States Navy Band will play. Or each evening the Star Free Concert will provide the Leslie Bell singers and many featured performers.

If the visitor feels ambitious, he can barn dance in the big tent. Or he wants to hear soloists and duets, each evening the Royal Conservatory sponsors appearances of leading Canadian musicians in the Music Building or he can sit in on the competitions by musicians of various classes competing for CNE scholarships and prizes.

The sports minded have a field day for free. There is the new Canadian Sports Hall of Fame which will be officially opened just before the CNE and will provide a place in which Canada can honor the sports greats of the past. The waterfront events alone require several pages to list. There is the \$25,000 Across Lake Ontario swim, amateur swims, speed boat races, sailing races and a host of other aquatic events including the world's finest water skiers and diving champions.

For women there are two fashion shows a day and a building devoted to the Women's World. In the new \$1,500,000 Food Products Building on Food Products Day, one or more than \$6,000 worth of prizes including a new two-tone sedan, may be won without spending a cent.

And on the subject of cars, there is the Automotive Building where manufacturers display latest models and some futuristic types that may be the cars of tomorrow. In the largest show building in the world the city can get a picture of Canadian agriculture. Millions of dollars worth of prize livestock, poultry and all forms of produce will be shown. In another building devoted entirely to horticulture, the amateur can see formal and informal gardening displays and get ideas that can be applied in his own backyard.

On Warriors' Day and Labor Day, the two biggest annual parades in Canada take place. But every day there are thousands of other features that can be seen—and all for nothing.

## Planning Board In Operation, New Assessment Nears Million

Seeing Nelson township's assessment going up by the millions, Reeve Harold D. Adkins congratulated assessment commissioner Edgar Marshall on his report of supplementary assessment to July 31, 1955 which totalled \$913,962.

Of this, \$11,592 was industrial; \$882,941 residential and \$18,476 commercial. The total for July alone was \$213,685. "With another million industrial to be added next year . . .", the Reeve said, with an expressive motion of the hands.

The township received a letter from Col. A. L. S. Nash of the Community Planning Branch of the Department of Planning and Development in which he was pleased to note that the Nelson Planning Board had completed its organization and was operating to the complete satisfaction of the council.

"We are also pleased to learn that Nelson Planning Board is working in close harmony with the Burlington and Suburban Planning Board. This co-ordination of local and inter-municipal planning in your area would appear to augur well for the best future development of Nelson township and of the broader community in which the township is located." This was an extract from the letter.

Expecting heavy traffic on the Trafalgar-Nelson Line, the Hamilton Construction Company, which is operating in the Elizabeth Gardens development, asked to have the road oiled up to its office, also for a sign directing the public to its offices. The sign was granted at a licence fee of \$6. It was suggested the bridge on the Trafalgar-Nelson Line be widened to take care of the extra traffic.

Deputy-reeve Fred Walker recommended a complete road oiling program for next year. "Our roads are going over into the fields in dust," he said.

A request from Shoreacres Heights Community Council that dedicated land be cleared to allow for park facilities, was deferred as

to decision until the engineer has compiled a list of all subdivisions where there is a dedicated park site, with an estimated cost of clearing the land in reasonably good condition for park purposes, such as trees removed, underbrush cleaned out and weeds cut. Reeve Adkins mentioned there was a dedicated portion of the Wardley Court Subdivision in the Indian Point extension, in the ravine.

A report from the building inspector indicated that 88.80 per cent. of building permits for residences within the last 19 months had been for houses having more than 930 square feet floor space or a total of 373 residences. From 700 to 930 square feet, there had been 46, and under 700 square feet, one. The township engineer, on receiving written notification from A. H. Ward that he will pay same, is to prepare the necessary plans for a sanitary sewer on Sharron Street from Woodward Ave. in the Chaley survey and to make arrangements to have the sewer installed.

The engineer was authorized to have the break in the underground cable supplying power to the street lights on Woodland Park Drive, repaired, and costs charged to the Roseland lighting account.

Council passed a motion to amend a by-law to license a dealer of persons delivering coal or other fuels with an annual fee. For a resident dealer the fee is to be \$5 a year; for non-resident \$10 a year with a maximum of \$50.

The report of Chief Constable Harvey Hunt showed property recovered in the amount of \$1,600, while property reported stolen only amounted to \$200. There were two bicycles recovered where none had been reported stolen. Fines for the last month had totalled \$66.50 with costs of \$46.50. There had been 96 occurrences reported with 21 criminal investigations. Seven children had been lost and an equal number found.

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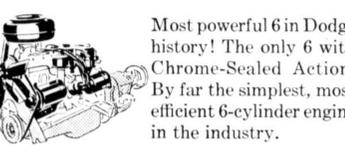
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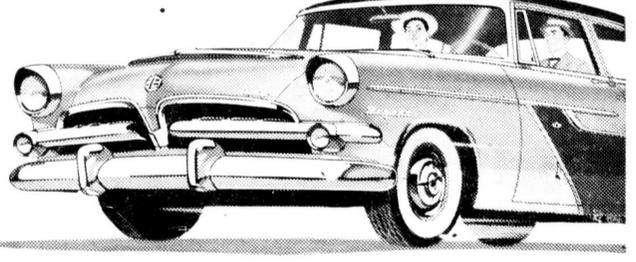


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