

# PROVIDE AID TO FARMERS

## Provincial Government To Assist Those Unable To Supply Own Planting Needs

### Measure Drafted Because of Weather Conditions in 1938 Details of Plans Forwarded to County Officials

Because of the inability of farmers in certain areas of the Province to provide themselves with seed due to weather conditions in 1938, the Government has decided to render assistance in such cases in co-operation with municipalities. It was announced by Hon. A. C. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture.

Details of the plan are being communicated immediately to all County Secretaries, Wardens, County Councillors and Members of the New Brunswick Legislature to insure that full particulars are as widely disseminated as possible.

In making the announcement, Hon. Mr. Taylor stated that correspondence and petitions received by his Department, together with information available from other sources made it apparent that weather conditions in certain areas last season had created certain crop shortages. Consequently many farmers have prepared their land for crops this season but have no seed for planting and have not the financial resources to arrange purchases.

In view of these conditions the Minister of Agriculture has been authorized by the Government to advise municipalities affected that the Province will assist them to meet the situation referred to under the following conditions:

(1) There shall be established in any parish where such assistance is needed a committee of three, consisting of two persons appointed by the municipality and one person appointed by the Province. Where local conditions necessitate such a second committee may be set up in any parish.

(2) Such committee shall pass (Continued On Page Five)

## In Brief

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Wood pulp producers face a loss of their Japan markets because of a Jap decree that all wood pulp imports would be eliminated by 1942. Instead straw, bagasse and soya bean substitutes will be developed. Scarcity of iron and steel hindering ship building have forced the Japs to melt up mailboxes, manhole covers, ash trays, lamp posts and other steel and iron articles to bolster the supply.

PARIS, May 5.—France reiterated their stand they were solidly behind Poland following reports that France was faltering. Premier Daladier said their position has not varied.

OTTAWA, May 5.—A mother and her daughter died in their sleep here from fumigating gas. The two, Mrs. Florence Mitchell and Edna Vaughan were discovered dead by another when she attempted to awaken them in the morning.

BERLIN, May 5.—A non-aggression treaty between Germany and Latvia has been accomplished. Progress is also reported between Germany and Estonia.

## BECK ADDRESS TODAY KEY TO EUROPE'S FUTURE

BERLIN, May 5.—With the fate of Europe hanging in balance and determined by the address of Poland's Foreign Minister Beck, Germany held troops ready in case a surprise is pulled in the speech today which Nazis also thought might shed some information on Litvinoff's retirement.

Reply to Hitler's demands for a 15-mile corridor and the Free City of Danzig contains the dynamite of the address. Poland has previously claimed protectorate of the seaport to prevent encirclement of the country.

Britain and France were also nervous today because of fears their encirclement policy might be cracking because of the series of events of the past few days. It was also reported that Britain or France have not tried to influence the Polish Foreign Minister in any way.

Tension was also increased by reports of incidents between Poles and Germans in Silesia. In any event it was forecast that Poland will turn down any demand of the Nazis for a strip of Poland to connect Germany with East Prussia.

## RUSSIAN MOVE HAS EUROPEAN NATIONS PUZZLED

MOSCOW, May 5.—Conjecture was rife in European Capitals as diplomats tried in vain to solve the retirement of Maxim Litvinoff as Foreign Commissar of Russia.

While some believed it might mean that the Soviet Government would veer more friendly to Germany or at least swing into neutrality there were others who believed that it served as notice to Great Britain and France to speed up the security policy.

It brought a new uncertainty to Great Britain and France and Litvinoff's future remains a question mark as others in the Soviet regime who have been released have disappeared. Stalin still remained the question mark of the situation as Beck's speech today might plunge the nations into a conflict.

Litvinoff, a man of severe language was a figure at the round tables of European conference for the past few years while Molotov is a nationalist and speaks only his native tongue. He is right-hand man of Stalin and is now head of foreign affairs.

## Beck's Answer to Hitler's Demands Firm and Unyielding but Leaves Way for Negotiation

WARSAW, May 5.—Chancellor Hitler and the German nation got Poland's answer this morning—an answer that left the door open for negotiations with peaceful settlement in mind, but which was firm and unyielding. Foreign Minister Joseph Beck told Parliament in a widely broadcast address that Hitler's demands were one-sided and that there was no justification for Poland's bowing to his will in the matter of the Free City of Danzig and the 15-mile road across the Polish Corridor.

## SAILS FOR CANADA TOMORROW



King George VI will leave Portsmouth aboard the Empress of Australia tomorrow for a tour of Canada and a visit to the United States and President Roosevelt. The Royal Tour begins at Quebec and will come to Fredericton on June 13 from Newcastle, later proceeding to Saint John and Halifax, where Their Majesties will sail home to the Motherland.

## SEEDING WELL ADVANCED IN CANADIAN WEST

WINNIPEG, May 5.—Seeding operations in the prairie provinces are considerably in advance of last year, according to the second of the season's crop reports submitted by the agricultural department of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Unusually warm weather for the time of year points to need for more moisture in Manitoba and some parts of Saskatchewan, although fairly heavy showers have fallen this week in north and northwestern Saskatchewan, southern and north-central Alberta.

Manitoba reports 87 per cent of its wheat sown; Saskatchewan 51 per cent and Alberta 45 per cent. Seeding is just becoming general in northern Saskatchewan and parts of north-central Alberta, but wheat in all in the ground in many districts in Manitoba and at few points in south-eastern Saskatchewan.

Approximately twenty per cent of (Continued on Page Five)

## ROYAL SENDOFF AT PORTSMOUTH TOMORROW

While Canada is rushing preparations for the reception of the King and Queen, who sail from Portsmouth tomorrow, England was also busy yesterday and today with last minute details to bid the Royal entourage "bon voyage" as they board ship tomorrow.

Waterloo Shed was decked with young maple trees, whose leaf is a Canadian emblem and great banks of flowers were strewn along the companionways and lounges of the white liner Empress of Australia, crack C.P.R. luxury liner, which pushes off into the great expanse of the Atlantic Ocean for Canada.

Yesterday the King replied to the messages of Parliament expressing thanks for their loyalty. In the meantime the Royal train of Royal Blue and Gold were having the last minute touches added for the reception of the visitors, the first reigning (Continued On Page Five)

## BECK'S SPEECH INCREASES CONFIDENCE

LONDON, May 5.—London and Paris today heard the address of Joseph Beck, Polish foreign minister, and expressed his answer as the calm logical answer to the demands of Adolf Hitler.

England and France were in complete accord with Poland in their answer, it was stated in London today. The British and French governments knew in advance what the words of the address would be, it is reported and had expressed their satisfaction ahead of time. London considered the speech moderate and reasonable in tone but firm.

In the Berlin papers there was no indication of the German reaction to the speech. The official German papers did not comment.

The speech gave increased confidence to the Polish nation, it was reported today. For some time defence preparations have been rushed and every possible precaution taken for the event of a conflict. The nation was further encouraged in their staunch stand for their national rights by the declaration that France and Britain are strongly behind their commitments in the anti-aggression pact.

## POSSIBILITIES OF KING CLOSING HOUSE BRIGHTER

OTTAWA, May 5.—The possibility of Royal prorogation of the Canadian Parliament was a little brighter today. The government's wheat legislation is progressing with less debate than had been expected, and other matters are being cleared up. In addition, the members have given the indication of being willing to hurry matters to allow for the prorogation by King George.

The first wheat bill has been given first and second reading with little debate, while a second agricultural bill has been given second reading and is nearly through committee work.

## URGE APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION FOR U.S. NAVY

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Approval of an expenditure of more than seven hundred and seventy millions was urged upon the United States House of Representatives yesterday for extensions to the United States Navy.

The fund was prepared for the construction of two 45,000 ton battleships and 21 warships as well as 500 warplanes as representatives were forewarned of the necessity of speeding up the rearmament programme.

## Stock Market Quotations

Loughlin & McKenzie Ltd. at 1.15 p.m. New York	
Anacosta	23 3/4
American Can	37 1/2
Smelters	41
Baldwin	11 1/2
Curtiss Wright	6
Bendix	21 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/4
Bethlehem	55
Chrysler	67
N. Y. Central	14 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	32 1/2
Dupont	14 1/4
Douglas	62 1/2
Elac. P. & L.	7 1/2
General Motors	43 1/2

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## MISSING PLANE FORCED DOWN AT JOGGINS

SAINT JOHN, N. B., May 5.—A message from Joggins Mines, Nova Scotia, today told the province that the Maritime Airline Stinson monoplane with its crew of two and one passenger was safe after making a forced landing due to weather conditions.

Officially unreported since yesterday afternoon, the plane piloted by Cliff Frechette, and carrying also William Arrowsmith, co-pilot and H. R. Ardill, Montreal, a passenger, made a safe landing. The pilot today informed his office headquarters at Saint John.

Thick weather was reported along most of the route of the plane. The last unofficial word of the plane before today's message, said that the plane was heard over Port Greville, heading for the coast to start the Bay of Fundy crossing. Residents of the town reported hearing the motors of the red and blue craft flying at a low elevation. A search for the plane by the Royal Canadian Airforce had been planned for this morning.

## Will Not Conscript In Northern Ireland

LONDON, May 5.—Northern Ireland has been exempted from the provisions of conscription it was learned last night to avoid an open breach with the Eire. The Prime Minister also announced that those conscripted would be paid a shilling a day and a married allowance of 17 shillings a week.

## HAS HOPES OF COMPLETING NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, May 5.—Prime Minister Chamberlain was the butt of Labor attacks today when members of the party charged him with delaying the Anglo-Russian negotiations. The Prime Minister arose to his own defence, however, by stating that other nations in the bloc, including France, Turkey, Greece and Rumania had to be informed of all moves.

The Prime Minister stated, however that he hoped to have the negotiations completed in the near future.

## FORMER DEVON MINISTER IS SYNOD OFFICER

SAINT JOHN, May 5.—Rev. C. Le-Roi Mooers, Sackville, and formerly at St. Mary's Parish Church in Devon was elected secretary-treasurer of the Synod of the Fredericton Diocese of the Church of England at its closing session here.

The new executive officer will take over his duties within a month or so from Miss Barbara Fairweather, retiring treasurer and Mr. Justice J. H. A. L. Fairweather, as secretary.

The Bishop and the Dean of Fredericton were asked to bring to the attention of the authorities the desirability of having the King visit the Cathedral in Fredericton as it is the first cathedral built in the British overseas possessions and has a Bible given by his grandfather when he visited Canada as Prince of Wales. The question being asked by Rev. J. W. Forth as to the desirability of decorating churches along the route Their Majesties will follow in their drive, the Bishop said he believed the various congregations must follow their own discretion. It was noted that the St. George's cross is the correct flag to fly from the churches.