

The Week In Ottawa

The federal government has unveiled strict anti-pollution measures designed to protect the waters of the Arctic and to advance its sovereignty claim in international law.

The measures include a series of new criminal offenses that could cost convicted ship-owners up to \$100,000 for each offence.

The bill setting out the measures was accompanied by another one replacing Canada's existing three-mile territorial sea and nine-mile exclusive fishing zone with a 12-mile sea limit.

Prime Minister Trudeau announced that Canada will no longer respect the authority of the International Court of Justice at The Hague over disputes involving pollution in waters off her east and west coasts and in the Arctic.

United Nations Secretary-General U Thant was advised of the step in a letter delivered to him in New York. Mr. Trudeau said the measure was needed to guard against Canada's being dragged into the international court to defend the new Arctic legislation.

Canada will claim jurisdiction over all commercial shipping that comes close enough to the Arctic archipelago to pose a potential pollution problem.

The area covered goes far beyond the waters the government regards as Canada's own. But officials insisted there are numerous precedents for a nation asserting limited jurisdiction beyond the limits of her sovereignty in international law.

Outside the Commons, the prime minister cited the example set by Canada and the United States in requiring aircraft approaching the east and west coasts to identify themselves while still several hundred miles offshore.

Mr. Trudeau stressed that the Arctic bill "is not an assertion of sovereignty."

"It is an exercise of our desire to protect the Arctic from the threat of pollution."

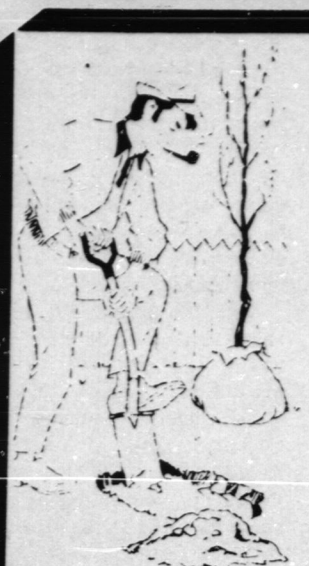
Opposition questioners were unsuccessful in Commons attempts to get an estimated date for the issuing of regulations for the government's wheat-acreage reduction program. But Otto Lang, minister without portfolio responsible for wheat matters, promised a date will be set "as soon as possible."

Since the reduction program was announced Feb. 27 there have been repeated inquiries on when the detailed regulations would be issued. Mr. Lang told New Democrat Leader T. C. Douglas that the regulations now are being drafted.

George Muir PC-Lisgar asked Mr. Lang whether present regulations could be amended so that farmers who have wheat ground into flour for their own use will be allowed to keep all of it.

Farmers now can have 50 bushels ground, but must leave half of it at the mill against their cash advance payments. Mr. Muir said farmers should get all of it, especially when large families are involved.

Under the wheat reduction program farmers would be paid \$6 an acre for wheat land switched to a summer fallow to a maximum of \$6,000 a farm.



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Sports

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is evident now that the National Hockey League draft of 1967 from Stanley Cup champion Toronto Maple Leafs to a club that was out of the playoffs of the next three years.

Leafs lost 13 players to six new clubs and were able to retain 30. Of the players lost by the Leafs are still playing in the NHL. The club retains a full time roster, one has been knocked out of action by injury and only one in the circuit.

On the other hand, the protected goaltender Bower, who has retired, and only four of 12 protected skaters with the club.

Through the complicated process of losing some players and protecting others, the Leafs were able to retain two other goaltenders and 15 skaters. Skaters are no longer in the club.

At left four of their top 12 skaters, two of whom were not considered good enough to be on the big team at the time of the expansion, was good enough, in 1970.

These figures are misleading, of course, since into traded Frank Brimacombe, Peter Kovski and Gary Smith to Detroit Red Wings, Norm Ullman, Floyd and Paul Henderson after expansion.

Who traded were defenseman Tim Horton, forwards Jim Pappin, Wayne Carleton.

The real disadvantage to the Leafs was their loss of a player who had experienced

through a series of injuries, they were able to get Terry Clancy and Brit

Playing in the league the list of 13 players lost in the expansion are goaltenders Gary Bower and Terry Sawchuk, defenseman Bob Baun and forward as well as Mike Keenan, Ed Joyal, Bill Gadsby, Bob Blackburn and Keenan.

Jeffrey Edstrand is not in the NHL and Jeffrey has been out of the season after suffering an injury.

He has forced the Leafs to go with an almost entirely inexperienced group of Rick Ley, Mike Keenan, Pat LaFontaine, Brian Glennie and Bower, who all missed the clutch of the season because of injury.

The Cupboard was so full during the 1969-70 season that Toronto was able to bring defencemen Pronovost out of retirement in an emergency and use senior goaltender to replace Bruce Gamble after Edwards was injured.

The Leafs aren't out of the woods yet. Right wing Ron Ellis, the Leafs' leading scorer in 1969-70, is considering retirement.

Armstrong, another winger, will probably be back and at least one forward is fast approaching retirement.



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