

Sports Camera

Some cynics already are predicting Montreal Expos will be a flop at the box office as well as on the field this season.

Last season's total attendance of more than 1,200,000 was a mistake, they say. The honeymoon is over.

The only evidence available for such a conclusion is a comparison of attendance for the first two weeks of last season compared with the first two of this, up to the end of the Expos' last homestand April 22.

Montreal drew 28,252 fewer fans during this season's first two weeks. However, the weather has been terrible.

A crowd of about 21,000 was on hand for the season opener despite unfavorable weather. Most of the crowds since have been poor.

But the Expos have played only one game at Jarry Park under sunny skies — although the temperature was still cool — and a crowd of about 22,000 turned out.

Certainly team president John McHale and general manager Jim Fanning aren't worried. They see no reason why attendance will not increase drastically when the Expos return home May 6 to warmer weather.

These critics of Montreal's National League baseball team fail to point out that attendance in all northern cities in both major leagues has been low — again because of poor weather.

When the Expos faced Los Angeles Dodgers April 22 in the first night game of the campaign at Jarry Park, many hitters on both clubs came to the plate wearing ski gloves.

Players in both dugouts watched most of the game standing up, so they could keep moving to try and stay warm. Attendance was less than 6,000, but what else could be expected.

If crowds of that size are frequent all summer, then undoubtedly the Expos would be in trouble. But most Expo fans are prepared to support a non-contender for at least another three or four seasons.

Even Montreal manager Gene Mauch, an eternal optimist, says he would be more than delighted with 70 wins this season.

A good guess might be about 60 wins — eight more than last season.

There seems no reason to believe that the Expos cannot come close to matching last season's total gate or possibly exceed it slightly.

Despite the team's lack of depth, it still has several colorful and proficient players such as Rusty Staub, Mack Jones and Ron Fairly. Previous expansion teams such as New York Mets and Houston Astros had no players of this stature for their first few years in the major leagues.

Ultimately a bigger and better stadium will have to be built in Montreal to ensure continued fan support.

But there is no problem at the moment, and shouldn't be for several years.

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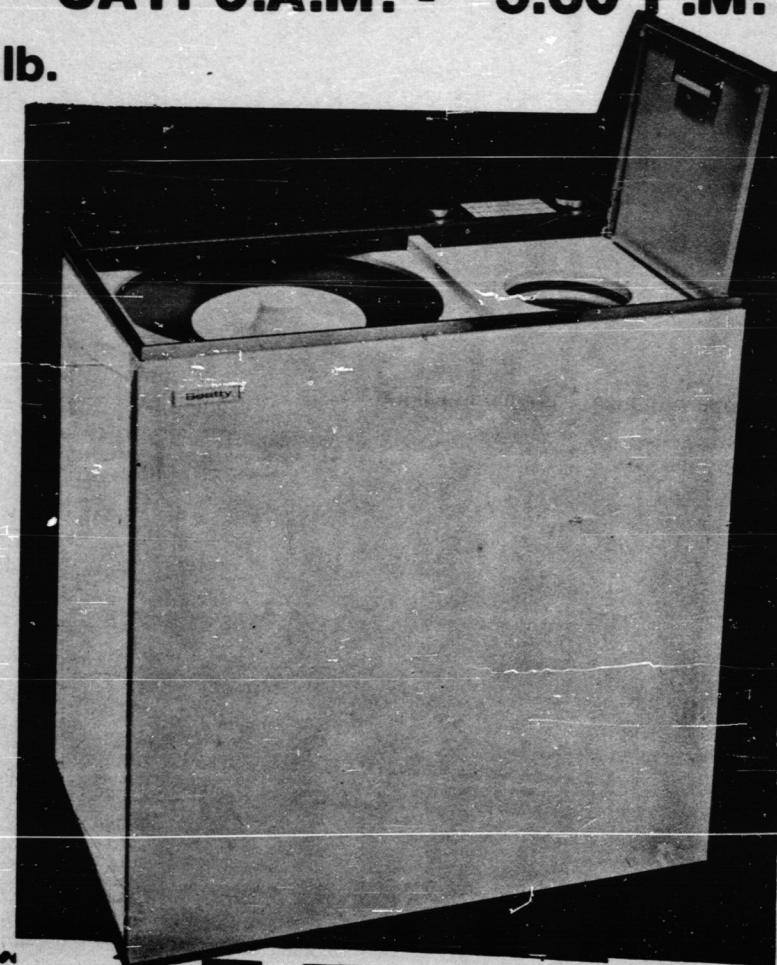
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The Week In Ottawa

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The Record
By Gordon Pollard
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Commons gave
second reading
to government bill
to prevent
in the Canadian

bill carried 198 to 0.
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conservatives, 21 New
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T POLICY

new policy on rents for
ic housing tenants was
ounced by Robert
as, minister without
folio in charge of

Andras told the new
mons a proposed new
out-income scale will
out inequities in the

present rent structure. He
also outlined new federal
initiatives to encourage and
enable greater tenant
participation in the
administration of public
housing projects.

The revised rent scheme,
which Mr. Andras said has
already won a favorable
response from the
provinces, would:

— Reduce to 25 percent
from 30 the maximum
proportion of a tenant's
income to be paid in rent,
and lower the minimum
proportion for tenants at
the bottom level to 14.4
percent from 16.7 percent
of their income;

— Take into account the
problems of large families
by reducing rents by \$2 a
month for each child after
the first two;

— Increase to \$900 from
\$250 the amount that may
be earned by a working wife
before her income is
computed as part of total
family income for purposes
of rent calculation.

MAYORS VISIT

The Canadian Federation
of Mayors and
Municipalities urged the
federal cabinet to adopt "a
positive housing program"
to serve the dual purpose of
creating jobs and relieving
the current housing
shortage.

In presenting the
federation's annual brief to
the cabinet, federation
president Mayor Allan
O'Brien of Halifax said it
is necessary to pursue policies
designed "to cope with high

inflation and high
unemployment
simultaneously."

Mayor O'Brien said the
municipalities recognize
that it is in their interest to
support "a broadscale
attack on inflation", but at
the same time they deplore
unemployment caused by
the anti-inflation drive.

EXPANSION GRANTS

The signing of agreements
that will pump \$41,200,000
in federal funds into
Newfoundland and
\$32,500,000 into New
Brunswick this year was
announced in the Commons
by Regional Expansion
Minister Jean Marchand.

Mr. Marchand said the
funds have been committed
for projects in the current
fiscal year, ending March
31, 1971, under agreements
with the two provinces.

The agreement with
Newfoundland will result in
spending of \$82,000,000 on
projects which the province
and its municipalities can't
afford themselves.

The New Brunswick
agreement will result in
\$62,000,000 in federal
spending on municipal
improvements and some
provincial highway
construction.

In the current year,
\$31,000,000 will go to
Newfoundland in grants and
\$10,200,000 in loans. New
Brunswick is getting
\$22,700,000 in grants and
\$9,800,000 in loans.

Mr. Marchand said federal
aid has never before been
given on such a scale.

Erie Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cox
and Son Steven of
Willowdale spent Sunday
with Mrs. Horace Mullin.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell
Newton of Kitchener spent
Wednesday at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Betty Brown.

Mrs. J. W. McBurney
spent Saturday in Jarvis
with her sister Mrs. Malen
Wilkins. Mrs. Wilkins had
returned on Friday, after a
period spent in the Simcoe
Hospital.

Miss Margaret Biggar, R.
N. of Welland spent the
weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mario
Kopency spent the past
week with the former's
parents at Ottawa.

Mrs. William Campbell
spent a few days last week
at Niagara Falls.

Mrs. William Lint
returned to her home on
Saturday after a lengthy
stay in the West Haldimand
Hospital. She is much
improved in health.

Specially Written for
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Canadian Press Staff Writer

Twelve men died in the
sinking of a Newfoundland-
based herring seiner and a
CN ferry that was sent to
rescue its crew in stormy
seas in Cabot Strait.

Forty-seven others were
rescued. The 10,000-ton
railer ferry Patrick Morris
went down Monday, 35
minutes after sending a
distress call.

The seiner Enterprise
sank on Sunday and all
eight men on board were
lost.

It was thought that the
Morris, replacement value
\$10,000,000 went down
when seas poured through
her stern loading doors as
she was positioning herself
to pick up bodies.

BLACK POWER REVOLT

The black government of
the tiny island
Commonwealth country of
Trinidad and Tobago
contained a Black Power
revolt that saw 79 members
of the 750-man army
mutiny.

Rioting and arson started
Tuesday when the
government declared a state
of emergency after weeks of
trouble with extremists in
the population of slightly
more than 1,000,000
mostly Negro and East
Indian.

Black Power leaders,
among other things, protest
the fact that the bulk of the
country's industry is owned
by whites who make up
only two percent of the
population. The situation is
aggravated by a massive
unemployment and
under-employment
problem.

Four persons had been
killed by Friday in
disturbances that started
with the arrest of some
Black Power leaders.
Mutineers held some
officers as hostages in an
army barracks surrendering
to the government of Prime
Minister Eric Williams
Friday.

The United States flew in
some guns for loyalist
soldiers.

British and U.S. naval
vessels were standing by to
evacuate their nationals if
necessary. External Affairs
Minister Mitchell Sharp said
there were arrangements of
evacuate about 500
Canadians but added he did
not think this would be
necessary.

TO PULL OUT TROOPS

President Nixon surprised
the world Tuesday by
announcing that 150,000
American troops will be
withdrawn from the South
Vietnam war in the next 12
months. This would reduce

the American strength to
about 250,000 compared
with a peak of 549,000.

Nixon said he could
announce the long-term
withdrawal because there
has been no new buildup of
North Vietnamese troops in
the South and because the
Vietnamization program,
under which the fighting is
being handed over to
Southeast Asian forces,
is working, as is the
pacification of the
countryside.

He warned, however, that
the withdrawal would be
jeopardized if North
Vietnamese and Viet Cong
action in not only South
Vietnam, but in Cambodia
and Laos as well, threatened
American forces.

Australia announced later
that it will withdraw 900 of
its 8,000-man force in
Vietnam.

EGYPT MAKES RAIDS

In the world's other war,
Egyptian planes struck into

the Sinai Desert four times
this week, the deepest
penetrations since the 1967
war. Israel, which made
raids of its own, discounted
Egyptian damage claims.

BIRTHDAY ANGER

The world's two great
Communist powers lashed
out at each other this week,
as they marked the 100th
anniversary of the birth of
Vladimir Ilych Lenin,
founder of modern
communism.

Leonid I. Brezhnev,
Soviet party boss,
mentioned the Peking
leadership's "rupture with
the principles laid down by
Lenin." An 18,000-word
Chinese editorial accused
the Soviet Union of
disgracing Lenin's homeland
and called on the Soviet
people to topple Brezhnev
and his fellow "revision-
ists."

J.P. Landon

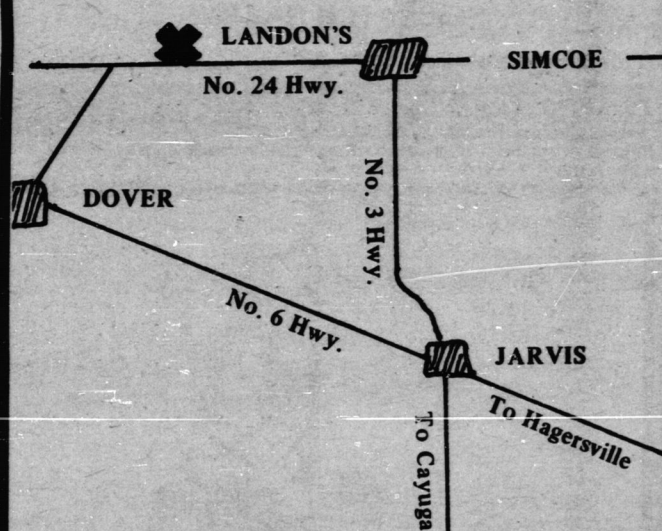
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