

TRAIN POLLING BOOTH: Hanover, August 4 -- Germans and other continentals witnessed a strange and unusual example of Canadian democracy in action today as a polling booth for Canadian servicemen opened promptly at 9 a.m. aboard a civilian passenger express train speeding over the rails from Hanover to the German port of Bremerhaven. On board was a service draft of some 50 soldiers homeward bound.

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JUNE CHEQUES \$11,671,224,000: Value of cheques cashed in 35 clearing centres across Canada climbed nearly 11 per cent in June to \$11,671,224,000 from \$10,524,543,000 in the corresponding month last year. This raised the cumulative total for the first six months

of 1953 to \$67,259,354,000, close to 13 per cent above the \$59,674,597,000 for the like 1952 period. Gains were shown in all five economic areas both in June and the half-year period.

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Both in quantity and value lobsters are the most important catch of Prince Edward Island fishermen and in 1951 they owned 382,745 lobster traps valued at \$1,193,200. That year over half of the fishing fleet and more than four-fifths of the fishermen went lobster fishing, landing 8,342,000 pounds with a market value of \$2,227,200. This was nearly 31% of the total quantity of sea-fish landed and over 69% of the total value.

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