

and "Townscape" by Gordon Smith. The Milne painting was done at the time Milne exhibited at the famous Armoury Show in New York (1913).

**PRINTS AND DRAWINGS**

One of the most important drawings ever to be acquired by the National Gallery was purchased from 1961-62 funds. It is a silver-point drawing, "The Virgin and Child with Four Angel Musicians", by Hans Memling (d. 1494), and is considered to be a very rare example of the early Flemish school.

Other drawings of note are two nineteenth-century French examples, a view of Avignon by Theodore Rousseau and a water colour, "Death and the Lady", by Narcisse Diaz de la Pena.

New prints include exceptionally fine impressions of an engraving, "The Last Judgment", by Pieter Brueghel the Elder, and of the etching, "Peasants at the Door of a House", by Rembrandt. Modern examples include; Whistler's most important etched portrait, "Annie Haden"; an original poster by Toulouse-Lautrec; lithographs by Manet, Matisse, Kokoshka, Manessier and Appel; woodcuts by Feininger and Vlaminck, and etchings by Villon and Segonzac.

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**DAIRY SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

The Canadian Cabinet has authorized the Agricultural Stabilization Board to drop the buying and selling price of butter from 64 to 52 cents a pound effective May 1. While the selling price will be lowered by 12 cents a pound, returns to producers will be maintained at the present 64-cent support level. The Stabilization Board will make necessary compensatory payments to producers of manufacturing milk and cream.

Mr. Harkness said the retail price of butter should emerge at between 56 and 59 cents a pound. The price at which the Stabilization Board will buy cheese will be set in relation to the 52-cent purchase price for butter. Cheese-milk shippers will receive the same compensatory payment as is to be made to those supplying milk for butter manufacture.

The revised purchase prices for butter and cheese plus the compensatory payments, will provide the same measure of support to producers supplying milk for butter and cheese production as is provided under the present support programme.

**EXCEPTIONS**

The compensatory payment will be in addition to the subsidy of 25 cents a hundred pounds now paid to shippers of manufacturing milk. It will not be paid on milk used in the fluid-milk market, nor on surplus milk from producers shipping to the fluid-milk market.

The pricing of fluid milk and any control of surplus production in this segment of the industry lies within local jurisdiction in each province, Mr. Harkness explained.

Milk used for the production of concentrated milk products will continue to receive the present subsidy of 25 cents a hundred pounds, but will not be eligible for the additional compensatory payments.

The Stabilization Board has been instructed to enter into discussions with producer and industry representatives with respect to details of the new programme, including arrangements for the price transition.

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**NATO ADMIRAL TOURS RCN SHIP**

The Commander of a NATO naval force of 47 ships and several score aircraft, Vice-Admiral John G. Hamilton, Royal Navy, Flag Officer Flotillas, Home, and Commander of Exercise "Dawn Breeze Seven", paid a quick visit on March 21 to the Canadian destroyer escort "St. Croix". When he left later in the day, he had praise for the Canadian group in his command.

"Dawn Breeze Seven" took place from March 10 to 30, in the Western Mediterranean. Naval elements of five NATO countries participated.

Admiral Hamilton transferred by jackstay from the British anti-aircraft frigate "Leopard" to the "St. Croix", one of five destroyer escorts of the Fifth Canadian Escort Squadron taking part in the exercise.

After a quick tour of the ship, the Admiral watched as the "St. Croix", HMS "Leopard" and helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft from the French aircraft-carrier "Clemenceau" conducted an anti-submarine exercise with the British submarine "Tacitum".

Before departure, Admiral Hamilton said: "It has been a great pleasure to have been on board, and a particular pleasure to have the Fifth Canadian Escort Squadron with us on these exercises. This is the first time I have had the pleasure of commanding a NATO exercise with ships of the Royal Canadian Navy, particularly these 'Cadillacs', generally regarded as the finest anti-submarine ships in the world. Having seen one, I feel that proud title is well deserved. As a postscript, I must add that the new A/S ships the Royal Navy is producing will make the RCN look to its laurels".

Admiral Hamilton displayed a keen interest not only in the sophisticated fighting equipment of the "St. Croix" but also in her accommodation. He particularly asked to have a copy of the weekly menu served on board this well-fed ship.

Destroyer escorts of the "St. Laurent" and "Restigouche" classes have been dubbed "Cadillacs" by their crews.

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**RED RIVER STAMP**

Details of a new commemorative five-cent postage stamp honouring the 150th anniversary of the Red River Settlement were revealed recently by Mr. William Hamilton, the Postmaster General. The new stamp is to be released on May 3.

Mr. Hamilton pointed out the importance of the founding of the Red River Settlement in the development of the Prairie Provinces. The 116,000 square miles granted to Lord Selkirk, and the small plot of cultivated land outside Fort Douglas, formed the nucleus of region that eventually became known as

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