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CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IS LAUNCHED AUSPICIOUSLY

Attlee Calls British General Election Feb. 23

Dairy Sales Promotion On Extensive Scale Advocated

Aiming at the development of a more extensive market for dairy products the Prince Edward Island Dairy Producers' Association passed resolutions advocating extensive sales promotion and the setting up of a central co-operative buying agency for dairy supplies at their annual meeting which concluded late last night.

Mr. R. A. Profit, Freetown was elected President of the Association replacing Mr. Earl Ings. Mount Herbert, vice-president is Mr. Wilfrid Fessenden, Vernon Bridge and secretary, is Mr. Leo P. McEwen.

A motion was passed urging that a new Margarine Act be drawn up to prohibit the manufacture, sale or distribution of margarine in this Province. This was adopted after many dissatisfied comments were made upon the present Act.

The recommendations urging immediate action advocated a central selling agency for butter along the same setup as cheese with the two to be combined later.



MR. R. A. PROFIT, Newly Elected President of the P. E. I. Dairy Producers' Association.

Sales Promotion Campaign

After considerable discussion the meeting passed a motion asking the sales committee to assist the national sales promotion and public relations campaign of dairy farmers of Canada, also making provision for Island advertising. Funds to be provided by an increased assessment of \$2,000.

The study of the possibility of a central packaging plant for cheese and butter and also suitable storage and transportation facilities for butter was urged. The advertising of fluid milk, acceptance of a uniform brand for Island dairy products and the sale of print butter with grade stamped and wrapped were other resolutions passed.

The resolutions also asked for the continuation of a price and check testing policy, that the Government be requested to provide services of an official weigher for the Province and that the Dominion Government be asked to continue the support of butter and cheese at last year's level.

Mr. Earl Ings, Mount Herbert, and Mr. J. J. MacDonald, Glenfinnan, were appointed delegates to attend the annual meeting of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, New County directors appointed to the Association were: Mr. R. A. Profit, Freetown, Prince County; Mr. Andrew Gallant, New Glasgow for Queen's County and Mr. J. A. Gillespie, Souris, King's County.

More attention to our grass and grain crops and the setting up of

Issue Will Be Socialism Vs. Private Enterprise

Communist-led Strikes Cause Trouble In Italy

By WILLIAM BOSS (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Wednesday) — Britain's general election will be held Feb. 23, Prime Minister Attlee announced today.

The issue will be between Attlee's Labor Government, which in nearly five years of power has espoused socialism, state planning and nationalization of industry, and Winston Churchill's Conservatives, who defend private enterprise.

Attlee made the announcement of the election date in a statement handed out shortly before 6 p.m. GMT last night for release at 12:30 A.M. this morning.

The announcement of the date of the next general election was included in a batch of proclamations stating that His Majesty had approved the Government's decision to:

1. Hold a general election Feb. 23;
2. Call no further meeting of the present Parliament;
3. Dissolve the present House of Commons Feb. 3;
4. Hold nominations Feb. 13;
5. Convene the new Parliament for formalities March 1;
6. Plan the state opening of the new Parliament March 6.

The Labor Party cancelled observance of the 50th jubilee anniversary of its founding Feb. 3 in order not to interrupt a full-blown campaign.

The standing in the Commons

All Agreed On Primary Issue Of Sovereignty

Provincial Rights Stressed By PEI Premier At Ottawa

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL

OTTAWA, Jan. 10 (Special)—Representatives of Canada's 11 governments agreed today that Canada, as a sovereign nation, should have the power to amend her constitution.

In statements at the opening of a Dominion-Provincial constitutional conference, Prime Minister St. Laurent and premiers of the 10 provinces agreed that Canada should not have to go to the United Kingdom parliament to obtain amendments to the Canadian constitution.

"Our aim is to reach agreement, as soon as possible, on a method of amendment which will relieve the United Kingdom parliament of an embarrassing obligation, and establish within Canada full and final responsibility for all our national affairs," said Mr. St. Laurent.

While the premiers agreed with Mr. St. Laurent on that aim, their statements indicated there is not uniformity of views on the formula to be followed in making constitutional amendments.

Urges Repeat

For instance, Premier McNair of New Brunswick urged repeal of the British North America Act — the basis of Canada's constitution — and replacement by a new constitution based on unanimous agreement among the provincial and federal governments.

Other premiers suggested less drastic changes. Some enumerated sections that should be capable of amendment by the Canadian parliament only after the consent of all provinces are concerned. Others suggested a redistribution of the rights of the Dominion and the Provinces as outlined in the B.N.A. Act.

After all 10 premiers had spoken, Mr. St. Laurent adjourned the conference until 11 A.M. E.S.T. tomorrow with a statement that there appeared to be agreement on "general principles."

The Prime Minister said the statements of premiers indicated there was general agreement that certain fundamental rights in the constitution should be so protected that they could not be changed without the consent of all the provinces.

There appeared to be agreement as well that there are some things in the constitution which can be

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Canadian agriculture faces a major crisis in 1950 unless government subsidies are provided to halt "the alarming drop in farm prices," H. H. Hannam, above, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, said recently.

Attempt To Formulate Policy Towards China

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Jan. 10 (CP)—A majority of delegates at the Commonwealth foreign ministers conference believe a blend of friendliness and cautious security measures against the spread of Communism is the best policy toward China, informed sources reported tonight.

The conference of eight countries, including Canada, spent most of the day discussing policy toward Communist China. Tomorrow the delegates take up the question of a Japanese peace treaty, third item on the agenda.

One group of delegates urged that an unfriendly policy might push Chinese Communists all the way into the Russian camp. Another group said that large Chinese populations scattered in Southeast Asia constitute a potential Communist fifth column, and declared any attempt at Communist infiltration in the area must be firmly resisted.

L. B. Pearson, Canada's External Affairs Minister, said that in foreign policy the Dominion attaches great value to Commonwealth consultations before decisions are taken—whenever possible.

Pearson reiterated earlier statements that Canada is not likely to recognize the Chinese Communists until he returns to Ottawa in mid-February.

He recalled that there had been consultation on China among members of the North Atlantic Pact and between Ottawa and Washington.

Canada liked to know the views of the United States just as she liked to know the mind of the Commonwealth, though this did not necessarily mean she always took the same view of action.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India said formal diplomatic recognition of the Chinese Communist regime is not enough. Friendly relations must accompany recognition. But he held that some security measures must be adopted against Communist agents from China.

Four members of the Commonwealth—Britain, India, Pakistan and Ceylon—have recognized the government of Mao Tse-Tung, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have not.

The discussions centred chiefly on the value and timing of diplomatic recognition of China. Some delegates expressed the view that Commonwealth countries should act in concert on such questions.

Catholic Church Hall Burned At Sussex

SUSSEX, N. B., Jan. 10 (CP)—The Roman Catholic Church hall here was destroyed by fire this afternoon. Firemen gained control of the situation before the flames could spread to the nearby church or other buildings.

KILLED ON STREET

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 10 (CP)—Miss Lillian A. Melaney, 74, died in hospital tonight after stepping in front of a taxi driven by William Clark. She had been returning from a church service. The accident occurred near a Waterloo Street millinery store operated by the victim for many years. Decision regarding an inquest will be announced tomorrow.

Duplessis Steals Show At Ottawa

By Douglas How

OTTAWA, Jan. 10 (CP)—A beaming, enigmatic Maurice Duplessis was the central figure in the Dominion-Provincial conference today and Quebec's Premier enjoyed every minute of it.

Mr. Duplessis, the man some people thought might send the chilly waters of utility, hadn't even stamped his foot hard enough to crack the ice.

He was a smiling, buoyant figure throughout this first day of a conference that seeks a method to amend Canada's constitution at home rather than in London.

Tomorrow may tell the story. But today was a large day in itself and no personality outshone that of Mr. Duplessis.

He greeted members of the Federal Cabinet, fellow premiers and other delegates like long-lost brethren. He shook hands with everyone including guards at the door.

When he arose to speak, Mr. Duplessis sounded a friendly note. He said Quebec wants to bring the constitution home as much as anyone.

When the delegates went to the big railway committee room to have their picture taken, he sat at Mr. St. Laurent's side and they chatted breezily, like two old acquaintances from Quebec. The picture taken, he had a long, chuckling chat with Newfoundland's Premier Smallwood.

He was the last man to leave the room. As he emerged, he met George Drew, a silent conference observer as Progressive Conservative leader and the man who, as Ontario's Premier, shared with Mr. Duplessis the central role in terminating the last Dominion-Provincial conference in disagreement.

They walked down the corridor together, chatting. Mr. Duplessis smiled and appeared happy. This time he was all alone as the big question mark at a Dominion-Provincial parley and he didn't seem to mind.

Imports From U. S. Up As Controls Are Removed

OTTAWA, Jan. 10 (CP)—An average daily import of \$14,000,000 in goods during the first 10 months of 1949 today was attributed mainly to Canada's relaxation of import controls.

A Bureau of Statistics analysis showed that easing of controls was a major influence in Canada's purchases of \$2,308,200,000 worth of goods during the 10-month period—an increase of \$141,400,000 over the same period in 1948. Import figures for the last two months of 1949 have not yet been issued.

Besides the easing of the controls—first imposed in 1947 to conserve Canada's dollar supply—the fact that there were more goods available in 1949 than in previous years was partly responsible for Canada's bigger buying, the Bureau said.

The U. S. continued to be Canada's leading supplier in 1949. Due in part to the import-control relaxation, the proportion of buying from that country jumped from 68.4 per cent in the first 10 months of 1948 to 71.0 per cent in 1949.

The need for steel—backbone of industry—caused an increase in buying of U. S. iron and its products. Textile-buying also increased in the U. S., with the re-imposition of tariffs against U. K. production.

However, with the discovery and development of huge oil reserves in Alberta, Canada's oil buying in the U. S. declined. So did coal. Canada had built up big stocks of coal early in the year and industry and home-owners tended to switch more to oil for heating purposes.

There also was more buying from the British West Indies and other Commonwealth countries in

Union Urges Settlement Of Rail-Wage Dispute

MONTREAL, Jan. 10 (CP)—A spokesman for some 100,000 rail workers today asked a Federal arbitration board for immediate settlement of a wage-hour dispute with the Canadian railroads.

Early settlement is imperative if the four major lines concerned are to give good service to the country, said Frank H. Hall, chairman of the negotiating committee for 15 international brotherhoods affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

He appeared before the board at its opening sessions here to press union demands for a 40-hour week in place of the present 48-hour week, a 20-per-cent wage increase to maintain the present weekly level of take-home pay and a seven-cents-an-hour increase on top of that.

The railroads estimate the increase, if granted, would cost them more than \$80,000,000 annually.

The board is under chairmanship of Mr. Justice J.O. Wilson of the British Columbia Supreme Court. Other members are Alfred C. Wickens, K.C., of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Isaac Pitblado, K.C., of Winnipeg.

Representing the railroads are R.C. Johnston, vice-president of

Paratrooper Survives Accident During Drop

By Graham Trotter

WAINWRIGHT, Alta., Jan. 10 (CP)—His back broken in a 1,000-foot plunge to earth with a tangled parachute, Pte. J. Risley, 19, of St. James, Man., smiled grimly at an army chaplain as an ambulance took him to hospital.

"Well, I'll sure have a good jump story to tell now," he said.

The youth was injured when his main chute failed to open properly during a mass jump by Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in manoeuvres here today. The other 99 men got down safely.

Risley is expected to recover.

Honorary Major L. Ritza, Roman Catholic chaplain for Western Army Command said Risley remained conscious throughout the 12-mile trip to hospital and was in good spirits.

Risley said that during the plunge he remembered doing everything he had been told to do in such cases. He told of struggling to free his leg from the shroud where it had become entangled, preventing the chute from opening, and trying unsuccessfully to release his reserve parachute.

His main parachute opened partially, slowing his fall into about two feet of snow that covered the area. He dropped the 1,000 feet in about half the time his comrades took to reach the ground.

He appeared to be trying to twist himself onto his back just before striking the snow and apparently landed partly on his right side and partly on his back.

He also suffered a broken right arm and leg and fractured pelvis.

Risley was in the first "stick" of 10 men to drop from the five R. C. A. F. Dakotas taking part in the manoeuvre. Lt.-Col. D. C. Cameron, commanding officer of the Pats, said the youth must have made a "bad exit" from the aircraft, causing the shroud to tangle.

Another unidentified soldier escaped injury when he opened his reserve parachute after the main one failed.

It was the first mass winter jump by the Princess Patricia's as a prelude to participation by the unit in "Exercise Sweet Briar," a joint U.S.-Canadian exercise on the Alaska Highway next month.

Soviet Delegates Walk Out Of Security Council

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 10 (CP)—The Russian delegation today walked out of the United Nations Security Council in protest over presence of a Nationalist Chinese delegate.

Jakob Malik, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, led the Soviet group out of the Council chamber after the Council had voted to defer action on his formal demand that the Nationalist Chinese delegate be expelled.

Dr. Tingfu F. Tsiang, Nationalist delegate and Council president for January, ruled that the Soviet proposal be deferred and the Council backed him.

The burly Malik led the entire Soviet delegation out of the Council chamber and to his car. He declined to answer reporters' questions about when he will return to Council meetings.

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Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Dance in Long River Hall, Wednesday, January 11th.
- Annual meeting of Morrell Canadian Legion at rink, Jan. 11th. Full attendance requested.
- Pleasant Valley Congregational Meeting Thursday, January 12th, at 7 P. M.
- Cornwall at York Point W. I. Pantry sale, 8:30, Friday, January 13th.
- Annual meeting of Kingston Public Hall, Kingston, Thursday, January 12th, 1950, at 8 P. M.
- The January meeting of Kingston Canadian Legion will be held in Legion Home, Charlottetown, Thursday, January 12, at 8 p.m.
- To arrive Vernon soon, car Old Sydney Coal (Princess). Book your orders now, Russell Jenkins, Phone 1809-J, Charlottetown.
- Hunter's River tonight at 8:00. William Boyd as "Hopalong Cassidy" in "Texas Masquerade." Songs by Jim Austin in person.
- Urgent—Patrons of New Glasgow Dairymen Company. Please bring in cream tickets as sheets as possible, on account of sheets being destroyed by fire Sunday.
- South Rustico Hall, Wednesday, January 11th, beginning of Auction Forty-five Tournament. Good prizes each night and big cash prizes at end of tournament. Lunches served at end of game.
- Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Bradshaw, until 11:30 A.M. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon. Summerside until 1:30 P. M. and Kensington until 3 P. M. MacEwen and Casley.



TORONTO, Jan. 9 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 30, 40; Victoria 35, 41; Calgary 26B, 15B; Regina 33B, 35; Ottawa 8, 35; Montreal 6, 37; Quebec 2 1/2; Saint John 4, 26; Charlottetown 2, 21; Sydney 3, 18; Yarmouth 15, 28; St. John's 1, 9; B-below.

HALIFAX, Jan. 10 (CP)—

Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis:

Fine, cold weather prevails over the Maritimes and Eastern Quebec Tuesday. By Tuesday evening, however, snow was rapidly spreading into the western regions. This snow is part of an extensive area of snow, rain and freezing rain which covers the Northeast United States, Ontario and Quebec. The precipitation will reach the district tonight and Wednesday. Clearing weather early Wednesday, and the eastern regions Wednesday night.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Wednesday:

Prince Edward Island: Snow becoming mixed with freezing rain in the morning, ending in the afternoon and evening. Milder with southeast winds 20 shifting in morning to west 20. Low 15 and high 35 at Charlottetown.

High tide today at 3:29 A.M. and 3:50 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN-TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DATES

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8:10 A.M. 2:40 P.M.