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# ARABS LAUNCH POWERFUL OFFENSIVE IN PALESTINE

## Exchange Controls Likely To Continue Until Next Year

### Island Could Be Made Disease Free Poultry Area Says Committee

### Maritimers Seek Representative On Commission

OTTAWA, Feb. 20 — (Special)—  
Prince Edward Island members  
are solidly beside their colleagues  
from Nova Scotia and New Brun-  
swick in urging Transport Minister  
Cherrier to name a resident of the  
Maritime Provinces to the Cana-  
dian Maritime Commission to fill  
the post vacant through the recent  
resignation of H. J. Rahves, com-  
missioner and former president of  
the wartime Park Steamship Com-  
pany.

### Coming Events

- Memorial L. O. B. A. Pantry  
Sale at Holmans today at 3 o'clock.
- Rummage sale Saturday, Feb.  
21st, 1:30 p.m., 135 Pownall Street.
- Rummage sale Trinity Social  
Hall Saturday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m.
- Rummage Sale, Market Build-  
ing, on Saturday, February 21st,  
at 4 P. M. Excelsior Circle, King's  
Daughters.
- Hockey match East Royalty  
Rink tonight, Skate after. Also  
afternoon skate two to four.
- Second play-off game at Mil-  
ton tonight, East Royalty vs. Mil-  
ton. Admission 25 cents.
- Now available, lotized feeding  
salt, mineral, mixed feeds of var-  
ious kinds, etc. Livestock Feed  
Agency.
- Hockey tonight at Long Creek,  
Cornwall vs. Long Creek. Skate  
after.
- South Winslow Bazaar and  
Pantry Sale, Saturday, March 6th,  
at Rogers Hardware, in aid of par-  
sonage.
- Bags Wanted.—Paying highest  
prices for used feed bags. We pay  
freight on lots of 100 or more. P.  
L. Morris, Feed Service Mill.
- Farmers requiring Seed Oats  
please contact us not later than  
March 15th. Commercial No. 1 Seed  
will cost approximately \$1. per  
bushel. Crapaud Creamery Co.
- Fourth game of finals at New  
Glasgow Rink tonight, North Rus-  
tic vs. South Rusitic. Game  
starts 8:30 sharp. Skate after.

"With its relative freedom from  
poultry disease it should be com-  
paratively simple to establish a  
disease free or restricted area with  
respect to poultry in Prince Ed-  
ward Island," says the report of  
the poultry section of the Live  
Stock and Poultry Committee  
which was presented yesterday at  
a meeting of the Provincial Agri-  
cultural Council.

"Should such regulations be es-  
tablished," the report says, "we be-  
lieve it would be of very consid-  
erable economic importance to the  
Province in respect to the export  
of chicks, hatching eggs and  
breeding stock. To assist in this  
work, and as an advantage to  
producers, we recommend a poultry  
pathologist, with adequate labora-  
tory facilities, be placed at the  
Experimental Station."

Other recommendations of the  
committee follow:  
"We recommend that investiga-  
tions with trace or minor elements  
be undertaken at the Experimental  
Station, Charlottetown, to deter-  
mine their effect, if any, on nutri-  
tion, health, quality of product,  
etc.

That studies be undertaken to  
determine the reason for and  
suggest means of overcoming the  
deterioration in egg quality com-  
monly occurring during July, Aug-  
ust and early September.

As the bonusing of brooder  
stoves has proven a great stimulus,  
resulting in the construction of  
some 1,500 brooder houses within  
the Province, we recommend that  
the policy be continued.

Members of the Commission at  
present are J.V. Clynne of Van-  
couver, one of the leading Cana-  
dian authorities on admiralty law  
and L.C. Audette of Ottawa, for-  
mer commander in the Royal Cana-  
dian Navy and until recently a  
member of the External Affairs  
Department. Mr. Rahves who re-  
signed for reasons of ill-health was  
former superintendent of the Impe-  
rial Oil Company's coastal and  
inland fleet and had wide experi-  
ence as a shipping operator.

### Seek Removal Of Liquor Stores From Cardigan

A delegation from the King's  
County village of Cardigan yester-  
day requested the Provincial Gov-  
ernment to remove the liquor ven-  
dor store from that village.

Included in the delegation were,  
Major J. A. McDonald, Rev. H. J.  
Croken, Messrs. A. S. McDonald,  
John Sullivan, George Gallant, and  
Daniel Acorn.

Spokesmen for the delegation,  
it was learned, told the Govern-  
ment that Cardigan was not bene-  
fitting from the liquor store being  
located there, that many persons  
were spending money for the pur-  
chase of intoxicating liquor—mon-  
ey which should be used for cloth-  
ing and feeding their families—  
and that drunkenness had in-  
creased alarmingly in that com-  
munity within recent years.

Among the members of the Gov-  
ernment who received the dele-  
gation were Premier J. Walter  
Jones, Hon. G.H. Barbour, Hon. F.  
A. Large, and the Hon. W.F.A.  
Stewart.

The delegation was informed  
their request would be given ser-  
ious consideration.

### Witness Of Jehovah Acquitted In Quebec

MONTREAL, Feb. 20—An Eng-  
lish-speaking jury late today ac-  
quitted 22-year-old Charles Elvey,  
a member of the Witnesses of Je-  
hovah religious sect, on a charge  
of seditious libel arising from the  
distribution of a pamphlet entitled  
"Quebec's Burning Hate."

The Court of King's Bench jury  
deliberated only 35 minutes be-  
fore returning a verdict of not  
guilty in the case of the second  
of 28 Witnesses of Jehovah charg-  
ed with seditious libel.

In the first case heard a month  
ago, Mrs. Rene Oulette was con-  
victed by a French-speaking jury  
and sentenced to three months in  
jail on the same charge.

Before the case was given to  
the jury today, Mr. Justice Wilfrid  
Lazure reminded them that they  
must reach a decision based on  
the facts and need not be swayed  
by anything he might say in his  
address.

The resignations were precipi-  
tated in a deadlock over alleged  
Communist attempts at police rule  
of the state. The anti-Communists  
have been saying they now were  
strong enough to prove that Com-  
munist were not all-powerful in  
Czechoslovakia.

### Community Planning Applied To Ch'town

The following report of Profes-  
sor W. L. Bailey, late of North  
Western University, Evanston,  
Chicago, was made following a re-  
quest for his opinion on local con-  
ditions, by the Town Planning  
Board. It was read and discussed  
at their last meeting, with the re-  
commendation that it be publish-  
ed as containing much material  
of interest to residents of the  
City:

"The Chairman,  
Town Planning Board,  
Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
"Dear Sir:

"The following statement of  
community planning as applied to  
Charlottetown is in no sense to be  
taken as official or professional,  
but merely as some informal friendly  
advice by one of much experience  
in community organization and  
development in U. S. A., but still  
only a visitor and 'foreigner' here.  
If it is of any possible use to you  
and your colleagues, you are at  
liberty to use it in almost any way  
you choose. The writer is a Char-  
lottetown 'fan'.

"Your are right in judging that  
the direct purpose of zoning has  
been to protect residence areas.  
The current housing shortage and  
probability of a large amount of  
residential construction mounting  
for some years makes this aspect  
particularly pressing. The current  
indication of the Dominion Gov-  
ernment to spend much in Char-  
lottetown on a public building, pos-  
sibly on the Square, is something  
that has to be attended to. It in-  
volves vital problems of planning,  
—being a matter of the heart of  
the City.

"The matter of a new bridge in  
the Brighton section makes many  
problems for this largely residen-  
tial apex of the city. These last  
two matters are something for ex-  
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### Questions Reason For Failure To Ban Fox Cages

OTTAWA, Feb. 20 — (Special)—  
While bird, squirrel and rat wire  
cages and parts thereof manufac-  
tured in the United States are on  
the list of prohibited imports into  
Canada, no such ban applies to  
fox cages. This was revealed in  
the House of Commons tonight by  
W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive  
Conservative member for Queen's  
during committee discussion of the  
foreign exchange conservation act.  
Subsequent to discussion of im-  
portation of bird cages, Mr. Mc-  
Lure observed:

"I am rather surprised that they  
did not include fox cages in the  
ban."  
"We think too much of Prince  
Edward Island," responded Mr.  
Abbott smiling.

"I believe they should be on the  
prohibited list," rejoined the  
Queen's member. "I should like to  
see the Government have courage  
enough to exclude these things  
from coming into Canada. We  
can make better fox cages and I  
believe better rat cages than those  
we import from the United States.  
I would like to see that item put  
in there. Why should we import  
them when we can manufacture  
better articles ourselves? It is only  
a question of the Government  
having the nerve to do it."

"I am sure," Mr. Abbott replied,  
"that we could make a better and  
cheaper fox cage in Canada."

"The item banning bird, squirrel  
and rat cages was passed with Mr.  
McLure's suggestion as to fox  
cages taken under consideration.

"BRER..."  
Scientists estimate that the  
planet Jupiter is covered with a  
coating of ice 6,000 miles thick.

### Mr. Abbott Gives Hint To Commons

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL  
OTTAWA, Feb. 20 — (CP)—  
Finance Minister Abbott, giving  
the first hint as to how long Cana-  
da's exchange conservation  
program may remain in force, told  
the Commons today that import  
restrictions on fresh fruits and ve-  
getables likely will be continued  
throughout this year and possibly  
into 1949.

Replying to requests that the  
Government give Canadian grow-  
ers some indication of how long  
the restrictions would be retained  
so that they could arrange to sup-  
ply all the needs of the Canadian  
market, Mr. Abbott said:

"As I now see the situation and  
as I now view the prospects of our  
exchange position I think it is  
highly improbable that a complete  
removal of these restrictions with  
respect to fresh fruits and vege-  
tables will occur much before the  
end of this calendar year, and it  
may be that some degree of re-  
striction will continue into the  
early part of 1949."

He made the statement shortly  
before members voted 43 to 23  
against a C.C.F. move to have fresh  
fruits and vegetables removed from  
the list of banned imports in the  
Foreign Exchange Conservation  
Bill.

At the House opening, Prime  
Minister Mackenzie King announ-  
ced the Government plans to ask  
for a summer adjournment of Par-  
liament if the sessional work is  
not completed by the end of June.

At the same time he obtained  
approval of a motion establishing  
a small committee to study sug-  
gestions of Speaker Gaspard Fau-  
teux for changes in House rules.

Mr. King told John Bracken,  
Progressive Conservative leader,  
that the British Government has  
replied to his request for permis-  
sion to make public the evidence  
of the 1942 Royal Commission on  
Hong Kong, but he wished to  
show the reply to the Opposition  
leader before making a public  
statement.

Later Minister Mitchell said he  
had been advised no workers had  
been dismissed by the Robert  
Simpson Company in Toronto to  
make way for immigrants from  
the United Kingdom.

In the renewed debate on the  
Exchange Conservation Bill, Mr.  
Abbott said the import restrictions  
on fresh fruits and vegetables  
were intended to be temporary.

"They are put on a necessary  
measure to conserve exchange, and  
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H. I. (Van) Saunders of Kent-  
ville, N. S., who has been named  
District Passenger Agent for the  
Canadian Pacific Railway with  
headquarters at Saint John. He  
succeeds H. F. Nelson who goes to  
Toronto as District Passenger Agent.

### \$75,000 Fire At Dartmouth

DARTMOUTH, N.S., Feb. 20  
—Fire tonight razed the Bell  
Bus Terminal building here  
causing \$75,000 damage to nine  
business establishments and  
three apartments and making  
three families homeless.

One fireman was hurt during  
the two-hour blaze. He received  
the full force of a stream of  
water from a fire hose in his  
face and suffered injuries to  
his eyes.

The fire was believed to have  
started when the furnace of  
the three-storey frame building  
exploded. The fire quickly shot  
up through the roof.

### 260 Added To Boy Scouts Since Last October

An increase of 260 members in  
the Boy Scout movement since  
last October was announced by  
Field Commissioner Walter Le-  
Page at the regular monthly meet-  
ing of the Provincial Council held  
yesterday in the office of the  
Travel Bureau. The President,  
Major N. W. Lowther, presided.

Commissioner LePage reported  
that to date 15 Troops and 11  
Packs have registered for 1948, an  
increase of three Troops and six  
Packs over last year. Scouts have  
increased by 33, Cubs by 110, and  
Lone Scouts by nine since the  
October census. The total number  
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### DIES IN WELL

CHESTER, N.S., Feb. 20 — (CP)—  
Body of William Webber, 58, was  
found tonight at the bottom of a  
well on his farm. He was believed  
to have fallen into the well while  
drawing water.

Neighbors had to forcibly restrain  
the mother from entering the  
burning house to attempt to res-  
cue her children.

### Believe Aimed At Cutting Holy Land In Two

Fighting Described As  
The "Most Ferocious"  
In Current Disorders.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20 — (AP)—  
A Damascus dispatch said today  
that 1,500 Arab warriors had  
launched a powerful offensive in  
Northern Palestine in an effort to  
cut the Holy Land in two.

An Arab army source in the Sy-  
rian capital gave this account of  
the fighting:  
The assault was launched by  
Arab volunteer fighters some 50  
miles north of Jerusalem in the  
Beisan area, scene of an attack  
earlier this week. Reinforcements  
were being rushed into the engage-  
ment which was described as the  
"most ferocious" to date.

The Arabs were seeking to re-  
open a corridor from the Trans-  
Jordan frontier to the Nablus-Je-  
nin-Tulkarm triangle where Arab  
volunteers have been reported  
concentrating their strength.

Military observers in Syria said  
that if such a drive was successful  
it would "pose a strong spearhead"  
at the Jewish coastal city of Tel  
Aviv. The Arabs were reported to  
be setting up a Jewish prison  
camp in the Nablus area.

The Palestine Government has  
announced that 31 Arabs and one  
Jew were killed in an attack Mon-  
day in Northern Palestine. Last  
Sunday the Jews blew up a bridge  
leading across the Jordan from  
Trans-Jordan northeast of Nablus  
and another across the headwaters  
of the same river from Lebanon  
near Metulla. Hagana, the Jewish  
militia, said the bridges were  
blasted because Arabs had been  
entering Palestine across them for  
service in the volunteer Arab army  
fighting partition.

There was no casualty reports  
on the fighting near the Trans-  
Jordan frontier. Elsewhere in Pa-  
lestine 16 persons were killed in a  
series of bitter clashes. Since the  
United Nations voted for partition  
Nov. 29, communal fighting has  
claimed 1,297 lives in the Holy  
Land, an unofficial tabulation  
showed.

### 3 Children Perish In Halifax Blaze

HALIFAX, Feb. 20 — (CP)—The  
fire death toll in the Halifax area  
this month rose to 11 today when  
three children perished in flames  
that razed their parents' two-room  
frame home in suburban Fairview.

The fire broke out while the  
mother, absent only a few minutes,  
was at a neighbor's home less than  
25 feet away making a telephone  
call.

The dead:  
Carol Ann Wallace, 4 1-2.  
David Paul Wallace, two  
years and nine months.  
Wayne Douglas Wallace, 20  
months.

They were the children of Mr.  
and Mrs. Alfred Wallace.  
The tiny home was destroyed in  
less than half an hour despite a  
drenching rain. Firemen played  
water on nearby homes to prevent  
flames from spreading.

It was the third fatal fire in the  
Halifax area within 10 days. Seven  
died in a tenement fire Feb. 10  
and a child suffocated from smoke  
in another blaze the following day.  
An eye-witness to today's fire  
said the entire home "just sudden-

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# "SALADA" TEA BAGS

So handy

### More Practical And Simplified Courses In Agriculture Urged

The provision of more practical  
and simplified courses in agricul-  
ture at teacher training classes at  
Prince of Wales College and also  
in the public schools was recom-  
mended by the Provincial Council  
of senior officials of the Federal  
and Provincial Departments of Ag-  
riculture at a meeting held here  
yesterday.

The Council recommended that  
every assistance be provided for  
the development of community  
groups for the study of agriculture  
and social rural sociology.

schools throughout the rural areas  
of the Province, providing suitable  
training in agriculture is given.

It also warmly commended the  
efforts of St. Dunstan's University  
to establish agricultural training  
courses at that institution.

Officers of the Provincial Coun-  
cil are Messrs. W.R. Shaw, president,  
R.C. Parent, vice president, and  
Messrs. Tinney, (secretary) Neah,  
Hurst, Olney, and Chester  
Shaw, executive; also the chair-  
men of the various special com-  
mittees in marketing and publicity,  
soils and crops, livestock, poultry,  
potatoes, plant diseases and pests,  
and horticulture.