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manufactures; since the produc-
tions of nature are the materials
of art.

The Law is what it is in a mag-
estic edifice, sheltering all of us,
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BRITISH BUDGET SHOWS NO REDUCTION IN TAXES

Soviet Protest To Be Ignored

WASHINGTON, April 6 —(AP)—The United States will officially ignore Russia's formal protest against the North Atlantic Pact. In a statement, the State Department said today that "the Soviet government's interpretation of both the objectives and provisions of the pact is erroneous." It added that "in view of the many published statements which have been made on this subject, it is not believed that any further statement is necessary."

'Quoddy Project Recommendation Turned Down

WASHINGTON, April 6 —(AP)—The House of Representatives appropriations committee today refused to recommend \$30,000 for further study of the Passamaquoddy tidal-power project in Maine. The committee said too many millions of dollars have already been spent on the project to justify further expenditure. Canada has appropriated \$30,000 for study of the project, expecting the United States to match that amount. The Maine delegation in Congress has favored a new study by Canada and the United States.

Still Hopeful
AUGUSTA, Me., April 6 —(AP)—Mine today refused to give up hope that the Passamaquoddy tidal power project may be revived some day. After a United States congressional committee refused to recommend \$30,000 for study of the feasibility of the \$37,000,000 tide harnessing proposal, Governor Frederick G. Payne urged the State Legislature to provide the funds. "I shall hope the measure before the main Legislature will receive favorable consideration so this preliminary survey in conjunction with Canada may go forward," he said.

Margarine Control Bill For Manitoba

WINNIPEG, April 6 —(CP)—A bill that would control sale and manufacture of margarine in Manitoba will be introduced in the provincial legislature. Extent of "control" was not immediately known. Hon. F. C. Bell, Minister of Agriculture, has given notice of intention to introduce the bill, scheduled to come up tomorrow for first reading.

SAD GAUITY

Birds have been found singing merrily while their mates were dead in the nest a few feet away.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Crokinole Party in Uigg Hall, April 9th.
- Show—Morell, 8 P. M. every Friday only. Good Pictures.
- Reserve Tuesday, April 18th for Variety Concert, Crapaud Hall, St. John's W. A.
- Unloading car No. 3 C. W. Oats this week. Inquire at Office Livestock Feed Agency.
- Pantry sale Rogers Hardware Saturday, April 9th, 2 p.m. Cross Roads W.M.S.
- Get your Soy Bean Meal, Cereals, Feeds, Silage, etc., and Groceries from J. R. Mutch, Carter's Warehouse.
- See "Norbore Players" present their Play in Brookfield Hall, Friday, April 8th. Proceeds in aid of Princeton Road Church.
- Meeting of much interest will be held at Covehead Hall, Friday night at 8:30 for arrangements to raise funds for arrink.
- Jimmy Power's Variety Concert, Millville Hall, Friday, April 8th, starting at 8:30 P. M. under the auspices of the Women's In-

Liberal Caucus Favors Early General Election

Red Ultimatum Is Rejected

(By Seymour Topping)
NANKING, April 6 —(AP)—The Chinese Communists today handed the government an ultimatum to surrender its army by April 12. Acting President Li Tsung-Jen is reported to have refused. Official Chinese quarters said the Communists threatened to drive across the Yangtze into South China by the deadline. The Red radio kept up a propaganda drum-fire, calling for immediate government surrender. Semi-official sources said Li still is trying desperately to strike a better bargain with the Communists. He was keeping the

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Uneasy Calm Hovers Over Strike Areas

HALIFAX, April 6 —(CP)—The three Maritime ports affected by the Canadian Seamen's Union (T.L.C.) deep-sea shipping strike remained under an uneasy calm tonight. Sixteen ships were strike-bound at Halifax, Saint John, N.B., and Louisbourg, N.S., as the strike went into its seventh day. The C.S.U. called the walkout Thursday when the rival Seafarers' International Union (A.F.L.) signed working agreements with Canadian flag owners.

The big question along the waterfront was: When will the S.I.U. attempt to man the ships? Hal C. Banks, international representative of the S.I.U., said in Montreal today that a large group of S.I.U. men had slipped into Halifax; waterfront officials in Halifax could not immediately confirm that S.I.U. men had reached this port. Mr. Banks declined to say how the men had travelled but remarked "you wouldn't go C.P.R. to go to Halifax."

HALIFAX, April 6 —(CP)—General Manager A. L. W. MacCallum of the Shipping Federation of Canada said in a statement here tonight that Canadian flag-owners "expected" the Seafarers' International Union (A.F.L.) to man strike-bound deep-sea shipping "within the next few days." Charles Caddell of Montreal and Harold Syverson of Saint John, two engineers aboard the strike-bound freighter Sun Prince here, were released from a Halifax hospital after being treated for injuries when they were struck by a ship early today. Extent of their injuries was not known.

In an interview, Caddell, under R.C.M.P. protection, said a score of unidentified men "jumped on me, pinned my arm behind my back and took me into the engine room." Later they took him off the ship and led him to an alley where they "beat me up."

H. O. Meade, regional director of the C.S.U., said he was "convinced the men who boarded the Sun Prince and attacked the two officers were not members of the C. S. U."

"The ships are tied up and we are contented," he said. "The attack has all the marks of imported American goonism," he added. But he did not elaborate on this point.

Manitoba Naval Officer Posted To Magnificent

OTTAWA, April 6 —(CP)—Canada's big flattop, the Magnificent, will have a new executive officer when she steams into Halifax Harbor Friday after a Caribbean training cruise. Naval headquarters announced today that Commander Angus C. Boulton, D.S.C., 37, of Russell, Man., and Toronto, will assume the post of second-in-command aboard the aircraft carrier. He succeeds Commander Desmond W. Piers, D.S.C., 36, of Halifax, who is soon to begin a staff course in the United Kingdom. The new executive officer of the Magnificent has had a distinguished career in the Navy. In the Second World War he became the first Canadian reserve officer to command a destroyer when he became Captain of the Annapolis. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in the King's hon-

By Clyde Blackburn Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, April 6 —(CP)—A "let's go" sentiment in favor of an early general election was discernible today among Liberal members of the Commons at a party caucus. This was widely reported but Prime Minister St. Laurent, who has the final say, indicated clearly that his mind is not made up. In any event, he told reporters, there will not be a snap dissolution of Parliament while members are home on Easter holidays. Parliament will reconvene April 25 as scheduled and there will be a party caucus probably April 27. The Prime Minister said he and his colleagues would be "very interested" then to hear the news brought back by the Liberal members from their home constituencies. He said choice of an election date would reflect majority opinion of his party.

If the bulk of opinion presented at that caucus is for a spring election it would therefore seem likely dissolution of Parliament might follow within a week or two. It would have to be quick if the election is to be in June or early July.

This Year Sure

The Prime Minister made it clear that the election would be held this year when he assured reporters that the seven members of the new-est Province—Newfoundland—will send to the House of Commons would be here when the next Parliamentary session assembles. Ontario Liberals are reported to be anxiously awaiting the starting gun, confident that they can increase representation from that Province to 55. Ontario elected only 34 Liberals in 1945. It is understood the majority of the cabinet members favor an election in June or as soon as possible thereafter. Quebec members are divided on the choice of a time and the majority are said to believe that the party has everything to gain and nothing to lose by waiting until late September or October. The word from Western Canada

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Potato Growers Discuss Link-Up With Proposed Co-Operative Services

Suggests Mock Court For Trial In Poultry Cases

Establishment of a mock court at Island poultry meetings to try producers who are marketing an inferior product is suggested by Mr. F. M. Nash, supervising poultry products inspector. Amplifying his proposal, Mr. Nash states that last year the poultry industry of the United States at their annual fact-finding conference was charged by a consumer with not selling good products. The was "tried" by a jury at the conference, and the judge sentenced the industry to "one year of hard labor to improve the product."

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Mother Is Held Criminally Responsible

MATANE, Que., April 6 —(CP)—A coroner's jury today held Mrs. Elise Plante Dube criminally responsible for the shotgun death of her 15-year-old daughter, Irene Dube, at nearby Matane Sur Mer last night. The 40-year-old woman, one of the inquest witnesses, said she fired the 16-gauge shotgun without intending to hit the girl. Following the bedroom shooting, provincial police investigated the possibility that "jealousy" played a part in the affair. A 33-year-old man and two youths aged 17 and 16, were in the house at the time, police said. Two of the three were in the girl's bedroom at the time. Police did not say which two they were. The third person and an older daughter, 19-year-old Anita Dube were elsewhere in the house. The three were described as "visitors." They were released after questioning immediately following the shooting.

Reduced Prices Noted In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, April 6 —(CP)—Newfoundland's first week as a Province of Canada is being marked by reduced prices in articles ranging from bologna to cosmetics. A survey today showed a price drop in following items: soap, cleansing powders, cosmetics, baking powder, tinned soups, vegetables and fruits, jams, bologna, cheese, butter, cornflakes, flour, salt pork, coal and some clothing. Amount of decline varied in different commodities and resulted mostly from abolition of custom duties between this island and continental Canada. Tinned soups dropped from 22 to 16 cents and some men's suits from \$75.50 to \$45.50. There were price jumps, however, in tobacco and cigars—approximately 10 cents a package.

Big Year's Turnover For PEI Potato Growers Ass'n

Brigadier Reid Commandant Bisley Team

OTTAWA, April 6 —(CP)—Brig. W. W. Reid of Charlottetown has been appointed commandant of the 1949 Canadian Bisley team, the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association announced tonight. Lt. G. P. Styles of Regina had been appointed adjutant. Both appointments have been approved by Defence Minister Claxton and Lt. Gen. Charles Foulkes, chief of the General Staff. The Association said the team will be inspected in Montreal June 10 and will sail on the S. S. Samaria from Quebec City the following day. Names of the members of the 18-man team which will go to the Bisley will be announced in about 10 days. Acceptance replies still are being awaited from those originally selected. Brig. Reid, the selected commandant, is currently commanding headquarters of the 21st armored Brigade at Charlottetown. Lt. Styles, the adjutant, saw service with the Royal Air Force and was later transferred to the C. P. F. He has been secretary of the Saskatchewan Provincial Rifle Association for more than 10 years.

Drew To Visit Three Provinces During Recess

OTTAWA, April 6 —(CP)—Opposition Leader George Drew will make a series of speeches in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, immediately after Easter. Progressive Conservative headquarters today announced the itinerary of the party leader's political travels during the Easter recess. He is scheduled to take off by plane April 18 from Montreal for St. John's where he will speak at a public meeting the following day. He will visit some of the outports April 20 and leave St. John's by plane the next day for Sydney, N.S., where he will speak at a public meeting the same evening. On April 22 Mr. Drew will travel by air to Halifax, N.S., where he will address a public meeting in Saint John that evening. The Progressive Conservative leader plans to be back in Toronto April 25 to make the opening address at the Ontario Progressive Conservative convention called to choose a new provincial leader.

Storm Hits Maritimes

HALIFAX, April 6 —(CP)—Old man winter splattered wet snow on the Maritime provinces tonight to let everyone know he hasn't given up the fight yet. In marine areas, warnings of severe gales were up as an intense storm moved in from New England. Already, winds of 40 miles an hour were being felt in the storm area. The storm will cross the Maritimes tonight and be over the Gulf of St. Lawrence tomorrow. Ship and small craft in coastal waters have been warned to prepare for winds of "heavy gale force." The snow is expected to turn to rain during the night, with temperatures hovering just above the freezing mark in most areas. Clearing weather will come late tomorrow and temperatures will be in the high 40's. A proposed R.C.A.F. bomber attack on units of the Royal Canadian Navy, returning from war games in the Caribbean, was washed out today because of bad weather. Lancaster Bombers based at Greenwood, N.S., were not able to take off because of fog. Tomorrow, planes from the returning aircraft carrier Magnificent will make a simulated bombing attack on Shearwater naval base at nearby Dartmouth.

Encouraging Report On Seed Inspection

"Not a single case of bacterial ring rot has been found in the 1948 crop," reported Mr. S.G. Peppin of the Dominion Seed Potato Certification Service, in addressing the annual meeting of the P.E.I. Potato Growers Association yesterday. He attributed this achievement to the stringent measures adopted a few years ago in eradicating this menace. Mr. Peppin also announced that far less fusarium storage rot was found this year, due to more careful handling during harvesting, and perhaps to more general use of top-killing chemicals a week or so prior to harvesting. "I would again like to insist on the absolute necessity of top killing every green field as of October 1," he said. He warned that "under no consideration will used or dirty bags be permitted for shipping seed in 1949". All certified seed must now be packed in brand new bags. He also warned growers against importing any seed from outside sources. "The grade," he added, "must be improved all along the line if we are to hold our markets against what is now the keenest competition."

Returns To France

Hon. Francisque Gay, French Ambassador to Canada, who will leave his post and return to France within a few days, according to an announcement from the embassy at Ottawa. His successor has not been named. The Ambassador visited Prince Edward Island last October. For annual reports see Pages 3, 6 and 7. Hon. Horace M. Wright, Bedeque, was re-elected president of the Association. Also re-elected were Messrs. L. T. Beaton, Bonshaw, vice-president, and E. D. Reid, Charlottetown, secretary-manager. New directors are: for Prince County, Arnold Wood, O'Leary; re-elected for King's, Leith Townsend, Souris; and for Queen's, S. Allen, West Covehead. The following three names will be submitted to the Federation of Agriculture, to represent the potato growers on the new committee which will administer the Potato Industry Diseases and Promotion Fund: R. A. Proffitt, Freetown, for Prince; Wilfred MacDonald, Brudenell, for King's; and Gordon MacMillan, Cornwall, for Queen's. Hon. W.F. Allan Stewart, Minister of Agriculture, opened the meeting and pointed out the changes made during the last sitting of the Legislature. The president and secretary-manager's report followed and are also published in this issue. Members paid tribute to the officials of the Association who had passed on, including the late J.W. Boulter, who received a standing tribute. Appreciation of the secretary's report was expressed by a number of members. Some discussion arose regarding the method of electing directors and the meeting subsequently segregated itself into counties and elected the three incoming directors. Mr. S.G. Peppin of the Seed Potato Certification Service gave a report on the 1947 crop. Speaking at the evening meeting, Walter R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, recounted the work of the Potato Council of Canada in smoothing out the difficulties last fall in the export of Canadian seed potatoes to the U.S. He called

Three Reported Killed When Plane Crashes

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 6 —(AP)—A plane crash was reported today in a remote wooded area near Germansville about 20 miles north of Allentown. Three persons were reported killed and two others injured. State police said the plane cracked up during a heavy rain. First reports gave no indication to the type of plane. At Utica, N. Y., an airplane said to be carrying five persons including members of the Art Rooney radio talent show was reported missing today. Charles J. Miller, an observer of the Civil Aeronautics Administration at Utica said the plane, had not been heard from since it took off from Utica yesterday for Reading, Pa.

Fire Toll Now Set At 72

EFFINGHAM, Ill., April 6 —(AP)—The toll of known dead and reported missing in the tragic fire at St. Anthony's Hospital rose to 72 today. The estimate was made by hospital officials. They said at 4 p.m. (AST) that 56 bodies have been recovered and identified, and there are 16 unidentified bodies or missing persons.

Britons Faced With Higher Shopping Bill

LONDON, April 6 —(CP)—Sir Stafford Cripps coolly gave Britons today the bad news that they must go on being the world's most-heavily-taxed people and at the same time pay a higher shopping bill. The Labor Government's economic czar gave Parliament and the country a real "shock treatment" in his 1949-50 budget, the second he has presented since he became chancellor of the exchequer. "There is no magic formula" for spending more money and cutting taxes at the same time, tightened Sir Stafford told a crowd of 14,000-worried, two-hour speech. The only real concession he made to the average man was a penny off the pint of beer. Be-

Saturday Opening For Lobster Fishing Season

An amendment to the lobster fishing regulations to permit opening the season on Saturday where normally the opening day falls on a Sunday is under consideration and it is expected this arrangement will go through, according to word received here from Mr. L. Barry, director of Eastern Fisheries, Ottawa, in a letter to Mr. S. H. Burhoe, president of the P. E. I. Fisheries Federation. Mr. Burhoe had previously communicated with Dr. A.W.H. Needer, Assistant Deputy Minister of Fisheries, relative to the opening date for the lobster season, which falls this year on Sunday, May 1. He explained that several requests had been made to allow the fishermen to run their lines on Saturday so that Sunday would be free for its observance. It was brought to the Federation's attention that there was danger when the season opens on Sunday and boats filled with rope are left to the mercy of the elements. There was also the danger of theft and of sabotage by acid burning or cutting, as had occurred in some instances in the past. Mr. Burhoe enclosed a letter on this subject from Rev. Charles Henderson of Murray Harbor, N.S. He had also been visited by another clergyman in connection with the Sunday opening problem. Mr. Burhoe said that the Federation was wholly in accord with the fishermen's desire to observe the Sabbath.

Island 'Craft Taking Part In Air Exercises

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High Tide Today at 3:24 A. M.

High tide today at 3:24 A. M. and 3:56 P. M. Sun rises this morning at 5:31 and sets at 6:34. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. HALIFAX, April 6 —(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Thursday. Prince Edward Island, Upper St. John River Valley, Eastern N. B. Counties — Snow, rain or ice pellets, occasionally mixed at first, changing to rain during the night and ending by morning. Variable cloudiness during the day clearing in the evening. Milder by morning. East winds 25 changing by morning to west winds 25 gusty. Low, early Thursday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 36 and 47, Moncton 35 and 47, Campbellton 34 and 44. Summary for Thursday — Variable cloudiness. TORONTO, April 6 —(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 36 54; Edmonton 27 51; Winnipeg 30 51; Toronto 34 44; Ottawa 34 35; Montreal 34 40; Quebec 39 46; Saint John 35 46; Moncton 28 —; Halifax 32 40; Charlottetown — 46; Sydney 29 43; Yarmouth 34.

CAR FERRY 'ABEGWEIT' WEEK DAYS

Leaves Borden 9:10 A. M. and arrives at Cape Tormentine at 10:15 A. M. Leaves Cape Tormentine 2:40 P. M. and arrives at Borden 3:55 P. M. No Sunday schedule in effect.

IT'S A SHORT LANE THAT HAS NO ROAD HO.



U. S. Acreage

Quoting from latest reports from the United States, he said the estimate there was for a 7 percent overall reduction in acres planted to potatoes. In some States, however, the reduction will range from 15 to as high as 25 percent. U. S. growers are planning on the utilization of better soils, more and better seed per acre, approved culture practices, better pack and

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