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# BIG BRITISH AIR VICTORY

## Local Issues In Campaign Are Discussed

### Rousing Reception Tendered Messrs. McLure & Hyndman At Public Meeting Last Night.

Political issues of the day were discussed by the Queen's County Conservative candidates, Messrs. W. Chester S. McLure and J. O. Hyndman, at an enthusiastic meeting held last night in the Sporting Club, Grafton Street.

Other speakers were Mr. Daniel Coughlan, who gave some revealing facts regarding Liberal discrimination towards the labouring men in Charlottetown; Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Provincial Conservative leader, and Hon. G. Shelton Sharp, Summerside, former Minister of Public Works.

The meeting, at which excellent order was maintained, was presided over by Mr. Lemuel Rush.

Messrs. McLure and Hyndman were greeted with rousing applause.

Refutes Liberal Claim  
The chairman in opening the meeting referred to a statement made in Charlottetown a few days ago by a Liberal speaker, to the effect that the Canadian army at the present time is as well equipped as the Canadian army in the Great War.

Mr. McLure's Address  
Appreciation of the splendid reception accorded them and of the chairman's tribute to him as a real friend of labour was expressed by Mr. McLure, who reviewed briefly the events leading up to the granting of Parliament by Mackenzie King last January.

Coming Events  
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Reds Said Opposed To Defence Pact  
The foreign press all agrees that negotiations are going on among Finland, Sweden and Norway on conclusion of a so-called "defensive alliance" for the purpose of military protection of the frontiers of Finland," said Tass.

War Board Buys Motor Vehicles  
The board, under chairmanship of Wallace R. Campbell, said the order represents the purchase of 7,302 vehicles including general service trucks, lorries and tractors that will be used for the first and second divisions and the auxiliary forces of the Canadian Active Service Force.

## ALLIES READY FOR ANY MOVE BY ENEMIES

### Chamberlain Makes Fighting Speech To Commons.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
LONDON, March 19—(CP Cable)—"We intend to fight", Britain's 71-year-old Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, told a wildly-cheering House of Commons today in vigorous defence of the war record of his administration.

In ringing tones he dismissed conjecture over the Brenner Pass meeting of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini with the comment: "Whatever may be the outcome, we are ready to meet it. We are unlikely to be diverted from the purpose for which we entered this war."

He was generally agreed tonight the effect of the Prime Minister's hour-long speech was to reject in advance any peace plans Hitler may be formulating which do not entail the moral durable characteristics which Britain set for herself when she declared war six months ago.

The Prime Minister did not refer specifically to Germany's peace offensive but he left no doubt in the minds of members of the Commons, peers and ambassadors

Russian Oil Reason For Italian Interest  
BERLIN, March 19—(AP)—Russian oil was mentioned tonight as the main reason for Italy and Italy to come together in a better understanding as a result of Monday's Brenner conference.

International At A Glance  
By The Canadian Press  
LONDON—Royal Air Force in five-hour bombardment of Nazi island fortress at Sylt "severely damaged" air base in reprisal for Scapa Flow bombing.

Paris—Premier Daladier outlines government's plans to increase war against Germany, raises many questions at secret session of chamber of deputies.

MOSCOW—Tass Soviet news agency, in authorized statement says Finnish-Swedish-Norwegian defensive alliance would be regarded by Soviets as violation of Finnish peace pact and as directed against U. S. S. R.

ROME—Sumner Welles, United States under-secretary of state, finishes circuit of Europe with statement that he has not received or conveyed any peace plan; believed Mussolini meeting.

WASHINGTON—Presidential secretary Earl Browder's peace headlines appear very empty on basis of reports to government, Mr. Roosevelt tells reporters no one but participants know what happened at Axis conference.

BERLIN—Germans mention Russian oil as immediate reason for better Russian-Italian understanding.

## U. S. Potato Imports Jump 300 p. c. Under King's Trade Treaty

### Official Figures Fully Substantiate Complaint Of Horticultural Council Chairman.

The local Liberal press makes frantic efforts to disprove the authenticity of the report on the potato industry by Mr. J. E. Porter, Chairman of the Potato Committee of the Horticultural Council of Canada. The fact that this report, quoted in yesterday's Guardian, appears in such a well-known, non-partisan journal as The Maritime Farmer, speaks for itself.

Mr. Porter revealed the disastrous consequences of the dumping of American potatoes, duty-free, into the Canadian market and predicted that in all probability lower prices in the United States in the spring will bring a still greater influx of potatoes with lower prices in Canada.

FULLY SUBSTANTIATED  
Mr. Porter's statements are fully substantiated by official facts and figures.

It is undeniable that Mackenzie King reduced the tariff on potatoes from the United States from 75 cents per 100 lbs to FREE entry from August 1 to June 14 in any year and cut the same duty to 37½ cents per 100 lbs. from June 15 to July 31. Seed potatoes entered free of duty as had formerly been the case.

All Mr. King got in return was a reduction from 75 cts. to 37½c. per 100 lbs. on Canadian white potatoes and this reduction was limited under quota regulations. Seed potatoes, far from being admitted free of duty, were admitted only on the same terms as the white or Irish potatoes.

Thus, under the new treaty, American potatoes are allowed into Canada free of duty for ten and a half months of the year, while every carload of either seed or white potatoes entering the United States from Canada is assessed from \$150.00 to \$240.00 per car.

HUGE U. S. INCREASE  
Official trade figures tell the story. For the 12 months of 1938 imports of potatoes from the United States amounted to 173,527 cwt. and the value was \$229,640.

For the 12 months of 1939 imports amounted to 652,948 cwt., and the value was \$740,085. This represents an increase last year of 479,421 cwt., valued at \$510,445.

Canadian potato growers lost more than half a million dollars of their home market to United States potato growers in the first year of Mackenzie King's treaty.

On the other hand, exports of Canadian potatoes to the United States in 1939 totalled 1,089,230 bus., with a value of \$915,430, representing an increase over 1938 of only 176,693 bushels valued at \$231,236.

Thus, Mackenzie King's trade treaty gave United States potato growers more than three times as much benefit in the Canadian market as it gave Canadian potato growers in the United States market.

In the first year of the treaty's operation imports of United States potatoes were increased by almost 300 per cent, whereas the export of Canadian potatoes to the United States was increased by less than 20 per cent.

Canada's Fishermen Get No Benefit from King's Bargain  
After Prime Minister Mackenzie King signed the treaty at Washington in November, 1938, the government at Ottawa assured the fishermen of the Maritime Provinces that under the terms of this treaty the United States market would be open to them.

## TEACHERS TO SEEK SLIDING SALARY SCALE

### Opening Session Of Annual Federation Convention Held Yesterday.

The annual convention of the P. E. I. T. F. opened at 10:30 A. M. in the Prince of Wales College Hall. The morning session was occupied chiefly with the enrolment of the teachers and payment of fees.

The afternoon session was called to order by the President, Mr. Edinson MacDonald at 1:50 p. m. There were approximately three hundred teachers present. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Mr. Ernest Reid, the secretary.

The president then gave his report. The following resolutions were brought in and read: Resolved that the P. E. I. T. F. make the program for Education Week in accord with the suggested plan of the Canadian-American Convention.

C. T. F. Report  
The report of the Canadian Teachers' Federation Delegates was given by Miss Mabel Matheson. She reported that the eighteenth conference of the Canadian Teachers' Federation opened in Montreal on August 7, and terminated on August 12.

Island Man Faces Charge Of Manslaughter  
NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., March 19—(CP)—A manslaughter charge was lodged today against Clarence Brown of Victoria, P. E. I., following the death of Arthur J. Allen of Letches on the highway.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police called to the scene of the accident Saturday night found Allen unconscious on the highway. Brown had stopped his car to investigate and was on the scene when the police arrived. He was detained then as a material witness.

Allen died in hospital of a fractured skull. Details of how he suffered the injury were not disclosed by police.

Norman MacLean of North Sydney received head injuries in the same accident. His condition was reported "satisfactory" today.

The charge against Brown was laid before Magistrate T. T. Wilton by Constable LeRoy Roach of the R. C. M. P., who investigated. Brown was held without bail pending resumption tomorrow of the inquest that opened Sunday before Coroner Vincent Hall.

Preliminary hearing was set for March 26.

Giant Liners To Sail?  
NEW YORK, March 19—(AP)—The sailing of Queen Mary and Mauretania were filled with activity tonight apparently in preparation to up-anchor and slip away from New York for a trip to Europe.

While crew reinforcements from England joined shore leave, the great ships were hurriedly provisioned. The 80,000-ton Queen Mary was getting a harder-to-see coat of gray over the lighter drab slapped on her here at the outset of the war last September.

At night fall smoke could be seen billowing for the first time in months, from the stacks of the two vessels.

## Nazi Air Base On Sylt Island Blasted In Raid

### R. A. F. Takes Quick And Fierce Revenge For Latest Enemy Attack On Scapa Flow.

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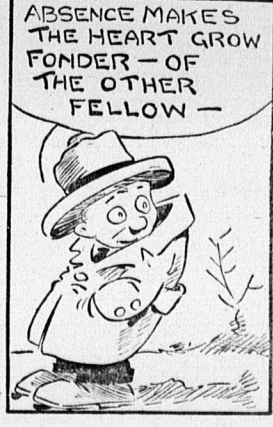
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TORONTO, March 19—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	6	8
Vancouver	33	52
Edmonton	15	17
Regina	24	26
Winnipeg	13	30
Toronto	26	39
Ottawa	14	32
Montreal	21	32
Quebec	20	30
Saint John	21	33
Halifax	23	37
Charlottetown	19	36

Maritime East: Strong northeast to northwest winds with snow or part sleet.

FORECAST  
High tide this morning at 7:55 and tonight at 7:24.

Sun sets this evening at 6:12 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:02. Full moon March 23, 3:33 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS  
Leaves Border, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M.