

"Safety first" may be the worst
of fortune, for fear of worse is
taken away.

He who rests on the ground has
no chance of falling out as from
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OTTAWA HOPES TO SEE MOVIE INDUSTRY IN CANADA

Czechoslovakia Headed For Communist Controlled Gov't

N. S. - N. B. Delegation Meets Federal Cabinet

Ask Continuation Of Feed-grains Policy; Reclamation Of Marshlands And Apple Industry Also Discussed.

Largely Attended Farmer Meetings Are Anticipated

A large attendance is anticipated at the annual meetings of the various farm organizations in the Province which open at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Legion Hall with the P. E. Island Sheep Breeders in session. Mr. Walter MacKenzie, Bradalbane, president, will preside.

In the evening, at 7 o'clock, the P. E. Island Swine Breeders will hold their meeting with the president, Mr. Almon Boswell, Marshfield, presiding.

Both meetings are being looked forward to with great interest as it is understood the open discussions at the meetings are expected to bring out many points of interest and importance to those engaged in the sheep and hog industries.

The Central Farmers' Institutes meet at 9:30 Wednesday morning and the Dairywomen's Association open their sessions at 1:30 p.m. A night meeting will be held at 7:30. Despite the fact that the Provincial Legislature also opens today, it is understood that the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. W. F. A. Stewart, will find time to address at least one of today's farmer meetings.

Six Persons Die In Cambridge, Mass., Fire

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 23—(CP)—Six persons died today and one was seriously injured when fire destroyed the three-story home of Alan Gregg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg and their four children perished in the blaze which broke out in the downstairs section of the house. Miss Edna Roper, 29, of Gloucester, N. S., maid in the Gregg household, broke her back when she leaped from a third-floor window into the snow.

Coming Events

- *Card Party Legion Hall, Souris, Tuesday, February 24.
- *Farmers—We have new reduced prices on feeds. McGuigan and Boyle.
- *French River concert in New London hall, Tuesday, Feb. 24. If not fine Wednesday.
- *Unloading car Sydney Coal at Mt. Herbert Thursday and Friday of this week. J. R. Driscoll.
- *Dance in Bonshaw Hall Feb. 25. McNeill's Orchestra. In aid of Bonshaw rink.
- *Hockey at Long Creek tonight. Charlottetown Heart Breakers vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs. Skate after.
- *Bags Wanted—Paying highest prices for used feed bags. We pay freight on lots of 100 or more. P. L. Morris, Feed Service Mill.
- *Now available, iodized feeding salt, mineral, mixed feeds of various kinds, etc. Livestock Feed Agency.
- *Loading Hogs at Fredericton for Canada Packers every Thursday till 11 A. M. and Colville until 12. D. L. MacDowell.
- *Come to Hunter River Rink Tuesday night and see Millvale Sky Rockets play Hunter River Bonshaws, starting at 8 sharp. Skate after.
- *East Royals Rink tonight, third game of playoffs between East Royals and Milton Hornets. Royals must win or lose chance of championship. Skate after.
- *Hockey, New Glasgow Rink tonight. South Rustico versus North Rustico. Fifth and final game of the series for the Merchants' Trophy, to be presented to the winning team after the game. Game starts at 8:30; skate after.

Formal Opening Of Legislature

The traditional military display will mark the opening at 3 o'clock this afternoon of the first session of the 46th Legislative Assembly by His Honour Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard.

The ceremony will be attended by Major General H. W. Foster, C.B.E., D.S.O., general officer commanding Eastern Command, Halifax.

A guard of honour from the 17th Recce Regiment will be in command of Capt. R. D. McMillan, 2nd Lt. George MacRae. The guard will be headed by the regimental band under Bandmaster Thomas McFarlane.

An artillery salute of fifteen guns will be fired by the 114th battery, 28th L. A. A. Regiment, under command of Major C. D. Ives, with Capt. D. McCormack in charge of the gun crew.

As noted in yesterday's issue, there will be an investiture following the formal opening ceremonies, at which the Lieutenant Governor will present the Military Cross to Major D. McGowan Montague, and Capt. V. L. MacDonald, Charlottetown; the O. B. E. to Col. F. I. Andrew, M.M., S.D., Charlottetown, and the Military Medal to Sapper H. E. Anstie, Peake's Station.

Alleged Gambling Set-up Raided

Police raided an alleged gambling establishment on Richmond Street, over the V-Club, early today. Several members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police appeared at the establishment about 1 o'clock and remained there for some time. A truck was used to take away articles seized.

City Police on duty early this morning said they had not participated.

Details of the seizure were not immediately available.

Income Tax Officials Confer

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 23—(CP)—Income tax officials of the primary producer's section from Charlottetown, Halifax and Ottawa arrived here today for a two-day conference with D. J. Gill, Ottawa, acting-director of the section.

Mr. Gill said the talks would deal with ironing out accounting problems and giving instructions in compiling tax figures.

Howling Blizzard In Nfld. Capital

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 23—(CP)—Nearly all traffic was brought to a standstill in this Newfoundland Capital today as a howling blizzard swept across the Old Colony. There were no reports of serious accidents or shipwrecks.

Maritime Members Make Plea For East

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—(CP)—Three Maritime members today called in the Commons for a decentralization of Canadian industry and urged the development of existing and new industries in the Maritimes.

Percy Black (PC—Cumberland) started the discussion during continued debate on the section of the foreign exchange conservation bill dealing with the import of capital goods. He said the Maritimes Provinces had not shared fairly in the development of new industries during the war and that steps should be taken to correct the situation.

His statement drew several others into the discussion, including Clarie Gillis (OCC—Cape Breton South) and Gordon Cape (L—Halifax).

Mr. Black said his main criticism of the exchange legislation was that it contained "no permanency." There was no assurance that industries would find a market for their products for any length of time.

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Coalition Candidates Take Lead In B. C. By-election Returns

Prowse Bros. Donate \$250 To Appeal

Prowse Bros. Limited, Charlottetown firm has donated \$250.00 to Canadian Appeal for Children Fund. A cheque for this amount was handed to the Provincial Committee yesterday. In addition to this employees of the firm contributed a substantial sum under the Group Employee Plan.

Annual Meeting Royal Edward Chapter I.O.D.E.

Mrs. T. G. Ives was elected Regent of the Royal Edward Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, at the annual meeting of the Chapter held yesterday afternoon. Mrs. J. A. MacMillan is the retiring Regent. Mrs. H. J. Gordon was elected Honorary Regent.

Other officers elected included: 1st vice-regent, Mrs. C. H. Beer; 2nd vice-regent, Mrs. G. T. Hardie; secretary, Mrs. J. T. Davies; assistant-secretary, Mrs. George Blinn; treasurer, Mrs. Stuart Weir; educational secretary, Mrs. J. A. Lawson; provincial education secretary, Miss Jessie Fullerton; standard bearer, Mrs. H. Laphorne; post-war service convener, Mrs. A. V. Saunders; national councillor, Mrs. A. R. Roper; councillors, Miss Ethel Stewart, Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, Mrs. L. MacDougall, Mrs. J. S. Walker, Mrs. R. H. Barrett; press and publicity, Mrs. G. T. Hardie; film convener, Mrs. Harry Sear; flower and card committee, Miss Mary Hazzard; ex-service committee, Mrs. J. A. MacMillan; sewing committee, Mrs. Milton Bell; Empire study and Empire work in India, Miss Mary Irving; hospitality, Mrs. E. J. Saunders.

Mrs. G. T. Hardie reported that a requisition for 200 books had been sent to the national headquarters at Toronto. Those books are to be sent to various centres such as hospitals and homes for the aged.

The Regent, Mrs. J. A. MacMillan announced that Mrs. B. Earle MacDougall had been appointed convener of a committee which will assist next week at the booth in Holman's for the acceptance of donations to the "Save The Children" Fund.

Pro-Union Paper Planned In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., Feb. 23—(CP)—Joseph Smallwood said today pro-confederatists intended to start publication of a "union with Canada" newspaper.

The newspaper would be one method adopted in a campaign to have confederation included on the ballot in which Newfoundlanders this spring will choose their future form of government.

Parliament At-A-Glance

Trade Minister Howe said the Government hopes motion picture production will develop in Canada as result of the dollar-conservation program.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, urged encouragement for filming of full-length stories of Canadian life.

Mr. Howe warned if industry used the conservation legislation as a protective tariff import permits might be granted to discourage the idea.

First reading was given a bill extending for three years the Farm Loans Improvement Act of 1944.

Detailed study of currency-conservation measures was completed after Opposition members questioned the Government closely on topics ranging from fire engines to structural steel.

Three Maritime members called for decentralization of Canadian industry.

Tuesday

The Commons will consider Government legislation. The Senate will not sit.

Murder Charge In Windsor Killing

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 23—(CP)—Summoned to a police early today discovered William Solomon, 32-year-old Indian, dead from knife wounds in a blood-spattered bedroom.

Robert Craig, 27, a war buddy and close friend of Solomon, was charged with murder and remanded a week without plea.

Police said the two men had several drinks during a party at Craig's apartment and then engaged in a drunken quarrel which ended with Craig taking a razor-sharp hunting knife from a dresser drawer. In the ensuing struggle, he said, the knife was plunged cleanly into Solomon's heart.

BLOSSOM CANADA FLOUR

The flour that blooms in the oven

FOR LIGHTER SPONGE CAKES AND PIES

Split Develops In Ranks Of Social Democratic Party

(By A. I. Goldberg)

PRAQUE, Feb. 23—(AP)—Czechoslovakia apparently was headed tonight towards a Communist-controlled government.

This was implied in a split in the ranks of the Social Democratic Party which had held the balance of power in the country's political crisis.

Communists already were in control of the state government of semi-autonomous Slovakia. They threw out the non-Communists there and gave their posts to Communists. Slovakia was cut off from normal telephone communication with Prague.

The Social Democratic split and the direct action in Slovakia came after the Communists, driving for complete power in the country, had paraded their armed police power in Prague and raided the headquarters of the Czech National Socialist Party, a bulwark of the anti-Rad forces.

The raid was followed by Communist charges that the National Socialists were plotting armed revolution against the Government.

Vaclav Nosek, Communist Interior Minister, has seen President Eduard Benes and informed him.

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750-pound Sideshow Entertainer Dies

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23—(AP)—"Baby Betty" Horrell, 750-pound sideshow entertainer, died in hospital last night.

He required six men to carry the 38-year-old woman into the hospital two weeks ago for treatment of an undisclosed ailment. Two hospital beds were bolted together for her.

Commander Edwards Pleased With Carferry Performance

Commander C. P. Edwards, C. M. G., who was Deputy Minister of Transport during the period of construction and early operation of the Motor Vessel "Abergweil", spent yesterday on the ship, making crossings between Tormentine and Borden to observe the performance of the vessel under winter conditions.

Commander Edwards was accompanied on the trip by Messrs. J. P. Johnson, Vice-President and general manager, Atlantic Region, Canadian National Railways; C. T. Montgomery, Superintendent of the Island Division; S. Hairsine, electrical engineer, Department of Transport, and John MacDonald, representing the British Corporation and Registry of Shipping.

Mr. Hairsine spent many weeks on the vessel prior to her release from Sorel, as well as the trip down the river and during the period of the ship's service across the Strait, making close studies of the intricate and very modern electrical development which is such an important factor in the operation of this type of ice-breaker.

Commander Edwards expressed satisfaction with the performance he witnessed yesterday, and congratulated Captain John Maguire and the other officers aboard in regard to the excellent operation. Commander Edwards stated that he was delighted that during the past four weeks of ice conditions the ship's officers and Mr. Hairsine have taken advantage of the opportunity afforded to develop new techniques utilizing to the full the technical features of the machinery, and it is working to full capacity with one hundred per cent satisfaction.

The Commander also stated that he was delighted with his new appointment as Deputy Minister of Reconstruction and Supply and that later on he will return to his first love, the headship of the Air and Communications Section of the Department of Transport. The Commander is an old wireless engineer and his experience goes back nearly to the beginning of the Marconi system of transmission.

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Security Council To Face Critical Issue

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 23—(CP)—The Security Council of the United Nations tomorrow faces the vital problem of Palestine—and thus reaches a cross-roads which may decide whether the U.N. will become the world peace organization it was intended to be or whether it will follow the road of the League of Nations.

U.N. observers agreed tonight that the Security Council this time cannot "duck" by compromise or mediation, the question of Palestine, as it has "settled" so many other thorny problems since its formation little more than two years ago. They viewed the issue as a fateful one—as fateful to the U.N. as Ethiopia was to the League of Nations.

And in the spotlight is Canada's Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, Council president for February under the system of alphabetical rotation of the chairmanship. He brings to his task a genius for conciliation, well displayed in the Council's previous sessions this month when other

Leaves For Calgary



Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell leaves today to attend the Dominion Curling Championships which open in Calgary, Alberta, March 1st. The Chief Justice is a trustee of the Macdonald-Brier Tankard.

Former Cardinal's Palace Becomes Home For Infants

TORONTO, Feb. 23—(CP)—A former cardinal's palace in downtown Toronto today became a home for infants. The 12 "crambling" rooms of 9 Wellesley Place have been altered to provide neat cubicles for 90 homeless toddlers, all 19 months old or less.

This was the address for 12 years of James Cardinal McGuigan and he presided at the formal ceremony today. He named it the "Neil McNeil Infants' Home" in honor of his predecessor, the late Archbishop Neil McNeil who had lived in it 22 years. He was a native of Hillsborough, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

New Appointment

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Pictures Take 29 Million From Canada Annually

By DOUGLAS HOW

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—(CP)—Trade Minister Howe told the Commons today the Government hopes to see the development of motion picture production in Canada and said the country's "interesting possibilities are obvious."

M.J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said Canadian dramatic art has reached "a very high level" in radio and urged the Government to encourage the filming of full-length stories of Canadian life, such as the "epic" of the settlement of the Prairies.

They spoke during consideration of a schedule of the Government's emergency program to conserve United States dollars dealing with import restrictions on capital goods.

In a general statement on the capital import restrictions, Mr. Howe paid special attention to movies and cars. He said the special situation of the United States movie industry in Canada "called for a more imaginative and constructive approach" than the application of quotas on imports of films. Over and above the \$12,000,000 paid out in rentals for imported films, another \$17,000,000 was added to the unfavorable exchange cost in the earnings of U.S. motion picture properties in this country.

"Discussions with the industry are proceeding," he said. "I do not think it would be desirable to go into detail while they are still under way. But I would like to say that we have been very pleased with the co-operative attitude in which the industry has joined with us to explore the problem."

Interesting Possibilities

"That Canada has some interesting possibilities in the movie world is obvious. Climatic factors, local color and cultures, magnificent natural scenery, availability of technical personnel and facilities, and

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Not All Good Little Boys Turn Out Bad. Some Never Turn Out Anything!

TORONTO, Feb. 23—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 39-45; Regina 13-16; Edmonton 7-7; Winnipeg 23-26; Toronto 14-30; Ottawa zero-21; Montreal 5-18; Quebec 12-17; Saint John 3-17; Moncton 4-12; Halifax 12-18; Charlottetown 9-18; Sydney 16-18; Yarmouth 10-18.

Below zero.

HALIFAX, Feb. 23—(CP)—Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office tonight.

Synopsis: Temperatures ranged from 10 to 20 Monday afternoon over the Maritimes. The weather was generally fine but there were a few snowflurries. By evening skies were clear in almost all sections and temperatures can be expected to fall to near the zero mark in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island while in New Brunswick they will go below zero. A high pressure area is drifting eastward across the district from Quebec and fine weather can be expected again on Tuesday. Southerly winds will bring milder air into the western sections and afternoon temperatures will be a little higher.

Forecasts, valid until Tuesday midnight.

Prince Edward Island—Clear and continuing cold. Light winds. Low early Tuesday morning at Charlottetown 2, high in the afternoon 12.

High tide this morning at 10:55 and tonight at 10:33.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:35 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:47.

Full moon February 24th, 1:16 P. M.

Summerside the eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.