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## ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS THREATENS

### Relaxations In Certain Rental Controls British Crisis Is Seen As Threat To World

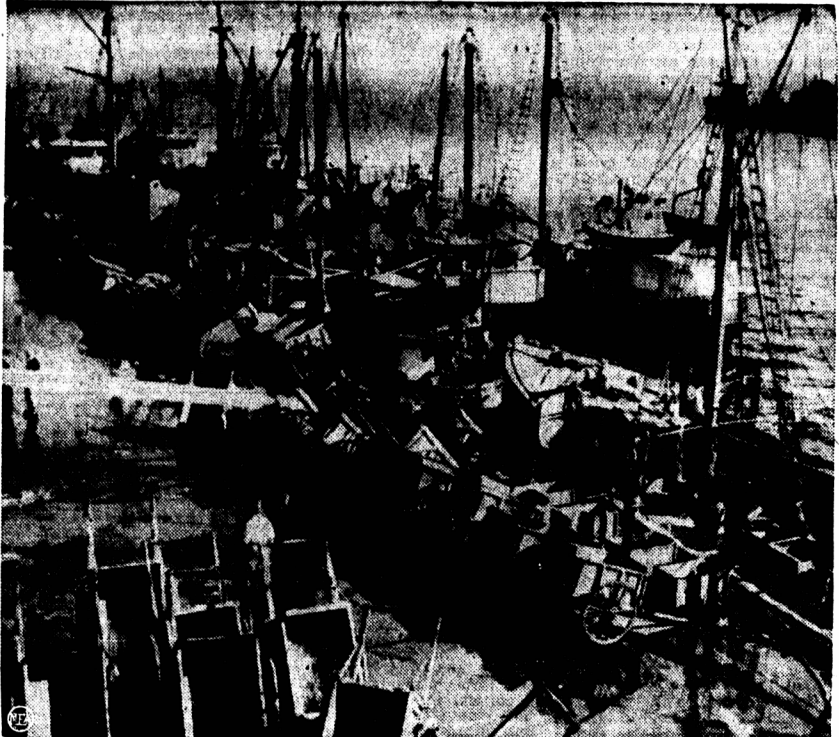
#### Former C.N.T. Official Here To New Post

HALIFAX, Feb. 24—John A. W. Griffiths, a former messenger boy with the Canadian National Telegraphs, has left for the far north to take up a position as district equipment maintainer at Fort Nelson, an Alaska Highway post recently abandoned by the R.C.M.P. and taken over by the Canadian National Telegraphs. He left Halifax with Mrs. Griffiths on the Ocean Limited of the Canadian National Railways for Edmonton, Alta., where he will pick up special equipment for his journey northward. Mrs. Griffiths will make her home in Vancouver with relatives until her husband is able to arrange accommodations for her at his new post.

Mr. Griffiths began his career at a telegraph message in Halifax in 1929. Shortly afterwards he was promoted to a clerical position, in which capacity he was employed until 1944 when he was appointed district tucker inspector at Charlottetown, P.E.I. In December, 1945, he was transferred to Moncton where he remained until May 1946, when he returned to Halifax.

A farewell party given by fellow employees of the Canadian National Telegraphs Mr. Griffiths was presented with a wrist watch and Mrs. Griffiths with an engraved silver spoon.

#### Strike Settled But Fish Spoiled



Nearly a million and a half pounds of fresh fish are in the holds of three boats tied up at Boston Fish Pier as fishermen balked at unloading their vessels because they said the prices bid for fish were too low. Yesterday the six-day strike was settled but thousands of pounds of fish were condemned as unfit for human consumption. Walter E. Slater, inspector for the Massachusetts Conservation Department's Marine Fisheries Division estimated that "between 25 and 50 per cent" of the fish in the vessels' holds would be condemned.

#### Heavy Snowfall In Northern N. B.

BATHURST, N. B., Feb. 24—(CP)—Most of the roads in rural areas outside Bathurst remained blocked tonight after heavy snowfall in Northern New Brunswick. About 50 automobiles, owned by Mr. William Butler, York Point, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. In addition, seven tons of fertilizer, 20 tons of hay, and 400 bushels of grain were consumed in the fire.

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#### Coming Events

- Dinner at Bradshaw tonight.
- Horse racing at Oyster Bed Bridge Wednesday, February 26th.
- Brackley vs. Winslow at Milton rink tonight. Skate after.
- Races Souris Wednesday, February 26th, starting 1:30.
- Weekly Whist and Dance at Edon Thursday night.
- Earncliffe School, Tuesday, 7:30. Swine Club meeting and N. P. B. pictures.
- Horse Racing at Oyster Bed Bridge, Wednesday afternoon, 2 o'clock.
- Robert Burrows leading hog Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27th. Bring them along early. Livestock Marketing Board.
- We now have in stock Seed Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Wheat and Field Peas. All number one imported Seed. Book your requirements now. Wholesale and retail Halifax Seed Co., Ltd., 72 Queen.
- Leading Live Hogs Thursday, February 28th as follows: Summerside till 1:30 P.M., Kensington till 3 P.M., Borden Bagnall, Hunter River Friday till noon. Elmer Wigmore, Brackley, Friday till train time. Trucking service when roads permit. MacEwen and Casely.

#### Active Year Reported At I.O.D.E. Annual Meeting

Mrs. J. A. MacMillan was re-elected Regent and Mrs. H. J. Gordon honorary Regent at the annual meeting of the Royal Edward Chapter, I.O.D.E., held yesterday afternoon at The Charlottetown. The meeting followed an enjoyable luncheon at which Mrs. A. Berris, honorary vice president, was present as a guest. Other officers elected for the ensuing year were: 1st Vice Regent, Mrs. T. G. G. Keefe; 2nd Vice Regent, Mrs. C. H. Beer; secretary, Mrs. J. L. Davies; assistant secretary, Mrs. G. T. Blinn; Echoes secretary, Mrs. J. A. Lewis; chapter editor, Mrs. J. A. Lawson; standard bearer, Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse; post-war service leader, Mrs. A. V. Saunders.

Miss Jessie Fullerton was nominated acting Provincial Sec. secretary and Miss Edna Wyatt Abegweit Chapter, Summerside, National Councilor.

Councillors: Mrs. Milton Bell, Mrs. E. S. Coffin, Mrs. G. R. Keefe, Mrs. Earl Macdonald, Mrs. Len. MacDougall, Mrs. Harry Phillips, Mrs. W. F. Weir.

Committees: Child and Family Welfare, Mrs. Earl Macdonald; Flower and Card, Mrs. H. R. Hillson; Press and Publicity, Mrs. G. T. Hardie; Ex-service Personnel, Mrs. J. S. Walker, Mrs. E. T. MacLeod; Service Libraries, Miss Rose Longworth.

Correspondence at regular meeting included: circular to solicit

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#### R. C. A. F. Commands Cut From Five To Two

OTTAWA, Feb. 24—(CP)—The peacetime set-up of the three regular Canadian forces became clearer today with announcement that the R.C.A.F. is reducing its present five commands to two in a reorganization which follows that announced recently by the army.

Defence Minister Claxton, in a statement also giving a broad picture of air force activities in the present year, disclosed that Trenton, Ont., and Edmonton, will become the only two command headquarters in the country and that existing commands at Halifax, Winnipeg and Vancouver will be reduced to group headquarters under these two.

The army abolished the traditional district system and established a network of five commands with six area headquarters under them. The navy has headquarters at Halifax and Esquimaux.

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#### Becomes Ill At Hall, Woman Dies Suddenly

While waiting to witness the play, "The Song of Bernadette" in the Holy Redeemer Hall yesterday evening, Mrs. O. L. Richard, 75 Elm Avenue, was stricken ill and was removed to her home where she passed away.

The late Mrs. Richard, whose husband predeceased her four years ago, is survived by four children: Cyril, Melvina, Aubin, and Edna, Mrs. Clifford McKinney, all of Charlottetown.

Two brothers and two sisters also survive the late Mrs. Richard. They are, Thomas C. and Joseph Perry, both of Tignish; Mrs. R. Gaudet, Tignish; and Angelina, Charlottetown.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Richard were natives of DeBolis, a small village about five miles from Tignish.

#### Britons Hear Good News

LONDON, Feb. 24—(CP)—Another section of Britain's paralyzed industry may revive next week, as reports from the United States indicate that the price of steel may be raised by Wednesday and the use of gas probably would be restricted as was feared.

These scraps of good news were flung at Britons today as many Midlands factories produced again after the two-week shut-down ordered to conserve electric power.

Prime Minister Attlee announced that in the northwest area, industrial output would be permitted again next Monday but he refused to say when work would be resumed in London and the southeast counties.

On the debt side was the announcement that the candy ration of four ounces weekly would be halved and warnings that the fuel stock situation still was critical, particularly where gas undertakings were concerned.

#### War Veteran Able To Speak After 4 Years

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24—(AP)—Bob Murray, 27, of Kansas City, is able to talk for the first time in about four years, thanks to the 18th operation on his throat performed by a New Orleans surgeon.

His wife, whom Bob married about eight months ago, had never heard him speak since their marriage, and his mother in Kansas City wept for joy when her son spoke to her over the telephone.

While in the Army in July, 1943, his throat was crushed in a traffic accident and he was placed in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington.

The New Orleans surgeon, who also was in the Army, performed 17 operations at Walter Reed, consisting of plastic procedure in reconstruction of the patient's larynx.

Murray then came to Ochsner clinic at New Orleans for the final operation, in which the vocal cords were sewn in place three weeks ago and a silver tube inserted.

The doctor, who doled out use of his name, said Murray's voice should gradually be restored to normal.

#### Sacred Heart Convent Burns At Jackman, Me.

JACKMAN, Me., Feb. 24—(AP)—About 150 pupils and 33 sisters of the Sacred Heart fled into freezing temperatures and three-foot snow depths early today when their convent building was destroyed by a spectacular fire originating in the laundry room.

Townpeople and nuns evacuated the children, all from five to eight years in age, and two ill, aged sisters, as flames attacked the four-story, wood and stone building after a 4:30 A.M. blast believed to have occurred in a boiler.

Sister Louis Marie and Sister St. Joseph, both ill, were carried from the building by nuns as flames roared up the back of the convent.

#### One Dead, Scores Injured When Stand Collapses

(By The Associated Press) LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 24—A new bleacher section jammed with fans jumped to their feet in an ovation for Purdue basketball team, seconds after the first half ended with Purdue in front of Wisconsin's Western Conference leaders, 34-33.

Screaming thousands in the collapsed stand were spilled to the dirt floor. The bleacher, with all 52 rows of seats smashed and piled like a hay stack, was about 100 feet wide.

Many of the injured laid out on the basketball floor appeared to have broken arms and legs. Doctors, nurses and Red Cross aides from other sections of the audience of 11,000 gave hurried medical treatment.

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#### Fine Weather Eases Box Car Shortage

(Canadian Press) Transport Controller B. S. Liberty sounded a faint note of optimism yesterday that the nation's box car shortage would start to ease from now on, although reports from various parts of the country indicated little improvement.

In Ottawa, Mr. Liberty described the situation as "much better" as a result of improved weather and increased clearances from Prairie points. He said that the situation had eased considerably but would remain tight for some time to come.

In Vancouver, two more vessels have dropped anchor in port to load wheat for Britain making a total of 18 now awaiting grain cargoes. But because grain is moving from the Prairies at only one-

#### More Freight Cars Needed Within 75 Days

OTTAWA, Feb. 24—(CP)—An acute shortage of railcars for Canadian agriculture unless more freight cars become available within the next 75 days was forecast today by Federal Agriculture Department officials in the price of rationed consumers when and if extra supplies become available, a spokesman said today.

However, no immediate increase in the ration is planned on the basis of a Washington announcement that Canada will receive approximately 86 or 87 pounds of sugar per capita in 1947 compared with 73 pounds last year, by allocation under the International Emergency Food Control.

"We will have to wait until we get it," the official said. The 1947 crop still was being produced and it was not guaranteed that estimated supplies would match the actual output.

The Board is not considering removal of sugar rationing, he added.

#### Prince County M. P. Commended On Airport Efforts

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 24—(Special) Fellow-members of the Prince Edward Island and colleagues from the other Maritime Provinces today congratulated J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince on his success in persuading National Defence Minister Claxton to maintain the air station at Summerside as a permanent navigational and reconnaissance station of the R.C.A.F. The Minister's concession to reopen the school in the near future was the greater in view of his announcement today of drastic reductions in the number of R.C.A.F. and consequent elimination of a number of R.C.A.F. stations across Canada.

Mr. MacNaught came to Ottawa a week in advance of the opening of Parliament to fight the case of the Summerside airport. Having heard reports that it had been marked for closing, the Prince member conferred with Defence

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