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Strong Campaign To Obtain Federal Marketing Act

Eight Local Railway Men Are Honored

Eight members of the P. E. Island division, Canadian National Railways, who are also members of the C.N.R. Machinists' Association, Lodge No. 604, were presented with badges and certificates last night in commemoration of each having served 35 years with the Railway.

The presentations were made by Superintendent C. T. Montgomery during the course of a banquet held at the Charlottetown Hotel in the men's honour.

The recipients of the badges and certificates were, Messrs. F. W. McNevin, John A. Collins, Harold Bevan, Benjamin Stenford, Parker Moore, James Egan, George Puncher, and B. P. McLaine.

Short addresses were made by Superintendent Montgomery, Mr. Harold Moore, master mechanic, and Mr. P. W. McNevin, general foreman of the mechanical department.

Mr. B. P. McLaine presided.

Traffic In Northern N. B. Becoming Normal

BATHURST, N. B., Feb. 26 (CP)—Traffic in the North shore area, buried under snow after last week-end's blizzard, is gradually returning to normal. Roads to Campbellton and Carleton Place are now open. Coast points have been re-opened.

The snow is so deep that the operator of a plow at Clifton failed to see a buried car, which the plow buried against the snow embankment along the road today. Only minor damage occurred.

OLDSLOTT LOSES LICENSE

LEIGHTON-BUZZARD, Beds., England, Feb. 26 (Reuters)—Driving his automobile "as if he were jet-propelled," 86-year-old Samuel OldsloTT knocked down a woman pedestrian and crashed through a shoe store window. Today a court suspended his driving licence. He will be 96 before he is allowed to drive again.

Coming Events

- Movies at Victoria to-night.
- Rummage sale Kirk Hall Saturday, 4 p.m.
- Brackley vs. Milton at Milton rink tonight.
- Reserve Easter Saturday, April 5th, Zion Cafe at Holman's.
- Hockey East Royals tonight, Sparks vs. Royals. Skate after.
- Rummage sale Trinity School Hall Saturday, March 1, at 3 o'clock.
- Loading Hogs at Peakes Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd., Merlin Devine.
- Loading Hogs at Montague Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd. S. C. McLennan, Phone 34.
- Loading Hogs at Cardigan Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd. Norman McKensie, Cardigan.
- Hear Mrs. F. Osborne lecture in Central Royalty School Friday, Feb. 26, at 8 o'clock. In Aid Women's Institute.
- Loading Hogs at St. Peters for Canada Packers Ltd., each Tuesday for truck pickup serving from farm to car phone Roddie Pratt.
- Doubleheader at New Glasgow rink, New Glasgow Imperials vs. Glasgow Road; New Glasgow Midgents vs. Millers, tonight. Game starts 8 o'clock.
- Collecting Hogs each Friday for Canada Packers Ltd. for trucking service through Summersville, Albany Plains, Vernon River, Avondale and Hermitage. Phone Gordon Lea 20-2.
- Loading live hogs for Canada Packers at Albany, Thursday from 10 o'clock till 3. Emerald Friday A.M. until 11 o'clock. Trucking service when roads permit. Notify A. O. Green, or G. C. Green.
- Collecting hogs each Tuesday for Canada Packers Ltd. for trucking service through Bernaciffa, Cherry Valley, Vernon, Orwell and Newtown, phone Walter Crane 11-19.
- Collecting Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd. every Friday, Bourne, Fortuna Bay, Fortuna Bridge, Bay Fortune, Annandale, Dundas, Bridgetown, Berthons, George Dingwell.

Boxcar Shortage Endangers National Economy

Britain To Adopt Night Shift Plan

One-third Workers To Be Affected; Will Aid In Easing Electric Power Problems.

Results Of Fur Auction At Montreal

MONTREAL, Feb. 26 (Special)—The February sale of fox pelts by the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co. Ltd. here today resulted as follows:

Better grade platiums, 50 per cent sold at an average of \$39.66; low grade platiums 72 per cent sold at an average of \$26.75; pearl platiums 88 per cent sold at an average of \$33.11; white marked silvers 83 per cent sold at an average of \$26.47; selected full silvers 70 per cent sold at an average of \$26.80; regular full silvers 80 per cent sold at an average of \$19.00.

(The above information was supplied by Mr. George A. Calbeck, manager of the Fur Marketing Department, Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association, Summerside.)

P. E. I. Woman Dies At Malden, Mass.

MALDEN, Mass., Feb. 26 (CP)—Funeral services for Mrs. Isabelle C. Dymont, 40, a native of Summerside, P.E.I., will be held here tomorrow.

Mrs. Dymont is survived by her husband, son and daughter, all residents of Malden. She also is survived by her mother, Mrs. Flora MacLean of Charlottetown, and six brothers including Daniel, Truro, N.S.; John, Summerside, P.E.I.; Duncan, Brantford, P.E.I.; and James, Saint John, N.B.

Mrs. Dymont died in hospital here Monday.

50,000 Belgians In Demonstration

BRUSSELS, Feb. 26 (AP)—A demonstration by former Belgian prisoners of war demanding payment of bonuses turned into a riotous battle today in which 50,000 marchers broke through police lines, trampled and crushed each other and only were stopped by machine-gun and rifle fire from behind the steel fence of the parliament building.

A day-long siege of the parliament building was not broken until tonight when a ring of armored cars, machine-guns, gas-masks and troops finally restored order in the angry throng and the cabinet members were able to emerge from behind the steel fence.

Unconfirmed reports said a dozen persons were killed but an official of the Interior Ministry said that only one person was dead as the result of a heart attack.

LT-Col. Raoul de Fraiteur, minister of defence explained that the bonus had not been paid because Belgium had not the money at present.

Three Missing Fliers Found In Wilderness

MONTREAL, Feb. 26 (CP)—Canadian Pacific Airways announced today it had been advised a Quebec Airways plane had picked up three fliers missing for a week in the St. Augustin area near the Quebec-Labrador border.

The information came from W. (Babe) Wollett, superintendent of the St. Lawrence district of Quebec Airways at Mont Joli, Que.

He said he had received by radio direct from a Quebec Airways mail plane piloted by Capt. J.H. Gata a message saying: "Picked up three missing men on a lake near St. Augustin at 3:30 p.m. Estimated arrival St. Augustin 4:10."

A later message said the rescue plane had landed at St. Augustin at 4:05 p.m. and that the men were unharmed but hungry.

No further details were available immediately, as landings into St.

Official Figures Indicate Situation Continues Critical

OTTAWA, Feb. 26 (CP)—Transport Minister Chervier said tonight that Canada's railways "are going to have difficulty" in meeting the box car priority order for export wheat and domestic feed grain shipments and still meet the requirements of Canadian industry.

"But," he added in a statement to the Canadian Press, "the situation today is far better than a week ago and if the weather will only hold good I think the railways can do a good job of it."

The Minister was commenting on a report by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that it remained to be seen if the railways could meet wheat and feed grain box car priorities and still meet the needs of Canadian industry without endangering the national economy.

Gives Picture

Mr. Chervier gave the following picture of the box car situation: "Roughly speaking there are 116,000 Canadian-owned box cars and of those, 47,000 are in Eastern Canada, 45,000 are in Western Canada and the remainder are in the United States.

"Of the 45,000 in Western Canada, 11,000 are used for the grain trade and there are required to meet the grain situation at the present time, some 7,000 or 8,000 more. These must come from some place else.

"In a review of the feed grain situation, which, coupled with wheat shipments was responsible for the recent box car priorities order, the Bureau noted serious deficiencies in feed grain in Eastern Canada and said:

"In an effort to meet the present shortages of livestock feed in this area, the Dominion Government Feb. 14 gave the Transport Controller power to commandeering government offices.

Neither has Canada's capital been struck by a wave of absenteeism and truancy on the part of His Majesty's employees — and there are 35,000 of them.

The simple fact is that every civil servant is allowed by statute eight days of sick leave every fiscal year "on his own certification." Since the fiscal year terminates on March 31, civil servants who have neglected to avail themselves of their sick leave rights are now making haste to do so. It's a case making haste to do so.

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Two Children Lose Lives In Blaze

ST. JOACHIM DE TOURELLE, Que., Feb. 26 (CP)—Two children lost their lives and four other children suffered burns when a fire early today destroyed the home of Jean and Olga Therrien near this Gaspeian village.

All of the injured were taken to hospital at Ste. Anne des Monts. Three are reported in serious condition.

The child victims are Regie, six-year-old son of Jean Therrien, and Bernagere, two-year-old daughter of Olga Therrien.

The fire in the Therriens' new house, situated at what is known as Little Tourelle, broke out about five o'clock and followed an explosion when gasoline was used in lighting a stove.

Parliament At A Glance

(Canadian Press)

Trade Minister MacLennan said the Government anticipates the continuation of the Canadian Wheat Board in some form after the expiration of the Anglo-Canadian wheat contract in 1950.

Reconstruction Minister Howe said the Government could not withdraw from its subsidy contract with the strike-bound Dominion Coal Company.

Hon. C. G. Power (Quebec South) has been appointed to the redistribution committee and may be chosen chairman.

Opposition members questioned Mr. MacKinnon closely on the Government's wheat policy.

Thursday

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

Delicious Flavour!



Two Constables And One Bandit Killed In Vancouver Hold-up

(By George Finlay)

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26 (CP)—Two police constables and one of a trio of would-be bank bandits were shot to death today while another constable and bandit were wounded in a prolonged gun battle that started outside the Renfrew Street branch of the Royal Bank and concluded amid the scattered box cars in the Great Northern Railway yards. Third member of the sought trio was captured.

The dead were police officers Oliver Leidingham and Charles Boyes; a hold-up suspect identified as Douglas Carter.

Detective Allan Hoare, and Harry Johnson, hold-up suspect, were wounded.

The chase began as a police car raced to the Renfrew Street bank in the east end of the city in response to an anonymous warning that three men were putting on masks and were about to leave the big maroon car in which they were sitting outside the bank and which was found to have been stolen.

As the police cruiser approached the maroon car roared away, tore through the residential area, with the police car in pursuit. For two miles the cars tore through interlocking streets until finally the handi-car screeched to a stop alongside the railway yards.

Police Close

The police car, carrying Leidingham and Boyes, was hit and pulled to a stop seconds later.

Leidingham just stepped out of the car when they let him have it," said an eye-witness and the officer crumpled to the ground.

The three men were putting on masks and the three men fled their car and retreated down the rail-

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Former Maritime Farmer Editor Gets New Position

HALIFAX, Feb. 26 (CP)—Appointment of W.J. MacLeod, former editor-in-chief of the Maritime Farmer at Sussex, N.B., and more recently registrar and dean of Agriculture at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, as superintendent of services in the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Marketing was announced today.

Mr. MacLeod succeeds Lyman T. Chapman, who resigned to join the staff of a Montreal newspaper.

Mr. MacLeod, a native of Loch Lomond, N.S., received his early education at Sussex. He succeeded his father, the late M.A. MacLeod, as editor-in-chief of the Maritime Farmer in 1935, joining the R.C.A. in 1940.

Released from the air force in 1945 he became a member of the college staff at Truro, N.S.

Mary Churchill's Husband Taken Ill

LONDON, Feb. 26 (CP)—The Evening Standard said today that Capt. Christopher Soames, who married Mary Churchill, daughter of the wartime Prime Minister, two weeks ago, has been taken seriously ill on his honeymoon in Switzerland.

Tim Buck Says Canada Double-crossed Russia

(By NORMAN GRIBBENS)

LONDON, Feb. 26 (CP)—Tim Buck, English-born leader of Canada's Labor Progressive Party, today told a conference of Empire Communists that the Canadian Government "wants to see the Empire maintained — preferably by the blood and sweat of the British people."

Buck spoke at the opening session of the six-day conference of 280 delegates from 11 countries now being held in the Hudson's Bay Company's Beaver Hall here.

Buck said Canada is "a capitalist imperialist state" aimed at becoming "a junior partner of United States imperialism" while at the same time opposing any tightening of links with the British Empire.

The Canadian political leader — who before the Communist Party was outlawed in Canada early in the war was its general secretary — said Canada "double-crossed" Russia while she was still a great ally by giving super-explosives to the United States and the United Kingdom but refusing to share them with the Soviet Union.

He quoted King as saying at one time "we may be fighting those fellows when this war is over" but he did not say to whom the alleged remark was made.

Buck said that while British Columbia is "the most fertile soil" for Communism, the movement is growing rapidly in Toronto despite the efforts of the King Government to discredit Soviet Russia "by engineering the so-called espionage trials."

The delegates earlier heard Harry Pollitt, general secretary of the British Communist Party, criticize American and British imperialist interests. Pollitt was supported by R. Palme Dutt, vice chairman of the British Communists and chairman of the international affairs committee, and John C. Henry, Australian Communist delegate.

Dutt said the aims of American expansion extended to the absorption of the British Empire as the "richest prize."

Pollitt, in opening the first conference in the history of the party, spoke of the "ever increasing dangers" arising from British and American "imperialism."

Would Control Internal And Export Trade

Federation Of Agriculture To Place Draft Of Proposed Act Before Cabinet.

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Feb. 26—A national conference of farm leaders and Provincial Government representatives went on record today in favor of Federal legislation to regulate marketing of agricultural products in inter-provincial and export trade.

The meeting, called by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, requested the directors of the Federation to place before the Government a draft Federal Agricultural Products Marketing Act to be dealt with at the present session of Parliament.

H. H. Hannam, Federation president, said the directors would meet with the cabinet Friday.

The proposed act would set up a Dominion Marketing Board with control over distribution, quantity, quality, variety and maximum and minimum prices of regulated farm products in inter-provincial and export markets.

The Federation's original draft defined the act as having to do with "natural products." The conference today altered the title to "agricultural products."

Provincial Support

G. F. Perkin, Ontario Government Director of Marketing, told the delegates "practically all" cash crops in his Province were under marketing schemes, but many farmers felt the need of extending regulations to cover inter-provincial and export trade.

Waldo Wash, Nova Scotia Deputy Minister of Agriculture, said 1,300,000 barrels of Nova Scotia's

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Sign Contracts For 45 Acres Of Strawberries

Fruit growers in the vicinity of Charlottetown agreed last evening to grow 20 acres of strawberries for Matthew Wells Company of Charlottetown for the 1948 season.

The agreement was made at a meeting held in the Department of Agriculture offices where Mr. W.E. Wells outlined his firm's berry policy with respect to P.E. Island.

Mr. Wells said his company know nothing about the merits of the Island's favourite strawberry, Senator Dunlap, as the majority of Ontario growers preferred the Premier above all others. However, Mr. Wells said, his firm would be taking this year whatever quantity of strawberries was offered, and since they would be the Senator Dunlap variety, his company would have a better idea of learning how this variety compared with the

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Montreal Tenants Protest Rent Boost

MONTREAL, Feb. 26 (CP)—The Montreal Tenants' Association today made public a telegram sent Prime Minister King, asking that as a "matter of national emergency" there be no rise in residential rents for 12 months "until living costs can be stabilized and the real issue of housing shortage" be dealt with.

The telegram is being sent to the House of Commons yesterday "indicate landlord pressure on rental administration successful" and that a 10 per cent "across-the-board increase" would "serve only the special interests at the expense of the general interest."

Weather Synopsis and Official Forecast Issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here at 11:15 p.m. tonight.

Synopsis: There is variable cloudiness in the Maritimes to night and widely scattered snow flurries are reported in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In Prince Edward Island skies are clear. Pressure is still low in the whole forecast district and is expected to remain about the same Thursday. Accordingly, the forecast is for continued intermittent snow and snow flurries with temperature near the freezing point.

Forecasts, valid until Thursday:

Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness with widely scattered snow flurries tonight. Thursday overcast with flurries changing to intermittent snow in the afternoon. Little change in temperature. Light winds increasing Thursday to southwest 15. High Thursday at Charlottetown 32. High tide this afternoon at 2:5 and tonight at 3:55.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:3 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:41.

First quarter moon February 28 5:12 A.M.

Summerside tide eighteen min later than Charlottetown.

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