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MURRAY RIVER WEEK-END FIRE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS

Prices Committee Holds Spotlight At Federal Capital

Nine Sanatorium Nurses To Graduate

OTTAWA, Feb. 15—(Special)—With a background of expert testimony on living costs now laid down by Dominion statistician H. Marshall and Prices Board chairman K. W. Taylor, the House of Commons Prices Committee is expected to call heads of various commodity corporations to the witness-stand in the railway committee room here later this week.

Since Wednesday last, the new committee headed by Health and Welfare Minister Martin has stolen the spotlight usually focused on the House of Commons, and Mr. Martin whose name has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Prime Minister Mackenzie King intends to keep it there. It is felt around Parliament Hill this week-end that he will have little trouble in doing so, since he can channel the activities of the committee into matters far more interesting than the Throne Speech debate or the clause-by-clause discussion of the Foreign Exchange Conservation Act.

Since Mr. Taylor has a New York engagement tomorrow, his evidence, which to date has been chiefly concerned with current prices of butter, woolens and textiles, will be deferred until mid-week. When the committee reconvenes on Monday, F. A. McGregor, commissioner under the Combines Act will be called. It is expected that he will be closely questioned as to his knowledge of Canadian combines or cartels which operate to increase prices or to maintain high prices.

Members of the committee freely state that the evidence of Messrs. Taylor, Marshall, and McGregor is chiefly "academic" and that they will only get down to brass tacks when they are dealing directly with Canadian producers, buyers and sellers. They propose to do at the earliest possible moment, and the steering committee of the main group is already preparing a list of key witnesses in business and industry across the Dominion.

While none of the four Prince Edward Island members have been appointed to the Prices Committee, they have the traditional right of sitting on the sidelines while the hearings are in progress. Further they can easily secure the co-operation of their colleagues on the committee to ask one or a series of questions on prices of such commodities as affect the Province.

When the committee resumes its sessions tomorrow morning, Mr. McGregor will first be questioned on the price of bread, it is anticipated. Some of the members, particularly those from Western Canada, have expressed the view that various bakers' associations have combined to increase the price of bread beyond a just and reasonable figure. They will seek a breakdown of bread costs, under the headings of material, labor and distribution.

In the meantime, the House hopes this week to complete the committee stage on the Foreign Exchange Bill and to make further headway with debate on the Draft Address.

Churchill Calls For British Election

(By The Canadian Press)
LONDON, Feb. 15—Winston Churchill called Saturday night for the election of a new parliament as the first step to rescue Britain from its "lamentable and critical plight."

In a country-wide broadcast as head of the Conservative Party, Churchill blamed "Socialist mismanagement and misrule" for Britain's "dangers, privations and misfortunes."

Re-Seed Burned Over Forests From Planes

FREDERICTON, Feb. 16—(CP)—Re-seeding of burned-over woodland from aircraft has been started by the New Brunswick Department of Lands and Forests. R. J. Gill, Lands Minister, announced today.

First of the aerial seeding operations were carried out during the week-end over part of the 35 square miles of crown land ravaged by forest fires in 1944.

The operation, dubbed "Operation Evergreen," is carried out from 200 or 300 feet with spruce, balsam, white cedar and pine seed being used.

MINE DISASTER RECALLED

MALTBY, Yorkshire, England—(CP)—A coffin with a silver plate inscribed "An Unknown Workman" containing the remains of one of 26 miners killed in a 1923 colliery disaster was buried here. The skeleton was found in a disused gallery, sealed off after fire had stopped workings.

Coming Events

- *Mann's General Store on Molpeque Road is now open for business.
- *Our Seed Cleaning Mill now operating. Signed P. E. I. Livestock Feed Agency.
- *Hockey at Orapaud rink Monday night. Single Men vs. Married Men. Boardwalkers barred.
- *Milton Juveniles vs. Hampshire Juveniles at Milton rink tonight.
- *Come to sale of fancy work, weighing party and social in Mt. Allison Hall, Thursday night, Feb. 18th.
- *East Royals rink tonight. Special skate and hockey practice; also Tuesday night, first game in best of five playoff series between Milton Hornets and East Royals Royals. Skate after.
- *Come to Valentine Social, Wheatley River Hall, February 18. Sponsored by Oyster Bed Bridge Women's Institute. Music, games, busar, lunch served. If not fine, the following night.



YOUTHS SENTENCED TO DIE

Norman Gerald Kindy, centre, and Edwin Farrington, right, are led from the courtroom at Welland, Ont., after being sentenced to hang on April 28 for the murder of James Bell, 58-year-old resident of Stamford County. Counsel for the two youths said an appeal was being considered. Kindy, 17, was a neighbor of the dead man. Farrington, 20, whose home is in Glendale, Rhode Island, was sheltered by Bell a few days before his body was found. The two were arrested in Turkey, Okla., eight days after the murder.

Large Local Audience Hears First-hand Story Of Conditions Overseas

"Millions of children are dying in Europe and many millions more will die, if help in food and clothing does not reach them soon," declared Mr. John Fisher, well known CBC commentator in his address yesterday afternoon at the Prince Edward Theatre.

Mr. Fisher's visit was in aid of the Canadian Appeal for Children in Europe, and was the opening feature of the Provincial campaign which starts here today.

Mr. Arthur Peake, joint chairman of the Provincial committee, acted as chairman and introduced the speaker, His Honour Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard, who officially welcomed Mr. Fisher to this Province, and His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald who read an engraved address of welcome to Mr. Fisher on behalf of the City of Charlottetown. Mr. James A. Fullerton, City Clerk, presented the document to the guest speaker. Lt.-Col. K.S. Rogers, who gave an address of thanks to Mr. Fisher following his talk, and Captain J. J. Connolly, also a joint active chairman for the Provincial Appeal committee, were also among the welcoming delegation.

The large audience followed Mr. Fisher's graphic description of conditions in Europe with intense interest. The speaker took his audience with him all the way—to England, France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Poland. He made them see the millions of homeless, motherless children, undernourished, with eyes dead of expression, in rags and with half clothed bodies. He cited cases of children who had been separated from their parents and whose nationality could not be determined, and had to be spoken to in several languages before getting a reaction. In many cases

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Expect Unemployment To Increase In Halifax

HALIFAX, Feb. 15—(CP)—This port city is in the throes of a depression which may see the ranks of the jobless number one-tenth of its population in another six weeks, National Employment Service officials said today.

They estimated there were 7,500 without work and when the seasonal slack hits its peak at the end of next month another 2,000 persons are expected to join the ranks of unemployed.

That was the situation today in the Maritime's largest city as labor leaders and industrialists deplored the reason for the depression following a "black Saturday" which saw less than 100,000 registered longshoremen at work.

Seeking a cause and remedy for the unemployment, Prof. Lothar Richter, chairman of the Halifax Employment Committee and head of the Dalhousie University Institute of Public Affairs, said that small secondary industries which once made the area prosperous have disappeared without being replaced to a sufficient degree.

Officials of the Government job agency said the worst was yet to come. The seasonal peak comes about the end of March and at the present rate they estimated that at least another 2,000 persons would be seeking work by then, barring an unforeseen change for the better in conditions. Last year at its peak approximately 5,000 persons were without jobs.

At that time, however, the waterfront activity was humming but Saturday only one ship was in port unloading and five were loading. One of the five was taking only mail and supplies.

Sunday Regarded "Coldest Day" This Winter

Yesterday was regarded by many as the coldest day this winter, although the actual temperature was not as low as it had been previously. However, last night's sub-zero temperatures were backed by a wind of gale force.

Here are the official readings at the Charlottetown Experimental Station: Saturday at 2:30 in the afternoon the temperature was 44 above zero; at 8:30 Saturday night it was still 37 above; at 8:30 Sunday morning it was five above; at 2:30 in the afternoon it was three above; and at 8:30 Sunday night it was five below. Winds early Sunday morning were 42-miles-per-hour and continued with little let-up all day. At 8:30 last night the wind was still northwest, 39 miles-per-hour.

Saturday's rainfall was measured at .26 inches. The rain followed a very light snowfall.

By-election In Ontario Today

SEAPORT, Ont., Feb. 15—(CP)—The issue now lies with the voters in the provincial riding of Huron where Premier Drew's Progressive Conservative Government and the Liberal Opposition join forces tomorrow in their first test of strength since the Ontario general election of 1945.

The campaign in the two-party fight for the seat vacant by the death last December of Progressive Conservative Dr. R. Hobbs Taylor came to a close Saturday night with a meeting of Liberal committee members at the town of Zurich where Farquhar Oliver, fighting his first election campaign as Ontario Liberal leader, was the speaker.

The weather forecast for tomorrow was cloudy and milder, with the temperature reaching a high of probably 35 degrees.

Returning officer W.E. Southgate, whose election day headquarters are located in this town of 2,000 persons some 22 miles west of Stratford, estimates that about 20,000 are eligible to vote, including some 700 airmen at the R.C.A.F. stations at Clinton and Centerville.

The rival candidates both are businessmen at Exeter, another town of 2,000 about 15 miles south-west of here. Thomas Pryde, 59-year-old native of Scotland who contested the Huron-Federal constituency in the 1945 Federal election, carries the Progressive Conservative banner. The Liberal is Benson Tucker, 49, who grew up in Middlesex County and now is serving his ninth term as reeve of Exeter.

Dr. Taylor won the riding for the Progressive Conservatives in 1943 and again in 1945 after a Liberal candidate had won the two previous elections. In 1945 Dr. Taylor polled 7,081 votes to 5,152 for James Ballantyne, Liberal, and 1,221 for J.E. Hucksins, C.C.F. The C.C.F. did not nominate a candidate in this by-election.

Russia Continues Reply To The U. S.

(By The Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Feb. 15—Russia said Saturday night that she was forced to sign a non-aggression treaty with Germany in 1939 in a fight against Hitler.

Furthermore, the Soviet Union asserted that Britain and France shared a pre-war aim of starting a war between Russia and Germany, and that the Hitler-Stalin pact was an alternative move.

In the third chapter of their reply to United States documents, the Russians also said that the United States had supported in every way the "ruinous" policy of Britain and France.

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Ch'town Man Found Dead On Street Sunday; Inquest Will Be Held

Mr. Peter Coyle, 51, was found dead about 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the west corner of King and Pownall Streets.

The body was discovered by Mr. Ernest Hogan who, while in a prone position, the result of his falling on the slippery sidewalk, noticed a recumbent figure between an old automobile and Mr. Frank MacIntyre's auto repair shop. Mr. Hogan immediately notified the police.

Upon orders of Coroner Dr. J.D. MacGuigan, the body was removed to the A.A. Hennessey Funeral Home where it was later viewed by a coroner's jury comprising W.M. Forsythe (foreman), Hawley Crockett, William Hughes, Russell Abbott, Charles McLellan, Clifford Sherren, and John Kenny.

The date for the inquest has not yet been announced. In the meantime, an autopsy was performed on the body yesterday afternoon by Dr. Harold Shaw, Provincial pathologist.

The late Mr. Coyle had been on the staff of the local Canadian National Railway Express office for approximately 25 years. He had been married but his wife had died several years ago. His immediate relatives are, three sisters, Mrs. Wilfrid Doucette, 70 Prince Street, with whom he lived; Mrs. Margaret Lord and Kathleen, both of Cambridge, Mass.; and three brothers, John, 53 Brighton Avenue, Frank, of Montserrat, and Wilfrid, 70 Prince Street, City.

Geo'town Jail Closed Because Fuel Is Short

The King's County jail at Georgetown is closed. No prisoners are to be admitted until the 1st of May. This order has been in effect since Friday last, and is due to the coal shortage. The measure, The Guardian has been informed, has been taken for the purpose of "economy."

On Friday the prisoners numbered four. They were removed to Queen's County Jail, Charlottetown, a move which is legalized under The Prisoners' Act.

Once before, some years ago, the Georgetown jail was closed during the winter months for the same reason—shortage of fuel.

In Good Health On 106th Birthday

(By The Canadian Press)
OARMAN, Man., Feb. 15—Elie Pierre Major ate a special piece of angel cake and played the usual game of checkers—and counted it a happy 106th birthday anniversary.

He celebrated today at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Sargent, where he has lived since his wife died several years ago.

Mr. Major, who was born in St. Phillip, Que., and came to Manitoba 58 years ago, farmed in the Carman district until he was more than 90 years old. His eyesight, hearing and general health still are good. So is his appetite.

Said Mr. Sargent: "I have taken care of him for several years and I've never seen him miss a meal—and he's a hearty eater."

Bright summer days he strolls through Carman, where he once was a mail-carrier. And even once winter weather can't keep Mr. Major indoors.

Mrs. Sargent's only complaint—and it isn't serious—hinges on the elderly gentleman's "night-owl tendencies." She said he never goes to bed until after 11 p.m.—and he's up every morning at 6 o'clock.

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C. H. Horton's Large Canning Plant Gutted

Horton's canning plant at Murray River was destroyed by fire Saturday night. There was no official estimate of the amount of loss; it was expected to exceed \$50,000. The steel-covered wooden building was built in 1929. It was about 80 feet long by 28 wide.

The fire was a serious blow to the village. Some 30 persons were employed in the plant the past few weeks, canning chicken and beef. During the busy season between 50 and 60 were on the staff.

The blaze broke out about 9:30 Saturday night. The village's single auxiliary pumper — former civilian defence equipment — was quickly in action and pumped steadily until 4 a.m. Sunday morning. However, the firemen were hampered by the type of building — the outside was corrugated steel — and by the strong wind. The only part of the L structure that was saved was the boiler room, located in the western end of the building. Firemen remained on the scene until 8 a.m. Sunday morning.

The origin of the blaze is unknown. It appeared to have started in what was known as the retort room, where cans were sterilized after being filled. There was no fire in that part of the building Saturday, however, the steam for

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Papal Investiture Of Hon. Dr. MacMillan

Last evening in St. Dunstan's Basilica after the Lenten sermon which was delivered by Rev. Bernard Quinn, O.M.I., of Ottawa, His Excellency, vested in Cappa Magna, assisted at his throne with Rev. J. W. McCordie and Rev. P. F. Macdonald as chaplains.

Dr. MacMillan was escorted by a guard of honor of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. At the beginning of the ceremony he was escorted to a kneeling bench in the sanctuary of the Basilica by Rev. Dr. McMahon, Rector of the Basilica, who then read in Latin and English the Papal Brief of appointment. Dr. McMahon then escorted Dr. MacMillan to the episcopal throne where Bishop Boyle invested him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Mr. Frank McIntyre, president of the Holy Name Society of the Basilica Parish, then read, on behalf

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