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Compton Dairy Barn Destroyed With Heavy Loss

Considered to be the best-equipped of its kind in the Province, a large dairy barn, the property of the Compton community at Belle River, went up in flames yesterday morning. The fire also destroyed two silos, directly behind the barn, and a smaller barn. Also destroyed was the season's hay crop, two-thirds of the straw, and a large quantity of machinery. The main threshing machine was saved by means of a tractor which pulled it to safety.

The financial loss is estimated to exceed \$10,000 and is only partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Herbert Compton said yesterday evening he believed the fire caught from the cutting machine which, in the process of cutting up the straw, probably developed sparks which were likely blown into the loft through the blower pipe. The fire was first noticed in the loft. Mr. Compton said about 10:30, it developed with great rapidity.

Immediately the Community's own 150-gallon A.R.P. equipment was brought into action. After the pump had emptied the cisterns from the nearby houses, it was shifted to the river from where it continued to operate until it was seen that there was no further danger of the fire reaching Mr. Compton's residence only about 80 feet from one of the barns.

In the meantime, the fire-fighting equipment of D.E. Ross and Sons, Rosebery, arrived and joined in the struggle to prevent the blaze from spreading to nearby houses and other buildings. Both fire-fighting teams were assisted by practically all the neighbors in the vicinity. Without their aid, Mr. Compton said, five other buildings would have been destroyed.

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23 Men Are Evacuated

RICHMOND, W. Va., Sept. 4 — (AP)—Twenty-three men were evacuated today from the Richmond-Sewell Coal Company mine about 12 miles from here after a conveyor belt became overheated and began smoking, mine superintendent James Sedilla said.

Sedilla said there was no fire in the mine, but that when the conveyor belt began smoking the men first reports spoke of a serious blaze in the mine and police officials were summoned from surrounding communities.

When the fire on the conveyor belt was extinguished, all 23 men in the mine walked out safely.

Coming Events

- Show at Cape Traverse Hall, Friday, Sept. 5.
- Dance in Lyndale School, Monday, September 8th, Luncheon.
- Reserve September 23rd and 24th for Chicken Supper at South Rustico Hall.
- Cardigan Hall, Chicken Supper and Dance, Tuesday, September 9th.
- Kings County Plowing Match and Horse Show at Dundas, September 24th.
- Talkies — Wood Islands Monday, Glida, starting Rita Hayworth.
- Dance, Orwell Hall, Wednesday, September 9th, Millview Orchestra, Luncheon.
- Talkies — Murray Harbour North, Tuesday, Glida, starring Rita Hayworth.
- Until further advised our mill will close each Saturday at noon, McGuigan & Boyle.
- Regular Hospital Dance, Monique Curling Rink every Saturday night, Webster's Orchestra.
- Collecting hogs for Canada Packers Ltd. by truck every Thursday, Phone N. A. Cutcliffe, Fredy, or write me, D. L. McDowd.
- Important meeting Cornwall Hall tonight. All interested in World War II Memorial, please attend.

Railway Crossing Danger Emphasized By Legion At Convention In Summerside

A resolution viewing with alarm the increasing number of accidents at railway crossings was passed at the Provincial convention of the Canadian Legion, B. E.S.L., held in Summerside yesterday. The resolution urged the Provincial and Dominion Governments and Canadian National Railway to take "immediate action in improving crossings by removing obstacles which prevent a full view of the same to traffic approaching and that wherever possible level crossings be done away with using trestle bridges. These level crossings can be eliminated. We insist that warning signals be placed at these crossings."

The convention noted that "for some years there has existed in Prince Edward Island two zones for freight and one for the rest of the island," that these zones have worked to the detriment of shippers in the east and west of the Province, and that the Board of Railway Commissioners be urged to abolish these two zones and make Prince Edward Island one zone."

A number of other resolutions were adopted, which are given elsewhere in this report.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. President, Senator B.W. Robinson.

President, Major John A. MacDonald, M.L.A., Cardigan.

Vice President, E.B. McKinnon, Montague, P.E.I.

Chairman, Harry Bishop, M.M., Summerside, P.E.I., vice chairman Roland Phillipson, Summerside.

Hon. Treasurer, M.P. Titus, Summerside.

Claplain, T.E. McNutt, Charlottetown.

Heavy Damage In Queen's University Fire

KINGSTON, Ont., Sept. 4 — (CP)—Officials of Queen's University today were faced with the problem of feeding 400 students after an early-morning fire destroyed their dining hall and destroyed or heavily damaged other sections of the students' union building.

Heavy smoke hampered efforts of firemen to fight the blaze, cause of which is unknown. Damage, covered by insurance, was estimated at between \$50,000 and \$80,000.

Fire department officials believed the fire broke out on the main floor of the three-story structure, spreading to upper floors through a dumb-waiter and a stairway. The main damage was confined to the central part of the building and the top floor, but heavy smoke and water damage was done to sections of the building untouched by the fire.

Besides the dining hall, the blaze destroyed a number of recreational and study rooms and the office of the Queen's Journal, undergraduate newspaper.

A neighbor discovered the fire early this morning but firemen believed it must have smoldered for about two hours earlier. The heavy, acid smoke kept them from the heart of the blaze for some time and when they arrived, a large part of the second-story flooring had burned away.

LONDON — (CP)—Auctions of surplus government stores and Ministry of Supply plant, held during the last year, raised \$1,053,755 (\$4,215,020).

Canada Has World's Largest Atomic Plant

(By George Kitchen, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Sept. 4 — (CP)—Existence in Canada of the world's largest heavy water atomic plant and discovery in the Canadian northland of new uranium deposits were disclosed today by Reconstruction Minister Howe at a press conference.

He said the new atomic energy plant has been operating since last spring, converting rare uranium into even rarer plutonium, and is "twice as big" as the low-energy atomic plant which Britain brought into production last month.

He declined to say where the new uranium deposits are or to estimate their size, but said the Belgian Congo still is the world's largest supplier of the element, with Canada still second as a source of supply.

The minister made the disclosures during a press conference at which he and Dean C. J. MacKenzie, president of the National Research Council, detailed government plans to make radioactive isotopes, by-products of plutonium manufacture, available to medical and other scientific researchers.

Dean MacKenzie, one of Canada's foremost scientists, said the isotopes, made by bombarding material with radiation from an atomic pile, could be used by medical scientists for study of disease and the very secrets of life itself.

The minute particles could be injected into the blood stream with other substances and, because they emit radioactive rays, followed through the body with detectors. Their greatest use might be in the study of dreaded cancer or once they strike unnatural growth in their progress through the body their centre there and thus indicate the presence of malignancy.

In the field of agriculture, too, their use was limitless and they might revolutionize that industry.

Mr. Howe said Canada will have no objection to selling isotopes to other countries, as also planned by the United States, and added that if a market for them develops Canada will be in that market, selling at world prices. At a guess, the price might range from \$1 to \$100 a milligram—the unit of radiation—depending upon the type of isotope.

Ebbsfleet Man Held After Shooting Affray

Elmer Costain, Ebbsfleet, is a suspect in the Prince County Hospital in a critical condition and Merritt Leslie Huxter, 18, of the same district is in Prince County Jail on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm, as the result of a shooting affray which took place at Miminegash Run about nine o'clock Wednesday evening. Costain was shot in the abdomen with a .22 calibre rifle. The bullet penetrated his body and came out at the lower part of his back.

He was immediately taken to the Western Hospital at Alberton but as there is no operating room there he was rushed to the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, where doctors worked on him till the early hours of the morning. His condition last night was reported as improved but still critical.

The incident occurred on or near the main road at Miminegash Run near the Huxter home. Huxter was arrested later that night and yesterday afternoon appeared before Magistrate R.S. Hinton in Summerside and was remanded to jail for a week.

Details of the affair are scanty but as far as can be learned the disturbance started at a picnic that had been held in the afternoon. There was some drinking and in the evening a crowd gathered in the village near the Huxter home. Some stones were thrown at the residence and it was reported that one struck the mother of the accused, Mrs. James Huxter on the head and that she was taken to the Alberton Hospital last evening for treatment. The shooting occurred after this incident.

There are reports also of a family feud but these are only rumors and cannot be confirmed. — S.

Indian Leaders Are Fearful Of New Outbreaks

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N. S. School Teachers Get Pay Increases

HALIFAX, Sept. 4 — (CP)—Nova Scotia school teachers have been awarded pay increases, ranging in most cases about 25 per cent over last year's rates, and a raise in the minimum salary for experience, the department of education announced today. The new scale goes into effect immediately.

School boards will be paid additional grants by the provincial government to provide for the new scale. For the next year the grants will approximate \$700,000. The total of additional payments to teachers since 1941 would be approximately \$2,500,000 per year.

Increases in the minimum salary scale range from \$50 to \$120 for class B teachers. Basic salaries for class C and D teachers will remain the same except for an increase of \$50 to \$60 in yearly increments. This applies in all cases where teachers are entitled to the increase.

No change has been made in the extra remuneration for principals and vice-principals.

Another major alteration is the increase of the differential (paid for each additional year of academic or professional training) of \$180, an \$80 boost.

Teachers of industrial arts and household science, holding either a first class or superior first class license, will, in view of the additional year's training required, receive \$180 more than the corresponding scale for teachers of academic subjects.

An additional \$180 yearly will be paid teachers of physical education holding a superior first class license because of the extra one-year training period.

The increment of the 11th, 16th and 21st years will depend upon attendance at the Nova Scotia summer school or equivalent refresher courses during each of the previous five-year periods.

Tells Jury Of Father's Admission

HOPEWELL CAPE, N. S., Sept. 4 — (CP)—A 15-year-old girl today calmly told a Supreme Court jury her father, Arthur Ginn of Moncton, charged with the murder of his housekeeper, Mrs. Reesa Mitchell, had admitted the murder to her.

Eileen Ginn, one of 13 witnesses heard today before Chief Justice J. E. Michaud, told of staying at the Rocks, scenic beauty spot 18 miles east of Moncton, with her father and Mrs. Mitchell.

Later, she said, she accompanied her father to Moncton where he visited the R.C.M.P. office. After leaving the police office, Ginn drew her aside and told her he had killed Mrs. Mitchell, the accused man's daughter said.

The case will continue tomorrow.

Will Visit Ch'town & S'side Next Week

The Rt. Hon. J. L. Isley, Minister of Justice, will pay a brief visit to the Province on Friday, September 12th, it was learned yesterday from Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P. He will attend a complimentary dinner in Charlottetown at noon and in the afternoon at about four o'clock will address the annual meeting of the East Prince Liberal Association in the Capitol Theatre, Summerside.

Mr. Isley is coming to the Maritimes to attend the nominating convention for the by-election to be held in the near future in the constituency of York Sunbury to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Hon. H. F. O. Bridges, Minister of Fisheries. The convention is being held on Saturday, September 13 and he has agreed to visit the Island while in the Maritimes.

The last time Mr. Isley visited here was on the occasion of the opening of the National Park when he was Minister of National Revenue.

The Minister of Justice is one of the senior members of the Dominion Cabinet and has been a member of the House of Commons continuously since 1926, representing the Nova Scotia constituency of Digby-Kings.

He will arrive by air on Friday morning and leave that evening.

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Three Probes Are Underway

DUGAULD, Man., Sept. 4 — (CP)—Three separate probes were underway today to determine the cause of Monday night's head-on collision of a Canadian National Railway's campers' special with a transcontinental express at this little flag station 20 miles east of Winnipeg.

Inquest into the accident—the death toll from which has been officially estimated at 21—will likely be held Tuesday, a spokesman for the Manitoba attorney-general's office said today.

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Maritime Electric Head Office Is Established Here

The head office of the Maritime Electric Co. Ltd. has been established in Charlottetown. It was made known last night by Mr. A.G. Ley, assistant superintendent.

The head office was formerly in St. Stephen, N.B., but when the property of the company there was sold to the New Brunswick Power Commission last August 1st the company decided to move its parent office to Charlottetown.

The Maritime Electric has one other branch which is located at Fredericton, N.B. The move to Charlottetown got underway the middle of last month.

The personnel transferred here from St. Stephen are Mr. R. A. Parker, accountant, and Miss Margaret Sullivan, secretary.

Mr. C. L. MacDonald Fatally Stricken While Driving Locomotive

With his hand on the throttle, C.N.R. Engineer Charles L. MacDonald suddenly slumped over in his seat and died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning as his Murray Harbour-Charlottetown No. 210, was running between Melville and Surrey stations. Death was due to a heart attack. He was 51 years of age.

Fireman P. Ellsworth immediately stopped the train and with the assistance of Conductor M. G. Mooney and others removed the stricken engineer to the baggage car.

The train dispatcher at Charlottetown was notified and ordered an ambulance to proceed to Vernon to which station he authorized Fireman Ellsworth to bring the train. Dr. H. P. Stewart of Eidon was summoned to meet the train at Vernon and Engineer T. A. Doyle was sent to bring the train from that station to the City. Upon its arrival in Vernon, Dr. Stewart examined Engineer MacDonald and pronounced him dead.

The late Mr. MacDonald was born at Pictou, N.S., and joined the C.N.R. at Pictou in January, 1917. He was transferred to the International Division in December, 1933, as locomotive fireman and was promoted engineer on Nov. 9, 1942.

He is survived by his widow, the former Lillian E. Murray, City, and five daughters, Betty, Elaine, Janet, Sheila, and Thelma, and one son, Ian.

2,200,000 Tons Wheat To United Kingdom

LONDON, Sept. 4 — (CP)—Canada supplied the United Kingdom with 44,000,000 hundredweight of total wheat imports of 54,000,000 hundredweight in the first seven months of 1947. Board of Trade figures showed today.

The Canadian wheat cost \$42,750,000 (\$175,000,000). The United States, in the same period, received \$7,000,000 for 5,275,876 hundredweight and Argentina \$7,359,621 for 4,229,712 hundredweight.

Britain has increased her oats purchases from Canada with nearly 2,000,000 hundredweight shipped in seven months to a price of \$2,000,000 compared with 213,126 hundredweight costing \$203,000 last year.

No Sermon Is To Be Long For The Woman Who Is Wearing A New Outfit For The First Time

HALIFAX, Sept. 4 — (CP)—Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax at midnight tonight.

Forecast, valid until Friday midnight:

Prince Edward Island — Cloudy with a few showers during the night, clearing by morning, Friday clear and cooler. Light winds. High Friday at Charlottetown 65, Moncton 65, Fredericton 68, Saint John 66.

Summary—Clear and cooler.

TORONTO, Sept. 4 — (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 58, 68; Edmonton 49, 71; Regina 47, 84; Winnipeg 59, 88; Toronto 60, 84; Ottawa 55, 79; Montreal 63, 76; Quebec 46, 73; Saint John 49, 75; Moncton 46, 75; Halifax 57, 73; Charlottetown 56, 73; Sydney 51, 75; Yarmouth 68, 72.

High tide this afternoon at 1:58 and tonight at 12:35.

Sun sets this evening at 6:32 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:26.

Last quarter moon September 7th, 10:57 P. M.

Summerside tide eight minutes later than Charlottetown.

Italy In Need Of Urgent Financial Aid

By JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 — (AP)—Italy has made an urgent appeal to the United States for swift financial help to buy food and fuel, diplomats said today.

Meantime, American officials studied the question of calling Congress to a special session to consider Europe's economic troubles. This question will have to be decided by President Truman after his return from Brazil. Robert A. Lovett, Undersecretary of State said yesterday that the economic situation in Britain, France and other European countries is deteriorating faster than expected.

Diplomatic informants said Italy has informed the United States that she must have swift financial help to buy essential food and fuel during the next four months. These informants said ambassador Alberto Tarchiani made the appeal late last week when he outlined his country's economic plight to Lovett.

Desperately Short

The Italian ambassador is said to have told Lovett his country is so desperately short of funds it may have to cancel all American coal purchases scheduled for October delivery. Italy's imports of United States coal have averaged more than 700,000 tons a month.

Tarchiani also reported that poor Italian harvests and other setbacks have caused Italy to spend on earmark every available dollar in the Italian treasury months sooner than anticipated.

Some American officials, while (Continued on Page 5 Col. 6)

Legal Action To Be Taken

OTTAWA, Sept. 4 — (CP)—Government sources said today legal action definitely will be taken against the price-fixing combine operating in the dental supply field in Canada.

A spokesman said the report on the combine issued this week by the combines investigator F.A. McGregor had been sent to the nine provincial attorneys-general for study and possible action.

However, since the combine was Dominion-wide, it was likely the action would be initiated by the Federal Government, although Ontario might also act because most of the companies involved operate from that province.

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