

The human species is composed of two distinct races, the men who borrow and the men who lend.

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## THREE LOSE LIVES IN SYDNEY DEPARTMENT STORE FIRE

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### Adequate Refrigerator Car Supply Assured By Minister

### Firemen Wade Ankle-Deep In Molten Rubber

### Superintendent Anderson Appointed Commissioner Of N. B. Highway Safety

### Will Resume In 3 Weeks If No Contract Signed

### Death Yesterday Of Coun. Holland

### Torch Explosion Turns Interior Into Inferno

#### BUBONIC PLAGUE REPORTED

SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 9.—(AP)—Bubonic plague was reported yesterday to have caused a death in Southern New Mexico. The disease is the flea-borne "Black Death" that swept Europe in the Middle Ages. The State Health Department said the victim was a seven-year-old child.

#### OTTAWA, Nov. 9.—(Special)—Assurance that the Canadian National Railways will provide an adequate supply of refrigerator cars to move the Prince Edward Island potato crop to its accustomed markets was given today by Transport Minister Chevrier. Not only did the Minister give this guarantee in the House of Commons, but reiterated it later to J. Watson MacNaught, parliamentary assistant to the Fisheries Minister and to B. Graham Rogers, director of transportation in the Provincial Department of Industry and Natural Resources.

Shortly after the House opened this afternoon, Mr. MacNaught told the Minister he had received numerous telegrams and telephone calls about the refrigerator car situation in the Province and asked for a statement on the situation.

"There is not a great deal I can say," returned Mr. Chevrier "other than that the member for Prince (Mr. MacNaught) and the member for Queen's, (Mr. Douglas) are apprehensive about the situation. The position at the moment is that from the first of September to the first of November, there were 612 refrigerator cars available for movement of potatoes.

"These were shipped from Borden to Tormentine and handled on the car ferry. This compares favorably with 1948 when there were 592 such cars. This morning I was informed that 111 cars are now on the Island; 238 have been earmarked for movement there from such points as Tormentine, Sackville, Moncton, Truro, Napadogan, Edmundston and Joffre. There are 70 more that are to be moved to the area. The Canadian National Railways are familiar with the position and have it in hand."

Later in the day, Mr. MacNaught and Mr. Rogers met the Minister of Transport and his Deputy Claude Lessard in Mr. Chevrier's office. In further discussion of the refrigerator car situation, the Minister said that the C. N. R. will rent 400 to 500 additional refrigerator cars from privately-owned United States railways and thus make up any deficit in these cars which might adversely affect the movement of Prince Edward Island potatoes.

### Woodstock Man Crowned Oat King of Maritimes

AMHERST, N.S., Nov. 9.—(CP)—Harry Thomas of Woodstock, N. B. was chosen oat king of the Maritimes at the Maritime Winter Fair here today for his entry of Ajax oats. Murray J. Pratt of Hartland, N.B. won the reserve grand championship with his exhibit of Exeter.

### A. MacRae & Sons Top Winners In Ayrshires

A Charlottetown Royalty team of A. MacRae and Sons, won top honors in the Ayrshire competition in the Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst, racking up more winnings than their nearest competitor, Mr. S. C. Oland of Middle Sackville, N. S.

#### LIVERPOOL, England, Nov. 10.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Firemen waded ankle deep through molten rubber early today battling a blaze that was sweeping a million-dollar warehouse on one of the city's piers.

Fourteen firemen were injured. A squad of 250 battled the flames which engulfed most of the three-story building shortly after midnight. The warehouse contained thousands of tons of rubber and vital export goods awaiting shipment to other countries. For a quarter of a mile away the roadway leading from the pier was a sea of molten rubber.

Flames swept down one side of the building soon after they were discovered. Five two-ton cranes crashed from the top of the warehouse walls with a roar heard throughout the area. Buildings nearby shook as the cranes smashed against the dock. At midnight two more cranes crashed down and took out a part of the wall.



Superintendent Anderson

#### Superintendent Norman Anderson

Superintendent Norman Anderson (above), officer commanding the Prince Edward Island Division of the R.C.M.P., has been appointed a Commissioner of Highway Safety for the Province of New Brunswick, according to an announcement made last night by Premier McNair.

#### New Duties

Creation of the office of Commissioner of Highway Safety for New Brunswick was made by a public safety committee set up by the Government this year in an effort to reduce the number of highway accidents. Superintendent Anderson stated in his announcement last night.

#### CHARGED IN SWINDLE

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., Nov. 9.—(CP)—Jack Douglas, 37, Toronto, today in police court was charged with being an accessory after the fact in the alleged swindle of the Colonial Finance Company of Toronto of \$100,000 in motor car loans.

#### ONE-YEAR SENTENCE

PORT ARTHUR, Nov. 9.—(CP)—Gordon Randolph Alberts, 32, formerly of Saint John, N. B., was sentenced to a year in reformatory when he appeared in court today on a charge of breaking and entering. He previously had pleaded guilty.

### Continuance Of Support Price & Quota Increase Urged By Mr. Kickham

### Poultry Destroyed

FREDERICTON, Nov. 9.—(CP)—Fire of unknown cause early today destroyed 2,000 chickens and 800 cockers in a brooder house at Carl Smith's hatchery on the Woodstock Road at Birdton, 20 miles from Fredericton. The loss included two new incubators, a hatchery, a large amount of feed and other articles.

#### URGES PRICE SUPPORT

Markets for Prince Edward Island potatoes which came to light during the war years are in the main not available today, the King's member said, and the Province must depend more and more on Canada and the United States for its potato sales. He also emphasized the need of price support for surplus potatoes grown in the Province.

#### They Shall Not Grow Old

"Years shall not age them—they shall not grow old" Close in our thoughts unfading they shall be; True valiant sons whose bravery saved the nation' Paladins of the air and land and sea. Time shall not dim the glory that is theirs To shine more brightly o'er that unseen way; They wavered not nor flinched within the hour That bore them on—to Everlasting day.

#### They're resting now, those Comrades of the past

Then let us reverent at attention stand In honor of those heroes of the past; They won the laurel wreaths—to grow in splendor In memory evergreen their deed shall last, For there within the saga of the years Shall burn undimmed the light they lit anew; The torch whose radiance shines to Heaven above, From their shed blood the Peace of Nations grew.

—John Robert Lamont Campbell.

#### CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—(AP)—John L. Lewis abruptly ended the soft-coal strike in the United States today, but said it will start again in three weeks unless a contract settlement is reached. The strike was in its 52nd day.

In a sharp reversal of the traditional "no contract, no work policy," Lewis told his 380,000 striking United Mine Workers (U.M.W.) to resume digging coal immediately under the old contract that expired July 1.

Some mines began partial operations at once. Many others planned to reopen the mines to their midnight crews.

The job of relieving a coal shortage that has hit householders and small consumers a hard blow in many parts of the United States is expected to be going at a good pace by tomorrow.

Some mines have offered to operate on a six-day week, with time-and-a-half pay for the sixth day.

There were some clouded spots in the immediate future, however. Union sources said the miners expect a continuation of royalty payments required under the old contract. Some southern operators had declined to make such payments after the old contract expired.

With suddenness that caught Government mediators and many industry representatives by surprise, Lewis summoned newspaper men to announce that a strike truce had been declared until midnight Nov. 30.

He said it was "an act of good faith, designed to contribute to public convenience."

Then he blasted the coal operators as "brutal and arrogant" in "withholding their assent" to a new contract.

### Manitoba Electors Go to Polls Today

WINNIPEG, Nov. 9.—(CP)—Candidates in Manitoba's general election reached the end of the campaign trail tonight. It's voting day tomorrow.

Polls will open at 8 A.M. (10 A.M. A.S.T.) and close 12 hours later. The weather forecast is for mild temperatures with occasional rain through most of the Province.

Re-election of the Coalition Government has been accepted as inevitable by E.A. Hansonford, leader of the official C.C.F. Opposition in the last House, and by Edmond Prefontaine, one of the founders of the Manitoba Democratic Movement, another anti-coalition group.

### Germans Estimate Cost of Hitler's War

MUNICH, Nov. 9.—(Reuters)—Hitler's war cost Germany an estimated 510,000,000,000 pre-war Reichmarks (about \$119,000,000,000). The German Economic Research Institute in Munich said today. The institute said that 270,000,000,000 Reichmarks (about \$62,000,000,000) of this could have provided a fully-furnished home with garden and an automobile for every family in Germany.

PARIS, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The Foreign Ministers of the Western Powers met at length today and said progress was made on changes on "their joint policy in Germany." However, they announced no decisions.

#### Executive Elected

Eleven members of the executive were elected by the five districts. Officers will be elected at a convention to be held here in June.



Peter E. Holland

A prominent citizen passed away yesterday in the person of City Councillor Peter E. Holland (above). Death occurred at his home, 14 Prince Street after an illness of several months.

Born at Wouton, Mass., on June 28, 1887, the late Mr. Holland spent the greater part of his life at Prince Edward Island. He entered the service of Canadian National Railways on September 10, 1908, and spent most of his years of service at Elmira and Souris, serving in both places as station agent. On August 17, 1946, he was appointed freight agent at Charlottetown, retiring on pension on

#### Open criticism of the Provincial and Dominion Progressive Conservative leaders and the refusal of the Provincial executive to call a Provincial convention, together with a strongly worded speech by the defeated candidate, Angus MacLean, who said he would not offer himself as a candidate again "unless conditions change" were the highlights of the lively annual meeting of the Queen's County Conservative Association held last evening at the Clover Club with Mr. Reagh Bagnall, president, in the chair.

Members state that this was the first occasion on which Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, Provincial Conservative leader, was thus openly criticized. Young Conservatives were supported by a number of the older party members when J. Walthein Gaudet asked why a Provincial convention had not been held two months after the general election which had been passed previously.

This question sparked a series of speeches and outbursts against the party leadership.

Resolutions expressing confidence in George Drew, Dominion Conservative leader, Dr. MacMillan and W. Chester S. McLure, Conservative member in the House were eventually passed. Cries of "rail-roading" were heard and the low recollections of "nays" were evident.

A resolution calling for a Provincial convention to be held before June was passed unanimously.

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#### Gov't To Make Veterans Land Act More Flexible

OTTAWA, Nov. 9.—(CP)—The Government is taking steps to make the Veterans Land Act more flexible and to give a legislative basis to payments it has already made to absorb abnormal building costs running into several millions of dollars.

Veterans Minister Gregg today placed on the Commons order paper notice that he will introduce a bill at this session of Parliament representing a Federal investment of \$24,000,000 provides for settlement of qualified veterans on farms and small holdings.

Officials estimated today that home-construction under its provisions will reach record totals this year and that 1950 will exceed 1949. The feature of the current trend is that of veterans building their own homes.

Any veteran who has exhausted his re-establishment credit can qualify for the Land Act by repaying the amount of the credit. No time limit has been set by Parliament.

#### SYDNEY, N. S., Nov. 8.—(CP)—Jack Nicholson, 30, died in hospital tonight, bringing to three the number of dead in a mid-day department store fire here today. Other victims were Ralph Doncaster, 30, and Hugh Morrison, 55.

The men were working on an addition to a department store on the Esplanade when a gasoline torch exploded and turned the interior of the extension into an inferno.

Nicholson made a futile bid for life when he ran from the burning section of the store, his clothing ablaze. A passer-by took him to hospital where he died tonight. The fire caught onto pitch and tar being used in the construction job and sent dense clouds of black smoke into the main part of the store. The few last-minute shoppers who were in the store shortly before it closed for the Wednesday half-holiday escaped unhurt.

Seven men were working in the basement of the new building. Doncaster and Morrison were trapped at one end. Nicholson rushed to a ladder and reached ground level with his clothing and hair aflame.

A passing motorist halted his car and with the car blanketed smothered the flames. Nicholson was bundled into the car and taken to hospital but succumbed later. Four men working at the other end of the building—Ed Lund, 33, John Fyfe, 28, J. Vatcher, 35, and William Arsenault, 26—escaped without injury.

Clerks and the few customers.

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### Lively Discussion Feature At Conservative Meeting



#### TORONTO, Nov. 9.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 45, 50; Edmonton 29, 49; Regina 35, 43; Winnipeg 34, 46; Toronto City 33, 46; Ottawa 23, 38; Montreal City 28, 38; Quebec City 25, 36; Saint John 31, 41; Moncton 28, 48; Halifax 37, 45; Charlottetown 31, 36; Sydney 37, 39; Yarmouth 33, 42; St. John's 33, 44.

Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax:

Synopsis: Cold air flowing across the district from the northwest is resulting in clear skies and below freezing temperatures in most regions but Cape Breton, Northern New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec are still cloudy and there are snowflurries in the north shore region.

Very little change is expected Thursday, while the outlook for Remembrance Day is sunny and milder.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Thursday, with an outlook for Remembrance Day: Prince Edward Island: Thursday sunny with temperatures much the same as Wednesday. Light winds. Low and high Thursday at Charlottetown 25 and 40.

Outlook for Remembrance Day—Sunny and milder.

High tide today at 12:19 A. A. and at 2:12 P. M. Sun rises at 7:03 A. M. and sets at 4:49 P. M.

WOOD ISLANDS—CARIBOU DAILY FERRY Leave Wood Islands 8 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M., 3 P.M. Leave Caribou 8 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M., 3 P.M.

BORDEN—TORMENTINE FERRY WEEK DAYS Lv. Borden 9.10 A.M., 1.00 P.M., 4.30 P.M. Lv. Cape Tormentine 10.35 A.M., 2.40 P.M., 7.30 P.M.

SUNDAYS Lv. Borden 9.10 A.M., 6.45 P.M. Lv. Cape Tormentine 10.35 A.M., 8.00 P.M.

Tomorrow being Remembrance Day and a public holiday, the next issue of The Guardian will be Saturday, Nov. 12.