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# HUGE WATERFRONT FIRE RAGING IN TORONTO

## Margarine Slippery Topic In Commons, Opposition Finds

### St. Dunstan's Debaters Win 2nd Victory

Ottawa, Feb. 11 — (CP) — Oleomargarine proved a slippery topic, politically as well as literally, in the Commons today. John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, tried to get a grip on the Government's intentions on the dynamite-laden subject, but they skidded away from him like margarine on a well-warmed griddle. Upshot of diligent digging by Mr. Bracken was that the House learned Justice Department lawyers are studying the question of whether Canada eventually will have to lift her import ban on margarine to conform with the Geneva Trade Agreements. As to the Government's intentions, Mr. Bracken learned only that the Government will do whatever it thinks should be done when it gets the word from its advisers. Mr. Bracken's questioning came at a time when Parliament has before it two bills to remove the margarine ban. The Senate has the perennial bill of Senator W.D. Euler (Ontario), while in the Commons a bill of the same nature has been brought in by James Sinclair, Liberal from Vancouver North. Both would permit importation, sale and manufacture of the product. In view of these, Mr. Bracken asked Prime Minister Mackenzie King, did the Government in signing the Geneva Agreement "agree to remove the embargo against the importation of oleomargarine." Mr. King passed the question to External Affairs Minister St. Laurent, who had come to the House armed with a careful statement on the point. It was loaded with protocols, articles, treaty series and subsections, but the gist of it was that under the present provisional application of the agreement, no modification of existing Canadian legislation is needed. At the end of "some months," when the general trade agreement becomes fully binding, Canada would have to decide on the margarine problem. The Justice Department lawyers now were studying whether or not the anti-embargo Geneva provisions left Canada an out. Not satisfied, Mr. Bracken wanted to know if all this meant the Government couldn't say the final effect. Mr. St. Laurent said he wouldn't put it that way. What he meant was that the Justice Department

### Cripple Ship Heads For Azores

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 — (AP) — The freighter Pierre S. Dupont, her hull cracked by heavy seas, changed course from Newfoundland and headed for the Azores today. The U. S. Coast Guard cutter Duane, speeding at 18 knots to the aid of the leaky ship, reported Capt. Eric Erikson turned her ship toward the Azores because of unfavorable weather in the direction of Argentina, Nfld., his former goal.

### Missing Fishing Boat Is Safe

SYDNEY, N.S., Feb. 11 — (CP) — The fishing smack Sarah Morton and her crew of three are safe at St. Pierre-Miquelon where, "leaking badly and heavy with ice" she put in late last night to relieve fears she had been lost in a raging North Atlantic gale on a trip from Port Aux Basques to Sydney, N.S. She was carrying 30,000 pounds of fish.

## Dollar Shortage Is Affecting Shipping

### Coming Events

- Our Seed Cleaning Mill now operating. Signed P. E. I. Livestock Feed Agency.
- Zion Chicken Salad Supper, Thursday, February 12th, 5 to 7. Sale of work and home cooking.
- Last game of the semi-finals at Milton tonight, Brackley vs. Milton. Admission 25c.
- Pantry sale at Hokman's Saturday afternoon, Feb. 14. Auspices C. W. L.
- National Film Board moving pictures at Winslow Community Hall Friday, Feb. 13, 8 o'clock. No admission; everybody welcome.
- Second game of finals New Glasgow rink tonight, North Rustico vs. South Rustico. Game starts 8:30 sharp. Skate after.
- Stocky East Royals rink tonight. Second game of semi-finals between West Royals Bearcats and East Royals Royals. Skate after.
- Livestock Marketing Board will be loading hogs at Charlottetown pens all today and Friday, Feb. 13. For detailed information and arrangements for trucking service, where possible, phone 735 or 1487.
- Notice — Those requiring grass seed, root seeds and corn from Four Branch Farmers Institute, place orders before February 15th, otherwise we may not have what you need, as seeds never were so scarce. (Note) No Kenora Mixed Seed available. John W. Myers, Secretary.

## Retired Island Rancher Dies In Ontario

Mr. Heath Bowness, a retired farmer and fox rancher of Kensington, died suddenly yesterday morning in Barrie, Ont., where he was visiting his step-daughter, Mrs. Elmer Bowness. He and his wife were spending the winter with his wife's daughters, Mrs. Frank Pidgeon and Mrs. Bowness. Mr. Bowness was a past president of the Prince County Liberal Association. For several years he was an inspector for the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association and while employed in that capacity he visited the different provinces. His fraternal connections included membership Zion No. 12 Lodge, A.F. and A.M. He is survived by a son, Donald, a bank manager at Tatamagouche, N.S.; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Darraich, Kensington and Mrs. Rhoda Jaques, New Jersey; and a brother, Harry Bowness of Kensington. The body is being sent to Kensington for burial.

## N. B. Woman Kills Wildcat With Fork

BAGDAD, N.B., Feb. 11 — (CP) — Miss Lucy Jeffrey felt none of the pangs of fear when she noticed a wildcat approaching her home over the snow. Donning a pair of snow shoes and carrying a pitchfork, she overran the animal and ended its career. Miss Jeffrey will collect a \$10 bounty.

## Parliament At-A-Glance

(By The Canadian Press) External Affairs Minister St. Laurent said legal experts are examining the question of whether Canada's ban on margarine will have to be lifted to comply with the Geneva Trade Agreements. Wing Cmdr. Lawrence Skey (PC-Toronto Trinity) called on the Government to build the R.C.A.F. Force as the cheapest and most effective line of defence. Transport Minister Chevrier rejected claims that Canadian ports should revert to local control. Charlie Gillis (OOP-Cape Breton South) renewed demands for construction of a causeway over the Strait of Canso in Nova Scotia. The Senate gave final reading to a bill ratifying an agreement between Canada and the United States for controlling the slaughter of fur seals.

## Superannuation Of J. F. MacLeod Is Announced

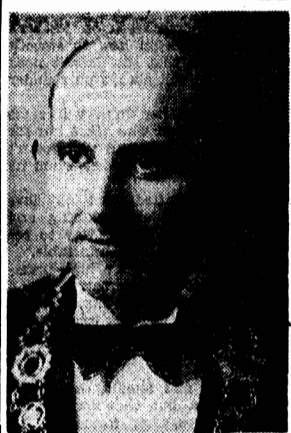
The superannuation of Mr. J. Finlay MacLeod from the Postal Department, Charlottetown, effective March 15th, has been announced. Mr. MacLeod has been associated with the Postal Department for some 35 years, having entered the service in December 1913. At the time of his retirement, Mr. MacLeod was in the Inspectors Branch of the Post Office. Mr. MacLeod served in the First Great War and was 18 months in France as a member of the 13th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops. On his return from overseas he spent considerable time in convalescent hospitals both here and at Halifax. On his restoration to health Mr. MacLeod became a railway mail clerk and continued in that branch of the service for 17 years when he assumed the position in the Charlottetown Post Office.

## Turns Down Bids For Quoddy Village

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 — (AP) — The United States War Assets Administration today rejected for a second time all bids for purchase of the village of the abandoned Quoddy power project at Eastport, Me.

## Four New Councillors, Two New Commissioners Elected For Ch'town

Four new City Councillors will be sworn in this afternoon by Mayor E. Earle MacDonald as a result of yesterday's civic election. They are, Peter E. Holland, victor of a three-cornered contest in Ward One; Lester O'Donnell, winner also of a three-man contest in Ward Two; S. F. Doyle, who defeated City Councillor J. Gordon MacDonald in Ward Three; and Edwin C. Johnston who was co-winner with C. M. Cox in Ward Four. All three men who represented Ward Five in the last Council—N. W. Lowther, J. D. Stewart and M. A. Farmer—were re-elected. Mr. David L. MacKinnon lost out in his bid for re-election as a Water Commissioner. Mr. W. D. Gillis in his re-election led the other three candidates by substantial margins. Also elected were H. Roy Bevan and J. L. Curran.



MAYOR E. EARLE MACDONALD, O. B. E.

## Pair Arrested After Holdup

KITCHENER, Ont., Feb. 11 — (CP) — Allan Williamson of Galt, Ont., and Bradley Watts of Stratford, Ont., were arrested here today 40 minutes after they allegedly robbed a bank at Twistlock, 20 miles southwest of here. The bandits escaped with \$4,100 in cash.

## Canadian Appeal For Children Campaign

Under the distinguished patronage of His Honor Lieut. Governor J. A. Bernard. Honorary advisory chairman: Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell. Joint active chairman: Arthur E. Peake, Capt. J. J. Connolly, R. C.N. (R.). Secretary to Provincial Committee: B. Graham Rogers. Provincial Committee: Premier J. Walter Jones. Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan. L. W. Shaw, Deputy-Minister of Education. Lt.-Col. K. S. Rogers, Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. W. F. Alan Stewart, Women's Institutes. Father Francis, Credit Unions League Office. J. G. Dennis, Co-operatives. Leo McIsaac, Farm Forum. Mr. D. J. MacDonald, St. Peter's. Pres. P. E. I. Teachers' Federation. Allison Profit, Federation of Agriculture. W. R. Shaw, Deputy-Minister of Agriculture. Mrs. Allison MacMillan, Federated Women's Institutes. Mayor E. Earle MacDonald, Charlottetown. Mayor J. Frank Arnett, Summerside. Mayor Wilfred Taylor, Kensington. Mayor W. P. McNeill, Borden. Mayor Profit, Alberton. Mayor Paul Gallant, Souris. Mayor M. Reynolds, Montague. Mayor Boudreau, Georgetown. His Excellency, Bishop Boyle. Rev. T. E. McLennan, Ministerial Association. Dr. J. A. MacMillan, Maritime Hospital Association. F. M. Nash, Agricultural Marketing Service. R. C. Parent, Dominion Experimental Farm. Mrs. Henry Trainor, Catholic Women's League. Arthur Gormley, Local Labour Union. James Cameron, OIO and AFL. Mrs. James A. MacMillan, I.O. D. E. Rev. Rev. R. V. McKenzie, St. Dunstons University. Dr. G. D. Steel, Prince of Wales College. Major John A. McDonald, Canadian Legion. Ian A. Burnett, President, Charlottetown Guardian. W. Arthur Gaudet, Manager, Patriot. J. J. Enman, Editor, Journal, Summerside. Fred Mahar, Editor, Pioneer, Summerside. R. L. Mollison, Station CHGS, Summerside. Robert Large, Station CPOY, Charlottetown. Keith D. McKinnon, Prince of Wales College, Intl. Students Service.

## John Fisher Will Tell Own Story In Ch'town Of Children In Europe

Mr. John Fisher, noted C.E.J. commentator who has lately been in Europe and who has made regular broadcasts direct from Europe to the people of Canada on conditions among the under-nourished children there, will be in Charlottetown this coming Sunday, February 15th. The Provincial Committee in charge of the Canadian Appeal for Children Campaign have arranged through the courtesy of the management of the Prince Edward Theatre for Mr. Fisher to give a public address to which everyone is welcome. It is expected this will be his first public speech after his return from Europe from where he is expected to arrive in Canada by plane today or tomorrow.

## Declares Maritimes Not Sharing In Canadian Prosperity

OTTAWA, Feb. 11 — (CP) — Charlie Gillis (OOP-Cape Breton South) said today in the Commons that while Government statements and press reports indicated "every thing is fine" in the Maritimes, "the reverse is true." Resuming debate on the Throne Speech, Mr. Gillis said Trade Minister Howe had stated in a recent Halifax speech that Canada was in the midst of a record boom. People reading such a statement would conclude that the "boom" applied to the whole of Canada, said Mr. Gillis. If it applied to the area west of Montreal it did not apply to the country east of Montreal. Halifax, for instance, was not sharing in the prosperity. He read a press dispatch saying that last week-end was the "blackest" in 20 years in the port where not a single sling moved to or from the few ships in the harbor. Mr. Gillis said that the unemployment situation in the Maritimes was not new. It was anticipated by the reconstruction committee in 1942 when ways of preventing post-war unemployment were discussed.

## Commons Price Probe Begins

OTTAWA, Feb. 11 — The Commons Price Probe Committee was told today by Kenneth Taylor, top-flight Government economist, that continuation of full wartime price controls would not likely have prevented an upsurge in Canadian prices. Testifying before the 16-member committee investigating causes of skyrocketing prices, he said "I do not think you will find all or even a major part of the explanation of this problem within the boundaries of our own country." He backed up his declaration with figures on rising costs of many imports and a statement that external prices largely determine the prices of the principal Canadian export commodities.

## Local Man Given 5-Year Sentence

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 11 — (CP) — Pleading guilty to theft of jewelry valued at more than \$5,000, Ivan Doucette of Charlottetown today was sentenced to five years in penitentiary. Doucette, also wanted by police in Halifax and Truro, N.S., was taken into custody in Montreal Jan. 20 and brought here for questioning. Everett Waterfield, Sydney, N.S., was earlier sentenced to two years in penitentiary for being in possession of part of the stolen jewelry. Police said Doucette had told them he disposed of the stolen jewelry in various Maritime centres including Halifax where he sold an \$1,800 bracelet to a Gypsy.

## Weather Ship Has Rough Time At Sea

HALIFAX, Feb. 11 — (CP) — Battered by North Atlantic seas that stove in port and starboard lifeboats and pummeled her for nearly a month until she looked like an ice-coated sea swarth, the St. Stephen, Canada's only weather ship, pulled in by Sambro Lightship here today, her crew as jubilant as schoolboys out for recess. A for Archie, and G for Charlie, companion weather stations in the area, had turned tail at the lick of the icy finger that leaped 42 feet above the St. Stephen's waterline to snap the steel shaft supporting a signal projector and hammered two freighters in the vicinity into sending appeals for aid. But B for Baker had stuck it out to the end. George Harris of Toronto, senior meteorological officer aboard, said he had registered winds of 100 miles an hour, and added: "I have heard of endurance tests for servicemen and others, but I can't imagine anything that would be a greater test of mental and physical endurance." But she is still a happy ship, and most of her 56 Royal Canadian Navy personnel and her five Department of Transport experts have applied for the next trip. Most of the credit for the congeniality on the northern, desolate trip was attributed to the first officer, Lieut. Harry Shorten of Victoria. Not a man got seasick and the St. Stephen stayed her required period. In 21 days she will head back for the station between Labrador and Greenland. Most of her old crew will be back aboard.



TORONTO, Feb. 11 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 37, 38; Victoria 26, 23; Edmonton 15, 35; Calgary 4, 34; Regina 22b, 11; Winnipeg 18b, 9; Toronto 10, 28; Ottawa 18b, 8; Montreal 26, 16; Quebec 11b, 10; Saint John 28b, 26; Moncton 17b, 16; Halifax 1b, 26; Charlottetown 9b, 17; Sydney 11b, 18; Yarmouth zero, 26. HALIFAX, Feb. 11 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Thursday. Synopsis It was still cold over the Maritimes Wednesday morning with temperatures as much as 20 below zero in places. During the day a high pressure system moved to the south of the district and in the evening southwest winds were bringing in warmer air. Temperatures generally were 25 degrees higher Wednesday evening than they had been at the same time the previous evening. A disturbance off the New Jersey coast caused snow in New England during the afternoon and by evening this snow began to spread into the Maritimes. Meanwhile, snow from Quebec was spreading into the northern regions. On Thursday 15 will be mild with snow in most of the district. Regional forecasts: Atlantic: Edward Island: Overcast tonight. Snow most of Thursday. Temperatures rising through the night and continuing mild Thursday. South winds 20. Morning and evening temperatures at Charlottetown 20 and 25. High tide this afternoon at 3:01 and tonight at 12:33. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:21 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:06. First quarter moon February 17th, 9:55 P. M.