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# ESTIMATES TABLED BY FINANCE MINISTER ABBOTT

## Appropriations To Public Works In Prince Edward Island

OTTAWA, March 9.—(CP)—The following appropriations for public works in Prince Edward Island were contained in the estimates for the year ended March 31, 1949, tabled in the Commons today: (Last year's vote in brackets.)  
Charlottetown — public building (revote \$50,000) 100,000 (\$50,000);  
Cape Cove — breakwater repairs \$22,000 (—);  
Charlottetown — towards wharf reconstruction and improvements \$269,000 (\$126,000);  
harbors and rivers generally — for maintenance of services, no new works to be undertaken, and to authorize commitments against future years in the amount of \$35,000, 90,000 (\$30,000);  
Launching Pond — boat harbor (revote \$50,000) 74,000 (\$50,000);  
Little Sands — wharf reconstruction 70,000 (—);  
Montague — wharf reconstruction (revote) 26,000 (40,000);  
North Lake — reconstruction of breakwaters 73,000 (—);  
Ree Head — harbor improvements 7,000 (6,500);  
Souris — breakwater repairs 50,000 (54,000);  
Summerside — railway wharf — repairs to wharf and reconstruction of shed (revote \$7,000) 9,000 (9,000);  
Summerside — to take over and reconstruct Holman's wharf \$5,000 (—);  
Tignish — repairs to breakwaters (revote \$33,400) 90,000 (68,000);  
Wood Islands — wharf improvements (revote \$37,000) 192,000 (75,000).

## Islanders Make Good Showing At Amherst Fair

AMHERST, N. S., March 9.—(Special)—Frank Sanderson, North River, won first in a class of 17 at the seventh annual Fat Stock Show and Sale here today. Judging was completed. All classes were well filled, with a total of 23 entries.  
A Hereford steer, owned by C. C. Barbeau and Son, Clarence, N. S., won the grand championship. The reserve championship went to another Hereford, owned by A. V. Cooke of Waterville, N. S.  
Miss Verna Sanderson of North River, P.E.I., showed the top animal in the Boys and Girls Club class. Fred Kilson of Hampshire was third, Audrey Kilson, fifth, and John Sanderson seventh.  
In addition to his first place win, which was in Class No. 1, Frank Sanderson won fourth in Class No. 2, Group 1, and third in Group 3. Francis Gleeson, Cherry Valley won fourth in Group 2.  
In class four, Norris Kilson, Hampshire was fourth in Group 1. In Group 5 Miller Sanderson won third, Frank Sanderson, fourth, R. Stewart, Hampshire, fifth and sixth, Miller Sanderson, seventh, and Norris Kilson, eighth.  
Frank Sanderson took second place in the senior showmanship competition. Verna Sanderson was second in the junior showmanship class.

## Supply Of Reefer Cars Improving

Indications point to a continued improvement in the supply of refrigerator cars for the use of Island potato shippers, an official of the Island Division, Canadian National Railways, said yesterday. More refrigerator cars are available for shippers now, he said, than for the past several weeks with the supply steadily increasing.

## Coming Events

- "Dance, Mt. Hope, Friday, March 12th.
- "Juvenile hockey at Milton tonight, Winslow vs. Milton.
- "Come to the Rummage Sale in Market Building, Saturday, March 13th, 3 P. M.
- "Hockey tonight at Long Creek, Rice Point vs. Long Creek. Skate after.
- "Dance North Wiltshire hall Friday, March 12 in aid of Darlington Women's Institute.
- "Loading Hogs at Fredericton for Canada Packers every Thursday 11 A. M. and Colville until 11 P. M. MacDowell.
- "Hockey East Royals rink tonight, Brackley Rovers vs. Cayton Rovers. Good ice. Skate after.
- "Feed prices are probably at their lowest now. For mixed car lots, grain, hog grower, laying stock, daily ration, etc., consult A. O. P. Gill, Charlottetown.
- "Annual Meeting Kingston Branch No. 30 Canadian Legion will be held in Kingston School on March 11th, at 8 P. M. sharp. Social evening after meeting. All Veterans please attend. Poeter MacKinnon, Secretary.
- "Will be looking at the following points every Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Brackley Rovers, until 11 A. M. Borden Baginall, Hunter River, until noon. Summerside until 1:30 P. M. Kennington until 3 P. M. MacEwen & Caseley.
- "Don't miss the game at New Glasgow rink Wednesday night. Married men of Merchants League vs. single men of the league. It's worth seeing! Proceeds will go to the Canadian Appeal for Children fund. Game starts at 8:30. Skate after.

## Will Present Brief To Legislature

The Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture will present a brief to the Provincial Legislature at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the interests of the agricultural industry of the Province. It is understood that many of the resolutions passed during the recent Farmers' Week held in the City will be embodied in the brief and that the Legislature will be requested to maintain Standard Time throughout the Province. Supporting the brief at its presentation will be the following directors of the Federation: Capt. J. J. MacDonald, Glenannan E. D. Reid, Charlottetown; J. L. Dewar, New Perth; Mrs. Michael Doyle, North Rustico; Alexander Hamilton, Summerside; Earl Ings, Mt. Herbert; John F. Arsenault, Wellington; L.F. Campbell, Newport; Gordon MacMillan, Cornwall; Mrs. J. F. Easton, Wiltshire; B. MacRae, Union Road; Keith Donald, Malpeque; Kenneth McLean, Central Lot 18; Louis O'Connor, Clifton; Col. F. I. Andrew, East Royal; Albert Acorn, Dundas; Shirley Sutherland, Greenwich, St. Peters.

## PLAN ROYAL TOUR

CANBERRA, March 9.—(Reuters)—Prime Minister Chifley announced today that Munitions Minister John Armstrong has been appointed Minister in charge of the forthcoming royal tour, which is expected to last from 10 weeks to three months. It is likely that New Zealand will be visited first.

## Woman Moving Spirit In Russo-Finnish Pact

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## Spectacular Fire In S'side Court House

### Blaze Confined To Attic But Water Causes Damage

A fire that turned out to be more spectacular than damaging occurred at the Court House and Jail Building at Summerside about eight o'clock last evening. The blaze was confined to the attic and cupola but water caused a great deal of damage to certain sections of the building, particularly the Supreme Court Room. Origin of the fire is unknown but it started in the attic above the third floor and in or near the cupola. It was discovered by persons on the street after the cupola commenced to burn and in a few minutes the whole neighborhood was lighted up as this small wooden structure on the roof blazed like a torch. It gave the appearance that the whole building was afire and in a short time a large crowd had gathered. On the third floor of the building are the jailer's quarters and the R.C.M.P. barracks. The Mounties removed all their clothing and equipment but the furniture was not removed from the jailer's quarters and it was not damaged. The amount of the damage can not be ascertained till today as some of the rooms have plastered ceilings and it would take some time for water to seep through them. However, the whole building is in quite a mess and a large amount of repair work will be necessary to restore it. There were only five prisoners in the jail at the time and it was not found necessary to remove them.—S.

## May Tighten Up On Fish Inspection

OTTAWA, March 9.—(CP)—Compulsory certification of east coast canned fish slated for export may be instituted this year by the Fisheries Department, Deputy Minister Stewart Bates today told delegates to the third annual meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada.

This will be the first of several Government moves to inspect a fish products for export and for inter-provincial marketing, said the Deputy Minister. Mr. Bates said low quality fish products jeopardized the consumer market which the industry is striving to develop through high quality production. For this reason, he said, it is necessary for inspection to start near the source of supply. Power was already vested in the Fisheries Department under the Fish Inspection Act to carry out certification of canned fish products but amendment would be required to extend plant inspection power to include fresh, frozen and smoked fish.

Revision of the present fish inspection act will be recommended to Parliament possibly at next year's session, said Mr. Bates. The Provinces, as well as the industry itself, will have an opportunity of examining the revised act before it is submitted.

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## Ottawa Engineer Here Seeking Best Site For Proposed Marine Slip

### Angry Scene In Commons

OTTAWA, March 9.—(CP)—A bitter, angry scene developed in the Commons tonight over the Government's so-called dollar-saving excise tax and ended with External Affairs Minister St. Laurent abruptly adjourning the Chamber as John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, was seeking to put a question of privilege. Angry contesting Mr. St. Laurent's motion to adjourn, though the customary 11 o'clock rising hour was minutes past, Progressive Conservative members rose in their seats with cries of "dictatorship" and a half-dozen began singing the opening, defiant strains of the Communist "Internationale." Deputy Speaker Ross Macdonald (L-Brantford) ruled the motion "carried" and the House adjourned. The demonstration developed early in the evening with a blistering three-party attack on the 25-per-cent excise tax, launched in the Nov. 17 austerity program, which one Opposition member, fiery Donald Fleming (PC—Toronto English) said meant nothing more than that the Government had "dipped illegally and unconstitutionally" into the pockets of the Canadian people.

## Prices For Canadian Furs Up At London

LONDON, March 9.—(CP)—About 60 per cent of Canadian furs offered at the Hudson's Bay Company March fur sale of silver foxes were sold at an increase of 17 1/2 per cent over January prices, it was announced today. There was interest in Norwegian and Swedish skins but only a small percentage were sold as shippers set prices too high for buyers. Demand was strongest for half silvery and three-quarters silvery and the darker type of full silvery skins.

## Caledonia Man Leads Class In Engineering

L.A.C. Wilson MacDonald, R.C.A.F. of Caledonia, arrived in the City Monday night from Camp Borden, Ontario, where he has just completed a course in mechanical engineering, having led his class with top honours. Mr. MacDonald spent Monday night with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coulson, Kent Street, City, and complained in one of Mr. Paul Sharpe's private planes yesterday morning for his home in Caledonia, where he will spend three weeks leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacDonald. Following his leave, Mr. MacDonald will take up his duties at an R.C.A.F. station at Trenton, Ontario.

## Delegation Named

HELSINKI, March 9.—(AP)—President Juho Paasikivi today appointed a leftist-hued delegation for the talks in Moscow on a Russo-Finnish treaty of friendship and military aid. The seven-man delegation will be headed by Premier Mauno Pekala, who was given authority to "sign any documents possibly arising out of the negotiations." Parliament will have to ratify any pact agreed upon in Moscow. A majority of parties in Parliament oppose any military alliance with the Russians on the ground it would put Finland in the Soviet eastern bloc. Three members of the delegation represent parties against a military pact.

## Mr. MacNaught To Sit On Veterans' Affairs Committee



OTTAWA, March 9.—(Special)—For the first time in the present parliament, Prince Edward Island will be represented on the newly-formed veterans affairs committee which holds its organization meeting tomorrow morning. The Island member of the committee is J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince. Other members of the committee from the Maritime Provinces are Gordon B. Inanor, and John Dickey, Liberal members for Halifax, Loren Baker, Liberal member for Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare, Veterans Affairs.

## Committee Suggests Cut In Bread Prices

OTTAWA, March 9.—(CP)—Proposals that retailers' bread prices to the consumer be lowered were made by members of the Commons Price Committee today as that body neared the end of its inquiry into rising bread costs. Health Minister Martin, committee chairman, suggested to witnesses for Canada Bread Company that bakers might reduce their charges and enable retailers to pass such savings to the customers.

From R. H. Winters (L-Queens-Lunenburg) came the suggestion that retailers themselves might reduce their profit margin on a 14-cent loaf—now between 2 1/2 and three cents—in view of evidence that some of them are making a profit on a one-cent margin. But A. V. Loftus of Toronto, president of Canada Bread, would go no further than to concede to Mr. Winters it would "seem" that retailers might be able to reduce their margins. "If a grocer wants to sell lower, I can't do anything about it," he testified. Despite earlier evidence that one grocery chain was making a

## Dismiss Charges Against P.E.I. Seaman

HALIFAX, March 9.—Two merchant seamen were sentenced to seven days in jail today after conviction by Magistrate R. E. Inglis on charges of refusing to obey a lawful command of Capt. James Kieran, master of the freighter Yarmouth County. Charges against two others were dismissed. The charges grew out of attempted movement of ships tied up by the strike of three officer groups on Canadian deep-sea vessels. The walkoff has affected eight freighters here. Charges against John D. MacDonald of St. Peter's, P. E. I., and Thomas Green of Dartmouth, N. S., were dismissed. The specific charge was that the seamen had refused to obey a command of their captain to stand by to cast off mooring lines to allow the ship to be moved from her pier to a stream anchorage. Eleven other seamen from the freighter Seaside pleaded innocent before Magistrate R. J. Finn to similar charges, and the case was adjourned until Thursday.

## British Face Disaster Without Marshall Plan

LONDON, March 9.—(CP)—A Government white paper today told Britons that even with Marshall Plan aid they face harder times and without it—disaster. The white paper, read in the House of Commons by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that British economy will collapse unless substantial United States aid under the Marshall Plan comes this year. In the 30,000-word economic survey the Government declared gravely that only the Marshall Plan can prevent wholesale unemployment and distress and dislocation of industry. Without such aid there is "no prospect of a decent standard of living for years." An informed source said that even continued purchase of Canadian food at present levels depends on the United States making European recovery funds available. Recognizing the difficulties of quickly expanding exports to the United States to gain needed dollars, the white paper pointed to Canada and Argentina as the chief hopes of an early increase in scarce currency earnings to help pay for essential supplies.

## \$3,547,000 For Ferry Terminals

(By The Canadian Press) OTTAWA, March 9.—The Government, in 1948-49 estimates for the Transport Department, today asked \$3,547,000 for construction and improvement of terminal facilities for the Prince Edward Island and car ferry, including a revote of \$1,360,000. This compared with \$4,000,000 during the previous fiscal year.

## Fox Pelt Auction Opens At Montreal

MONTREAL, March 9.—(Special to the Guardian)—The March auction of fox pelts by the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co., Ltd., opened here today. Platinum, pearl, platinum and white marked silvers were neglected. One-half to three-quarter silvers were 92 per cent sold at an average of \$18.03. Selected furs were 75 per cent sold at an average of \$20.39. Regular full silvers were 75 per cent sold at an average of \$17.04. (The above information was supplied by Mr. George A. Callbeck, manager of the Fur Marketing Department, Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association, Summerside.)

## BIG INDIAN INDUSTRY

Next to cotton and jute, iron ranks highest among India's industries.

## Throne Speech Debate Ends In Commons

### Address In Reply To Throne Speech Adopted By 107-95 Vote

OTTAWA, March 9.—(CP)—The Commons voted 107 to 95 late today to adopt the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, signifying endorsement of the Government's legislative program and policies in general. Bringing the lengthy Throne Speech debate to a close, it was a straight Government-versus-Opposition division, with the Progressive Conservative, C. F. and Social Credit parties voting solidly against the Liberal forces.

OTTAWA, March 9.—(CP)—Estimates of Government expenditures for the 1948-49 fiscal year have been tentatively set at \$1,988,146,000, \$131,000,000 less than for the last fiscal year, but Finance Minister Abbott said that further expenditures may later be found necessary. Mr. Abbott tabled the estimates in the Commons just before the dinner adjournment, and later issued a press statement on the contents of the 300-page blue booklet giving details of the proposed expenditures. Further supplementary estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1949 still are to be submitted to the Commons. "And it may be expected," said Mr. Abbott, "that, in accordance with the usual experience, supplementary estimates for the new year 1948-49 will later be found necessary to cover requirements that now cannot be foreseen."

The main decreases in expenditures were in the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Reconstruction, Finance, External Affairs and Agriculture. The decreases, said the Minister, "arise largely from the lower amounts required for food and

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TORONTO, March 9.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 32, 46; Victoria 31, 47; Edmonton 21F, 7; Regina 27B, 16B; Winnipeg 23B, 13B; Toronto 30, 34; Ottawa 10, 27; Montreal 18, 38; Quebec 8, 27; Saint John 3, 31; Moncton 7, 27; Halifax 9, 34; Charlottetown 3B, 20; Sydney 7, 26; Yarmouth 16, 31.

HALIFAX, March 9.—(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Wednesday. Synopsis: The temperatures rose to the high 20s and low 30s throughout the Maritimes Tuesday. Compared to the cold weather on Monday this was relatively mild. Wednesday should be a little milder again in most of the district with the afternoon temperatures in the middle and high 30s. A storm is developing off the south-east coast of the United States and is moving toward the district. As a result increasing cloudiness is forecast Wednesday for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Southern New Brunswick with showers or snow-furries in the evening. Colder air from west of the Great Lakes may bring snow furries and falling temperatures to Northern New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec.

Regional forecasts:— Prince Edward Island: Clear becoming overcast Wednesday afternoon. Snowfurries in the evening. Milder Wednesday. Light winds. Low early Wednesday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 3 and 34. High tide this morning at 11:20 and tonight at 10:55. Sun sets this evening at 6 and rises tomorrow evening at 6:19. New moon March 10th, 8:15 P.M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

## Help The Red Cross

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