

CHURCHILL GIVES

Island Swine Breeders Urge Lower Feed Prices

Urge Action On Hon. W. H. Dennis In Resolution — Forecast Need For 200 Carloads Of Imported Feed This Year.

The P. E. I. Swine Breeders Association in annual session in Charlottetown yesterday forwarded a night letter to Hon. W. H. Dennis, Minister of Agriculture, who is at present attending a conference in Ottawa in connection with Maritime freight rates on feed for hogs, asking that measures be taken by the Federal Department of Agriculture to have a reduction made in the freight rates on feed. It is felt that there will be an increase of 25 per cent in the hog production in this Province this year and a decrease of 25 per cent in the available feed. It is expected that farmers in the Province will require about 200 carloads of grain to properly feed and finish this hog crop. In view of these conditions a reduction of 50 cents a bushel in the present price of feed was asked. The letter was signed by the president (program) and was in the form of a resolution from the Association. Many important problems were discussed at the meeting and a large attendance of members was present. In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mr. D. N. MacKay, M.L.A., occupied the chair. An interesting address on "Hog Cholera" was delivered by Dr. E. S. Notting, from the Federal Department of Agriculture. The recent snow storm caused

Tighten Blockade:— British Consider Closing Red Port

Ch'town Man Is Appointed To Advisory Board

OTTAWA, Feb. 27—(CP)—Fisheries Minister Macdonald tonight announced the appointment of Harry Dumas, fish packer and exporter of Charlottetown, as a member of the wartime fisheries advisory board. The board's membership increased to 12 members. The board is to formulate plans whereby the fishing industry will arrange the ordinary supply of fish to British markets and at the same time maintain existing market contacts. Mr. J. Cowie, acting federal deputy minister of fisheries, is chairman of the board.

Coming Events

- Hockey tonight Bayview vs. Stanley. L-621.
- Hovers vs. Maple Leafs, Milton rink tonight. L-623.
- Buying live hogs at Emerald Thursday afternoon, February 29th, Arthur Haslam. L-591-2-27-28.
- Cornwall Rink tonight, final game of league schedule, Cornwall vs. Clyde River. L-622.
- Hunter River Shipping Club meeting Thursday, February 29, Ernest Houston, Secretary. L-625.
- New Glasgow tonight, Royals vs. Rangers, second of finals. L-619.
- Nationals, Crystals playoff match Monday night postponed until Wednesday, 29th. L-596-2-27-28.
- Come to the Leap Year Dance North Wilshire Hall, February 29th in aid of Darlington Women's Institute. L-544-2-24-28.
- Buying live hogs at Albany, February 29th, Friday March 1st at Green. L-526-2-28-11.
- M. W. T. U. Loading live hogs Thursday, February 29th as follows: Kensington, 1 P. M., Summerside 10 A. M., Signal, Hunter River, Friday Ray signal, MacEwen & Campbell. L-526-2-28-11.

CHALLENGE TO GERMAN NAVY

I. O. D. E. HOLD 39TH ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. J. A. Mathieson Re-Elected Regent Of Royal Edward Chapter.

Mrs. J. A. Mathieson was re-elected Regent of the Royal Edward Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, here yesterday at the 39th annual meeting of the organization. Mrs. B. W. LePage was made honorary vice-president. Mrs. E. H. Rogers was named First Vice-Regent and Mrs. A. E. Morrison second Vice-Regent. Mrs. William M. Brehaut was re-elected secretary. Other officers named include: assistant secretary, Mrs. George Miller; treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Smith; acting provincial education secretary, Mrs. J. A. MacMillan; chapter education secretary, Miss Jessie Fullerton; Elcos secretary, Mrs. W. A. Huestis; Standard bearer, Mrs. E. G. Sterns. Councilors include, Mrs. E. G. Saunders, Mrs. A. G. Putnam, Mrs. T. B. Woodman, Mrs. W. A. Miller, Mrs. H. J. Gordon. Five new members were received into the chapter today. They were, Mrs. G. D. Steel, Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mrs. T. G. Ives, Mrs. George Hardie and Miss Edith Rogers. Reports presented included a review of the year's activities by the Regent, Mrs. J. A. Mathieson. The text appears below. In addition reports were read by the secretary and by several other officers.

THE REGENT'S REPORT

"In looking over the year which began for us on March 1, 1939, it seems longer than usual," Mrs. J. A. Mathieson, regent of the Chapter said in her annual report. "The first six months went very happily," she continued, "for we had a lovely summer, and so many events of interest. Outstanding was the visit of Their Royal Majesties the King and Queen to our shores. Never before was such an event thought possible. We had read and heard so much of Their Majesties' visit elsewhere so looked forward eagerly for our turn. Everything was done to make their brief visit memorable. The Lieutenant-Governor

Floods Drive Californians From Homes

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27—(AP)—Afterwards, turned to torrents by cloudburst melting snow, drove as many as 3,000 persons from their homes today in a score of more northern California cities. In 24 hours at least a foot of rain fell. The storm, in its third day, left river conditions critical. More rain was prospect and flood conditions equaling the ravages of December, 1937, were predicted by the weather bureau. In the town of Napa, 35 miles north of San Francisco, some 500 persons were rescued from flooded homes by boats. The Napa river had huffed its banks, flooding hundreds of acres and the city was confronted with another danger—a high tide tonight. In Winters, 15 miles southwest of Woodland, 300 persons in a federal migrant camp were isolated and marooned after two feet of water swept through their temporary shelters. In another migratory camp near Marysville, 450 persons were removed to higher ground. The 500 persons in Pescadero, 50 miles south of San Francisco, found their town under water at the dawn of the wet, gray day. Highways in the flood area were impassable in many instances. Despite the grave danger to hundreds of persons, and the peril of the rescues, no loss of life had been reported.

Declares Records Of Parliament Were Falsified

TORONTO, Feb. 27—(CP)—M. A. MacPherson, former attorney-general of Saskatchewan, in an address before the Conservative business men's club here today, charged that the Canadian government had forced a British admiral to move from an office in Canadian waters to a yacht in an eastern Canadian harbor. The admiral was forced to do his essential work from the yacht, he said. Mr. MacPherson gave no details. "While we may have a separate nation and have a measure of autonomy we didn't have 25 to 30 years ago, everything we've got including our liberties and our freedom, first and last, is just what the British navy has been able to do for us, and protect us and nothing more," Mr. MacPherson said. He said that a National government as advocated by Conservative leader Manion is "looming as a question of major importance" in Canada. The fact that Prime Minister Mackenzie King is appointing so many Conservatives to key positions, but not in the cabinet, is the strongest

Boy Writes Letter, Skips Court Charge

KENTVILLE, N. S., Feb. 27—(CP)—Instead of appearing in County Court here today for sentence on a theft conviction, Victor Lyons, teen-aged Guysboro County boy, sent a letter saying he was a "good boy." Lyons was convicted on a bicycle theft charge but sentence was reserved and a home was found for him but he was due to court a Kentville Clergyman appeared instead with a letter from the boy. It said in part: "Tell the Judge I am being a good boy and am getting along fine." He closed with a suggestion that police let him alone. The Judge adjourned the case until March 19 and instructed the Crown prosecutor to take "immediate action."

DIES OF SUFFOCATION

CHETICAMP, N. S., Feb. 27—Joseph A. Polner, 25, of Cheticamp, died of suffocation in a fire at a mountain cabin five miles from this north Cape Breton village yesterday, a coroner's jury found tonight. The cabin caught fire while Polner and a companion were camping in it. Polner entered the building to halt the fire and failed to get out.

PAARDEBERG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Boer War Veterans Honored Guests Of Canadian Legion At Enjoyable Banquet.

South African war veterans were guests of the Charlottetown branch of the Canadian Legion at a most enjoyable Paardeberg anniversary reunion and dinner last evening. Capt. N. W. Lowther, M. M. Legion president, presided and welcomed representatives of Canadian present naval and military forces as well as Legion members and citizens who gathered to do honour to the veterans of Britain's war of forty years ago on the South Africanveldt. After honouring the toast, "The King, two minutes' silence was observed in honour of fallen comrades. The following toasts were then proposed and ably responded to: "Canada and the Empire," Mr. P. J. Rossiter. "The City of Charlottetown," His Worship Mayor Brabant. "Navy, Army and Air Force," Lt. Commander J. J. Connolly, Major George Peake. Our Guests, the South African War Veterans," responded to by Lt. Col. W. C. Coombs, "Army Medical Corps and Nurses."

ISLAND SHEEP BREEDERS MEET

Mr. E. C. Holm of De Sable Re-Elected President Of Association. Mr. E. C. Holm of De Sable was re-elected president of the Prince Edward Island Sheep Breeders' Association yesterday at the annual meeting of the organization held in Prince of Wales College. Attendance of delegates was the smallest for years, due principally to his being away to duty of travelling on country roads because of drifted roads from recent storms. Yesterday afternoon's meeting opened with the industry "Ince wool prices, together with satisfactory prices on commercial lambs in the late fall, combined to raise interest. Mr. T. J. Inman, of Redegue gave a report of the annual meeting of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Association, where he presented the provincial sheepmen. Other speakers yesterday included: Messrs. P. A. McIsaac, M. L. A., S. W. H. Hester, High Bank, Walter Mackenzie, Springfield, D. N. MacKay, M. L. A., Bradshaw, and Reid Underhay Bay Fortune.

Dr. Manion Speaks In Charlottetown On March 8th

FORT WILLIAM, Feb. 26—After Conservative Leader Manion completes five speeches in his own district here today, his campaign schedule calls for five speeches in Ontario before spending a week swinging through the Maritimes and Quebec. Leaving Ottawa March 6, he speaks in Sherbrooke that night, at Saint John night of March 7, Charlottetown night of March 8, Halifax night of March 9, Quebec March 11, at night, Montreal, March 12 at night. He plans to spend the last two weeks of his campaign in Ontario.

Believe Hitler Will Explain To U. S. Envoy

BERLIN, Feb. 27—(AP)—The impression grew today that Adolf Hitler plans to give the United States Undersecretary of State, Sumner Welles, a comprehensive exposition of Germany's claims to a dominant position in central and southeastern Europe as well as demands for colonies, when he arrives Friday. According to present plans, Welles will confer Friday with Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop. He probably will see Hitler Saturday. It seemed probable Welles would meet Field Marshal Hermann Goerring whose pivotal position as German economic dictator makes him a natural information source for foreigners in quest of knowledge about the Reich.

Tells Commons Of Growing British Might

Government Getting "Rather Tired" Of Attitude Of Neutral States, Naval Head Declares.

LONDON, Feb. 27—(CP)—Winston Churchill today asked the House of Commons for "a few men, some ships and a little money" to run the Royal Navy for the next year and presented a picture of the tremendous "seapower" by which we live. His speech began in the quiet vein of an ordinary progress report of his department and reached an unexpectedly sensational height when he told the House that the Government is "getting rather tired" of the fact neutrals seem to take German brutality for granted while expecting strict observance of the rules by the Allies. He challenged the German fleet to emerge from hiding and be destroyed, revealed that British shipyards will work at capacity throughout the summer, that five new battleships will go into service, and that the blockade of Germany is being steadily tightened. Then he informed the House that two veteran battleships, the Barham and Nelson, were damaged in December, and that the Scapa Flow naval base in the Orkneys has not been available since the battleship Royal Oak was sunk there in the early days of the war. The Nelson and Barham, Mr. Churchill said, reached port under their own power and have been repaired. At the conclusion of his address, A. V. Alexander, former Labour

British Warplanes Range Far Over German Territory

By Pat Usher, Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Feb. 27—(CP)—Under clearing spring skies British planes today ranged far over German territory dropping leaflets over Berlin, appearing over the sea ports of northern Germany and the Baltic Sea, and carrying out reconnaissance flights more extensive than any hitherto undertaken by the Royal Air Force. German bombers scouting again over Britain's east coast were swiftly checked. Two were downed, one off the Firth of Forth, and a second Heinkel off the coast of Northumberland. Three members of the Heinkel's crew took to their rubber boat and tonight were brought to an eastern Scottish port by a trawler.

International At A Glance

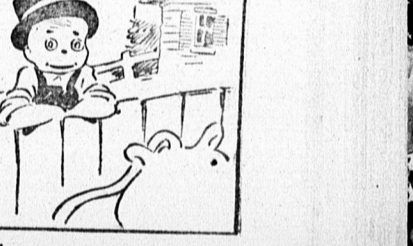
(Canadian Press) LONDON—House of Commons votes Admiralty token estimate after Winston Churchill tells of British seapower "by which we live"; says five new capital ships soon to join grand fleet; discloses mines damaged two British battleships now nearly repaired; Royal Air Force planes reach Berlin on longest reconnaissance flight of war. PARIS—France requisitions services of 7,000,000 farmers for spring planting; German planes come near Paris in massed flight, no bombs dropped; French announce destroyer rammed and sank German submarine. HELSINKI—Red army smashes at Viipuri's rear; Finns admit withdrawal to Nautsi in Petsamo sector after heavy fighting. MOSCOW—Russia reports Red army breaking through Finnish fortified zone, 13 fortifications captured. KIRKENES, Norway—Finland's north Arctic army continues retreat after reaching Nautsi. ROME—President Roosevelt's peace initiative passes its initial phases, undersecretary of state Welles concludes diplomatic talks, Myron C. Taylor meets Pope Pius XII. BERLIN—Nazi circles believe Hitler will give Welles lengthy exposition of German claims to dominant position in central Europe and demand for return of her colonies. BUCHAREST—Bucharest may place all industry under government control as defence step; French reported supplying King Carol with weapons. FIRE AT TRURO TRURO, N. S., Feb. 27—(CP)—Fire of undetermined origin at nearby Onslow caused damage today estimated at \$7,000, starting in a garage, the blaze levelled a house and two barns.

Scapa Flow Revelation Is Shock

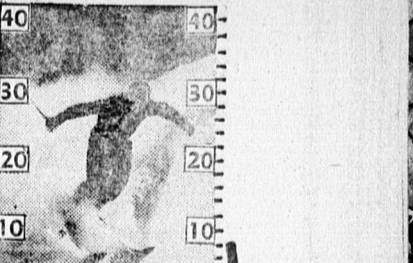
(By J. F. Sanderson) (Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Feb. 27—(CP) Cable—The Royal Navy has not been able to use the Scapa Flow anchorage since a German submarine crept past its defences and torpedoed the battleship Royal Oak in the first few weeks of the war. Churchill revealed today in the House of Commons.

This revelation has come as a double shock to the average Briton who always believed Scapa Flow was not made public because of its strategic importance. The statement by the First Lord of the Admiralty seemed to indicate that defence weaknesses revealed at the time of the Royal Oak disaster had not been corrected. The Admiralty held an inquiry at the time but its findings were not made public. Scapa Flow is a deep natural harbor 15 miles long and eight miles wide formed by the Orkney Islands of Pomona, Hoy and South Ronaldshay. It is big enough to accommodate the whole navy and was the scene of the scuttling of the German grand fleet after the last war. Mr. Churchill gave no indication as to whether it would be used again in this war but he admitted that its disclosure forced naval vessels to steam long distances "through dangerous waters."

WHY CRY OVER SPILT MILK WHEN THERE'S COWS TO GIVE MORE EVERY DAY!



Thermometer Extremes



Yesterday's highest and lowest thermometer readings indicated above.

Location	High	Low
TORONTO, Feb. 27—Minimum and maximum temperatures:		
Toronto	13	26
Ottawa	13	14
Dawson	30B	10B
Montreal	2	13
Quebec	4	18
Saint John	9	22
Halifax	8	18
Charlottetown	9	18

FORECAST Maritime East: Fresh north-west winds; fair and cold, followed by snow at night or on Thursday. Synopsis: The weather has been cold with snowflurries in the western provinces and light snow has fallen in many parts of Ontario. High side this afternoon at 3:14 and tomorrow morning at 3:12. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:45 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:40. Last quarter moon, Feb. 29, 10:35 p. m. Summerside tide eight minutes later than Charlottetown. THE CAR FERRY SALINGS Leaves Border, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M., Leaves Tyngsboro, 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M.