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To Admit Four New Immigrant Classes

Wind 46 Miles With Gusts Up To 60 And 70

The wind velocity, yesterday afternoon was 46 miles-per-hour, it was learned from the Experimental Station, with gusts from 60 to 70 miles.

Not much damage was reported. Trees fell across telephone lines at Cornwall and at Bradalbane, putting out of service more than one-quarter of the Island Telephone Company's lines to the mainland. Repairs were made later in the day, however, and at night service was almost normal.

The stormy weather did not greatly affect the operation of the ferry service to the mainland. The train with mails and passengers from the mainland arrived in the city shortly after 8 p.m. and Canadian National Railways officials said the ferry had been making good time on crossings.

Communists Promise Safe Passage To Yanks

PEIPING, Feb. 5 — (AP) — The Chinese Communists promised today to give Americans evacuating Peking to Tientsin safe passage to Tientsin.

Simultaneously, they strengthened their attack toward Peking in Shanxi Province, but themselves faced the probable loss of a few days of their big southern Shanxi Province base of Linli.

Coming Events

- **Dry Slabs, Kelly's Wood Yard, Phone 1299-L.
- **Motion picture show tonight, Crapaud Hall.
- **Legion Dance in Flat River Hall Feb. 7. Door prize.
- **Arriving at Vernon this week two cars begged for spare parts book orders now. Ed Nelson.
- **The Salvation Army will hold their annual rummage sale Friday, Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Loading Hogs at Peaker Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd., Merlin Devine.
- **Loading Hogs at Montague Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd., S. C. McLean. Phone 618-718-818.
- **Look for the special sale at Bernard's Store, Bradalbane, February 6th-7th-8th.
- **Card Party and Dance, Tracadie, Friday, February 7th. Good music. Luncheon, if not, the Monday, February 10th.
- **Loading hogs at St. Peter's for Canada Packers Ltd. from farm to car Phone Roddie Pratt.
- **Loading Hogs at Cardigan Station each Thursday for Canada Packers Ltd., Norman McKenzie, Cardigan.
- **Annual Meeting of Whitshire Dairymen Co., will be held in the hall on Monday, February 10th, at 2 P. M. R. Easter, Secretary.
- **Collecting Hogs each Friday for Canada Packers Ltd. for trucking service through Summersville, Alberry Plains, Vernon River, Avondale and Hermitage. Phone Gordon Lea 20-2.
- **Collecting hogs each Tuesday for Canada Packers Ltd. for trucking service through Bernaciliffe, Cherry Valley, Vernon, Orwell and Newtown, phone Walter Crane 11-112.
- **Loading live hogs for Canada Packers at Albany Thursday from 1 o'clock till 11 o'clock. Trucking service when loads permit. Notify A. C. Green of G. C. Green.
- **Collecting Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd. every Friday, Souris, Rollo Bay, Fortuna, Bridge, Bay Fortune, Annapolis, Dundas, Bridgetown, Stratford, George Dingwall.
- **Attention: Fols: Morell and surrounding districts. Special meeting for planning construction of a new hall and movie theatre. Everyone must attend. We must have a new hall. To be held in Morell Hall Friday, February 7th at 8 p.m.

New B. C. Senators

OTTAWA, Feb. 5 — (CP) — Sources Minister, Glen announced in the Commons late today the passage of an order-in-council which would allow four additional classes of immigrants to enter the Dominion.

Rising during the Throne Speech debate, Mr. Glen said the order was passed Jan. 30 and brings to the Dominion new farmers, farm laborers and men to work in the lumbering, logging and mining industries.

He said these persons had been added to the admissible classes:

1. The widowed daughter or sister with or without unmarried children under 18 years of age of a Dominion resident of Canada who is in a position to receive and care for such relative.
2. An agriculturist entering Canada to farm when destined to a father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, uncle or nephew engaged in agriculture in a position to receive such immigrant and establish him on a farm.
3. A farm laborer entering Canada to engage in assured farm employment.
4. A person experienced in mining, lumbering or logging entering Canada to engage in assured employment in any one of such industries.

"This," said Mr. Glen, "will permit the admission for farm settlement of agricultural people with very limited capital destined to position to establish them on farms and will also allow the entry to the Dominion of persons who are in a position to engage in agriculture and the basic industries of agriculture proceeding to assured employment in such industries."

He added that regulations also have been amended to allow the admission of orphan nephews and nieces within a certain age who are related to Canadian residents up to now orphan nephews and nieces 16 years only were admissible.

Island M. P.'s Would Welcome Newfoundland To Be Shelves

OTTAWA, Feb. 5 — (Special) — Members of Parliament from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia voiced special interest today in the announcement from St. John's that Newfoundland had decided to seek a conference with the Government of Canada to discuss entry of the ancient colony into Confederation. Both W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's, and J. Watson McNaught, Liberal member for Prince, revealed that they had had private conversations with prominent Newfoundlanders on the subject of Newfoundland entering the Canadian union.

"I have been engaged in correspondence with an important business man in Newfoundland on the subject," Mr. McLure said today. "Businessmen and men in public life are keenly interested in the question and are eager for all information we can give them as to possible advantages of growing in their lot with Canada."

A Good Thing

"Personally I am inclined to think it would be a good thing to have Newfoundland as a tenth Province of the Dominion. There is extensive trading between Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and this would be extended and freed from formalities in event of union."

Mr. McNaught told The Guardian's Ottawa correspondent that he too had been questioned by the men of Newfoundland as to the advantages resultant from union of that colony with Canada.

"I was asked to set forth the advantages received by Prince Edward Island as the result of Confederation," Mr. McNaught said. "The question is complex and not an easy one to answer. I did not enter upon it, but I am sure that a whole has spent large sums on maintaining a transportation service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, and that we hope to see the fruits of the latest outlay (construction of the Abegweit) very soon."

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Summerside tide eight minutes later than Charlottetown.

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