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Price For Hogs

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increase of approximately $3 a hog, the wartime premium of $3 on grade "A" hogs will be cut to $2 and the premium of $2 on grade "B" to $1, leaving a net increase of $2 a hog in price and premium combined.

Before next January, the two governments will consider the possibility of a new contract for 1949.

Mr. Gardiner said Britain will require all the beef and mutton Canada can spare in 1946 and 1947 and probably in 1948. The two governments agreed to continue discussions of the current contract to cover supplies for 1947. Last year Canada shipped to Britain 251,970,000 pounds of beef and 7,000,000 pounds of mutton and lamb.

The new contract for cheese shipments, covering the season ending March 31, 1948 will be for the same amount—125,000,000 pounds—and at the same price—20 cents a pound. A further contract for the season ending March 31, 1949, also was agreed upon, with the prices to be set later.

The egg contract was extended from Dec. 31, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1947, providing for shipments of 1,750,000 cases of shell eggs and 5,000 tons of dried eggs at the present price of 38 cents a dozen. The shipments represent an increase over this year.

Truce Halts

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3. The council voted on the Soviet motion to eliminate Iran from the agenda and only the Polish delegate, Oscar Lange, and M. Gromyko raised their hands. The motion was declared lost.

4. On the motion to take up the agenda without change Russia and Poland voted against while the United Kingdom, United States, Australia, Brazil, China, Egypt, France, the Netherlands and Mexico voted for. Since China's delegate is the chairman his vote was not counted.

5. M. Gromyko then moved that consideration of the Iran question be postponed until April 10 which he had requested vainly last week before the Council met.

6. M. Bonnet proposed his delaying motion to set up a subcommittee to compose these various motions and this was carried with Mexico and the Netherlands abstaining.

FALLACIES IN FUR

Fur of the South American gazelle is often dyed in the United States to resemble mink, sable marmot or leopard.

BIRTHS

SUTHERLAND — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, March 26, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Sutherland, Charlottetown, a daughter.
CROKEN — At the Prince County Hospital, March 13, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Croken, Summerfield, a son, James Daniel.
DOUGLAS — At Montreal, March 21, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Douglas, nee Margaret Coffin, a daughter.
OLIVE — At St. John General Hospital, March 19, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis C. Olive (formerly Muriel Yeo of North St. Eleanors, P.E.I.), a daughter, (Cheryl Dawn). (Pioneer Please Copy).

MARRIAGES

NICHOLSON-HALLIWELL —At the Kirk of Saint James, Charlottetown, P. E. I., by the Minister, The Reverend T. H. Bussell Somers, M. A., S. T. M., on Saturday, March 23rd, 1946, Sadie Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Halliwell of Stanchel, P. E. I., to James Roland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Nicholson of Bradalbane, P. E. I.

DEATHS

MacNEILL—At his home in Middleboro, Mass., Edward W. MacNeill, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. F. MacNeill of Long Creek, P.E.I., in his 65th year.
McCORMACK— At the Charlottetown Hospital, March 26, 1946, George J. McCormack in his 64th year. Funeral notice later.
McCALLUM — At Amherst, N. S., March 26, 1946, William McCallum, formerly of Brackley Point, in his 72nd year. The remains will arrive at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home this afternoon, where funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock. The interment in the People's Cemetery.
JACK—Suddenly at Sherbrooke, P. E. I., on March 25, 1946, Dr. John Jack. Funeral Thursday afternoon from St. Mary's Anglican Church, Summerside, service starting at 2 o'clock. Interment People's Cemetery. Body resting at the Compton Funeral Home.

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CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

TWO GRASS FIRES — Two grass fires, occurring within a few minutes of each other, brought out the firemen about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. One fire was at the corner of Spring Park Road and McGill Avenue, the other was on School Street. No damage.

ELECTORS — Take a few minutes today to vote. This Department wants a man with experience, the most suitable who has spent years in this line of work and would be of great help to our Water Department. We all have to vote to insure his election. Vote D. L. MacKinnon for Water Commissioner. 3-27-1i

HOCKEY Bedeque rink Thursday, March 28, Freetown Grads vs. Bedeque Beavers. Fifth and last game in Bedeque South Shore Hockey League finals. Immediately after the game Albany St. Pats are invited to come to centre ice when eight cups, won in regular schedule and finals will be presented. Admission 35 cents. 3-27-2i

BUDGET DEBATE—The Budget debate was continued in the Legislature yesterday afternoon and evening, the speakers being Hon. G. H. Barbour, Minister of Public Works; Messrs. Clarence Morrissey, Hon. J. A. Campbell, Heath Strong, K.C., and Eugene Cullen. The latter moved the adjournment at 11 p.m. The House adjourned until 3 p.m. today. This morning, on invitation of the Government, the members will visit Falconwood farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Sentner of Roseville returned to their home after spending two weks as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Acorn, Great George Street.

Naval Officer Advises Recruits

With a view to saving many prospective recruits the expense involved in traveling to Charlottetown and, oftentimes, in having to stopover here, Lieut. Clark Adair, R.C.N. (T), naval recruiting officer for P.E.I., last night offered some advice which, he said, should be of special interest to those residing any distance from this city.

A large number of young men, he said, had come to Charlottetown from distant points to apply for enlistment in the Royal Canadian Navy only to learn that the expenses they had incurred for traveling and other accommodation purposes had been in vain because they did not have adequate educational qualifications.

Lieut. Adair's suggestion is that any young man desirous of joining the Navy should write to him at H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte", requesting application forms, attached to which are full instructions regarding qualifications and affidavits.

He stated that "far too many young men already have spent their money on traveling and hotel accommodation and then have been told that the education for which they are able to show a school principal's affidavit was not good enough.

"We want to save them that expense and so we are urging them to write to us first, wait for our reply and then see for themselves, before they leave for Charlottetown, what their chances are for joining Canada's permanent naval forces," he said.

Plan Amendment To Militia Act

OTTAWA, March 26 —(CP)— Defence Minister Abbott today gave notice of an amendment to the Militia Act the purpose of which is to provide for retention in service of certain key demobilization personnel.

The amendment makes provision for the payment and retention of the personnel who by reason of age or medical category would not be admitted to the permanent force when it begins serious formation March 31.

Terms of service and rates of pay of the force will be known March 31, the date when interim force men will be given an opportunity of volunteering for the permanent force or signifying their intention of leaving the service.

Rose Preliminary Hearing Ends

MONTREAL, March 26 —(CP)— Preliminary hearing that created more than continent-wide interest ended today when Fred Rose, charged in connection with Russian espionage activity in Canada, was ordered for voluntary statement March 28.

Decision in the case of the Montreal - Cartier Labor - Progressive member of parliament was announced by presiding judge Rene Theberge a few hours after he had reserved judgment at conclusion of hearing of similar charges against Mr. Raymond Boyer.

The McGill University professor and National Research Council employee will appear before Judge Theberge again April 2 for the decision as to whether a prima facie case against him has been made. If the judge's ruling is affirmative he too will be ordered for voluntary statement.

EGYPT'S PRIDE

One of the pyramids, Cheops, covers nearly 13 acres and is estimated to weigh about 8,000,000 tons.

The vast iron-ore deposit discovered at Otamaki, Finland, in 1934, is as yet not developed; it is estimated to contain over 100,000,000 tons of ore, including large amounts of vanadium and titanium.

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Lively Discussion

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their Water and Sewer Commission placed under this Utility Board?"

Hon. Mr. Barbour: "You mean it is a fair way for the landlords and owners of property in Summerside, the way it is."

Mr. Strong: "The man who works in the town indirectly pays the tax, of course."

Mr. Barbour: "The property owners get at him."

Mr. Strong: "Why should the property owners pay all the taxes in the town? They all benefit. These men come in and work from outside, and it is a fair way of distributing the taxation."

Mr. Barbour: "If it is as fair as you say it is, they have nothing to fear."

Mr. Strong: "But isn't it a very easy thing for the Maritime Electric people to go up there and work up an agitation and get the rates reduced. The Premier has talked about Pesitcodiac, about Shipshaw, and about this scheme in the United States. They all came to nothing so far as we are concerned. Now he is going to grab this little plant from the town of Summerside to further his scheme of rural electrification. It is another one of his dreams. The citizens of Summerside know it and you will not be able to carry out your desire. You are going to have the biggest fight you ever had in this Province if you attempt it.

"You can't tell us why you are doing it. I have no faith in your Public Utility Board whatever. If you had a Utility Board like they have in the Province of Nova Scotia it might be different."

Mr. Barbour: "Are you in favor of rural electrification?"

Mr. Strong: "I am in favor of rural electrification, but I am not in favor of a system of grabbing a co-operative institution from the citizens of Summerside in order to carry out this scheme for the Government."

"Not a Grab Game"

Mr. Barbour "This is not a grab game. Rural electrification is for the people of the Province. They started a war in Europe and before it ended every country in the world was into it. This Province has decided to try to provide more electrification through the rural districts. Summerside has a plant of its own. The Mayor and Councillors said they might sell us current at the switchboard and they were perfectly agreeable to do that for the western part of the Island. I think that is quite feasible, and I think the hon. member is trying to create a tempest in a tea-pot. This bill is not trying to hurt anybody. But how comes it that when we have a bond sale in Prince County, very often two-thirds is subscribed in Summerside? Where did Summerside get its wealth?"

Mr. Strong: "By its industry."

Mr. Barbour: "By trading with the people outside of Summerside in Prince County."

Mr. W. G. MacKenzie: "They made it out of the Government. Look at their airports."

Mr. Barbour: "They got a little before these airports arrived. This bill is intended to protect the people of the Province and at the same time extend electrification further out. I don't think Summerside has anything to fear. They are willing to give up their outside lines, but it would be in their own interests, according to the report we got from a competent engineer, to have a transmission line from Charlottetown to Summerside, so that they could exchange current when it was necessary.

"It is not my desire to hurt Summerside, but if you claim that Summerside is going to be injured, then it must mean that the way your light business is carried on now is in the interest of some people more than others. Any man who rents a house at perhaps forty or fifty dollars should not expect the tenant to contribute taxes for the light on top of that, just so that the landlord's taxes will be reduced that much.

Well Managed

"The plant is being well managed in Summerside. It is a credit to the Town Council. We are not going to take it away from them. They have got the same legislation in Nova Scotia. The Premier over there told me that since they passed this legislation three electric light companis came in and asked to have their prices reduced. And you are admitting this year that you are lowering the prices in Summerside, and you will probably lower then again."

Mr. MacKenzie: "This is not going to take over the Summerside plant?"

Mr. Barbour: "No."

Mr. MacKenzie: "How is it going to conflict?"

Mr. Barbour: "They have full authority in the Town of Summerside and they don't want any interference."

Mr. MacKenzie "Are you going to go into Summerside."

Mr. Barbour: "We don't know just what will be done."

Mr. MacKenzie: "We don't want to sign a blank cheque."

Mr. Barbour: "It is not a blank cheque. We have a Utility Board to look after that. I think the only thing for the next few years will be to buy current from the town.

Mr. Strong: "That is a matter of negotiation and agreement. What do you want to put them under the Utility Board for, if that is all? You want to tie them up with the plant at Charlottetown. That is the whole idea. It is all very well to say that the rates are so much, but there is not one citizen of Summerside who has requested this amendment. That is the point."

Mr. Barbour: "They won't be hurt then."

Mr. Strong: "You are putting the amendment there. Now all the Maritime Electric people have to do is send an agent and get a few of these little fellows worked up, and then they will make the application and you will upset the whole internal economy of the Town of Summerside."

Mr. Barbour: "The Maritime Electric won't be going into Summerside, but if we buy from Summerside they might want to get hooked up."

Mr. Strong: "What do you want to interfere with the Town of Summerside at all for?"

Cites Nova Scotia

Mr. Barbour: "What do they want to interfere with them in Nova Scotia for? We want to provide electricity at a fair price to all the people. If we are going to let Summerside stand aside and say we are going to do as we like then the whole scheme falls through."

Mr. Strong: "Exactly, and you are going to give them other people a chance to come in and agitate."

Mr. D. F. McNeill, Fifth Prince: "We supply the churches in Summerside at a special rate. We give the Legion light free, and we give quite substantial grants to the hospital."

Premier Jones: "Is that on account of your excess profits?"

Mr. MacNeill: "We have profits, yes. We are financiers, Mr. Premier, in Summerside. We are not like your Government. Now you want us to take you out of the hole. We are willing to sell you all the electricity you want. Our rate in Summerside for the small user is $2.40 for 20 k.w. and the Maritime Electric rates is $2.50, so we are cheaper. We sell cheaper to the airport than the Maritime Electric sells to this Government. If you take us into the Utility Board what encouragement is there for us to light the whole country? We have petitions from Wilmot, Bedeque and other places. We are selling electricity to the country at a loss, but we are giving it within a radius of ten miles. If you want to buy we will sell it to you."

"Charlottetown could buy its plant just the same as we did. Our tax rate is 1.70 a $100 and Charlottetown's is 3.75. If they had a plant their tax rate would probably be down too. You put this amendment through and you are making sure of two Conservatives next time in Summerside, because Mr. Bell has got to vote against you."

Mr. Bell Objects

Mr. Morley Bell, Fifth Prince: "I think the Government is a little hasty in forcing this at the present time. I have not been able to imagine any satisfactory reason why. Rural electrification means supplying electricity to rural districts. I cannot see why it should be necessary to cover control of the city or towns, because it is something altogether different. If it is not necessary to supply it within the corporate limits, why it is necessary to control the rates within the corporate limits? I don't think it is necessary and I don't think it is advisable.

"It is suggested that the town is making a profit. I grant that, but that is because it has been well managed. It was not always so. It was a different story when it was supplied by the Sun Electric Co. some years ago. The town had to take it over at a price of $60,000, and all they got was a pile of junk. They had to replace every inch of line, and the transformers and other equipment. The cost during those years came out of the pockets of the property owners chiefly. Whatever rates the people of Summerside are paying, I claim that is a matter of internal management. The Government can depend on the town to receive any reasonable cooperation, even to the extent of linking up with the Maritime Electric Company. I don't anticipate any opposition in that regard. If it is not in the contemplation of the Government to make any changes in regard to the rates in the town, I cannot see any reason why the town should be placed under the Utility Commission."

Premier Jones: "Do you know of any town in Canada that is not under a Public Utility Commission?"

Mr. Bell: No, I don't know very many towns that own their electric plant. Most of the others are owned by companies. Perhaps Shelburne is an exception. I notice that they paid over $4,000 in supplementary taxes from their power plant.

Premier Jones: "The Utility Boaard must have allowed them to do so. They are all under the Board in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Bell: "I don't know to what extent the Utility Board interferes with them in Nova Scotia, but if it is not in contemplation of the Board to control rates, then I cannot see why you should amend the Act. I think, it is always advisable for a Government to go slow in regard to coercion. I feel satisfied that you will receive all the cooperation you need in a voluntary way."

Claims Cheaper Rates

Mr. McNeill said the company in Charlottetown had sent a man up to Summerside fifteen years ago, to tell them how much more cheaply they could be supplied. "We nearly lost the plant that time," he said. Some of the Councillors "fell" for this agitation but in the end it was decided to retain the plant. "Now we are selling them the country for 8 cts a kw. and the Maritime Electric charges 11 cts at Borden and Cape Traverse, and $1.80 service charge. Our minimum charge is $1.00. All the farmers pay up there is two or three dollars and they are quite satisfied. We are willing to cooperate in any way, by selling electricity at the switchboard and buying more units if possible."

Mr. Barbour: "It is not the intention of the Government to raise the price of electricity for the people of Summerside, or Charlottetown, or anyone else. It is a matter of trying to get electricity further into the country, and in order to do that the Government will have to subsidize lines.

"If we set up a proper Utility Board in this Province as we expect to do, the people who are buying milk in Charlottetown, if they think they are paying too much, can appeal."

He instanced the fact that busses and telephone lines, which are under the Utility Board, go through Summerside.

Mr. Strong: "The Telephone Company has control of all the lines in the Island. That's a different thing." He cited an instance where the Board had increased telephone rates in Summerside in spite of protests by the Mayor and Town Council."

Hon. Mr. Stewart: "The hon. member from Bedeque seems to be representing the citizens of Summerside. His own constituents are farmers. There is very little electric power used outside the corporate limits of Summerside and the object of the bill is to make electrification available at a reasonable price so that rural districts might have the privilege of using more of it."

Mr. Strong: "As far as Bedeque is concerned the rural electric lines outside the Town of Summerside already come under the Utility Board at the present time. My constituents can appeal to the Board now. But now you are coming into Summerside with your Act. It has nothing to do with the country at all."

Mr. McNeill: "If you use over 60 k.w. we give it to you for 3 cents."

Premier Jones: "That is in the daytime."

Mr. McNeill: "Day or night. 60 k.w.'s on your meter and you get it at 3 cents."

Hon. Mr. Stewart: "60 is a large amount."

Mr. McNeill: "Oh no. The Premier uses four times that much, and he gets it probably for 2½ cents; I don't know."

Suggests Postponement

Hon. Dr. MacMillan: "I do not particularly like this situation. I think the Government would be well advised to withdraw the bill at the present time. Rural electrification is not progressing very rapidly in Canada. It is certainly the intent of the bill that the Town of Summerside shall be brought under the provisions of the Utility Act."

Premier Jones: "We are merely taking that power. The Government would be cautious in exercising it."

Dr. MacMillan: "It is evident that it is for the purpose of establishing rural electrification in the Province. The recommendation of your expert is that the only way this can be done is through the Charlottetown and Summerside plants, and under this bill you are going to have control of the rates at Summerside. I would agree with the promoter in hoping that we would have a proper Utility Commission, because we have not got one now. The personnel of the Commission is such that on the face of it they are not qualified. I don't know why the appointments were made, whether for political reasons or otherwise, but I would say that as it is the Commission is useless. I agree with that, but at the same time the intention of this bill is evident You are going to control Summerside for the purpose of giving rural electrification in this Province in conjunction with the Maritime Electric Co. Whether this House is prepared to do that against the stated wishes of Summerside, I don't know. The compulsion is there. My advice would be to withdraw the bill for another year till we see whether you are going to be able to finance any of it. It is all contingent on the settlement you get at the Ottawa Conference, and I don't think it would hurt to wait anoher year to see where you are financially."

Resuming after recess, the vote on sec. 1 of the bill was taken and carried on the division above mentioned.

Utility Commission

Dr. MacMillan asked who were the members of the present Utility Commission.

Mr. Barbour: "Dr. Yeo and Mr. Thomas Johnston, of Summerside."

Dr. MacMillan: "The other man was the late Mr. Condon?"

Mr. Barbour: "Yes."

Dr. MacMillan: "How do they make their decisions?"

Mr. Barbour: "After a hearing, as far as I know."

Dr. MacMillan: "Has the Board ever operated?"

Mr. Strong: "Sure, they raised the telephone rates in Summerside notwithstanding the opposition of the Mayor and Town Council."

Dr. MacMillan: "Are there any technical advisors?"

Mr. Barbour: "I think Mr. Holmes is their secretary. He is the only advisor that I know of."

Mr. Strong: "What does he know about public utilities?"

Dr. MacMillan: "The Board as constituted, has it the qualifications of a Public Utility Commission?"

Mr. Barbour: "We intend to appoint a Board consisting of a qualified electrical engineer, and perhaps an accountant and a lawyer."

Mr. Morley Bell: "If you can't get a proper person in the Province you should consider the advisability of going outside."

Mr. Barbour: "That is quite possible. We have to get qualified men. I might say that the Maritime Electric Co. have a good man; Summerside has too, and we have got to match the best that is here, with the Board. It is not intended to keep on as we are."

Dr. MacMillan: "At present the electric companies have the qualified men and the Board have not."

After some further discussion the bill passed on the same division.

Other Business

The Legislature met yesterday at 11 a.m.

Hon. Mr. Wright presented a report of the committee on private bills, which was adopted.

Hon. Mr. Stewart introduced an Act to amend the P. E. I. Meat and Milk Producers, Consumers and Distributors Act, which was received and read.

Premier Jones tabled the annual report of the P. E. I. Travel Bureau.

On motion of Mr. R. R. Bell the House went into committee with Mr. McNeill in the chair on second reading of an Act to incorporate the Riverside Driving Park Association. The incorporators named in the bill are J. Leo Praught, James J. Finlay, Clifford Sullivan, Edmund Morrissey and Earl E. Buell. The capital stock is to consist of $2,000 divided into 200 shares of $10 each. The bill was reported agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Strong the House went into committee with Mr. Matheson in the chair on an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Maritime Hospital Association.

The bill authorizes the Association to enter into reciprocal arrangements with similar organizations in other Provinces or parts of the United States to provide hospital care and treatment for any person with whom a contract has been entered into; to make provision for the payment of allowances to employees after leaving the Association's services; and to exclusive right of the Blue Cross symbol and term "Blue Cross Plan" in Prince Edward Island. It was reported agreed to.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Stewart, the House resumed committee reading with Mr. Saville in the chair on an Act to amend the Election Act.

An amendment by Maj. MacDonald simplifying the provision to give overseas service personnel the property vote was adopted and the bill reported agreed to.

Premier's Argument

Premier Jones said this amendment made no provision for soldiers' vote in the event of another war. "We were criticized for not making provision for the soldiers' vote in the last election," he said. "There is no provision here for a soldier's vote in another war and it is practically an Opposition amendment. I am just pointing out the inconsistency."

Dr. MacMillan: "There is no inconsistency. Do you remember we asked you to make the amendment before the election?"

Premier Jones : "Before the war?"

Dr. MacMillan: "No, during the war, when the election was pending, and you didn't do it. It is no use trying to bring in that alibi now."

Mr. Morley Bell: "I don't believe it would be good policy to make an amendment anticipating another war. I think it would be sufficient time to make that provision after war has been declared."

Dr. MacMillan: "Of course."

The bill was reported agreed to.

Committee reading was resumed on an Act to amend the Joint Stock Companies Act, a minor change being made on motion of the promoter Mr. R. R. Bell.

On motion of Mr. R. R. Bell the House went into committee with Mr. McGowan in the chair on an Act to amend the Charlottetown Curling Club Act. It was reported agreed to.

The following bills were read a third time and passed:

An Act to incorporate the Charlottetown Kenneell Club (Hon. Mr. Prowse); an Act to enable the City of Charlottetown to pass certain By-laws (Hon. Mr. Prowse); an Act to amend the Charlottetown Sewerage Act (Hon. Mr. Prowse); an Act to amend the Public School Act (Hon. Mr. Jones); an Act to amend the Department of Education Act (Hon. Mr. Jones); an Act to amend the Registry Act (Mr. Morley Bell); an Act to amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act (Hon. Dr. MacMillan); an Act to authorize the issue of debentures by the City of Charlottetown to the Commission of Sewers and Water Supply (Hon. Dr. MacMillan).

Money Bills

On motion of Hon. Mr. Hughes the House went into committee with Mr. Francis in the chair on an Act respecting the raising of loans authorized by the Legislature.

The promoter explained that the bill was in conformity with legislation in other Provinces. It does not give power to borrow any money, but when such authority is given this measure comes into effect as a general enabling Act, he stated.

It was reported agreed to after some discussion.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Hughes the House went into committee with Mr. Eugene Cullen in the chair on an Act for raising money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The promoter explained that this was "a companion Act" to the previous bill.

Dr. MacMillan: "The last authority to borrow was for what? Three million?"

Hon. Mr. Hughes: "Three or four; I forget at the moment."

Dr. MacMillan: "I would like to ask the promoter, what is our total debt now?"

Mr. Hughes: "I would have to turn up our Public Accounts."

Mr. Strong: "On March 26 it was $10,515,000."

There was some further discussion on this point. In answer to a question Mr. Hughes said borrowings due in 1946 amounted to some $1,200,000 in round figures. This was in addition to the bank overdrafts.

Dr. MacMillan: "So that you are taking authority to raise some $4,000,000. What will it cost now to sell bonds?"

Mr. Hughes replied about 2 3-4 per cent interest.

Premier Jones referred to an instance where the Government had made a profit of about $3,840 by selling one half of a previous quarter million Victory Bond purchase.

Dr. MacMillan: "Why didn't you sell them all?"

Premier Jones: "We can sell them at a higher price now."

Dr. MacMillan: "Suppose every one who bought Victory Bonds sold them all in a month's time. Where would the Federal Government fit? Was your conscience bothering you that you only sold half?"

Premier Jones: "That is what the Council wanted to do. I was not running the Council, you know".

Dr. MacMillan: "That was one thing the whole Council did?"

Premier Jones: "They always do everything."

Dr. MacMillan: "I am glad to find one thing where the whole Council are at one."

The bill was reported agreed to.

Bank Deposit Loans

Another money bill, for the purpose of raising temporary loans, was also moved into committee by Hon. Mr. Hughes, with Mr. MacKenzie in the chair. The promoter explained that the purpose was to increase bank deposit loans from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000.

Mr. Strong: "You are paying more money than any of the banks. The banks only give 1½ per cent and you are paying 3 per cent. Do you consider it good business to increase these loans?"

Hon. Mr. Hughes: "While we have to pay 3 per cent for the money we borrow, we might as well pay it to individuals."

The bill was reported agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hughes the House went into committee on an Act to amend the Public Departments Act. The bill, which effects changes in the wording of the Act to correspond with the change in the name of the Health and Welfare Department, was agreed to without discussion.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Hughes the House went into committee with Mr. Kickham in the chair on an Act to amend the Cooperative Associations Act.

The bill authorizes any five or more associations incorporated under the Act to organize a Federation.

It was reported agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Barbour resumed the debate on the Budget.

Officers of B. I. S.

Pictured above are the officers of the Benevolent Irish Society, Charlottetown. From left to right they are: back row, Leo Dowling, chief marshal; Cornelius Corrigan, sergeant-at-arms; W. W. McCarron, first vice-president; Dennis Dowling, secretary; Brady Smith, second vice-president. Front row, J. W. Hogan, president; L. O. Kelly, past president.

Ancient Curse To Be Challenged By Science

By ROGER GREENE

MIAMI, Fla., March 26 — (AP) —Deep in the green waters off Key West, the ancient "curse of Montezuma" awaits the challenge of modern science in a quest for $30,000,000 in gold reputedly cached aboard the long-lost Spanish treasure galleon Santa Rosa.

Locked in a coral — and guarded, according to superstition, by Montezuma's terrible oath of vengeance—the Santa Rosa has four times resisted the efforts of man to recover its hoard of sunken loot.

Now a fleet of salvage craft, guided by Irwin A. Williamson, explorer, inventor and deep-sea diver, is ready to try again.

Legend tells how Montezuma, king of the Aztecs, cried out in bitterness and rage when he learned that he had been betrayed by the Spanish conqueror, Cortez.

From Aztec Capital

The story goes that Montezuma paid the gold in return for Cortez's pledge not to sack the Aztec capital. But with the treasure safely aboard the Santa Rosa, Cortez broke his word — and in the smouldering ruins of his city, Montezuma called down ever-lasting infamy upon the Spaniard, and the ill-fated gold.

Heavy laden with booty, the Santa Rosa sailed from Tuxpan, Mexico, in June, 1520, and never was seen again.

Mr. Williamson discovered the coral-encrusted hulk in 1940 while making test dives off the Florida coast in about 160 feet of water nearly midway between Key West and Cuba.

Four times, in 1940 and 1941, he attempted to probe inside the wreck, defying Montezuma's curse upon "those who shall seek" the gold. And four times he has turned back after close escapes from death.

New Devices

This time, the explorer is equipped with many modern scientific devices—including radar, underwater-firing pistols and cutting torches, a walkie-talkie set which permits the diver and surface crew to talk without the hazard of entangling wires, a 12,000-volt underwater light to illuminate the dark ocean depths over a 250-foot area, and a self-contained diving suit which eliminates the necessity for air hoses.

He says he believes science can conquer Montezuma's curse.

Local Man Takes

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day, was Lieutenant-Commander F. W. T. Lucan, A.C.N., of Ottawa, Ont., and Victoria, B.C., first lieutenant of the ship, who became for the time being King Neptune. Davey Jones looked something like Petty Officer Robert Creighton, of Lethbridge, Alta., but it took a bit of looking to detect in the charming Queen, the ship's bandmaster, Petty Officer Walter Jeffries, of Halifax.

Other characters in His Majesty's retinue were also reminiscent of members of the ship's company. For instance, the Clerk might have been Master-at-Arms Albert Laycock, of Victoria; the Navigator Royal, who made sure the ship did not trespass by passing the equator without Neptune's consent, was much like Lieut. E. M. Jones, R. C.N., of Montreal; fine trappings scarcely obscured the resemblance of the Chief of Police to Lieut. A. B. Cosh, R.C.N., of Charlottetown, P.E.I., who is six feet, four and one-half inches in stockinged feet. Other resemblances were noted between Mr. C. A. Sturgeon, Commissioned Gunner, of Ottawa, and the Prince, and Lieut. A. F. Rowland, R.C.N., of Montreal, and the alluring Princess.

At the "investiture", King Neptune pinned whopping big medals on the chests of such distinguished subjects as Captain Mainguy, who had crossed the line twice within the past year; Leading Telegraphist Tommy Clarkson, of Halifax, a loyal subject for 18 years; Cook Herbert McFeters, of Truro, N.S., and Master-at-Arms Albert Laycock of Victoria, for 10 years' service; Engine Room Artificers John Tate and Thomas Hutchinson, Shipwright Archie Rogers and Chief Stoker Robert Whalen, all of Victoria, for nine years' service.

Others were given "good conduct badges" for six years as subjects of King Neptune; Petty Officer Robert Creighton, Lethbridge, Alta.; Engine Room Artificer Edward DeCosta, Victoria; Able Seaman George Wallace, of Ottawa; Warrant Officer Brigham Young, of Victoria, and Petty Officer Donald Wiggins, Halifax.

Beside the members of the Royal Family, King Neptune's court included herald, doctor, secretary, barbers, "bears", trumpeter, judge, clerk of the court, chief of police and so on.

The ritual followed a deeply-dyed tradition and included ceremonial shaving by the barbers with horrible looking blunt razors, after lathering with engine grease; medication by the doctor and a thorough ducking in a canvas tank.

The long list of defaulters was headed by two "three-riggers," Commander Edward W. Finch-Noyes, R.C.N., of Oakville, Ont., and Halifax, N. S., and Surgeon Commander T. Blair MacLean, of Victoria, B.C., and Edmonton, Alta.

It took hours to convert Canadians into Shellbacks and, after each had been presented with a certificate of citizenship by King Neptune, "Uganda" steamed south for her next port-of-call in South America.

Reports On T. B. Work In Canada

Mr. J.A. Jardine who has returned recently from Ottawa where he attended a conference of the tuberculosis secretaries who met for instructions and discussions of problems common to all provinces, brought back some interesting data relative to the work of the T.B. League throughout Canada.

Reports submitted show that Prince Edward Island leads all the provinces in Christmas Seal Sales and in reduced mortality rates.

There was a 59 per cent reduction in the mortality rate from tuberculosis in this province, between 1928 and 1943. This reduction was greater than in any other province, but unfortunately the mortality rate is still very high, especially as compared with Ontario and the prairies.

Mobile x-ray units are operating in Quebec and in every province west of there. From present appearances the mass x-ray survey will be finished in the Island before any other province.

In most of the provinces, sanatorium treatment is free to people without a regular income. In British Columbia, where a new law makes treatment for TB compulsory, the Provincial Government pays insurance and rent as well as living expenses to families of wage earners undergoing treatment.

A nice way to make quick-frozen spinach tasty is to add olive or peanut oil with the required amount of boiling water. Cover and steam until tender, then serve with a good dash of nutmeg.

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