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Cost - Of - Living Index Touches All - Time High

Charges Duplessis Attempting To 'Smear' Quebec Ministers

External Affairs Minister Makes Statement On Polish Art Treasures; Says Quebec Premier Preparing For Election.

N. S. Conservatives Issue Statement

HALIFAX, March 4 — (CP) — The provincial executive of the Progressive Conservative Party in a pre-session statement tonight announced its determination to promote a far-reaching program for the economic development of Nova Scotia.

Coming Events

- *"Girl" Guide food sale Saturday at Moore and McLeod's upstairs.
- *Horse Races at New Glasgow Saturday, March 6th.
- *Rummage Sale, Market Building, Saturday, March 6, 7 p.m.
- *Cornwall, York Point Institute, Pantry Sale at Rogers Friday afternoon.
- *Car load of hay to arrive soon. Book your orders now. Peters and Gallant Limited.
- *Hockey at Milton tonight, Hunter River Royal Sisters vs. Hornet Sisters.
- *Horse races Stanley Bridge, Saturday, March 6 at 1:30 Three classes.
- *Hockey tonight, Long Creek Rink, Rice Point vs. Long Creek. Skate after.
- *Highfield Presbyterian Church pantry sale at Holman's Friday, March 5, 2:30 p.m.
- *Hockey, New Glasgow Rink, tonight, Hampshire Juniors vs. New Glasgow Juniors. Game starts 8:30. Skate after.
- *Bean Supper in Crapaud Hall, Saturday evening, Crapaud W. I. Supper starting at 5 o'clock. Price 40 cents.
- *Don't miss the big hockey game, P.W.C. Wildcats vs. Hope River Red Wings at New Glasgow Rink, Saturday, March 6. Game starts at 8:30 sharp. Skate after.
- *Unloading at North Whitehorse Friday and Saturday, car of flour, grocer and barley meal and bran, etc. F. J. Trainor.
- *Crockinole Party in Pownal Garage Hall, Monday, March 8th. Mt. Mellick W. I.
- *Market your eggs at the Central Egg and Poultry Station, 230 Grafton Street, Charlottetown. Paying highest market prices.
- *Hockey in East Royalty Rink tonight, Gaytown Rovers vs. East Royalty Royals. Good ice. Skate after.
- *Just arrived car asphalt shingles. A limited supply of insul brick siding. Get your requirements now. N. Aubrey Outcliffe, Free-town.
- *Hockey, Hunter River Rink, tonight, North Rustico Maple Leafs vs. Hunter River Shurgains. Proceeds in aid of Canadian Appeal for Children Campaign. Skate after.

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EXPECT NEW INCREASE IN FEBRUARY

By GEORGE KITCHEN
OTTAWA, March 4 — (CP) — Propelled by higher food prices, the official cost-of-living index climbed another 1.8 points during January and came within fractions of the all-time high of 150.6, established in the inflationary period that followed the first World War.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today that the index jumped from 148.3 at Jan. 2 to 150.1 at Feb. 2, making it an almost foregone conclusion that it will go over the historic 150.6 mark when the February report is released early in April.

The index, calculated on the basis that living costs during 1935-39 equal 100, now shows a rise of 22.3 points over the last year — from Feb. 1, 1947, to Feb. 2, 1948 — and an advance of 48.9 per cent since the outbreak of the Second World War.

The food index constitutes the major factor in the advance over the last year, standing at 186.1, down as against 147.0 a year ago.

The Bureau said that more than half of the January increase was attributable to the higher cost of basic foods such as meats, cereals and vegetables. It was in January that the retail price level showed the full effect of the higher prices negotiated late in December in the 1948 Anglo-Canadian food contracts.

While the index advanced during January, the momentum of the increase had slackened. During December, for instance, the extent of the boost was 2.3 points, lifting the index from 146.0 at Dec. 1 to 148.3 at Jan. 2.

A slight glimpse of the possibility of decline in the months ahead was seen in the Bureau's report that the index of wholesale prices declined in reflection of the break in United States commodity prices last month.

Restoration Of C. N. R. Workshop Here Involved In Request Of Congress

Parliament At-A-Glance

(By The Canadian Press)
The Commons voted 173 to 38 against a C.C.F. motion of non-confidence in the Government because of the way it handled price controls.

Labor Party Wins British By-election

WIGAN, Lancs., England, March 5 — (Friday) — (Reuters) — The Labor Government retained its seat in Wigan when R. W. Williams was declared the winner early today in Thursday's by-election.

Bank Statement

OTTAWA, March 4 — (CP) — Dominion Government deposits decreased \$28,268,000 to \$46,205,000 in the week ended March 3, the Bank of Canada reported today in its weekly statement.

NEW RUSSIAN PROTEST

LONDON, March 4 — (AP) — The Moscow radio announced tonight Russia has made a new protest to the United States over "continued violations of the freedom of merchant shipping" by American planes off Japan.

FATALLY INJURED

CAMPBELLTON, N.B., March 4 — (CP) — His skull pierced by an ornament on the radiator of a car which struck him, 50-year-old Omer Belliveau died in hospital here tonight without regaining consciousness. It was not known whether an inquest would be held.

Island Cattle Shipped To Amherst Fair

14 Exhibits Will Represent This Province At Big Show Next Week

Fourteen Island exhibitors of heavy breeds of cattle will be loading their best stock today and tomorrow to compete at Amherst, N. S., on March 9 and 10 against other Maritime breeders.

The exhibition will be the seventh annual Fat Stock Show and Sale and will be held in the Maritime Winter Fair buildings under the auspices of the Maritime Spring Show and Sale Association.

Fatally Injured En Route To Visit Wife

ANTIGONISH, N. S., March 4 — (CP) — Everett Ellis, 28, died in hospital here today in the ward next to that of his sick wife when he was driving to visit when his taxi crashed into an eastbound bus on a slippery hill at nearby South River last night.

Parking Facilities At Ferry Discussed

At the regular monthly meeting of the Summerside Board of Trade held last night the matter of parking conditions at Borden was given considerable discussion. It was pointed out that due to the narrow pier which extends down to the boat that facilities for cars to park while awaiting the arrival of friends on the ferry were poor indeed and that a considerable widening of the pier all the way down would solve the problem of traffic congestion.

Cabinet Considers Rentals Question

OTTAWA, March 4 — (CP) — Government action to curb exorbitant increases when controls are lifted Monday from commercial rentals was seen as a probability tonight.

SHELBURNE N.S., March 4 — (CP) — Establishment here of an Irish-moss industry headquarters was announced today as this former naval base nears the final stages of its quiet metamorphosis into a thriving commercial centre.



BELONGINGS SEARCHED FOR EVIDENCE

Personal letters, old files and even Christmas cards were scrutinized at the home of Mrs. P. P. Griffiths in Edmonton when R. C. M. P. detachment searched for "evidence" in connection with the Alberta government's charges of "conspiracy to publish a libel" against a magazine publisher, a writer and Dr. Charlotte Whittton.

Acadia Wins Debating Title

HALIFAX, March 4 — (CP) — Acadia University of Wolfville, N. S., won the Maritime intercollegiate debating championship here tonight by winning a 2-1 decision over St. Dunstan's University of Charlottetown.

Can Take Action Under Present Laws

By JOHN LEBLANC
OTTAWA, March 4 — (CP) — Barring of alien Communists from Canada has been ordered by the Federal Government after receiving advice it can do this under existing laws, it was learned today.

For the time being, it was stated, the authority of the act will not be invoked to deport known or suspected Communist aliens already in the country. But it was expected these would find it impossible to get renewal of their permits when they expired.

Several U.S. Union organizers and officials tagged as Communists now are in Canada, and a spur to the Government's move to clarify its position legally on the issue has been a claim in the U.S. that the Taft-Hartley labor law of that country was driving more across the border into the Dominion.

The legal opinion given the Government, it was learned today, is that two clauses of the act provide all the powers necessary to accomplish the Government's purpose.

These are in section three of the act, listing "prohibited" classes of immigrants, and they specifically bar:



TORONTO, March 4 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 34 49; Edmonton 5 33; Regina 17 13; Winnipeg 14 13; Toronto 10 15; Ottawa 4 12; Montreal 13 17; Quebec 9 21; Halifax 8 26; Charlottetown zero 20; Sydney 2 18; Yarmouth 7 26.

Dry Irish Moss On Old Airport Runways

Industries have purchased \$300,000 worth of buildings, while a hospital, boys' school and administration offices have been set up. A naval hospital has been taken over by the Province as a 173-bed institution for tuberculosis patients and general cases.

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