

# SEVEN PROVINCES REQUEST COMMISSION ON RAILWAYS

## Six Arab States Planning Invasion Of Palestine

### Transferable Vote In Federal Elections Urged In Commons

### Makes Appeal For Conservation Of Fur Seal Trade

OTTAWA, April 26—(Special)—Fisheries Minister J. A. MacKinnon complimented W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's, and paid tribute to the Prince Edward Island member's knowledge of the Behring Sea sealing industry shortly before the House rose this afternoon for the dinner recess.

### Coming Events

- \*Play, Tracadie Hall, April 28th. Dance after.
- \*Card Party, Holy Name Hall, Wednesday, April 28th, 8 P. M. St. Charles Auxiliary.
- \*Dancing, Country Club, Travelling Rest, Thursday, April 29th. Orchestra Prince County Pioneers.
- \*Talkies, St. Peter's Bay, Wednesday, 28th. "Notorious" starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman.
- \*Dance, New Perth Hall, Wednesday, April 28th. "Yeater's Orchestra. Sale of candy.
- \*Booking orders for Timothy and Clover Seeds. W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.
- \*Dance, Spring Valley Hall, Friday, April 30th. Rolfe MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- \*Farmers, we can still accept four clover seed orders at our low prices. Rush your order. McGuigan and Boyle.
- \*Dance and sale of lunches Bonshaw Hall, Wednesday, April 28th. In aid of rink. MacNeill's Orchestra.
- \*Loading Hogs at Fredericton for Canada Packers every Thursday till 11 A. M. and Colville until 12. D. L. MacDowell.
- \*Dance in Emerald Hall, Thursday, April 29th. Rolfe MacKenzie's Orchestra. Sponsored by Summerfield Credit Union.
- \*Booking another car choice Alberta 2CV only. Double re-cleaned. Rush your order. McGuigan & Boyle.
- \*Come to Hampshire three-act comedy play, "Olm Yourself", in Ballast Public Hall, Wednesday, April 28. If not fine, April 29.
- \*Come to the Big Dance. Larkins Restaurant, Kennington, Larger floor space, Tuesday, April 27th. Music by Rolfe MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- \*Come to Jimmy Power's variety concert and box social in Hearts Hall, East Royalty, Friday night, April 30. 8 P. M. Auspices Marshfield Women's Institute.
- \*Cherry Valley Y. P. U. Players present the Three Act Farce Comedy, "A Ready Made Family", at Cherry Valley Hall, Wednesday, the 28th, at Orwell Hall, Friday the 30th, and at Eldon Hall, Monday, May 3rd. Curtain 8:30.
- \*Re-cleaned mixed seed. Erban and No. 80 barley, excellent for dairy cattle and hog feed; Foundation Cobler seed No. 1 and No. 1 small; two purebred Holstein bulls 4 months and 2 months from Abegweit Craftzman. Comptions, Belle River.

By GEORGE KITCHEN  
OTTAWA, April 26—(CP)—The Commons today heard a suggestion the single transferable vote be adopted in Canada's electoral system to ensure majority representation in Parliament.

The proposal was advanced by Arthur Ross (PC—Souris) and quickly won support from other Progressive Conservative and Social Credit speakers. There were one or two dissenters.

Coupled with it was a suggestion that persons of 18 be allowed to vote in Federal elections. At present, only those of 21 or over can vote Federally, although in some Provincial elections the limit is lower.

The proposals were made during study of a bill making a number of changes in the Dominion Elections Act. The bill was approved in principle and now will undergo detailed study before the Dominion Elections Committee.

Under the single transferable vote system, the voter indicates his preference of the candidates listed. He gives his first choice, his second choice, his third and so on until he has covered all candidates. The ballots then are counted a number of times on the basis of these preferences, with the last candidates being dropped each time. This is continued until a candidate with more than 50 per cent of the vote emerges.

Opposition speakers said that under the present voting system, under which the voter marks his ballot for only one candidate, there is a danger of a minority government coming to power. For instance, some 150 of the present members of the Commons were elected in the 1945 general elections on less than 50 per cent of the vote.

HALIFAX, April 26—(CP)—A slight spring disturbance that blew across the Maritimes Saturday night and got as far as Newfoundland retraced its wintry steps across the Atlantic Province tonight. It left several inches of snow over Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island.

The storm was, as the Weather Bureau put it, still recurring. It was centred just east of Cape Breton late today and tonight was galloping south along the Nova Scotia coast.

It caused gales over most of the Maritimes and gusts as high as 70 miles an hour were reported from Moncton, N. B. There was steady snow or snowdrifts over Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Eastern New Brunswick.

### Noted P.E.I. Mariner Retired On Pension



CAPT. J. H. HUBLEY M. B. E.

MONCTON, April 26—A follower of the sea since he was 12 years old, Captain Henry Hubley, M. B. E., of the Canadian National Steamships, has retired under the pension rules of the company. His retirement was announced from Moncton today by Captain R. A. Clark, general manager of the C. N. S. S.

A native of Dundas, P. E. I., and presently living at Moncton, Captain Hubley earned his master's certificate for sailing vessels in 1905 and in 1914 secured a similar certificate for steam passenger vessels. He entered the service of the Canadian National Steamships in 1921 as master of the "Canadian Recruit" and since that time has been in command of a number of the company's vessels sailing in the Canada-West Indies service.

During World War II he was awarded the M. B. E. for his action in safely piloting his ship, the C. N. S. S. "Colborne", from the island of Penang, captured by the Japanese in their campaign against Singapore.

Captain Hubley's ship was the last allied vessel to leave Penang, and the story of its voyage of 32,000 miles through unfamiliar waters and numerous minefields has been declared one of the most remarkable and thrilling to come out of World War II.

While in the port of Penang, the "Colborne" encountered the full force of a Japanese air raid.

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### N. B. Box And Barrel Plant Burns

(By The Canadian Press)  
CENTREVILLE, N.B., April 26—A stubborn fire today destroyed the box and barrel manufacturing plant owned by Gerald Trafford at nearby Tracy Mills.

Fire departments from Centreville, Florenceville and Mars Hill, Me., rushed to the scene and succeeded in preventing the flames from spreading to nearby buildings.

### Armies Will Likely Move Before May 15

(By Max Boyd)  
CAIRO, April 26—(AP)—Arab sources said tonight that six Arab states have decided to invade Palestine with their regular land, sea and air forces before Britain ends its Holy Land mandate May 15.

King Abdullah was reported to have already dispatched Arab Legion reinforcements from Trans-Jordan to Palestine. He was said to be preparing to take the field personally.

It was disclosed unofficially at Arab League headquarters that Egypt and Syria had ordered their army garrisons on the Palestine frontier to be ready for an invasion order.

Iraq is said to be sending regular troops through Trans-Jordan toward Palestine. Lebanon and Saudi Arabia have promised military help proportionate to their more limited means.

Egypt warned all shipping from its territorial waters along a 20-mile coastal strip adjoining southern Palestine effective May 1. Observers saw this as a step toward

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### King, Queen Observe Silver Anniversary

By NORMAN CRIBBENS  
LONDON, April 26—(CP)—The King and Queen today celebrated their silver wedding jubilee in stately splendor amid stirring demonstrations of affection from their subjects around the world.

Speaking at the chief ceremony, a mid-day thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, expressed the warm sentiments of his countrymen when he said of the royal couple:

"The evidence and example of their steadfastness, rooted in the serenity of a happy home life and expressed in the selfless service to their people, has steadied and encouraged the whole nation through all the exacting duties of their public station these shines"

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### Premier Jones Non-Committal On Representations

OTTAWA, April 26—(Special)—Prince Edward Island Premier J. Walter Jones today continued his activities of seeing administrative heads of the Dominion Government in addition to attending the conference between Premiers of the seven Maritime and Western Provinces and the Federal Cabinet.

Reached this afternoon after he had made representations at the Department of Agriculture and Public Works, Premier Jones said he could "make no comment" on the discussion with the Cabinet on freight rates. Nova Scotia's Premier Angus Macdonald had stated the seven Premiers' position with regard to the 21 per cent horizontal increase in freight rates and his statement, the Premier said, needed no amplification.

It is suspected in Ottawa that the Prince Edward Island Premier had no sanguine hopes of the outcome of today's meeting, although he co-operated fully with the other provincial heads and endorses to the full, Mr. Macdonald's request for appointment of a Royal Commission to re-examine the judgment of the Transport Board. Those close to him intimate however that Mr. Jones' experience in political life and his years in Ottawa have taught him not to expect a Dominion Cabinet of any color to reverse its stand on policy, even at the combined request of seven premiers.

### Railway Workers Wage Demands Are Rejected

### Contract Let For Addition To Parkdale School

Mr. Borden Myers, Parkdale, has been awarded a contract for the construction of a new four-room wing at the Parkdale School. Work will begin immediately, it was learned.

The addition, which will be approximately 38 by 43 feet, will double the seating facilities of the school, which now has four classrooms. The design will harmonize with the original building, which is of brick veneer. In the new wing, however, brick siding will be used in place of brick.

Contracts have not been let for the plumbing, heating and painting.

Mr. James Harris, Charlottetown is the architect. It is expected the building will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

### Gusts Up To 60 Miles In Storm Yesterday

### Car Ferry Delayed More Than Four Hours By High Winds.

Wind velocity during yesterday's April snow storm reached 60 miles-per-hour during gusts. Mr. Warren Burns, weather observer at the Charlottetown Experimental Station, said. About three inches of snow were recorded.

Temperatures all day were below freezing but by 8:30 last night the weather was becoming warmer and the thermometer stood at 32 above. At the same time the wind was dropping and was northwest 30 miles-per-hour.

The wind all day was north-northwest and the highest velocity for a single hour was between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon when 48 miles was recorded.

The storm disrupted communications and delayed traffic. The Borden train with mainland mails and passengers did not arrive in the City until about 1:30 last night. Most of the delay was caused when the car ferry Abegweit remained tied up at the Torment pier awaiting for the high winds to subside. The boat was delayed about four and a half hours. Finally at 7:38 she sailed and docked at Borden at 8:33. Passengers reported a rough crossing, although the boat behaved well in the heavy seas.

Then when the train was backing into the station in Charlottetown, one car was partially derailed near the Grafton Street crossing, holding up the train. Taxis went down and the passengers were taken off the train before the car was placed back on the track. The line was cleared a short time later.

Railway officials said the winds were very high in the Northumberland Strait in the late afternoon and in addition visibility was extremely limited due to the heavy snow.

The storm grounded air traffic to and from the Province and caused some difficulty with both telephone and telegraph communications. Electric power was disrupted in a few districts.

LONDON—(CP)—Seven hundred copies of the 733-page official report on Canada's espionage trials have been sold since the volume went on sale here last July.

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### Two Escaped Convicts Captured By Posse

KINGSTON, Ont., April 26—(CP)—Two gun-wielding, trigger-happy convicts were caught in the web of a 100-man posse today only a few hours after they shot and killed a prison messenger in a daring break from Kingston Penitentiary.

The pair—baby-faced Howard Urquhart, 21, and droopy-lidded 40-year-old Austin Craft—were captured by half a dozen heavily-armed prison guards in a swampy area near Sydenham, 15 miles northeast of Kingston.

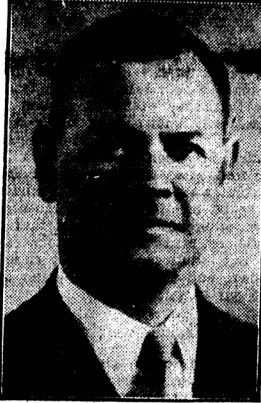
Their victim in the flight for freedom was John Kennedy, 59-year-old penitentiary messenger. Urquhart was in the trunk of Kennedy's car and Craft in the back seat, crouched low, as the automobile pulled through the heavily-barred gates of the prison.

Just as it passed through the gate, Craft pumped three bullets into the messenger and dumped the body out onto the roadway. Two shots were fired at a guard but missed. The break was made about 9:30 a.m. and the two convicts were returned to Kingston Penitentiary about 1:30 p.m.

Immediately after the escape, the alarm was sounded throughout the area. All roads leading out of the city were blocked and all highways in the district were covered by police.

Shortly after 10 a.m. the escape car was reported seen at Westbrook, 10 miles west of Kingston. Royal Canadian Mounted Police joined some 100 prison guards,

### Vice-President Of C.N.R. Visits City



Mr. W. E. Robinson, general manager and vice-president of the Canadian National Railways for the Atlantic Region, arrived in the City about 11:30 last night after a stormy crossing in the "Abegweit".

Mr. Robinson informed the Guardian that the storm in the Strait was the worst he had ever experienced but added that the "Abegweit" behaved splendidly and at no time had any trouble in making the passage from Tormentine to Borden. He had warm words of praise for Captain MacGuire who, Mr. Robinson said, was master of the situation at all times.

Through this is his first trip to the Province as vice-president of the C.N.R., Mr. Robinson has often visited the Island and has many friends and acquaintances in Charlottetown.

His present visit, he said, is but a routine one.

Born at North Sydney, N. S., Mr. Robinson entered the railway service as station agent at Ingramport, N. S., in 1906. The following year he transferred to the position of freight clerk at Bridgewater, subsequently serving as tie-

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### 240,000 Apple Trees Will Be Uprooted

HALIFAX, April 26—(CP)—Operation apple-tree will start next week in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley when the first of 240,000 trees scheduled for the woodpile is unceremoniously uprooted.

The trees are being removed from Valley orchards as part of a big apple industry rehabilitation program. Trees that produce eating varieties for the domestic market will replace those that bore cooking apples for export. The British export market folded last year.

The program is being undertaken by the Nova Scotia and Dominion Governments and the orchardists themselves. A \$4 bonus will be paid for every tree removed.

The uprooting process will require about three years and will be coupled with a grafting project.

Provincial Police and residents who saturated the Sydenham area after the escape car was found abandoned on a dead-end street. All the searchers were heavily armed, prepared to shoot to kill if the escapees showed any resistance.

The two prison officials who made the actual capture were H. P. McLaren and Preston Bellie. They came upon the two convicts and levelled their automatic repeater rifles. Then they shouted at the convicts to drop their revolvers. The two men complied instantly. Other guards then rushed up to grab Urquhart and Craft.

### Ask Freight Rates Increase Be Postponed

By JOHN McLANE  
OTTAWA, April 26—(CP)—Seven Provinces asked the Dominion today to appoint a Royal Commission on railways and to shut off freight-rate increases until it reports.

In the interim, the Provinces proposed the Federal Treasury subsidize the railways to the extent of the financial needs they can prove.

This was the substance of a submission made by Provincial Premiers to the Cabinet, which took it under consideration and asked for some time before making a decision.

The proposal from the seven Provinces—all except Ontario and Quebec—grew out of last month's decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners awarding 21-per-cent rate increases to the railways.

The Premiers took issue with the need for such an increase, and also with the subsequent decision of the Dominion Government to order a general inquiry into the rate structure by the Transport Commissioners.

In a 2 1/2-hour session with the Cabinet, the Premiers called for a special royal commission on the ground the Board did not have power enough to conduct the sweeping type of investigation they want.

The Board had been directed by the Government to inquire into the freight-rate structure generally with a view to "equalizing" the impact of rates as between different sections of the country.

Would Probe All Phases  
The Premiers told the Cabinet they want the investigation to go

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### Good Times Will Be Here Again When Everybody's Relatives Start Working Again

TORONTO, April 26—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 35, 48; Edmonton 28, 33; Regina 34, 41; Winnipeg 38, 42; Toronto 46, 65; Ottawa 35, 62; Montreal 33, 57; Quebec 31, 44; Saint John 24, 46; Moncton 23, 40; Halifax 28, 40; Charlottetown 28, 40; Sydney 22, 35; Yarmouth 26, 44.

HALIFAX, April 26—(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Tuesday.

Synopsis:  
A storm moved southeastward across the Maritimes Saturday night causing some snow and strong winds. By Monday morning the storm centre was south of Newfoundland and the weather over the Maritimes had generally cleared. Then the storm began to move back toward the district and Monday afternoon snow began to fall again in the eastern sections of the district. Gale force winds caused some drifting. By Monday evening snow was falling over the eastern half of Nova Scotia and all of Prince Edward Island and the east coast of New Brunswick. The cloud covered nearly all of the district and only in the Gaspe region were there clear skies Monday evening. It is likely that the storm centre will continue moving westward and weaken so that intermittent snow may continue over the district Tuesday.

Regional Forecasts:  
Prince Edward Island: Overcast with intermittent snow during the night and on Tuesday. Continuing cold. North winds with stronger gusts becoming variable winds about 15 Tuesday. Low early Tuesday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 28 and 40.

High tide this afternoon at 12:30 and tonight at 2:24.  
Sun sets this evening at 7 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:55.  
Last quarter moon May 1st, 12:40 A. M.