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CNR Freight Shed, Station Destroyed By Fire

Cabinet Changes Leave PEI Still Unrepresented

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Jan. 18 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent today revamped the cabinet in preparation for the opening of the next session of Parliament Feb. 16.

In an announcement, which included several judicial appointments, Mr. St. Laurent disclosed these cabinet changes:

1. Resources Minister Gibson, 46-year-old lawyer-member of the Commons for the Ontario constituency of Hamilton West, goes to the bench of the Ontario Supreme Court, appeal division.

2. Walter E. Harris, 46-year-old parliamentarian assistant to the prime minister and Liberal member of the Commons for the Ontario constituency of Grey Bruce, becomes minister of the new Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

3. Reconstruction Minister Winters, 39, whose present department is passing out of existence, switches to the new portfolio of Resources and Development.

4. Revenue Minister McCann, 52, takes over the new department of Mines and Technical Surveys, but he will retain his present portfolio as well.

5. Ralph Maybank, 59, parliamentary assistant to Mr. Gibson and Liberal member for Winnipeg South Centre, becomes parliamentary assistant to the minister of Mines and Technical Surveys.

The Department of Citizenship and Immigration, of Resources and Development, and of Mines and Technical Surveys were created by Acts passed at the last session of Parliament. Proclamation of the Acts coincided with the announcement of the cabinet changes.

The Citizenship and Immigration Department will take over the citizenship branch of the State Secretary's department and the immigration branch of the Resources Department.

The Resources and Development Department will assume some of the functions of the old Resources Department and also those of the Reconstruction Department. Mr.



Hon. C. Gibson (above) whose retirement as Minister of National Resources to go on the Ontario Supreme Court bench was announced yesterday at Ottawa.

Winters will have jurisdiction over housing, the trans-Canada highway, tourist information and services, national parks, Canadian forest resources and some irrigation projects. He also will have control of the northwest territories.

The Mines and Technical Surveys Department will take over the mines and surveys branches of the old Resources Department.

Three men now in the civil service were chosen to serve as deputy ministers of the new departments.

H.L. Keenleyside, 51, now deputy minister of Mines and Resources, will switch to the Resources and Development Department.

Marc Boyer, 44, Deputy Minister of Reconstruction, will transfer to the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. Col. Laval Fortier, 45, Associate Commissioner of Immigration, becomes Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

The appointments, announced in a prepared statement issued from the Prime Minister's office following a meeting of the cabinet, caused one vacancy in the Commons. With the departure of Mr. Gibson, the standing is:

Liberals 199; Progressive Conservatives 41; C.C.F. 13; Social Credit 10; Independent five; Independent Liberal three; vacant one; total 262.

Coming Events

- **Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- **Card Party and Dance in Millview Hall, Friday, January 20th.
- **Card Party in Stanley Bridge School, January 20th.
- **Bingo and other games. Clinton W. I. January twentieth.
- **Show Morell every Friday only. 8 o'clock.
- **Card Party, Dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Thursday, January 19th. Lunch served.
- **Cavendish Y. P. U. Meeting at the Manse, Friday evening, at 8 P. M.
- **Meeting Hamilton Lodge tonight. Important business. Members please attend.
- **Don't forget Dance. Bonshaw Hall, January 20th. Good music. Luncheon.
- **Come one, come all for an enjoyable skate with good music at Hunter River Rink tonight.
- **Oake Sale. St. Charles Auxiliary at Rogers Hardware, 2 o'clock Saturday, January 21st.
- **New Glasgow tonight at 8.00. "Every Girl Should Be Married". Also songs by Jim Austin in person.
- **Card Party and Dance, Tracadie Hall, Friday, January 20th. Sponsored by Junior Farmers. Melody Boys Orchestra.
- **Hockey in New Glasgow rink tonight between New Glasgow and Glasgow Road. Game starts at 8.30 sharp. Special canteen service.
- **Hockey at Hunter River Rink, Friday night, South Rustico vs. Hunter at 8 p.m. Skate after.
- **Two one-act plays and specialties, Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico, Friday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. Presented by the Boy Scouts.
- **Hockey game North Rustico rink tonight between South Rustico Rangers and North Rustico Legionnaires. Game starts at 8 o'clock. Skate after canteen service.

Blaze Yesterday Afternoon At Dorchester, N. B.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Jan. 18 — (CP) — Fast-spreading flames destroyed the Canadian National Railways freight shed here today and then gutted the brick station building.

Dame to the building was estimated at \$15,000 but no estimate of freight loss was available. Cause of the outbreak was not known definitely although it was believed to have started in a nearby section man's shanty. No one was injured.

Officials said a railway car would probably be put on a siding here to serve as a temporary headquarters for the railway in this town which sprawls beneath a towering hill topped by the Maritime Penitentiary.

Aid From Moncton

Fire equipment and a special fire train raced here from Moncton, 20 miles away, to aid the local department but were unable to check the quick-spreading flames.

Two locomotives in the area supplied water. The biggest blow came when the Dorchester pumper froze up and firemen had to stand helplessly by until other equipment arrived.

The freight shed and 64-year-old station building were separated by only a few feet and the flames jumped the gap easily.

Office records and the station manager's household furniture were removed before the flames reached the station. The station manager's living quarters were in the building.

Telephone services to Prince Edward Island were interrupted for a time. Lines were maintained through to Nova Scotia, however.

A station employee was talking to the Canadian Press in Halifax by long distance telephone when the blaze spread to the building from which he was talking.

(Obviously excited, the employee talked incoherently for about a minute.

(Then he yelled: "I've got to hang up, the fire has spread to the station building where I'm talking.")

Railway officials were expected to make a thorough investigation. They said it would probably be some time before an accurate estimate of damage could be made.

The fire was discovered at 2 o'clock and firemen battled for about four hours to extinguish it.

SPEED DEMONS POPULAR

In Britain motorcycle racing now has the third largest sport following.

Nationalists Claim Red Junk Fleet Destroyed

By Spencer Moon.

TAIPEI, Formosa, Jan. 18 — (AP) — The Chinese Nationalist air force and navy wrecked a Communist junk fleet, making invasion of Hainan "impossible," the commander of that South China island asserted today.

Gen. Hsueh Yueh, in a report to the government on Formosa, declared the two services have sunk more than 2,000 invasion craft.

The craft, mostly junks, were massed around Lichow peninsula opposite Hainan.

The aerial onslaught against mainland targets continued. The Air Force announced fighter planes had attacked Shanghai for the second straight day. Nanking also was raided. Canton was hit Tuesday.

The Air Force claimed the Lungwha air port of Shanghai was damaged further and a plane on the field wrecked.

Medium bombers were said to have sunk 50 craft being assembled by the Communists for an invasion of Chusan, air and navy base 100 miles south of Shanghai.

Hsueh, who was rated by the United States staff in China as one of the best generals in the Chinese army, also predicted in his report that Red guerrillas on Hainan soon will be wiped out.

As an expression of confidence, the government proclaimed Samah, a part of Hainan's coast, open to trade. All shipping was banned from Hainan's waters during the height of the invasion scare.

Eggs And Poultry Made \$1,750,000 Contribution To Island Farm Budget

The sale of poultry and eggs brought \$1,750,000 to the producers in Prince Edward Island in 1949, stated Mr. F. M. Nash, District Manager Poultry Products, Tuesday in reporting on poultry services for the year at the meeting of the P. E. I. Agricultural Council.

The 1949 production of farm eggs in P.E.I. was estimated at 4,025,150 dozens, at a total value of \$2,469,000. This estimate includes eggs and poultry consumed by the producers and their families in addition to those which were marketed.

Approximately 1,700,000 lbs of poultry were marketed.

The trend in poultry and egg production during the year was slightly upward, Mr. Nash said. Despite the decrease in the amount of poultry shipped to the United States and the serious drop in egg prices in the latter part of December, the cash income derived from these products remained at the same level as for 1948.

The producer averaged 45 cents a dozen for Grade A large during the period of surplus production and 63 cents a dozen for similar eggs during May when eggs were in short supply on the domestic market. Mr. Nash noted that the general quality of eggs marketed in the Province through registered egg grading stations during the year improved over that of 1948.

Lower prices were received for live poultry, but a steady high

Probe Womar's Story Drowned Two Grandsons

MONTREAL, Jan. 18 — (CP) — A diver vainly searched the icy waters of the St. Lawrence River in the City's East End today for the bodies of two children while a 30-year-old woman stuck to her story that she drowned her grandsons rather than be separated from them.

Police said Mrs. Joseph Locas told them she pushed the two children into the river in their baby carriage last night because boys, intended to place them in a foster home.

She told police the children, John, 3, and Pierre-Paul, 18 months, were the illegitimate sons of her 22-year-old daughter, Madeleine.

Meanwhile, the daughter, advised by Rev. Feire Trudel, a Roman Catholic priest, of her mother's story, expressed disbelief that the children were dead.

"I can't believe it," she told the priest. "I just can't believe my mother would do a thing like that. She must have hidden them somewhere."

Police said that in view of the grandmother's story they had no recourse but to investigate it fully.

After fighting cold and strong current a diver finally reached the bottom of the river at the end of Pier IX Boulevard late this afternoon but he could find no sign of the children or the carriage. He said he would go down again tomorrow.

Both the grandmother and her daughter remained at detective headquarters while the investigation went on.

Huge Rewards Offered In Boston Robbery Case

(By Fred Brady)

BOSTON, Jan. 18 — (AP) — Hidden somewhere or running with many hours' head start tonight were robbers with loot of \$1,000,000—biggest cash haul in American crime—They also have \$500,000 in cheques—of no use to a desperado gang.

Clues were cold. "Little or nothing to work on," said Police Superintendent Edward W. Fallon.

A country-wide manhunt was on, and during the day police teleprinters clicked with leads in New York City and in Boston suburbs. Rewards which could total \$150,000 were posted. But police said there was nothing definite.

Nothing much to add to this night excited newspaper readers and radio listeners across the continent:

At 7:10 p.m. last night near Boston's waterfront, seven silent men—working with masks and grim guns—held up five employees of Brink's, Incorporated, a money-transportation firm. Two confederates waited outside.

Left Million Behind

They got away with all they could carry—\$1,000,000 in cash and the \$500,000 in cheques. They left behind \$1,000,000. Why? Either they couldn't carry it in their already-overstuffed laundry bags, or they were scared by the door-buzzing of a guard reporting for work.

The robbers worked silently with only low-voiced mutterings. The whole thing took 20 minutes. Then, fast and sure-moving, they vanished. Out through the six doors which police believe they unlocked with a master key to get in.

Late today Brink's, which offered a \$100,000 reward, announced they are changing their locks.

"Inside job" was the chief comment which reporters could get out of Police Superintendent Fallon.

The largest cash robbery on record was the description which came today from a spokesman from the National Security Corporation. The same Corporation reported the stolen money was insured. And they added their reward offer—five per cent of whatever money is recovered.

But police found cold comfort in any thought of tracing the money. The bills are small, from ones to 20s, and there is little hope in serial numbers except through federal reserve lists of any new bills.

Canada May Protest To Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 — (CP) — Millions of dollars of United States surplus farm products are available to foreign buyers at bargain prices, following the Government's announcement today that these surplus stocks will be placed on the export market at prices below cost.

Handling the selling job of the products — potatoes, corn, barley, oats, linseed oil, shelled peanuts, flaxseed, dried beans, dried milk, dried eggs and Mexican canned meat — will be the Agriculture Department's production and marketing administration under the terms of the 1949 Farm Act which went into effect Jan. 1. This act authorizes the Government to sell surpluses when they can no longer be held without going to waste.

Except for the Mexican meat, the products were acquired under United States farm-price support programs.

All products were offered for less than the Government paid for them but potatoes are actually the only "give away." Surplus potatoes costing the Government \$2.10 for 100 pounds this month were offered at one cent for 100 pounds bagged at country shipping points.

Canadian Reaction

OTTAWA, Jan. 18 — (CP) — Canada may protest the United States decision to offer millions of dollars worth of agricultural surpluses on the export market at prices below cost, a Government trade source said today.

An announcement from Washington said surplus potatoes costing the U.S. government \$2.10 for 100 pounds will be offered at one cent for 100 pounds bagged at country shipping points.

Other bargain prices were placed on dried eggs, milk and beans, as well as on flaxseed, barley, oats, linseed oil and Mexican canned meat.

Trade Dim View

The trade source joined with other officials in the Trade and Agriculture Departments in taking a dim view of the U.S. move.

They said the decision may make tougher the job of Canadian food exporters. It might end in a sharper drop in farm prices and a decline in foreign demand for Canadian products.

Officials said steps will be taken to make certain that none of the low-price U.S. surpluses enter Canada, either for sale or for re-export to some other area. This can be done under Canada's anti-dumping laws.

The trade source said officials were considering a suggestion that Canada protest to the U.S. against such selling tactics. A suggestion also may be made that the whole matter be discussed at a conference between Canadian and U.S. officials.

What weakens Canada's position in any action to protest the U.S. decision, said other officials, is the fact that Canada has been participating in the same kind of tactics in the shipment of foodstuffs to the United Kingdom.

The officials referred to gifts of Canadian apples to the U.K. One was a straight gift of 1,000,000 worth of the British Columbia apples. The other was a Federal Govern-

Prison Terms And Lash For Robbers

BRANTFORD, Ont., Jan. 18 — (CP) — Sentences totalling 60 years were imposed today on four Brantford youths who previously pleaded guilty to three charges of armed robbery, including the \$2,655 Bank of Toronto holdup at nearby Burford Dec. 19.

In addition, each was condemned to receive 10 strokes of the lash.

Sentences — seven years — went to Kenneth Hill, 21, on the bank robbery count.

On the same charge, Philip Curtis, 19, got six years; Angus McQuarrie, 20, five years, and John Paul Lacroix, 16, two years in reformatory.

All were given concurrent terms of the same length on each of the other two charges.

Two were arrested in Maine, on the New Brunswick border, and the other two in the Maritimes.

Canadian Handicrafts Conference Opens

FREDERICTON, Jan. 18 — (CP) — The first general Canadian conference on handicrafts opened here today with representatives present from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and several Federal Departments. The British Columbia director of handicrafts was expected to arrive tomorrow for the three-day meeting.

Doped Bandit Gets \$1,000 In Toronto Bank Holdup

TORONTO, Jan. 18 — (CP) — With police hot in pursuit, a bandit who appeared doped vanished into a wooded ravine after fleeing with \$1,000 from a branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in suburban East York today.

Only two employees were in the bank when the lone gunman entered and showed a blank cheque through the teller's cage. On the reverse side was written: "This is a holdup."

"I thought it was a joke," said teller Georgina Black, who altered her opinion only after looking up into the muzzle of a black German pistol.

She said she followed the man's instructions and put the money into a small white linen bag he brought with him. Then both she and accountant W.R. Church were told to get into the vault as the bandit backed out of the bank, fleeing in a car.

The accountant described the robber as a thin-looking man with his cheeks artificially filled out as if though stuffed with cotton batting. His right cheek was scarred.

"He looked doped up to me," said Church who gave chase for about two miles. He said he was gaining ground when the robber turned up a side road, abandoned his car and fled into the ravine.

Police later reported they had him trapped in a bush in the area.

M. V. Eskimo Is Damaged

The Government-owned motor vessel Eskimo, which sailed between Charlottetown and Newfoundland during the summer months is undergoing repairs at Halifax drydock for damages received in a collision in St. Pierre Harbour recently.

The Newfoundland motor vessel Blue Peter struck the Eskimo as she lay in port. The Eskimo was able to return to Halifax under her own power.

The Eskimo made her last trip from Charlottetown on December 18. During the winter months she will sail between Halifax and St. Pierre. The collision occurred on the vessel's first trip out of Halifax.

Thunderstorm In Montreal Area

MONTREAL, Jan. 18 — (CP) — Montrealers had a touch of everything in their weather today—a thunderstorm included. Weather forecasters said the thunder, accompanied by pelting rain, will be followed by snowflurries and the mercury will drop to 10 degrees above zero.

Ontario Legislature To Open On Feb. 16

TORONTO, Jan. 18 — (CP) — For the third time in less than a week, winds reaching nearly 60 miles an hour pounded through Eastern Ontario today. Intermittent rain, hail and snow fell throughout the district, and a drop in temperatures from about 30 degrees at noon to zero tonight was predicted.

Premier Frost announced today the Ontario Legislature will convene Feb. 16th. The announcement followed a Cabinet meeting today when various ministers outlined their proposed legislation. The date is the same as that set for the opening of Parliament.



New Detector May Take Uranium Search Into Air

OTTAWA, Jan. 18 — (CP) — The widespread search for uranium may take to the air shortly with the aid of a super-sensitive detector for radio-active minerals developed in Canada.

Satisfactory progress in development of an airborne detector was reported today by W. J. Bennett, president of the Government-owned Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited, sponsors of the project.

The veil of secrecy covering the experiments on the device — based on the same principle as the Geiger counter — was lifted enough to indicate that "satisfactory results" were obtained last summer from test flights over thousands of miles in the Canadian north.

George Shaw, chief of the Geological Division of the Geological Survey of Canada, directing the program, said further development is planned and wide use is anticipated.

One of the world's leading sources of uranium — basic product of atomic research — Canada has been widely combed for new sources of radio-active minerals since laws prohibiting private prospecting were lifted several years ago.

Although figures on finds are on the secret list, it is known that there is no let-up in sight in the hunt for uranium; and that some promising strikes have been made, particularly in Northern Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories.

Although ground investigation will always be necessary in prospecting for radio-active minerals, the new detector will eliminate the need for a prospector covering vast territories in a fruitless search for uranium.

The airborne detector will help locate radio-active minerals generally, paving the way for ground detection to determine exact location.

The joint project was started in December, 1948, and has been carried out by the Atomic Energy Division of the National Research Council at Chalk River, the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey.

High tide today at 12:13 P. M. and 11:25 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN—TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAILY
Lv. Borden 7 P.M. Cape Tormentine 8:10 A.M. 2:40 P.M.