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POTATO PRICE QUESTION COMES UP IN COMMONS

Disappointed In Coal Commission

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 — (CP) — Clarie Gillis (CCF—Cape Breton South) said today in the Commons that the recently-published report of the Royal Commission on Coal was the "most disappointing" document he had ever read in that it "recommended absolutely nothing" and contained no new evidence.

Mr. Gillis, who said he had spent 26 years at the end of a pan-handle shovel in a coal mine, stated that the money spent on the Commission during its two years of operation had been wasted.

There was nothing new in the evidence in the report. All of it could have been found in government records.

Adoption of these recommendations would return the industry to the position it was in during the 1930's when many young miners were unemployed and when others were working 2 1-2 days a week.

He had expected the Commission would recommend a national fuel policy.

The report had said that mechanization of mines in Nova Scotia should be undertaken without Government assistance.

Coming Events

"Dry Slabs, Kelly's Wood Yard. Phone 1259-L.

"Kinkora Dance. Good music and lunch, Friday, February 7th.

"Legion meeting St. Ann's school, 8 pm., Feb. 6.

"Legion Dance in Flat River Hall Feb. 7. Door prize.

"Crokinole Party in Millview Hall, Thursday, February 6th. Sponsored by Y. P. U.

"Come to the Legion Dance in Elmira Hall Thursday night, Feb. 6th.

"Arriving at Vernon this week two cars bagged limestone. Please book orders now. Ed Nelson.

"The Salvation Army will hold their annual rummage sale Friday, Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

"Booking orders bagged limestone February delivery. Wesley Bruce, Elmira.

"Loading Hogs at Fredericton February 6th till 11 A.M. Colville till 11.30. D. L. McDowell.

"Hockey, East Royalty tonight. Walker's Bearcats vs. Royals. Skate after.

"Valentine Dance in Pownall Garage Hall, February 14th. Prize for best costume. Millview Orchestra.

"Hockey, between Winsloe Rovers and Covehead Red Wings, Wednesday night at 7.30. Covehead rink.

"Special Skate Saturday night and a Community Speed Skate, three classes, women, men and juniors. Prizes for winners.

"Hockey Game between York Married Men and Covehead Married Men Thursday night, 7.30 P. M. Covehead Rink.

"Card Party and Dance, Tracadie Hall Friday, February 7th. Good music. Lunches served. If not fine Monday, February 10th.

"Annual Meeting of Wiltshire Dairying 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 Summerville, Alberry Plains, Vernon River, Avondale and Hermitage. Phone Gordon Lea 20-2.

"Loading live hogs for Canada Packers at Albany Thursday from 1 o'clock till 3. Emerald Friday a.m. until 11 o'clock. Trucking service when roads permit. Notify A. C. Green or G. C. Green.

"Loading Live Hogs Thursday, February 6th as follows: Summerside till 1.30 P. M., Kensington till 3 P. M. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, Friday till noon. Elmer Wigmore, Breadalbane Friday, till 11.30 A. M. Trucking Service when roads permit. MacEwen & Caseley.

"Attention Folks: 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.

Mother, 35, Charged With Bank Robbery Attempt

Mother pleads innocent in the $2,950 Des Moines downtown bank hold-up last week. Mrs. Opal Dixon, 35, was charged with entering the bank with intent to rob. With her in court are her daughters, Mrs. L. Asplin and Mrs. Jewell Coultis, 16.

Prime Minister Voices Gratitude For Favours Received From Prince Co.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 4 — (Special) — Prime Minister King testified to his interest in and gratitude to Prince Edward Island for favors of a generation ago, following his Throne Speech pronouncement in the Commons on Canada's attitude towards peace with Germany.

Mr. King expressed himself as particularly gratified at the calibre of younger members of the Commons elected at the general election of 1945 and selected J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince and Gerard Cournoyer, Liberal member for Richelieu-Vercheres as examples of the worth of new blood in the present composition of the house.

Acknowledges Indebtedness

"It was a particular pleasure to me," the Prime Minister said, "to see the address moved by one who represents a constituency which I had the honor of representing 23 years ago. I do not know how pleasant the reflection is that the years are passing so rapidly by, but I should like my honorable friend the member for Prince, Mr. MacNaught to say to his constituents when he returns that I have never forgotten that it was by the door of Prince constituency that I was permitted to re-enter the House of Commons, after becoming leader of the Liberal party; nor have I forgotten that that courtesy was extended by the members of all political parties in those days.

"There happened to be a vacancy in Prince at the time and the Premier of the day, Mr. Bell, suggested to me that it might be well not to accept an invitation from any constituency until he had an opportunity to return to the Island. He did return to the Island, and I had the pleasure of being returned to Parliament shortly after.

Congratulates Mr. MacNaught

"May I say to my honorable friend from Prince that he brings to this House not only exceptional gifts in the way of parliamentary

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Boy Survives Night In Huge Ice Box

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 4 — (AP) —A seven-year-old boy, missing since returning from school yesterday, was found this morning in a huge ice box on the back porch of his family's home.

A doctor said the boy's hands and feet were not frozen despite outdoor sub-zero temperatures throughout the night.

John T. Burns, the father, heard tapping on the box and found the boy, Patrick, standing in the empty ice compartment.

The boy said he stepped into the box yesterday while playing and the wind slammed the door shut.

More Charges In Hull Coupon Case

HULL, Que., Feb. 4 — (CP) — Pressing their investigation into a black market in ration coupons stolen from the E.B. Eddy paper plant here, Royal Canadan Mounted Police today laid 71 charges against 30 more persons and indicated further charges may be laid soon.

Today's list, which included a Hull alderman, J. Arthur Lavigne, and a former company mechanical department foreman, brought to 48 the number of persons named in the probe. Of the 18 previously charged, 16 have been fined on pleading guilty and two cases remain to be heard.

Fines ranged from $50 to $800.

Police refused to describe the scale upon which the black market operated, but said they had uncovered 15,000 coupons thus far and this represented only "a small percentage" of the actual total involved.

Cold Wave Moves East Across U. S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 — (AP) — Winds of near gale velocity whipped a biting cold wave eastward to the Atlantic seaboard today as much of the United States felt the sting of winter's sharpest blasts.

The frigid air mass, surging eastward at express train speed, sent temperatures into the fastest skid of the winter. Although lower readings have been recorded this winter, weather forecasters said the high winds made the current cold wave the most biting of the season.

The cold air extended from the Rockies and Texas panhandle east to the mid-Atlantic states. Frost and temperatures in the high 20s were forecast for northern Florida.

In Detroit, the mercury tumbled from 34 to six degees in six hours and the Weather Bureau described the fall as "probably the sharpest in the last 10 years." Washington, D.C., which basked in comparative balmy weather, expected a sudden drop to 15 degrees.

In Oklahoma City, the mercury slid from 64 to 20 overnight. In 16 hours, Chicago's temperature fell from 41 to one below zero.

By Wednesday morning the zero weather was expected to extend as far south as Kentucky and the Ohio River and as far east as Pennsylvania, West Virginia and upstate New York.

Before the cold spread to the east coast, signs of spring were evident on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

In New Haven, Conn., farmers were plowing, elm trees were budding, maple sap was flowing and crocusses and daffodils were showing. In the Willamette Valley in Oregon, some tulips were reported coming up and pussy willows and fruit trees were budding.

Nature tossed at sizzler at Los Angeles, where Monday's 88 was the hottest Feb. 3 on record. Today's 60 minimum also was the highest in Weather Bureau history.

Murder And Suicide At Vets Hospital

DEEP BROOK, N.S., Feb. 4 — An attractive, 34-year-old nurse and a 30-year-old transport driver died from gunshot wounds from a German P-33 revolver today in a dormitory near the Veterans' Affairs hospital at nearby Cornwallis and Coroner L.B. Baine described the double slaying as "murder and suicide."

An R.C.M.P. spokesman said Charles Wellington MacDougall, a husband and father of two children, had shot and killed Miss Mary Shearman and then had turned the pistol on himself. Both were from Halifax.

Three bullet wounds were found in Miss Shearman's body and one in MacDougall's. The bodies were discovered in the old dental building of the former navy base and which now serves as a dormitory for the D.V.A. staff. The revolver was found near McDougall's body and letters and other personal belongings were scattered about the room.

Dr. Braine ruled that no inquest was necessary in the case and he said he had signed the death certificate of the nurse "murder" and that of the driver "suicide."

50,000 Blue Fox Sell At London

LONDON, Feb. 4 — Some fifty thousand blue fox skins sold today at the Hudson's Bay Company sale in what a company statement called a "lightning auctioneering." Prices averaged four pounds to five pounds (sixteen to twenty dollars) a skin.

Prices indicated a decline of about twenty-five per cent from last year. Several hundred fur buyers saw the attempt to dispose of sixty six thousand skins in fast time and the remaining sixteen thousand will be sold tomorrow prior to opening of mink sales.

Local Member Gets Terse Answer

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 — Reconstruction Minister Howe gave a terse answer of "No" in the Commons today to a question by W. Chester S. McLure (PC - Queens) as to whether "the Government contemplates any change in the compensation payable to shareholders of the Eldorado Mining Company in view of the success of the Government claims for the operations since expropriation took place."

End Not In Sight In Local Power Crisis

No immediate relief from the present lack of continuous light and power service is in prospect for the patrons of the local Maritime Electric plant, officials of the Company said last night.

Good progress is being made in overhauling the large steam turbine whose withdrawal from the plant's light and power producing equipment is responsible for the present lack of 24-hour service, Mr. V. A. Ainsworth, manager of the plant, informed The Guardian last night. However, Mr. Ainsworth said, too many unknown factors were involved to justify him in setting a date when full-time service would be resumed.

The work of cleaning and general overhauling of the turbine could be expedited. Mr. Ainsworth said, were it not for the fact that the men are instructed to rest when a certain stage of physical weariness is reached, since men physically tired will not do as good a job on complex and intricate machinery. He had hopes, however, that 48 hours more would see the turbine back into operation.

In the meantime, in such businesses as will allow the shift to

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Governor General Visits The U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 — The Governor General of Canada and Lady Alexander arrived in Washington today for a social visit.

They were formally welcomed by President and Mrs. Truman who stepped out on the broad verandah of the White House north portico to greet the distinguished visitors.

The couple will be guests at a White House dinner and stay at the executive mansion tonight.

"Every Likelihood" Of Britain Purchasing P. E. Island Potatoes

Urge Britons Cut Use Of Potatoes

LONDON, Feb. 4 — (CP) — Food Minister Strachey told a press conference today that the Government has no intention of rationing potatoes.

However, the Food Ministry's potato division asked wholesalers and retailers to seek to ut sales by one-fifth "in order spread out supplies until the ext crop arrives."

A spokesman said it was desirable to reduce potato sales to ast season's level. Potato consumption was up 25 per cent in December.

In Ottawa it was learned reliably that discussions are at present in progress between responsible Government authorities and the British Food Mission on the possiblity of Canda making a number of fairly arge shipments of table potaoes to the United Kingdom.

So far as could be learned, owever, no definite agreement has yet been reached.

Full-scale Offensive Planned In China?

NANKING, Feb. 4 — (AP) — Chiang Kai-Shek today made his second flight in three days to two of China's most important civil warfronts and there was immediate speculation that he had ordered a full-scale offensive to drive Chinese Communists from key areas.

Following up Sunday's flight to Suchow, his springboard base for operations against the important Communist base at Linl, Shantung Province, he made a secret flight today to Chenchow, Government army headquarters in Honan Province. He conferred with top commanders at both, then flew back to Nanking.

Mr. J.G. Taggart, chairman of the Agricultural Prices Support Board, Ottawa, in a telephone conversation yesterday afternoon with Mr. J.W. Boulter, advised him that there is very likelihood of the British Government taking between two and three million bushel of potatoes from this Province from the 1946 crop.

Arrangements, he stated, were proceeding "quite satisfactorily" and he was hopeful of having at least four hundred carloads move through the port of Saint John during March, before the Island ports opened. After it was possible to get boats to Island ports, loading would continue here as quickly as possible, providing satisfactory arrangements can be made to have the potatoes loaded at no greater expense than at Saint John.

If the Province is able to fill the British requirements, it will mean a total of three thousand carloads.

Rumor has been general that ths order was lost to the United States market. There was never any foundation for these stories, Mr. Boulter stated.

Due to the exceptionally high standard of the grade — which must be even better than Canada No. 1 — Island shippers were hopeful that a price slightly higher than the floor would be paid. It is feared that they may be disappointed in this respect. It is emphasized, however, that every farmer is assured of getting at least the floor price, which is equivalent to 68 cents per bushel.

Taking "Steps" To Meet Acute Grain Shortage

OTTAWA,, Feb. 3 — (CP) — The Government is taking steps to meet an "acute" shortage of feed grains in the Maritimes, transport Minister Chevrier told the Commons today.

The minister said arrangements were being made to have 112 box cars available at the Lakehead daily for carrying grains east.

The shortage has been caused by scarcity of box cars, Mr. Chevrier said in reply to a question from A. J. Brooks (P.C.—Royal). The box car situation was acute.

The Transport Controller and the railways had been dealing with the matter on a day-to-day basis, and the arrangement regarding the 112 cars had been worked out jointly by them.

If that quota could be met, he declared, the situation would be "well in hand."

Platinum Pelts Can Enter U.S. Duty Free

But Situation Is Not Expected To Continue For Long.

(By The Canadian Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 — Platinum fox furs now may enter the United States free of duty by virtue of a United States customs court ruling last Faiday to the effect that they are not silver foxes.

The ruling, however, is almost certain to be appealed. If the appeal is granted the customs import tax of 35 per-cent ad valorem will continue to be collected.

If the appeal is denied, importers who paid the tax under protest will be given rebates.

The present duty on silver fox which has been applied to platinum fox pelts as well was fixed in a Canadian agreement effective Jan. 1, 1939 and applies to all countries.

In the customs court case, Olmar Brager-Larsen, head of the Norwegian Platinum Fox Breeders Association, was suing to have a $28,125 ad valorem tax removed from 399 platinum fox pelts brought into the United States in 1939.

Granting his suit, the court decided that platinum foxes, descended from an off-color fox pup whelped in a litter of silver foxes 13 years ago in Norway, are not true silver foxes, but "mutations from the silver fox."

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 — (CP) — His Most Expensive Highness,

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Unemployment Claims Increase

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 — Claims for unemployment insurance benefits registered in local offices across Canada in December totalled 52,479, an increase of 15,268 from the previous month, but a drop of 5,133 from December, 1945, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Benefit cheques representing a total of $2,508,116 were forwarded to 68,825 persons for 1,268,847 compensated days in December.

Increases in claims filed during December over November were distributed by provinces as follows: Prince Edward Island, 132; Nova Scotia, 838; New Brunswick, 306; Quebec, 6,427; Ontario, 3,412; Manitoba, 809; Saskatchewan, 785; Alberta, 1,490; and British Columbia, 1,169.

Franz Von Papen Faces New Charges

NUERNBERG, Feb. 4 — (AP) — Franz Von Papen was arrested dramatically today in the middle of his denazification trial on charges of giving false testimony about the purported will of Field Marshal Paul Von Hindenburg and was thrown into a German jail.

The fortunes of Von Papen, who wept in court Monday because he said nobody believed him, took their new turn when two witnesses swore that he drew up the purported will of the late German president, Von Hindenburg, which bestowed an accolade upon Adolf Hitler and was instrumental in making him fuehrer.

Von Papen declared earlier that he had handed the will to Hitler but did not know it contained the clause endorsing Hitler.

Power Plants In Britain Nationalized

By JAMES McCOOK

LONDON, Feb. 4 — (CP) — The House of Commons tonight gave second reading to the Government's bill nationalizing the electricity industry by a 340-to-165 vote.

The bill would nationalize all private and municipally-owned power plants and permit standardization of currents and rates.

The measure now goes to committee for possible amendments and then will be brought up for the formality of a third reading.

H. T. N. Gaitskell, parliamentary secretary to the Fuel Ministry, carried the closing argument and said the Labor Government could not delay in taking over the industry to provide central control and begin the development program costing £600,000,000 ($2,400,000,000).

Answering the opposition statements that the consumers were left unprotected by the bill, Gaitskell said:

"We do not claim any safeguard is necessary for the consumer but we do claim that he is in much more danger when under private monopoly."

Sir Arnold Gridley, Conservative member for Stockport, said the power stations would cost 60 per cent more to build than prewar.

Fuel Minister Shinwell said the recent cuts in the electricity supply were due to inadequacy of the power station plant rather than the shortage or poor quality of coal.

One Labor member said he protested against the "somewhat cavalier" treatment of local authorities whose electric plants were being taken over by the Government without compensation.

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Stabilization Of Price Urged By N. B. Member

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 — (CP) — Stabilization of potato prices for Maritime growers was asked in the Commons tonight by Benoit Michaud (L—Restigouche), who said they faced a "very serious plight" because of a price slump.

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, Mr. Michaud proposed that:—

1. The Agricultural Prices Support Board start buying potatoes immediately at $1 a 75-pound bag, instead of beginning this policy May 1 as the Government has undertaken it will do.
2. Acreage control be instituted on the basis of the present acreage.
3. Large producers, marketing otherwise than locally, be given production quotas based on average production of the last three years.
4. The Support Board handle all potatoes shipped by rail, selling them at a Government-fixed minimum price of about the same as the present ceiling price.

The New Brunswick member said his plan need not operate in areas where there is no necessity for Government intervention and it would not include local dealings not involving the movement of carload lots by rail.

"If the large quantities of potatoes moved by rail were marketed as suggested," he declared, "prices would adjust themselves automatically to proper levels in other localities.

"It is the huge bulk of potatoes grown in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and moved in carload lots which glut the market and cause these wide fluctuations in prices which are so dam-

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TORONTO, Feb. 4 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 33, 43; Edmonton 11b, 26; Regina 40b, 7b; Winnipeg 23b, 12b; Toronto 30, 41; Ottawa 17, 34; Montreal 21, 38; Quebec 13, 28; Saint John 14, 42; Moncton 11, 34; Halifax 19, 42; Charlottetown 13, —; Sydney 14, 32; Yarmouth 28, 43.

HALIFAX, Feb. 4 — (CP) — Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax at 11.15 P.M. Tuesday.

Synopsis:

The rain in the New England states tonight is spreading northeastward and has already reached Halifax. Snow in Qubec is spreading into the northern regions. Strong south winds will bring milder air to most regions tomorrow but colder west winds will drop temperatures again at night.

Forecasts valid until Wednesday midnight:

Overcast. Intermittent rain, changing to snow flurries Wednesday evening. Foggy tomorrow. Colder in the evening. Light winds increasing Wednesday morning to south 20 and shifting in the afternoon to west 15.

Prince Edward Island:

Overcast. Wednesday, intermittent rain changing to snow flurries at night. Colder tomorrow night. Light winds increasing Wednesday morning to south 20 and shifting in the afternoon to west 15. High tomorrow at Charlottetown 35.

High tide this morning at 11.0 and tonight 10.25.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.1 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.15.

Full moon February 5th, 10.5 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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