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GOV'T SUPPORTED IN WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

King, Queen Plan Visit To New Zealand And Australia

New Evidence Flour Companies Control Price Of Bread

C.C.F. Provincial President Comments On Deposit Boost

Statement issued by Douglas MacFarlane, Bedouque, provincial C.C.F. secretary: "The move the Prince Edward Island Legislature has just made to raise the deposits in provincial elections from \$50 to \$200 is designed to prevent the C.C.F. from running candidates in future elections. Deposits were already raised two years ago and this means that they would now be twenty times what they were in 1945 and higher than in most other Provinces. "This is a dictator's method of trying to stamp out opposition but it will not work. With the struggle more difficult the C.C.F. will put new energy into it. The only way for the present administration to stop the C.C.F. is to give government so good there will be no desire for a change."

MOUSE STARTS FIRE

SAINT JOHN, N.B., March 5—(CP)—Firemen called to fight flames burning curtains and a pair of overalls in a house here today, found the blaze had started when a mouse crawled in one of the pockets of the overalls and nibbled matches. Damage: One mouse, dead.

Coming Events

- "Unloading car of Mixed Feed at Colville, Monday, Cecil Stewart.
- "Hampshire vs. Milton at Milton rink tonight.
- "Girl Guide food sale Saturday at Moore and McLeod's upstairs.
- "Rummage Sale, Market Buildings, Saturday, March 6, 7 p.m.
- "Rummage sale in Holy Name Hall Saturday afternoon, March 13. Starts at 2 p.m.
- "C. C. F. broadcast by George Wotton, provincial party president, over CFCY Monday, 8.45 p.m.
- "Horse race at Stanley Bridge postponed till Monday, March 8, 11.30 sharp. Three classes.
- "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.
- "Market your eggs at the Central Eggs and Poultry Station, 230 Grafton Street, Charlottetown. Paying highest market prices.
- "Bags Wanted.—Paying highest prices for used feed bags. We pay freight on lots of 100 or more. P. L. Morris, Feed Service Mill.
- "South Winsloe Bazaar and Family Sale, Saturday, March 6th, at Rogers Hardware, in aid of parsonage.
- "Hockey East Royals rink tonight. West Royals Midgata vs. St. Avars Midgata. Skate after. Afternoon skate 2 to 4.
- "Just arrived car asphalt shingles. A limited supply of insul brick siding. Get your requirements now. N. Aubrey Cutcliffe, Free-town.
- "All Farmers interested in a Storage Warehouse at Vernon River are requested to attend a public meeting in Vernon River Hall, Thursday, March 11th, at 2 P. M. Vernon River Co-operative Association.
- "Don't miss the fun, follow the crowd to Hunter River rink tonight and skate to the old time waltz music. Door opens 7.30 to 11.
- "Hockey at Hunter River Monday night, March 8. Postponed game, North Rustico Maple Leafs vs. Hunter River Shur-Gains. Proceeds for Canadian Appeal for Children Fund. Also proceeds of contest for same fund, under auspices of Women's Institute. Skate after.

Direct Borden Highway Route Is Recommended

A request that this Province's portion of the Trans-Canada Highway from Borden to Charlottetown take as direct a route as possible was made yesterday morning by the full Council of the Charlottetown Board of Trade to the Minister of Public Works and Highways, the Hon. G. H. Barbour. The Council was headed by the Board's President, Mr. Frank Curtilis. Mr. Barbour expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity of receiving the Council's suggestions. They were, Mr. Barbour said, of importance to his Department in deciding the direction the Highway should take since it was likely sub-grading would begin as soon as weather conditions permitted. It is understood the Council were explicit in their request that the proposed Trans-Canada Highway from Borden did not run to Charlottetown via Searletown. Such a route, the Council told Mr. Barbour, would increase the mileage from Borden to Charlottetown thus making the indirect route a needless hardship not only to local motorists but to tourists as well.

Seek To Boost Halifax Shipping

HALIFAX, March 5—(CP)—Business and industrial firms here have joined in a large-scale drive to obtain greater industrial expansion and ocean-going freight cargoes for this port. Word of the movement, which has been quietly organized by the Port of Halifax Club during the past several weeks, was made known today as waterfront workers surveyed the thinnest winter since 1939. Already a fund of more than \$50,000 has been pledged to the club—a sort of sea-going Chamber of Commerce—to finance a port freight solicitor for the next five years. The office will be under a board of directors representing firms supporting the undertaking and elected annually by the contributors. The club was hopeful that the pledges might be trebled to permit of an intensive advertising campaign boosting port facilities. Definite announcement of the move is expected next week when the club holds its regular monthly meeting. However, it was learned that club plans call for the office to be set up for a five-year trial period. If it proved successful it would be carried on as a permanent fixture.

Drift Ice Keeps Mfld. Sealing Fleet In Port

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 5—(CP)—A fleet of sealers chafed at their lines here today, barred from the open water by slab-ice backed into the narrows by a north-east gale. Five ships, the Eagle, Terranova, Lady MacDonald, Linda May, and Clarendville forced the blockade, but four were trapped in the pack beyond the harbor mouth. The Clarendville retracted her path into the harbor when a demented man was found aboard. R. M. S. Newfoundland remained tied up. A forecast wind change was expected to clear the passage tomorrow.

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Will Begin Tour Early Next Year

LONDON, March 5—(CP)—The King and Queen, who visited Canada in 1939 and South Africa in 1947, will tour New Zealand and Australia early in 1949. Buckingham Palace announced tonight. Princess Margaret, who travelled with Princess Elizabeth and her parents to South Africa, will also make the antipodes tour but Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, will not go. The tour is in response to invitations from Prime Minister Fraser of New Zealand and Prime Minister Chifley of Australia. Issued in the same way Prime Minister Mackenzie King issued his invitation to the King and Queen in 1939 and as Prime Minister Smuts of South Africa did for last year's trip. The visit, the first of a reigning sovereign to the Australasian Dominions, will make history as did the visit to Canada a few months before the Second World War began. The Palace statement said: "In response to a suggestion made by his Prime Ministers in New Zealand and Australia, the King has graciously consented to visit these countries in the early part of 1949. "His Majesty will be accompanied by the Queen and the Princess Margaret. "The invitation came a few weeks ago. The departure date and the length of the tour have yet to be decided. "The wording of the official announcement put New Zealand ahead of Australia, although the latter is considered a senior Dominion, but informed sources said."

Carburettor Developed To Burn Alcohol

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE OMAHA, March 5—(AP)—A new carburettor makes it possible to drive your automobile entirely on ethyl alcohol, instead of gasoline. The carburettor, shown today to the national farm chemurgic conference, has been developed successfully in a tractor engine and it could be put in passenger automobiles, said R. E. Davis, distillery research engineer (Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Louisville, Ky.). Alcohol is not cheap enough now to compete with gasoline as a fuel in the United States. But the carburettor is one of the new developments underway against a day of gasoline shortage or cheaper alcohol prices. The carburettor has a double chamber, one atop the other. Vapors from the lower chamber enter the upper one to supply a richer mixture of alcohol to the cylinders. The design returns 10 per cent of the engine exhaust into the intake system to supply enough heat to vaporize the alcohol. To help starting in cold weather, there is a "fuelizer." Some of the alcohol is ignited by a spark plug and this pre-heats the alcohol-air mixture before it enters the combustion chamber, Davis explained. This still needs improvement for greater efficiency.

Islander Sentenced For Breaking Jail

WOODSTOCK, N. B., March 5—(CP)—Bruce Francis Heckbert, a native of Prince Edward Island, was sentenced to one year in jail here today when he was convicted of breaking out of the Andover, N. B., jail last May. Police gave no home address for Heckbert. Heckbert, arrested for theft, was also sentenced to one year on the original charge before being tried for jail breaking.

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RED REPRESENTATIVE Lt. Gen. Gregori M. Savonenkov (above), Russian ambassador to Finland, spent seven minutes with Finnish President Juho Paasikivi over the week-end discussing Russian proposals that Finland join the Soviets in closer agreements. Observers believe his talk with Paasikivi was to convince him Russia didn't intend to be put off.

C.N.R. Employee Seriously Injured

Mr. Frank Wheatley, 50, of 226 Richmond Street, was seriously injured about the chest yesterday evening while in the performance of his duties in the Charlottetown yards of the Canadian National Railway. He was immediately taken to the Prince Edward Island Hospital where, after being examined by the Railway's physician, Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, X-ray pictures of his chest were taken. While no one saw the accident, it is understood that Mr. Wheatley, who is night foreman in the yards, was squeezed between the side of one of the freight sheds and a moving freight car which he was switching from one track to another.

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Bandits Get \$15,000 In Hospital Holdup

PITTSBURGH, March 5—(AP)—Two gun-wielding bandits who terrorized nurses and attendants by firing four shots escaped with more than \$15,000 in a payroll robbery today at Allegheny General Hospital. The robbery occurred as paymaster Robert Chalmers, 65, and Elizabeth Bruck, 25, a bookkeeper, were in the midst of paying employees in a basement room. The bandits fled after firing four shots, two of them inside the 22-story building. Patients in the modern 500-bed hospital in the city's north side were unaware of the robbery and were not disturbed. The case of Patrick Earl McCourt, charged with attempted arson was dismissed by Acting Suspendary Magistrate J. A. Bentley at a preliminary hearing in the City Police Court yesterday morning. The charge was in connection with an attempt to set fire to the Charlottetown Forum on the night of February 15. Before delivering his judgement, Magistrate Bentley reviewed certain evidence concerning the case, and referred to the law governing his duties and responsibilities in a preliminary hearing. He said that the accused was guilty or innocent of the charge, but to study the evidence in the case and to determine whether or not the evidence presented was sufficient to commit the accused to a higher court for trial, before a judge and jury. In giving his judgement, acting Magistrate Bentley said that the evidence submitted to him at this preliminary hearing was not sufficient to warrant sending the accused before a higher court and accordingly dismissed the charge against the accused. He said that in doing so, he did not necessarily mean that he believed the accused was entirely innocent of the charge, any more than he sent him before a judge and jury, he would necessarily have believed him guilty. The Crown was represented at the preliminary hearing by G. R. Holmes, K.C., and the accused by H.R. Bell, K.C.

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Gives Report On N. S. Apple Crop

KENTVILLE, N.S., March 5—(CP)—Terry L. Meek, secretary of the Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board, tonight announced that about 500,000 barrels have been processed and 320,000 barrels have been sold of the 1947-1,200,000-barrel Nova Scotia apple crop. The marketed crop last year fell about 600,000 barrels below the average yield and R.J. Leslie and R. D. Sutton, the board's general manager and president are in Ottawa to discuss with Federal authorities a proposed change in type of crop grown by Nova Scotia fruit farmers.

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Gzechoslovak Army Undergoing Purge

PRAGUE, March 5—(AP)—The Social Democratic newspaper Pravo Lidu disclosed tonight that the Czechoslovak army is undergoing a thorough purge. Rudolf Slansky, secretary general of the Communist Party in this country and a founder of the Cominform, appeared to be in charge. The Communist government announced an increase in bread rations. Mrs. Ludmila Jankovcova, new Food Minister, said March rations would be raised 2.2 pounds and those for April 3.3 pounds. She said grain deliveries from Russia are satisfactory and that most bread will be white flour.

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Survived Two Tests In House Last Night

(By The Canadian Press) OTTAWA, March 5—By a vote of 108 to 74, the Commons tonight upheld Speaker Gaspard Fautoux in his rejection of a Social Credit motion of non-confidence in the Government. The vote produced a surprising split in the ranks of the Progressive Conservative Opposition as a dozen of its members rose to vote with the Government supporters to sustain the Speaker. On the other hand, one Government member—James Sinclair (L.-Vancouver North)—rose amid cries of "shame" from his fellow-Liberals to signify he was voting against the Speaker. A solid bloc of C.C.F. members, plus a lone Independent, J.L. Gibson (Ind.-Comox-Alberni) supported the Social Creditors against Dr. Fautoux. The Social Credit motion had been in the form of an amendment to the main motion for adoption of the Throne Speech. Dr. Fautoux ruled it out of order on the grounds it would involve the expenditure of public moneys—a type of motion which under House rules can be moved only by a Minister of the Crown. The Progressive Conservatives who broke ranks to support the Speaker included J. M. Macdonnell (PC-Muskoka-Ontario), T. L. Church (PC-Toronto-Broadview), John T. Hackett (PC-Stanstead), Cal Miller (PC-Portage La Prairie), D. King Hazen (PC-St. John-Albert), Julian Ferguson (PC-Simco-North), Russell Boucher (PC-Carleton), C. E. Stephenson (PC-Durham), F. T. Stanfield (PC-Colchester-Hants), Garfield Case (PC-Grey North), R. J. Henderson (PC-Lambton-Kent) and K. R. Daniel (PC-Oxford). P. C. Motion Defeated Earlier Opposition parties and the Government divided along straight party lines on the motion (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

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