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Electoral Reform Considered Moribund Issue By Legislature

The possibility of any electoral reform in this Province is remote now following the filing of its report by the Select Standing Committee appointed at the last session of the Legislature. The committee was automatically disbanded.

The committee found that "citizens generally appeared either to be satisfied with the present state of the election law or indifferent as to the various matters referred to your committee for study and report." It had previously made note of a lack of public interest as shown by non-attendance at the hearings.

The last paragraph brought forth considerable discussion in the morning session yesterday as it suggested the committee had decided to give the people a further opportunity of being heard by holding additional meetings this year. However, Mr. William Hughes, Fifth Kings, immediately rose to inform the members that the committee was automatically finished when the House met and heard its report. This, he stated, was because the committee had been appointed by the last session "and one Legislature cannot bind succeeding ones."

A large number of members took part in the debate on the report with the Progressive Conservative side of the House maintaining they had not been the ones responsible for asking for electoral reform although most of the speakers roughly admitted that some reforms

Bulletin

CONNEAUT, O. (AP)—Two crack New York Central passenger trains smashed into a derailed car of a freight train near here Friday night and the railroad said first reports were that five passengers were killed.

Mr. George Saville objected to the implication that bribery was rife in Provincial elections. "I don't think anyone on this side bought his seat," he said. "I know I did not. I could not afford it." He also said that if he had to pay a man to vote for him he would want to see him mark the ballot before he could trust him.

Vote Figures

Hon. A. W. Matheson gave the total votes in the 1947 and 1951 elections to show that a statement before the committee that one speaker represented a group (the C.C.F. party) indicated that only 1,000 people of a total of 45,000 voters were meant. He paid a tribute to one Charlottetown citizen who had appeared at the hearing simply to express his own personal views. He wished there were more like him. The reference was to Mr. Arthur Wright.

Maj. John A. MacDonald said the vote figures quoted represented

Win Back First Ground Since Drive Started

By GEORGE McARTHUR

SEOUL, (AP) — Hard-fighting United States Marines, after knocking out possibly two-thirds of the 3,500 attacking Chinese Reds, today clamped a firm grip on the first hill ground recaptured since the Communists last Sunday unleashed their spring drive in western Korea.

Hand-to-Hand Combat

Friday night armor-vested Marines climaxed 10 hours of savage, hand-to-hand combat by winning back Vegas outpost.

Vegas was one of two outposts near Bunker hill where Marines fought to the last man Thursday before yielding to waves of Chinese attacking at 10 points.

The Reds had swung their punch to the Marine sector after driving U.S. 7th division infantry off Old Baldy, 25 miles to the northeast, Wednesday. Since then, Old Baldy has been given such a ceaseless shelling and bombing that Allied stragglers coming in from its slopes say the Reds have pulled back from it momentarily.

Old Baldy and Bunker are sentinel hills on two invasion routes to Seoul.

Order Ignored

President Freeman Jenkins, whose "back to work" order Wednesday was ignored, said the strikers would be suspended unless the men go back into the pits.

Suspension would mean that members of the locals would not be employed by the coal company and other unionized miners would refuse to work with them.

The deadline wasn't announced, but the next shift begins Sunday night and it is believed that will probably be it. The miners do not work Saturday.

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3,000 Miners Face Loss Of Jobs Unless Strike Ends

NEW WATERFORD, N.S. (CP)—Close to 3,000 Cape Breton coal miners were told Friday they will be kicked out of their union—unless they end a wildcat strike which has closed three of the island's top-producing pits.

United Mine Workers (UMW) district 26 said it will revoke the charters of the three locals involved unless the men go back to work.

Started Monday

The walkout started Monday when 1,200 miners at the No. 12 colliery stayed home in protest against the suspension of 13 fellow-workers. The men were suspended for refusing company orders to work in another section of the mine.

Another 1,200 from No. 16 pit joined the walkout Wednesday and 550 more stayed away from the single-shift No. 18 Thursday. No. 12 is the top producer, with 3,000 tons of coal daily.

The striking miners could not be employed by Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation if they lost their union membership.

The strike was a blow to the union, whose executive officers were negotiating for a new working contract.

Mr. Jenkins said "the decision to return to work must be made by each local individually, not at a mass meeting." The strikers plan to hold a mass meeting Sunday.

Opposition Critic Continues Budget Debate Yesterday

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"The cost of living is so high it is reducing the standard of living," Major John A. MacDonald, chief financial critic of the Progressive Conservatives, said yesterday as he resumed the debate on the budget in the Legislature. Maj. MacDonald also said that the greatest pressure in this respect was being felt by the primary producer and the white collar worker.

He thought the Western wheat farmer was the one who was getting the least consideration today and said the Maritime farmers got none, and in addition they were saddled with the extra burden of mounting freight rates. He did not believe that the Government could successfully regulate farm prices as they would always have a tendency to seek their own level through the natural law of supply and demand.

The speaker expressed agreement with the budget speech in that there were three important factors involved in building the economy of this Province. He deplored the declining population and said he could support more people while at the same time pointing out that the public debt now amounted to approximately \$190 million or a mortgage on each farm of about \$1,700.

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Floodwaters Spread Across New England

BOSTON, (AP) — Floodwaters spread across New England and northern New York Friday night as three days of torrential spring rains filled streams to overflowing. Hundreds were driven from their

Coming Events

- Dance in Millview Hall, Easter Monday.
- Farmers, ask about the Shu Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- Rummage Sale, Zion Hall, Saturday, March 28th, at 2.30 in aid of Girl Guide Company.
- Salvation Army programme and Sunday awards, Monday, 8 P. M.
- Alpha Phi Rummage Sale, Y. M. C. A., Junior League, Saturday, March 29th, 2.30.
- Modern and Square Dancing every Saturday night, Sunnyside Ballroom.
- Easter Monday dance, Mount Stewart, Legion Hall, Burns Orchestra.
- Pantry Sale, More & MacLeod's, Saturday, March 28th, at 3.30 P. M. Highfield W. I.
- Monthly Meeting Mt Stewart Branch Canadian Legion, will be held in Legion Rooms, Monday, March 30th, 8 P. M. Please attend.
- Come to Bean Supper in Crapaud Hall Saturday, March 28th. Serving from 5 o'clock. Auxilios Ladies Aid Crapaud United Church.
- Here it is! The reopening Dance, St. Patrick's Hall, Port Augustus, Easter Monday, April 6th. Sponsored by S. P. Y. C. Burke's Orchestra.
- We are pleased to announce the appointment of Grove MacMillan as exclusive Fish-O-Pec dealer for the Covehead district and vicinity. We solicit your patronage on behalf of our dealer, The Quaker Oats Co. of Canada Ltd.
- Attention Farmers in Crapaud Victoria, Tryon, Carleton and Albany areas. Our truck will be collecting hogs on Tuesdays as usual, where roads are passable. If our trucks cannot get to your farm, kindly let us know where we can meet you and arrangements will be made. Robt. Dawson, Phone Crapaud 12-11 or 17.
- Buying Pigs, Monday at Fredericton. Tuesday, 9 A. M. Brookfield 10. Milton, 11. Charlottetown Market Square 1 P. M. York 2. Bedford, 3. Mount Stewart, Paying \$25.00 a pair for good pigs over 25 lbs. each. We also will buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

homes in Maine, where the floods were described as the worst since the 1938 disaster which left five dead and caused \$25,000,000 in losses.

Hardest hit communities were in Maine and New Hampshire where melting White mountain snows added to the rainfall in swelling the Androscoggin and Saco rivers.

More than 1,200 families were evacuated in Mexico, Me., where the turbulent Swift river joins the Androscoggin, and some 40,000 persons in the industrial Lewiston-Auburn section prepared to abandon their homes.

Shipping Season To Open At Montreal

MONTREAL, (CP)—Two ships are expected to arrive here next week to open the Montreal shipping season, but only one is eligible for the honor of opening the port.

A contender for that honor is the Canuk Line steamer Seaboard Star which may enter the Gulf of St. Lawrence today. The ship now is seven days out of England and her skipper could win the coveted gold-headed cane if first in from an overseas port.

The Norwegian American Line vessel Saint John, N. B., for Montreal today.

Ice conditions in the gulf largely control the opening of the port. The St. Lawrence river channel is mainly open, but there still is considerable ice in the gulf.

One Death

The only death was reported from Fairfield, Me., where a 70-year-old teamster drowned with his horse when a bridge collapsed under them.

Swirling waters flowed at depths up to three feet in the main streets of many small towns and state highways were closed in isolated sections from central Maine, across New Hampshire and Vermont to the Black river valley in central New York.

The floods disrupted train schedules with traffic to Canada from Concord, N.H., virtually at a standstill.

Disaster-trained Red Cross personnel from Washington was being flown to the flooded areas by plane and additional units were being sent to Maine by all available transportation.

N. B. Schools To Close For Funeral

FREDERICTON, (CP)—Education Minister Claude D. Taylor announced Friday that all public schools in New Brunswick will be closed Tuesday, March 31. The one-day closing has been ordered to mark the funeral of Queen Mary, which will be held that day.

Country-Wide Hunt For Suspected Sex Killer

LONDON, (CP) — Authorities have employed a normally-illegal method in trying to catch a "moon-crazed" sex sadist who killed at least four women and concealed their bodies in his dingy London apartment.

A photograph of bald, meek-looking little John Christie, No. 1 suspect in the country-wide manhunt, was published Friday in newspapers all over Britain.

Normally a suspect's photograph is not published until he appears in court, so as not to prejudice his case. The director of public prosecutions, fearing the killer may strike again, gave special permission for publication of the picture to forewarn unsuspecting women.

Recall Earlier Case

This action recalled the case of Neville Heath, handsome playboy murderer who was able to lure a second young woman to her death in 1946 — even while the police hunt for him was in full swing. The theory is that if his photo had been published then it might have saved Heath's second victim.

The murder of four women, discovered three days ago, is the most

Lightkeeper's Wife Has Prize Novel

TORONTO, (CP)—Mrs. Evelyn M. Richardson, wife of a lightkeeper on Bon Portage Island off Shar Harbor, N.S., has won the \$1,000 Ryerson fiction award for 1953. Her winning novel, "Desired Haven," is a story of the Nova Scotia coast.

Mrs. Richardson won the Governor-General's award for creative non-fiction in 1945 for "We Keep A Light," a sensitive narrative of family life on the island.

The Ryerson award is an annual prize given by the Ryerson Press. Judges for 1953 were Dr. A. W. Treisman, president of the University of New Brunswick; Hugh Garner, Toronto fiction writer and magazine editor; and Dr. Lorne Pierce, editor of the publishing firm.

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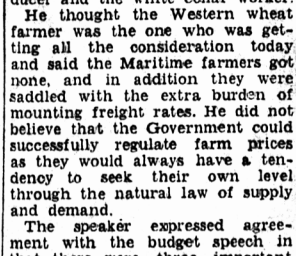
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Claxton's Forecast

Mr. Claxton's forecast that the 12-squadron commitment for Europe will be met on schedule — by the spring of 1954 — and "it should be possible for us similarly to complete the planned buildup of the defence of Canada." In the meantime, there were Sabre squadrons on duty in Canada preparing to go abroad plus "a large number" of air crew and aircraft at operational training units and a number of auxiliary or reserve squadrons with older Mustang and Vampire planes.

Replies To Question

His statement was a reply to a question by Maj. - Gen. G.R. Peakes, VC, (PC-Nanaimo) and indirectly to Wing Cdr. Richard Rohmer, DP, 29, of Toronto, who recently retired as commander of a reserve fighting squadron.

The Rohmer charge came at a time when the RCAF is training at North Bay, Ont., the pilots who will go into the first OF-100 squadron specifically for home defence. It is no secret that the R.C.A.F. had hoped to form it months ago but was held up by production delays.

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