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# BRITISH LABOR GOV'T FACES CRITICAL TEST TODAY

## Noisy Scenes As Gardiner Speaks In Commons

### Change In P. E. I. Illicit Drinking Habits Noted In Annual RCMP Report

### Nearly \$2,000,000 For Liquor Spent In P. E. I. Last Year

Liquor sales through Government vendors stores during the period April 9, 1948 to March 31, 1949 amounted to the sum of \$1,918,837.99, according to the first annual report of the P. E. I. Temperance Commission tabled in the Legislature yesterday.

The gross profits amounted to \$366,024, leaving a net profit of \$550,719. The net profit during the preceding year under the old Prohibition Act was \$627,182.

Charlottetown liquor sales for the period reviewed amounted to \$999,125, with vendors in other centres reporting as follows: Summerside, \$483,261, Alberton \$107,985, Cardigan \$107,414, Souris \$117,511.

Resident permits numbered 9,859 throughout the Province, divided as follows: Charlottetown 5,450; Summerside 2,343; Alberton 474; Cardigan 456; Souris 336. A total of 2,115 tourist permits were issued.

### Expect Case To Go To Jury Today

By ARTHUR EVERETT  
MANCHESTER, N.H., March 8 (AP)—Presentation of evidence in the historic Sander "mystery death" murder trial was completed today.

The wind-up came amid clashes of words and medical opinions on how the cancer-riddled Mrs. Abbie Borrolo met death.

The case is expected to go to the all-male jury tomorrow after final arguments by counsel and the judge's charge.

### Move To Repeal Margarine Taxes

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Senate approval today sent to the White House a bill repealing all federal taxes on oleomargarine, effective July 1. The Senate passed the measure by vote of 57 to 20. The House of Representatives cleared it yesterday, 262 to 106. President Truman has advocated repeal of the taxes.

### Coming Events

- \*Mall your films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*Crockinole Party, Uigg Orange Hall, March 9th.
- \*Show Morell every Friday only, 8 o'clock.
- \*Cleaning Timothy Seed during month of March. John Leard, Crapaud.
- \*Attend the carnival at Sea View rink Friday, March 10. Be sure to come in costume.
- \*Come to the Crockinole Party in Brookfield Hall, Friday night, March 10th Admission 25c and 35c. Free luncheon.
- \*Hampshire Bulldogs vs. Y. M. C. A. Wiltshire rink tonight. Skating after, Canteen service.
- \*Costume skate, broom hockey, boxing and other contests and lots of fun. North Rustico Rink, Friday, at 8:30.
- \*Leading Hogs at Fredericton March 9th till 11 A. M. and Colville till 11:30. Phone 27-121. D. L. McDowell.
- \*Cockshutt Plough Co. giving a free moving picture and programme. Sponsored by their dealers The Farm Machines Ltd. Also a door prize will be given Friday, March 10th at 8 o'clock in York Hall.
- \*North River Rink, Friday, March 10th. Final game in Queen's County Intermediate B. hockey series. East Royals vs. North River All Stars. Game time 8:30. Skate after. Closed truck leaves Market Square at 8 o'clock.
- \*Doubleheader at North River Rink tonight. Deciding game in semi-finals. Charlottetown Monarchs vs. Cornwall Melours; Milton Hornets vs. Merchants League and All Stars of Hunter River and Rustico. First game 8 o'clock sharp. Skate after. Closed truck leaves Market Square at 7:30.

### Says Surplus Of Food Not Large In Canada

OTTAWA, March 8 (CP)—Amid one of the noisiest scenes of the current session, Agriculture Minister Gardiner declared in the Commons today he would hesitate to tell the world that Canada has any large food surpluses available.

Shouting to make himself heard, Mr. Gardiner said Opposition members were getting "excited" because Canada had a "little surplus of cheese, a little surplus of butter and a little surplus of honey."

"If they were in power, we would be back to the old unemployment position we were in in the 1930s," said the Minister amid applause from Liberal supporters, who drowned out the angry interjections of Opposition members.



Agriculture Minister Gardiner, whose speech yesterday touched off a noisy outburst in the House of Commons.

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### Request for Food

Mr. Gardiner said that within the last week the government has received a request from a committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the "surpluses we have in Canada to offer to the world."

The surpluses amount to a "little bit of cheese, a little bit of butter and a little bit of honey."

Throughout his 50-minute speech Mr. Gardiner revived many of the issues of the general Federal election campaign last summer. He read into the record the text of a radio broadcast he had made during the campaign and which, he said, has been misquoted by Opposition members.

He denied that he and Trade Minister Howe had contributed to the government's majority by "misrepresenting" the trade situation to the people.

Besides Mr. Gardiner, speakers in

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### Blame Cemetery Flagpole For Fatal Plane Crash

MINNEAPOLIS, March 8 (AP)—A cemetery flagpole which reached into a snow-filled night sky was labeled today by Northwest Airlines officials as the cause of a plane crash which took 16 lives.

The Martin 2-0-2 transport was knocked out of control by the stout pole and plummeted into three residential area homes in South Minneapolis last night.

Northwest operations officials said one of the main supports of the twin-engine plane's left wing was severely damaged when it smashed against the steel finger, towering 67 feet 7 3/4 inches over Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

The cemetery is near Wold-Oshamek Airport where the plane was attempting to land during a late-winter blizzard.

The transport, which had begun its westward flight from Washington, fell into the houses, plunging completely through one and bursting into roaring gasoline and oil-fed flames.

Janet Doughty, 10, and her eight-year-old brother Tommy, who had just been kissed good night, perished in the seething mass along with three crew members and 10 passengers in the plane.

The corner's office late today had recovered all but one of the bodies from the blackened ruins. A number of the burned bodies were identified through dental work, through cards in billfolds and through bits of clothing which had escaped the roaring flames.

### Seeks To Speed Sale Of Gov't Butter Stocks

OTTAWA, March 8 (CP)—Merchants today got a new inducement to buy more Government butter.

They were promised protection against loss by Agriculture Minister Gardiner in the event they bought Government butter at current prices and didn't sell it before prices dropped.

Mr. Gardiner in a statement emphasized that he did not anticipate any change in the Government's price of butter—at least not before the end of March.

He is expected before then to announce a reduction in the support price of butter—now at 58 cents a pound—to bring it down to about 53 cents a pound which would be more in line with current cheese prices.

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### 13 Killed In Explosion

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 8 (AP)—Thirteen persons were killed and three injured tonight in a boiler explosion at a secret-weapons base.

The explosion followed flames which broke out in the guardhouse of the Sandia base shortly before 7:30 p.m. MST.

Maj. Kenneth Kolster, public information officer, said the cause of the explosion was undetermined. A board of inquiry was called.

### NOTED VIOLINIST DIES

PRAGUE, March 8 (AP)—Jaroslav Kocian, 68, noted Czech violinist, died today. Kocian and the late Jan Kubelik were the most widely known of Czech violinists.

Kocian had been a professor at Prague's Music Conservatory for the last 14 years.

### Minor Amendments To Temperance Act Made

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### Face Full Opposition In Confidence Vote

LONDON, March 8 (CP)—The parliamentary correspondent of Press Association tonight reported that the nine Liberals in the House of Commons have decided to vote against the Labor Government tomorrow.

Tomorrow the House will vote on the Conservative amendments to the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne—tantamount to a vote of confidence.

Labor could survive, however, by bringing out its full forces in the House of Commons, where it has a slim seven-seat majority over all other parties.

The issue is the amendment tabled by Winston Churchill "regretting" that no mention was made of the steel nationalization act, which is still to be put in effect, in the Throne Speech opening Parliament March 6.

The act was passed in the last Parliament, but has not yet taken effect.

With the Liberals backing Conservatives the government will be faced with full Opposition strength, making any Labor absences from the House dangerous.

Reliable sources quoted by Reuters News Agency said tonight that the government will resign if defeated. If the government resigns, another election would be forced immediately.

The Liberal decision came as a surprise after criticism yesterday of the Conservative amendment by party leader Clement Davies.

He told the Commons then that the Liberals saw "no good purpose" in bringing up the issue at this time.

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### Reefer Car Survey For P. E. Island Is Promised

OTTAWA, March 8 (Special)—Transport Minister Chevrier promised in the Commons today that he would have a survey of the refrigerator-car situation in Prince Edward Island carried out in Prince Edward Island and would report the findings of the survey to the House.

Mr. Chevrier was replying to a question asked by W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's, who reported that he had just received long-distance telephone calls from Charlottetown and Toronto, reporting a drastic shortage of these cars for shipment of potatoes and turnips.

"The shortage of reefer cars at the present time is the greatest experienced in parts of Prince Edward Island for years," Mr. McLure said, "will the Minister advise, in order to get refrigerator cars from the Canadian National Railways provide these cars for shipment of potatoes and turnips to the mainland markets?"

Speaking to The Guardian later in the afternoon, Mr. McLure told of receiving a call from a Toronto wholesale grocery firm, telling him it had been unable to get delivery of seven carloads of P. E. I. potatoes. When the firm pressed the shippers for immediate delivery, they explained delay was due to their inability to get refrigerator cars for the shipment.

"I had two calls on the same subject from Charlottetown," Mr. McLure said, "and both had the same complaint about inability to get these cars in which to ship their orders. One of the callers said the present refrigerator car shortage was the most severe he had experienced for some years at this season."

### Island Potatoes Move Via Halifax

HALIFAX, March 8 (CP)—More than 500,000 bushels of Prince Edward Island potatoes will be shipped through the port of Halifax by next week, the majority of them for southern United States.

An official of a P.E.I. shipping firm said today there was a possibility additional shipments would go out of the port before the close of the winter season.

At one pier today, approximately 26,000 bags of potatoes were being loaded aboard the freighter Makena. They will go to Palestine. In the stream awaiting berth was the freighter Danio, in from Baltimore, and she will take about 66,000 bags.

### Eastport Water Service Restored

EASTPORT, Me., March 8 (AP)—Fresh water gushed tonight through Eastport pipes, dry since a freeze-up burst a 10-inch main four days ago.

The flow, through a newly-laid 1,200-foot section of pipe, greeted householders first as a slow stream from their faucets. Water engineer Marshall R. Sharpe said service will be back to normal by tomorrow.

The turn-on tonight climaxed many hours of top-speed labor to end a water drought that had the city's 3,500 people melting snow and visiting wells with buckets for household supplies.

### Air Official Travels 300,000 Miles By Plane

MONTREAL, March 8 (CP)—Sir William Hildred, director-general of the International Air Transport Association, today completed his 300,000th air mile in his official capacity. He arrived from Jamaica after a 15,000-mile, 26-day tour of South American air line facilities.

Sir William, who amassed his mileage during the four years since he took over his present position in April, 1946, had nothing but praise for the South American air lines and the co-operation various South American governments are according them.

"The governments are building good airports and giving all possible co-operation that has to be seen to be believed," Sir William said. Since his previous trip to South America, some three years ago, there has been a "terrific upsurge." There are 373 flying clubs in Brazil alone.

His praise was not limited to South America. Sir William said Trans-Canada Air Lines is doing a "magnificent job" in opening up the Caribbean, especially for Can-

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### Reports Results Of Ice Patrol

Heavier ice conditions in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and surrounding Maritime coastal waters than was the case a year ago was reported by Captain Angus Brown who made his first ice patrol of the season yesterday in an M.C.A. plane piloted by Captain Godfrey. Striking perfect flying weather, Captain Brown who is chief officer of the supply boat Brant, made a 1-050 mile survey in an almost eight hour flight. Although the ice was heavier than last year he described conditions as average, and lighter than in 1948 which were the worst he had ever seen.

Capt. Brown who started his fifth year of ice surveying for the Department of Transport yesterday believes that the carryover Agewick has been through her worst ice troubles for the year. The ice in the Western part of the Strait, he explains is mostly newly formed and there should be little more heavy ice around the boat passage unless it is blown down from the Gulf by contrary winds.

### Heavy Harbor Ice

He reported seeing a few signs of breaking ice in his flight but noted that the harbours were particularly heavy. One reason for

### ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

GRAND FALLS, N. B., March 8 (CP)—Victim of a shooting accident, Fred Cyr, 56, was found dead today in his home at St. Andre, Madawaska County. Coronary T. D. Herbert decided that Cyr had shot himself accidentally and that no inquest would be necessary. Members of his family heard a shot and found him lying at the foot of a stairway, a bullet wound through his heart. He is survived by his wife, two sons and eight daughters.



### TORONTO, March 8 (CP)—

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 32, 42; Edmonton 48, 8; Winnipeg 15B, 4; Toronto 36, 42; Ottawa 13, 41; Montreal 22, 41; Moncton 18, 47; Halifax 24, 42; Charlottetown 16, 43; Sydney 13, 41; Yarmouth 26, 41; St. John's, Nfld., 15, 27.—B-below

### HALIFAX, March 8 (CP)—

Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis: Skies will be clear in most sections of the Maritime (Wednesday) but a layer of cloud later spread across the district and rain fell in Eastern Quebec. Strong south winds were bringing milder air to most regions and temperatures Thursday were expected to rise over 40.

Colder air from Ontario will move eastward, reaching New Brunswick Thursday morning and spread across the rest of the district by evening.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Thursday:

Prince Edward Island: Intermittent rain beginning in the early morning and ending in the late afternoon. Cloudy the rest of the day and very mild. South wind 16 increasing in morning to south 25 and shifting in the late afternoon to west 25. Low and high at Charlottetown 32 and 30.

High tide today at 2:20 A. M. and 2:08 P. M.  
Sun rises at 6:38 Am and sets at 6:10 P. M.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 9:10 A.M. 2:40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

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