

Pickersgill Repudiates Backbencher

OTTAWA (CP)—State Secretary Pickersgill has repudiated recent statements by a Liberal backbencher from Quebec who said that Canada has a foreign monarch.

Auguste Choquette (L-Quebec) has said, both inside and outside the Commons, that Canada has a foreign Queen.

Gordon Chur-ville (PC-Windsor) said that the Commons to confirm or deny that Mr. Choquette's remarks reflect government thinking.

The prime minister was not

in the chamber, but Mr. Pickersgill arose and said: "I repudiate any suggestion that the Queen of Canada is a foreigner."

But he cautioned that both English- and French-speaking Canadians should lean over backwards to understand language difficulties and differing viewpoints. The word "foreigner" in French could have a different meaning than in English and there was one time when Sir Wilfrid Laurier, stirred up a storm when using the word "foreigner" for "stranger."

The same difficulties arose over the use of the word "national," he said. French-speaking Canadians had objections that English-speaking Canadians might not understand. That was why the amendment to the Canadian Act—under discussion

was justified. Under the amendment, the word "Confederation" is used instead of "national."

Whenever these changes can be made without causing irritation to any one else, they should be made, Mr. Pickersgill added.

The name-change bill subsequently went through second reading and committee stages. It is expected to get final approval today.

Ontario Farmer Loses Phone Case In Supreme Court

OTTAWA (CP)—An Ontario farmer's hopes of getting service from Bell Telephone Company instead of from his township's rural phone company were dashed by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Walter McKenna's Carleton County farm is on the south side of Edwards Road—in Otondego Township, which is served by Metcalfe Telephones Limited. A Metcalfe company line runs along the south side of the road. Across the road is Gloucester Township—and a line of the Bell Telephone Company.

Back in 1951, the two phone companies agreed they wouldn't compete with each other.

But last year Mr. McKenna went to the Board of Transport

Commissioners and got a board order directing Bell Telephone to serve his farm.

Metcalfe Telephones Limited took the case right to the Supreme Court. A unanimous judgment by the court ruled that the transport commissioner had no authority to require Bell to extend services into an area served by another company.

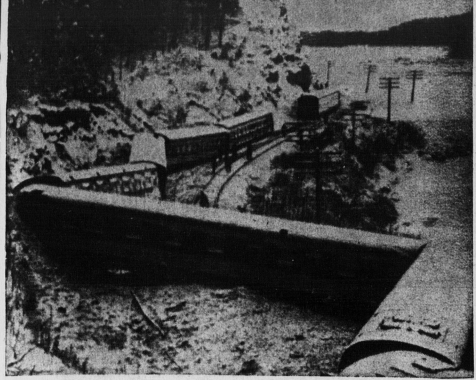
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A split rail belted the Supercontinental near Little Fort, 53 miles from Kam-Canadian National Railway's loops, B.C. More than 200 persons were asleep in 16 passenger cars. Eighteen were slightly injured. (CP Wire-photo).

Eskimo Point TB Tragedy May Aid Northern Housing

By ARCH MACKENZIE

OTTAWA (CP)—Northern officials here say they are hopeful that the tuberculosis tragedy at Eskimo Point will help stimulate government spending on northern housing.

Bad housing conditions were one factor cited in the stinging medical analysis of why 80 persons contracted TB and two died in the village 329 miles north of Churchill, Man., this year in what was called a small but expensive sample of what the ancient killer disease can do.

The report said 82 families in the community of 329 were jammed into 64 shacks, snow houses and other dwellings.

Officials of the northern affairs department have reported through Parliament that 569 housing units for Eskimos will have been provided by next March 31 under a plan started in 1959-60. Most are the available on a rental-purchase system although some are provided on a straight welfare basis.

PIANS CUT

Officials say housing plans were cut back by 1962 austerity

Talon Grant Made In 1672 May Make Que. River Private

LA PERADE, Que. (CP)—There will be tommycod fishing as usual this season while an old seigniorial title is searched to determine just who owns a little river here.

With the colorful Ste. Anne de la Perade winter carnival now start next week, villagers were agast recently to find the river may not be public property.

An old family has claimed ownership on the basis of a royal grant made in 1672 by French Intendant Jean Talon.

Some of Quebec's best salmon rivers are privately owned as a result of land grants made during the French regime. These sometimes included everything but the fish.

There were reports last week the family might forbid erection of cabins on the ice unless rent was paid but Treasurer Paul Charest of the village said in an interview Monday this is not true.

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Mr. Charest said the family has made its claim and the village is seeking legal advice to ascertain ownership before rent is discussed.

Indications are, he said, the village will have to place a tax on the cabins and other facilities to pay the rental fee if the river does turn out to be private property.

Mr. Charest said provincial authorities have advised the village that neither the provincial nor the federal governments can do anything if the claim is valid.

And Raymond Douville, assistant provincial secretary and a

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Miss Gladys Birt was hostess to the ladies of the Pisquid East Women's Institute Wednesday night with a good attendance of members. When routine business was completed a contest was put on by Gladys Birt, won by Mrs. Harold Jay. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Wallace Birt.

Mrs. Alton Jay was a visitor in Charlottetown Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jay were recent visitors in Charlottetown. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jay have returned from Cambridge, Mass. They spent two weeks with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Jay and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jay were visitors in Charlottetown, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Birt, Charlottetown, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay, Merlin, Irwin and Glenn were visitors in Covehead Road Sunday the guests of Mrs. Jay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacDonald.

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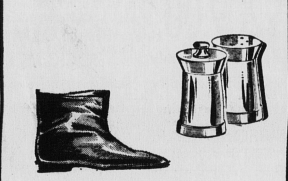
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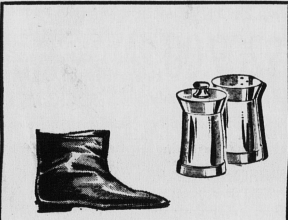
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