

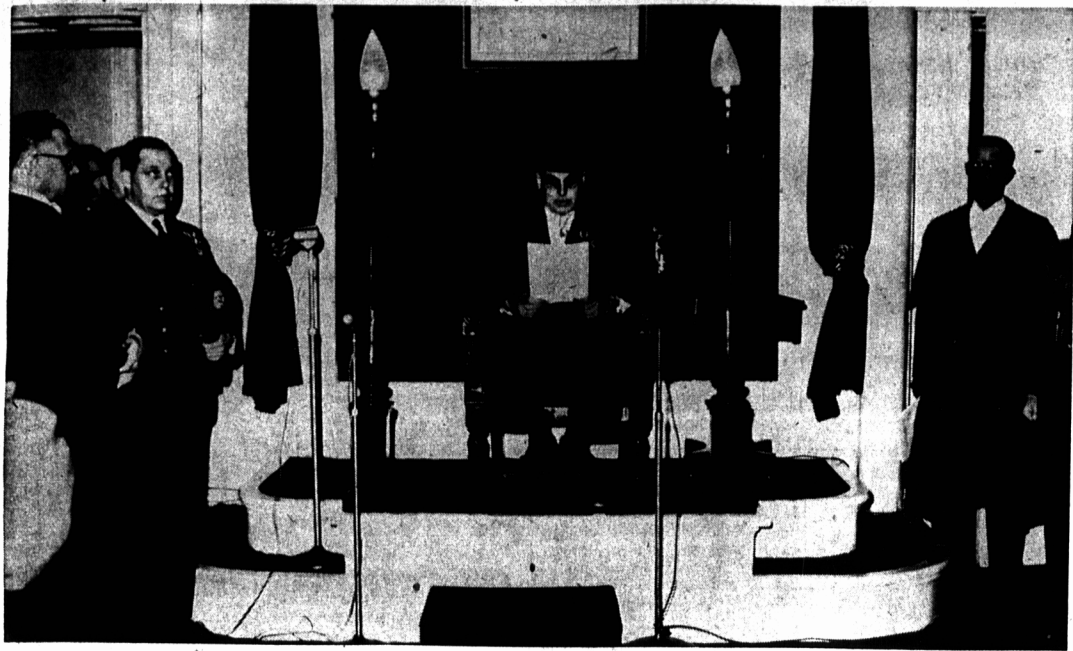
Maxims of a Mere Man
Trust not one night's ice.

Covers Prince Edward
Island Like the Dew

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LT.-GOV. PROWSE READS SPEECH FROM THRONE

Legislature Opened Yesterday

Fisheries Dept. Forecast In Speech From The Throne

The establishment of a separate portfolio of fisheries was one of the highlights forecast in the Speech from the Throne delivered at the opening of the Legislature yesterday by Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse.

His Honor also intimated that legislation covering a wide field of subjects will be introduced. These include matters pertaining to the Plant Disease Eradication Act, the Potato Production Act, the Poultry and Poultry Products Act, the School Act, the Hospital Act, the Marketing Act, the Provincial Sanatorium Act and the Time Uniformity Act.

Crisp winter air under sunny skies greeted His Honor and his official party as they arrived shortly before three o'clock when the Lieutenant Governor inspected a smartly turned out Guard of Honour from the P. E. I. Regiment (7th Recce), under command of Captain W. B. Peters, M.M., C.D. Governor Prowse later took the salute from the Guard in a march past on Richmond Street.

Accompanying His Honor were his aides, Commander J. N. Kenney, RCN (R); Lt. Col. A. W. Rogers, E.D.; Wing Commander Alan Matmillan and the Governor's private secretary, Surgeon Commander L. E. Prowse, RCN (R).

Eden Gov't Wins Vote Of Confidence

LONDON (AP)—The government beat down Tuesday a strong labor attack on its stringent economic policies for protecting the pound.

On a vote of confidence the Conservatives 325 to 259, a majority of 66.

The vote came after a two-day debate on Britain's involved financial position. Both Conservatives and Labor expressed a desire to protect the pound and to improve the country's trading position in relation with the dollar world. But they disagreed as to the necessary steps.

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Letter Sent To Provincial Premiers

New Fiscal Conference Is Suggested Next Month

No Invitation Received Yet, Premier Says

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP)—Premier Alex Matheson of Prince Edward Island said Tuesday night he has received no invitation to attend a new federal-provincial conference on tax rental agreements in Ottawa.

Mr. Matheson, asked to comment on an acceptance by Premier Bennett of British Columbia, said it seemed strange that an invitation would reach the west coast before Prince Edward Island.

The premier said his attendance at a March meeting with other provincial premiers would depend on its importance since the Prince Edward Island legislature is not expected to prorogue much before Easter. It opened Tuesday.

Mr. Bennett was quoted as saying he did not know if Mr. St. Laurent's invitation indicated a full-scale conference or a private meeting.

Were Supported By Opposition

Commons Rejects Motions On Power Projects Aid

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons rejected Tuesday night two Opposition motions urging federal aid to provincial power projects.

The motions included a CCF proposal for an immediate federal start on the South Saskatchewan power-irrigation project.

A vote of 140 to 70 defeated the CCF motion, proposed by R. R. Knight of Saskatchewan as an amendment to a Progressive Conservative motion brought in Monday.

The Conservative motion, defeated 141 to 71, called for joint federal-provincial investment to develop power resources in provinces asking for aid.

The votes were held in succession of the two proposals, which were technically non-confidence motions because they amended a government supply motion.

Both were supported by all three Opposition parties. The Liberal majority was joined in the votes by three Quebec independents, Paul Gagnon, Chicoutimi; Raoul Poulin, Beauce, and Fernand Girard, Lapointe.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner, speaking just before the vote, argued that the government already has considered the South Saskatchewan proposal. He referred to government plans to spend \$500,000 in the next fiscal year on South Saskatchewan river development. That was a "pretty good start."

Mr. Gardiner said Opposition members had referred to the project's estimated cost at anywhere from \$135,000,000 to \$160,000,000. The closest estimate was \$82,000,000—"as nearly as any cost can be estimated."

He added that the government knows people who would undertake to build the project for \$82,000,000.

Claude Ellis (CCF-Regina) interjected that that is all the more reason to start it now.

Alternative March Dates Suggested

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent has told provincial premiers the federal government is agreeable to a new federal-provincial fiscal conference in March if they want one, it was learned Tuesday night.

Informants said the prime minister, in a letter sent Saturday suggested the alternative dates of March 2 or March 9.

The new conference has been sought by some of the provinces to discuss further the federal government's tax-sharing proposals to replace current tax rental agreements in effect between the central government and most provinces.

The newest proposals of the federal government were sent to the provinces Jan. 6, mildly modifying terms set out by the administration here at a general conference in October. Some provinces are known to have been critical of them.

Later in January, Mr. St. Laurent told governments asking for a plenary conference again—Saskatchewan and New Brunswick—that it was then too early to decide whether the conference should be reconvened.

Meanwhile, deputy ministers and tax experts held a session here in early February to discuss technical details of the federal offer.

Informants said the prime minister's letter did not constitute an outright invitation to a conference but made known his government's willingness to join in one if the provinces want it.

The conference, it was understood, would be a top-level meeting of heads of government such as met in October.

There was no immediate word of reaction from other premiers apart from Mr. Bennett. However, letters tabled in the Commons Jan. 21 showed Premiers Fleming of New Brunswick and Douglas of Saskatchewan wanted one. Mr. Douglas suggested April.

They and Premier Hicks of Nova Scotia, in letters written after the latest federal proposals in January, were critical of them on various grounds, though all three agreed they did not give enough recognition to fiscal needs of individual provinces.

PLAN OVER 'N37
The federal plan calls for a five-year substitute for the existing tax (Continued on page 2 col. 5)

Storms Bring New Hardships To Europeans

LONDON (AP)—Heavy snowstorms brought new hardship Tuesday to Europe's shivering millions in their record 22-day frigid siege.

The death toll rose to 747. Weathermen promised no immediate relief but there were some brighter spots.

A brilliant sun warmed Rome and central Italian regions after the country's longest bad weather spell in history. But forecasters predicted new snowfall and freezing temperatures.

Most parts of Sweden bathed in sun. Temperatures climbed above the freezing point in central and southern Sweden for the first time in three weeks. Deep snow blanketed southwestern France. Snow plows were called in from the Pyrenees mountains to open streets.

Some city dwellers moved about on skis. Snow fell over most of England. The whole of the country's eastern seaboard road network, from Dover, 400 miles north to Berwick-on-Tweed, was blocked by snow and ice.

Snowstorms have raged over Czechoslovakia for two days and snowdrifts 12 feet high were reported in some places.

A sharp earthquake rocked a large part of Turkey, causing five deaths. An estimated 1,200 homes were destroyed.

Spain's sunny Balearic islands a winter vacation resort, were blanketed in snow. Temperatures everywhere in France were below freezing point. Paris had its coldest Feb. 21 on record—eight degrees above.

Brigadier G. G. K. Peake, D.S.O., E.D., representing the G.O.C. Eastern Command; Squadron Leader C. L. Stanley, representing the officer commanding R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside; Lieutenant James Clapton, R.C.N., representing the officer commanding H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte, and Inspector E. L. Martin, officer commanding L. Division R.C.M.P. Lt. Colonel J. A. MacDonald, G.S.O. 1, 2nd Militia Group; Lt. Colonel J. T. Davies, A.A., and Q.M.G. 2 Militia Group; Lt. Colonel A. H. Peake, O.C., P. E. I. Regiment (7th Recce); Lt. Colonel K. M. Johnston, O.C. 5 Divisional Signals; Lieut. Colonel J. K. L. Irwin, O.C. 5 Medical Company.

An artillery party under the command of Lt. Col. D. J. McCormack fired a fifteen gun salute from Victoria Park on the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor at the Provincial Building. In attendance with Lt. Col. McCormack were Lt. Col. R. D. MacNeill, Medical Officer, Captain L. G. MacNeven and SSM. Coffin, H. J.

Officers of the Guard of Honour with Captain Peters were Lt. Gordon Kerr and Lt. W. L. Thompson, Guard Sgt. Major was W.O. 2 C. Ryan. The Recce Band under the direction of Sgt. Charles MacGregor accompanied the Guard and played suitable music during the inspection.

SWORN IN
Previous to the arrival of His Honor, the members of the Legislature were sworn in by Justice Mark R. MacGuigan. On motion of Hon. A. W. Matheson seconded by Hon. Mr. Cullen, Mr. J. Augustin Gallant was elected Speaker of the House and was duly escorted to the Speaker's Chair. Four members were taking their seats for the first time. They are: Prosper Gallant (L) 1st Prince; Continued on page 2, Col. 6

Brain Specialists To Review Case Of Boy In 6-Month Coma

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—Provincial officials moved Tuesday to review the case of 10-year-old Michael Oates, whom Hamilton doctors fear may never wake up.

Michael has been in a coma for nearly six months since an automobile accident Sept. 4 in which his father was killed and his mother injured.

Art Child, Progressive Conservative member of the legislature for Hamilton Wentworth, said Health Minister Phillips told him the country's leading brain specialists will be asked to review the boy's case, with the province footing the bill.

Doctors said Michael's brain was severely injured in the crash. A three-inch piece of bone was removed from his skull to relieve pressure on the brain the day after the accident.

Since the operation, Michael, his eyes always open, stares blankly at the wall.

A board of surgeons at Hamilton General Hospital decided Sunday the boy will probably live out his life without regaining consciousness.

The Oates family doctor, however, said it was unlikely Michael would live a normal span of years. He said the boy has not moved his arms or legs since the accident and has given no signs of recognition.

REUSES TO QUIT
Mrs. Myrtle Oates, at home with her arm still in a cast, refuses to believe her son will never wake up.

Mr. Child said the health minister will confer with Dr. R. A. Hughes, Michael's doctor, and present the case to the brain specialists.

"If the surgeons feel there is a chance for his recovery, he will get the best treatment available," Mr. Child said.

"When I asked Dr. Phillips about the cost, he replied: 'Don't worry about a thing.'"

In New York, Mrs. Ruth A. Mulvey, a switchboard supervisor, and a widow with two children, offered to help Mrs. Oates. She called the New York office of The Canadian Press and asked where she should send donations.

OTTAWA (CP)—A CCF proposal for a labor-management conference to check rising winter unemployment was turned down Tuesday by Prime Minister St. Laurent.

At the same time, Labor Minister Gregg said in the Commons that regardless of government jobless figures Canada is in a better position than for a number of past winters as regards employment.

Report Balsa Raft Now In Difficulties

PANAMA (AP)—The balsa raft Cantuta is in trouble near the Galapagos islands about 1,000 miles southwest of Panama.

South coast dispatches received in Lima and relayed here Tuesday said the four men and woman aboard the raft were running short of food and fuel oil and one of the crew was ill.

The raft is drifting in the Humboldt current, hoping to reach the south sea islands. It left Peru early in December.

Edwin Johnstone Again Heads Provincial Red Cross Society

Edwin C. Johnstone was elected President of the Prince Edward Island Division, Canadian Red Cross Society at the annual meeting of the Society held at the Clover Club last night.

The meeting was largely attended and included representatives from all parts of the province.

Following the submission of the financial statement by H. R. Carruthers, honorary-treasurer and the report of Miss Iphigene Arsenault, Provincial Commissioner, a film was shown entitled "Prescription for Life". Various other reports were also received and adopted.

A break of 15 minutes permitted those present to visit the large number of interesting items on display, all dealing with the work of the Red Cross.

Following an interesting panel discussion where refreshments were served and a further period devoted to the examination of the displays.

OFFICERS—
Officers and members of Divisional Council for 1956 are:
Honorary President: The Lieutenant Governor, Hon. T. W. L. Prowse; Hon. Vice-Presidents: Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, OBE; Miss Gladys Holman, Summerside; Mr. G. F. Holness, Past President; Lt. Col. J. P. MacDonald; President: Mr. Edwin C. Johnstone; Vice President: Mr. W. A. Currie, Summerside; Vice President Prince Co.: Mr. J. F. Arnett, Summerside; Vice President Queen's Co.: Mrs. Allison MacMillan, Summerside; President King's Co.: Mr. Melvin J. McQuaid, Souris; Honorary Sec-

etary: Judge J. S. DesRoches, Montague; Honorary Treasurer: Mr. H. R. Carruthers.

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Representatives in Central Council are: Mr. Edwin C. Johnstone, Lt. Col. L. F. MacDonald and Mr. W. A. Currie.

Auditors are H. R. Doane & Co

Potato Shortage In Europe May Aid Island Industry

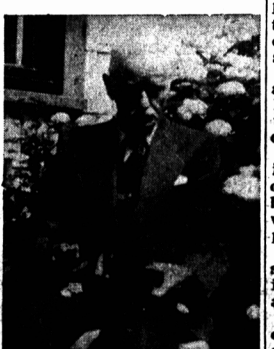
"Prospects of an outlet for potential potatoes in Europe seems to be brightening," said Mr. E. W. Campbell, Manager of the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board yesterday.

"Inquiries have been received from six European countries and negotiations have been underway on some of these for several weeks. Apparently, Western European countries are facing what could almost be called a 'potato famine' with heavy frost damage aggravating an already short supply condition. At present price levels we should be able to compete with any other supplier for these markets."

"Movement of potatoes from the province continues exceptionally heavy. With the partial relief of the reefer car shortage, movement to February 19th is 160 cars higher than for the same 19 days last year. Total movement (rail, water and truck) to that date is over 1,000 cars above last year and over 200 above the 1953-54 season," said Mr. Campbell. "Top price yesterday was 60c per bushel at the car, although lesser prices prevailed in

some areas and on potatoes going into warehouses.

"In view of the above reports on potential markets and current movement the Board again suggests that growers should not overload the market by accepting less than 60c per bushel at the car."



Could Adjourn

HALIFAX (CP)—Premier Henry Hicks said Tuesday night the Nova Scotia legislature could adjourn for a week to allow government representatives to attend a new federal-provincial conference in Ottawa March 2 or 9.

Dalhousie Wins Debating Title

HALIFAX (CP)—Dalhousie University debaters will represent the Maritimes in the Dominion debating finals at London, Ont., Friday and Saturday. They won an unanimous decision over St. Dunstan's College of Charlottetown here Tuesday night.

Dalhousie speakers Malcolm N. S. Smith of Halifax and H. David Peal of Truro argued against the resolution: International rivalry still holds more promises than threats for the future of mankind.

St. Dunstan's debaters were Ian Gillies of Charlottetown and Leo Peddie of Corner Brook, Nfld.

The judges were Father F. Lynch, S.J., Col. Victor Oland and Dr. H. Corston.

DRASTIC ACTION

LEICESTER, England (CP)—The drone of an electronic machine in a nearby factory prevented Fred Waring from reading or concentrating. In court he was conditionally discharged but ordered to pay £, 12s. 6d. for throwing bricks through the factory windows.

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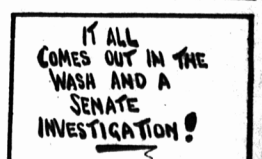
Mr. VonClure Gay, Upper Prince Street, Charlottetown, will celebrate his ninety-eighth birthday on Thursday, the twenty-third of February. He is one of Charlottetown's most outstanding florists, and is generally known as the man with the green thumb. His flowers have always been the very best and were sought after by many lovers of flowers. Mr. Gay continues to maintain a lively interest in plants and flowers, he just can't keep away from them. No doubt he will be seen heading for his son's hothouse before many weeks have passed. Hunting and fishing have also been lifelong hobbies with him; in addition he is a lover of music and takes pleasure in playing his violin every day.

'Copter Missing In Northern Que.

HALIFAX (CP)—RCAF Search and Rescue reported Tuesday night an air force helicopter is missing in the Knob lake area of northern Quebec near the Labrador boundary.

The helicopter failed to return to its base at the Knob lake RCAF detachment from a local flight. It was believed down within 20 miles of the base.

Local planes were said to be searching for the missing craft. Search and rescue headquarters here received no request for assistance. Number aboard the helicopter was not known here.



TORONTO (CP)—Temperatures issued by the public weather office:

City	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	34	39
Victoria	35	42
Edmonton	3b	4
Regina	3b	4
Winnipeg	27b	3b
Ottawa	17	18
Toronto	1	12
Montreal	9	13
Quebec	14	17
Fredericton	8b	25
Saint John	2b	28
Moncton	0	25
Halifax	13	18
Charlottetown	6	22
Sydney	13	18
Yarmouth	15	31
St. John's	18	27

HALIFAX (CP)—The Halifax weather office says there will be a northwesterly flow of fairly cold, dry air over the district today. The weather is expected to be fine except for snowflurries over Nova Scotia.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; cold; light wind becoming northwest 15 in morning. Low-high at Charlottetown and Moncton 8 and 20, Fredericton zero and 20, Saint John 5 and 20, Edmundston and Campbellton 5 and 15.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 7:39 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Summerside tides eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:04 a.m. and sets at 5:40 p.m.

Coming Events

Ice race New Glasgow today, good ice all horses welcome.

In stock, Bran, Oileake, Barley Meal, Purina Chaws, W. I. Bowman.

Pantry sale, Sherwin and Williams, Thursday, Feb. 23rd., 2:30 p.m. Alexander W.I.

Dance West Royalty Hall Wednesday, Rolie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service, 9:30 to 12:30.

Customers—Our carload of No 1 Barley Meal and Wheat, has arrived. R. L. Dickleson New Glasgow.

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Officers' P.E.I. Div. Canadian Red Cross

Pictured at annual meeting, land Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society. L. to R.—Secy., Mrs. Allison MacMillan, Campaign Chairman, Edwin C. Johnstone, President, H. R. Carruthers, Hon. Treasurer.



Veteran Liberal

On hand for the opening of the adult life is Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, 88 years old, ped yesterday to chat with Premier Matheson and his nephew, Hon. B. Earle Macdonald.