

## Commission Appointed To Advise On School Division

Following a meeting of the Executive Council on Thursday, Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education, announced the appointment of a commission to enquire by public hearing or otherwise into all matters pertaining to school division No. 1 and in particular to make recommendations in the following:

(a) The advisability or otherwise of dividing the said School Division, as indicated by the majority of voters at a plebiscite held on April 2, into two or more school divisions as defined in the school Act.

(b) The distribution of the assets and liabilities of the said school division.

(c) The maintenance of continuity of educational services in the area.

The Commissioners appointed are: His Honour Judge Walter E. Darby, chairman; Mr. T. Earle Hickey, C.A.; Mr. R. S. P. Jardine.

The Minister of Education has also advised the Trustees of School Unit No. 1 that they are authorized and should make provision and take action to insure the maintenance of the continuity of school services, so far as the

hiring of teachers is concerned, for the coming school year for all classrooms presently in operation. The authority granted further states: "Supplements to be as at present with normal increments, if provided for under present regulations."



B.L.E. Chairman

Everett Beagan, (above) was recently elected General chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for the Canadian National lines for the eastern territory from Nakim, Ont. to Newfoundland, including the lines in Labrador. He has been acting in the position since February first in succession to A. Edward Betts, Moncton who passed away early in the new year.

Mr. Beagan entered the service of the Railway as a member of the freight shed staff in 1916 as Superintendent of the late Horace McEwen. On Dec. 12, 1917 he transferred to the round house staff as cleaner and by a fortunate circumstance was advanced to fireman within two weeks. He was soon transferred to the yard at Bordent where he fired under the late Tom Clark, engineer.

Eventually Mr. Beagan was transferred to the mainland where he saw service on runs between Bridgewater, Yarmouth to Halifax, N. S. and in New Brunswick between Edmundston, Monk and Nappoganon. He also ran for two years between Riviere du Loup, Que. and Campbellton, N. B.

Mr. Beagan later returned to the Island where he was engineer on various runs. At the time of election to the position of General chairman, he was legislative chairman of the International Brotherhood of Railway Transportation for the province of P. E. Island, and vice chairman, National Legislative Board of Canada.

## Coming Events

\*\*Dance, Vernon Hall, April 16th.

\*\*Dance, Corran Bau Hall, Easter Monday night.

\*\*Dance Vernon River hall, Tuesday, April 12.

\*\*Dance in St. Peter's Holy Name Hall, Chaisson's Orchestra.

\*\*Card party Wilshire hall, Monday, April 11, 8:30 p.m.

\*\*Dance, Kelly's Cross School, Easter Monday night, April 11th.

\*\*Home Cooking Sale at Holmans, Saturday, 2 p.m. Bunbury United Church.

\*\*Special dance Beaver Club, Montague, Friday, April 15. Blanchard's Orchestra.

\*\*Buying fowl and chicken daily. Cash at door. Phone or see Rex Dawson, Albany.

\*\*Kindly reserve Wednesday, August 31st for the Crapaud Exhibition.

\*\*Dance, Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall, April 11th. Don Messers Orchestra.

\*\*Dance in Crapaud Hall Easter Monday, April 11. Auspices Women's Institute.

\*\*Grand Bingo, St. Andrews Hall, Mt. Stewart, Tuesday, April 12th. 20 games, door prize.

\*\*Dance Eldon Hall April 11. Sponsored by the Orwell Cove hockey team. Good music.

\*\*Dance in Morell Hall Easter Monday night, April 11. Good music.

\*\*Annual Play, Immaculate Conception Parish, Wellington, Thanksgiving Hall, April 12th and 13th.

\*\*Cornwall Women's Institute are holding a pantry sale on Easter Saturday, April 9th, at 2 p.m. at Simpsons-Sears.

\*\*Morell Co-operative and Dingwell & Rossiter Stores will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

\*\*Dance, West Royalty Hall Wednesday. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service. 9.30 to 12.30.

\*\*Cornwall Women's Institute are holding a pantry sale on Easter Saturday, April 9th at 2 p.m. at Simpsons-Sears.

\*\*West Covehead young adults group presents two 1-act plays with specialties, Marshfield Hall, April 14. Sponsored Marshfield Institute.

\*\*Bean supper and dance, Cardigan hall, Easter Monday, April 11. Supper 8 to 9 p.m. Auspices Cardigan Fire Fighting Department.

\*\*Unloading car of Quaker Feed. Special price off car. Quaker Dairy Station 43.65. Quaker Hog Grower \$3.75. Dial 3223 Ellis Bros., Central Royalty.

\*\*Showing at Mt. Stewart, Saturday night—"Walking My Baby Back Home". Technicolor tune film starring Donald O'Connor and Janet Leigh.

\*\*Chicks, White Leghorn or Barred Rock. Sensational layers low feed consumption. Leghorn 100 per cent non-broody. Phone 7984. Raynor's Chick Hatchery, Mt. Herbert.

\*\*Play at Morell. The Irish Benevolent Society, Charlottetown, will present their outstanding three act play "Henry Kissed Me", in Morell Hall, Thursday, April 14th. Good specialties. See this play you are sure to enjoy it. Curtain 8.30 p.m. Sponsored by Morell Ball Club.

\*\*Buying pigs and feeder cattle Monday-Friday. Tuesdays Brookfield 9 a.m. Milton 10. Charlottetown Market Square 11. York 1 p.m. Bedford 2. Tracadie 2.30. Mt. Stewart 3. Pownal 4. Vernon River 5. Paving \$21.00 pair for good pigs 30 lbs. each, \$25.00 for 50 lbs. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

# FRAUD SCHEME INVOLVING INCOME TAX SLIPS BEING INVESTIGATED IN VANCOUVER

## Shuffles Cabinet

### Eden Ponders Election Date

By FRASER WIGHTON  
LONDON (Reuters)—Prime Minister Eden spent Friday pondering how to call Britain's next national election, on which his personal political fate and that of the Conservative party will depend.

The new prime minister has a 10-day breathing spell to decide the question, one of the biggest in his long political career, before Parliament reconvenes from its Easter vacation April 19.

Within that time, he is expected to decide whether to risk his new government in a sudden national election, probably May 26, or to wait until later.

As head of the government, Eden can call an election at any time before the regime's five-year term expires. The present term does not expire until the fall of 1955.

Most observers here are predicting that Eden will gamble on an early election while the Labor party opposition is still disorganized by internal splits and while the voting trends shown in recent elections still favor the Conservatives.

**NEW MANDATE**  
A victory would definitely confirm Eden's leadership of the Conservative party and give the party a new mandate to govern Britain.

Eden's defeat by the Labor party could shut the career of Eden, Sir Winston Churchill's hand-picked successor.

Eden Friday considered the election issue at Chequers, the prime minister's official country residence, where Churchill grappled with many of his problems.

With him was Lord Salisbury, Conservative leader in the House of Lords, who is generally believed to be in favor of postponing the election. But another visitor due to arrive today is Richard A. Butler, chancellor of the exchequer.

**PIONEER HERD**  
Samuel Champlain established a dairy herd with imported cattle in 1608 at Cap Tourmente, Que.

## Loses Shrimp In Poker Game

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—FBI agents Friday sought a truck driver who, they say, lost 12 tons of frozen shrimp in a poker game.

Robert W. Brewer, Sikeston, Mo., was charged with unlawfully converting merchandise in interstate commerce for his own use.

The FBI said Brewer, 29, left the Brownsville Shrimp Exchange April 1 with the shrimp aboard a truck and trailer owned by the Querner Truck Lines, San Antonio, Tex.

Brewer's destination was Detroit. But he got into a poker game in Houston with four men and apparently lost the entire shipment of shrimp.

Winners of the cargo attempted to market a portion of their winnings to cafes in Houston, but the FBI recovered \$4,900 of the sales money.

## Crisis Faces Isolated Quebec Farming Village

ST. HILAIRE DE DORSET, Que. (CP)—Two bulldozers working to clear the road to the snow-bound village of St. Hilaire, broke down late Friday and the parish priest here appealed Friday night to the provincial roads department for immediate help.

The bulldozers, owned by contractor Henri Paul Gilbert of St. Evariste, had cleared more than five miles before they failed. The village now has been cut off for 18 days.

Rev. Armand Germain, the pastor of this tiny community 75 miles south of Quebec, said he had learned the machines would not be ready before Monday and, with food supplies dropping dangerously low, he feared the situation would be critical by then.

Father Germain said the four mechanics with the bulldozers had been working steadily for almost a week clearing roads in the area. He said they could not go on before a weekend of rest and he called on the roads department to send men or equipment to finish the job.

**NO GROCERY STORE**  
Roads department officials in Quebec were not immediately available to say whether help could be sent.

The road leads from St. Hilaire to St. Evariste, the nearest railway station, nine miles away. There is no grocery store, butcher shop or bakery, and no doctor in St. Hilaire.

The town's plight reached an alarming stage Thursday when the parish priest, Rev. Armand Germain, received appeals from

VANCOUVER, (CP)—Police and revenue department investigators continued an all-out drive Friday to clean up a fraud scheme involving forged income tax slips.

Police charged a second man with fraud and released a third man who had been picked up for questioning in connection with the case in which several companies discounting income tax slips were cheated of thousands of dollars.

Paul Bosquet, 31, a Vancouver logger was charged Friday with fraud after being picked up Thursday for questioning. Another man picked up at the same time was released. Also facing a fraud charge is Ludwig Tasse, 50, of Montreal, whose arrest Wednesday brought public disclosure of the forgery scheme that has been under police investigation for more than a month.

In Ottawa, J. Gear McIntyre, deputy minister of taxation, said Thursday that the revenue department has joined in the investigation. He declined to disclose other details.

**FORGERY FACTORY**  
Police here said a "forgery factory" operating in downtown Vancouver turned out fraudulent T4 tax return slips that were then sold to dealers, who were paying 50 per cent of the amount of rebate shown on the form.

The T4 is a government form filled out by employers and showing the employee's total salary for the year, the amount of tax deducted and marital status of the employee.

Police said the scheme worked like this: Employees, majority of them itinerant loggers, had their T4 slips altered to increase the amount of rebate coming to them. For this they paid from \$5 to \$20 to the forgers, depending on the amount they were made out for.

The holder of the slip then sold it to dealers, who were paying 50 per cent of the amount of rebate shown on the form.

They said a large number of cases were under investigation and that more than 50 persons may be charged by the time their investigations are completed.

## Fire Damages Section Of U.S. Navy Pier At Newark

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—A jet-like, four-alarm fire whipped by a stiff breeze raced along a 1500-foot United States Navy pier Friday, charring a 350-foot section of plank and destroying a scow and three barges.

So swiftly did the flames spread that two firemen had to be rescued from a flaming barge when the wind changed, and 500 feet of hose line and a hose wagon were engulfed by fire.

Two other firemen narrowly missed being crushed when a huge steel pile driver, buckled by the intense heat, crashed onto the pier from one of the barges. At least two firemen were overcome by dense smoke.

Tugs towed one ship away from the pier and crew members of a chemical tanker were ordered ashore as a safety measure at the height of the fire. The blaze broke out about halfway between the ships but never got too close to either.

Clouds of thick, acrid smoke erupted from the fire and could be seen for miles.

No damage estimate was available immediately. The fire broke out shortly before 2 p.m., while work gangs of a New York dock repair firm were driving pilings alongside the pier.

**LAST CHAPTER**  
LONDON (AP)—A wine merchant's truck was one of the last of a long line of trade-in vehicles that called at 10 Downing street Wednesday, carried away a load of empties.

## Many Inquiries Received By Co-op Services About Processing Plant Program

Inquiries about the production of poultry and growth of small fruits are pouring into the Fruit and Vegetable Department of the Island Co-op Services from Queens and Kings Counties. It was learned here last night from officials in charge of the project.

The officials, Messrs. Malcolm Reeves, Louis McGuire and Leo P. McIsaac expressed satisfaction with the widespread interest shown by farmers in the large frozen food plant announced by the Co-op Services Ltd., which will have a processing plant in operation this fall which will handle a volume of 3,000 chickens per day and process a variety of small fruits and vegetables. The plant will be located at Sherwood near Charlottetown.

The advisory committee of this plant held a meeting on Thursday afternoon under the chairmanship of Mr. Malcolm Reeves. He said the announcement that the Island would have eviscerated poultry available had brought inquiries from several markets which had not been counted upon in the original plans of the Co-op officials.

There is a tremendous market for fresh packaged materials. It was learned from Mr. Leo McIsaac. These foods, such as carrots, corn on the cob, celery and head lettuce will be chilled as soon as they are taken from the field and shipped to the larger centres. This work will be done in the early part of the summer.

Chief emphasis will be placed upon the increased production of poultry, strawberries and blueberries for which there is a good market.

The officials believe it will be about three years before their ambitious program gets into full stride. They plan to go into the business on a carefully planned start and increase production as they go along.

They are receiving invaluable assistance in their efforts from the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the Dominion Experimental Farm.

It was earlier reported 750 families were driven from their homes when an ice jam forced the Chateaugay river over its banks at Chateaugay Basin, 20 miles south of Montreal. This aerial photograph shows some of the flooded homes.



Flood Waters Recede From Quebec Town

Some families were driven from their homes when an ice jam forced the Chateaugay river over its banks at Chateaugay Basin, 20 miles south of Montreal. This aerial photograph shows some of the flooded homes. (CP Photo).

## Today 38th Anniversary Of Battle Of Vimy Ridge

OTTAWA (CP)—The name Vimy Ridge occupies a special place in the history of Canada.

It was 38 years ago today—April 9, 1917, an Eastern Monday—that 100,000 Canadians and 70,000 British went over the top and drove through the German fire and a sleet storm to the summit of Vimy.

It was the bloodiest battle in Canadian history. The casualties numbered 11,000, of which one-third were killed, another third knocked out of the war for good.

Never before had the Canadian corps in France and Belgium been so strong. And it was never to be so strong again.

Strategically, tactically and economically—Vimy was of vast importance. It is four miles long and nearly 500 feet high and commands miles of level terrain to the east and west. To the north Vimy were large coal deposits. The Germans had captured the position May 21, 1916.

**GREAT ATTACK**  
For the first time, the Canadians, formed in four divisions, launched a great set-piece attack. But every yard gained cost a cas-

## To Assist At Conference In Newfoundland

Miss Marie Bonness, director of Junior Red Cross for Prince Edward Island, leaves today for Cornerbrook, Nfld., to take part in a Red Cross high school conference being held there on Tuesday, April 12.

Miss Bonness is going to Cornerbrook at the invitation and under the sponsorship of the Newfoundland Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society. She has been asked to speak particularly on "International Correspondence" and "Overseas Relief", and to assist the Newfoundland director of Junior Red Cross, Miss Phyllis Roberts, with the general program, as well as with the discussion groups which will form part of this conference.

## Spend 33 Hours In Car

BRISTOL, N. H. (AP)—A young high school girl who, with her teen-age escort, was trapped 33 hours in a car marooned in a swift flowing river, Friday night told how she alternately prayed and read aloud from a joke book during the ordeal.

Propped up in her hospital bed, 14-year-old Nancy Willis, pale from her harrowing experience, told a photographer, "I feel fine, thank you."

The girl had her companion, Alfred E. Payne Jr., 16, were rescued Friday after their car plunged over an embankment into the Smith river Wednesday night.

Nancy said she and Payne spent Wednesday night in the back seat of the car praying.

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## Two Teen-agers Trapped In River

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Payne wanted to attempt to go ashore, but Miss Willis discouraged him, saying she knew help would arrive.

Friday morning, the pair heard shouts of a searching party and plunged down a steep embank-

## Ch'town Native Fatally Injured Near Toronto

News has been received in Charlottetown of the death in hospital at Toronto Wednesday night, following an accident, of Mr. James Ivan McEwen, 40, a native of this city. Police said Mr. McEwen was struck by an auto driven by Leandre Leger, 20, of Toronto. The accident took place in suburban Mimico.

Police said Leger told them he did not see the man until too late.

Mr. McEwen was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James McEwen, formerly of Fisher Street. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and three brothers, Vernon, Charlottetown, G. D. O., Dartmouth, N.S., and Louis in Hamilton, Ont.

## Two Men Killed

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP)—Two men lost their lives and their wives were critically injured in a head-on collision of two automobiles Friday on No. 2 highway, 14 miles east of Cornwall.

The dead: Andre Tremblay, 51, of Cornwall and Montreal; John William Merkleter, 47, town of Mount Royal, Que.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	22	37
Vancouver	45	51
Victoria	44	52
Edmonton	40	52
Calgary	40	57
Regina	38	62
Winnipeg	39	60
Toronto	29	47
Ottawa	20	36
Montreal	25	37
Quebec	23	34
Fredericton	27	38
Saint John's	29	39
Moncton	26	40
Halifax	34	47
Charlottetown	28	37
Sydney	28	42
Yarmouth	32	40
St. John's, Nfld.	32	48

**HALIFAX (CP)**—The Dominion weather office here says dry air is gradually edging eastward from the Great Lakes. Indications are for fine weather during the week-end. Easter Day should be sunny with reasonable temperatures.

**Regional forecasts:** Eastern N. B. counties: Variable cloudiness; little change in temperature; light northerly winds. Low-high at Moncton 25 and 40.

**Outlook for Sunday:** Sunny. Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with widely scattered snowflurries; not much change in temperature; northerly winds 15. Low-high at New Glasgow and Charlottetown 25 and 40.

**Outlook for Sunday:** Sunny. High tide today at Charlottetown at 12.17 a. m. and 11.54 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 5.41 a. m. and sets at 6.50 p. m.