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MEMBERS OF the Legislature's Select Standing Committee on Education heard witnesses at the first public hearing last night in the Legislative Chamber. TOP, Front row, left to right, are William Acorn, Prosper Arsenault, Alexander MacIsaac and Dr. L.G. Dewar. In the back row far left is Hon. Douglas MacKinnon who was attending the hearing though not a member of the Committee.

Others are Leo Rosier, Harold Smith, Harvey Douglas and Morley Bell. LOWER photo foreground are Miss Audrey MacLeod, stenographer, Malcolm MacKenzie, secretary to the committee, and chairman Frederic A. Large Q.C. In the back row are Dr. L. W. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Education, who outlined Department policies, K.A. Parker, Superintendent of City Schools, Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, and Miss Mabel Matheson, president of the P.E.I. Teachers Federation. Very Rev. J.A. Sullivan, Rector of St. Dunstan's University, who presented a prepared brief and also answered several questions, was seated to the left of the bottom group and is not included in the photo.

# Committee Hears Plea For Larger School Units

A strong recommendation for larger school administrative units was made by Dr. L.W. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Education, when he appeared last night before the Select Standing Committee of the Legislature on Education at the first public hearing in the Legislative Chamber. Dr. Shaw emphasized that organization of larger administrative units did not mean the abandonment of the local schools and that even when proposed regional high schools were established by the larger units the smaller children in grades up to Grade 8 would continue to attend the local school. He thought this would also greatly aid the teachers who preferred to work in larger units because they felt in closer contact with the governing body which usually offered graduated supplements and thus gave the teachers a greater incentive. Besides this the teachers maintained they could not teach 10 grades all in one room. Mr. Large called attention to the regional high school in Port Elgin, N.B., where seven vans were used to transport pupils distances up to 22 miles. Dr. Shaw said that in the Fredericton, N.B., area they were moving even greater distances. Dr. Dewar asked if it were the Department of Education's plan to set up regional high schools but as they did in smaller units.

# Rector Presents Views Of St. Dunstan's University

Following is the text of the brief presented before the Legislative Committee on Education on Monday by the Very Rev. J.A. Sullivan, Rector of St. Dunstan's University: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: I am very pleased to accept on behalf of St. Dunstan's University your kind invitation to present some of our views on Education in Prince Edward Island. We do hope that our remarks may assist this select standing committee in its efforts to appraise the condition of education in the Province. "St. Dunstan's is, of course, concerned primarily with High School and University Education. But our students are the products of our primary and secondary schools and we cannot be unconcerned about conditions which affect their education. Furthermore, since more than 24 of our students are residents of Prince Edward Island, we have a particular interest in the primary and secondary education in this Province. "Our first observation is that the students who come to College usually come from districts which, over the years have maintained relatively high educational standards. We have noticed that in these districts the teachers are ordinarily more capable than the average, and that there is in them better than average interest in education and its problems. "Invariably, too, this interest is aroused and maintained by a few education-conscious residents of the district. Even in such districts, however, conditions are not always ideal, though they may be considerably better than those that prevail in other districts. Yet we do believe that there is room for improvement in almost every school district in our province. "TEACHING STANDARDS "First of all, we are convinced that standards must be raised within the teaching profession. We believe, that the raising of teaching qualifications will, in a short period of time, relieve rather than aggravate the recruitment problem. More young people will, we contend, become interested in teaching when its dignity as a profession is enhanced from within and its importance is recognized and appreciated from without. "This means simply, that higher academic and professional training must be provided for and required of our teachers. The young man or young woman who should be entrusted with the teaching of our children in this province will not be deterred nor discouraged by stricter professional requirements. On the contrary, we believe that they will welcome them, for these will give them greater competence in the classroom as well as higher prestige in the community. "Our second observation is that the problem in Prince Edward Island is not merely one of recruitment but also one of retention of our teachers, and we believe that higher academic and professional training will enable our teachers to teach with more satisfaction and with better results, and their own work will provide for them a valuable incentive to continue the work which they have undertaken. "INCREASED SALARIES "Secondly, we believe that increased salaries must go hand in hand with higher qualifications. Although considerable increases in teachers' salaries have been offered over the years and although teaching facilities have been greatly improved yet in view of the steadily increasing cost of living and in view also of the better conditions frequently available in other forms of employment, it cannot in all fairness be said that the present income of teachers in this Province provides an inducement to enter, or to remain in, the profession, or even sufficient remuneration for the work that the teachers are ordinarily expected to do. "An upward revision of the salary schedule seems necessary to provide larger basic salaries for those who have higher academic and professional status, and increased increments to those who remain in the profession. It is difficult to find the money but we cannot deny the fact that if better trained teachers are to be obtained and retained, it is only human to expect that greater remuneration must be offered. As to the speedy intercity transport, we hesitate to venture a suggestion. We leave that to the financial experts. "PROBLEMS INSEPARABLE "It is our view that higher standards and increased remuneration are simply two sides of the same coin. Both are necessary. To so emphasize one side as to neglect the other seems to us unreasonable, because the problem of qualifications and salaries, though they may be considered as distinct, are in reality inseparable. To illustrate our point in this regard, we leave that to the time being. (Continued on page 13 col. 2)

# Budget Night Is March 26

Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer will bring down the budget on Tuesday night, March 26 at 8:00 o'clock. Premier Matheson before adjournment yesterday noted that not too much legislation remained on the order paper but at the same time observed that a third of the members would be engaged in hearings of the education committee either in the morning or evening. The House meets this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

# N.B. Potato Men Anxious

ANDOVER, N. B. (CP) — A meeting of potato growers and shippers here Monday night authorized a steering committee to send a delegation of 150 to Ottawa to press for action if United States and Canadian potato tariffs are not equalized immediately. The meeting of about 1,000 was described as "a demonstration of the anxiety of New Brunswick growers and shippers over preferential tariff treatment which U.S. growers receive." Speakers expressed dissatisfaction that Finance Minister Harris, in his budget speech, made no announcement of any firm plan for equalization.

# Icebergs Are Said Worst In 50 Years

NEW YORK (AP)—Heavy icebergs, described as the worst in 50 years, caused the Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth to veer 38 miles south of the regular southern track across the North Atlantic. Commodore Sir Ivan Thompson, skipper of the Queen Elizabeth, told reporters after the ship docked Monday: "The descent of Arctic ice upon the Newfoundland coast has been earlier and heavier than any time in perhaps 50 years. It seems to be a portent for a long, rainy spring." Sir Ivan said ocean liners usually take the southern route after April 15, travelling on that course until July 1. He said the Queen Elizabeth on this westward crossing passed about 38 miles from the nearest ice. He added that a United States patrol boat on ice duty stood by a southern berg that was breaking into smaller pieces about 300 miles southeast of Cape Race, Nfld.

# Three Dead, Two Ill In Auto Mishap

WALTHAM, Que. (CP)—Three persons are dead and two critically ill from the effects of an automobile mishap in the deep bush 30 miles north of this upper Ottawa Valley lumbering community. The automobile, registered in the name of Ralph Turcotte of Alice, Ont., 12 miles north of Pembroke, Ont., which is on the opposite side of the Ottawa River, was found early Monday by loggers Oliva Roy and Donat Tremblay. Turcotte is one of the survivors, the other being a girl of 16. Both were taken to a nearby home. The three bodies were left in the car until the arrival of police and coroner Dr. Harold Laycock of Fort Coulonge, 20 miles east. Identities of the dead and the girl survivor were not immediately available. The car is believed to have left a camp in the area, 10 miles west of Jim's Lake, Sunday afternoon at a weekend visit.

# Gordon Gives His Views On Rail Travel In Future

OTTAWA (CP)—Donald Gordon, CNR chief, conceded Monday that the CNR is strongly in favor of being permitted to dispense liquor on trains. When liquor consumption on trains was not controlled by the operators, all kinds of problems developed. The CNR found that when it was able to sell liquor control over consumption was much easier and passengers behaved better. Liquor laws varied among provinces. The railways had little difficulty getting liquor permits in Ontario and Quebec. Nova Scotia allowed the sale on trains of beer and wine. The situation was being explored in New Brunswick and Newfoundland but because of the short travel, Prince Edward Island did not lend itself to liquor sales on trains. Runs were so short, said Mr. Gordon lightly, that there really was no time for a drink. His comments developed out of committee discussion of the CNR's 1956 operations which resulted in a \$26,100,000 surplus. INCREASES UNJUSTIFIED C. W. Carter (L-Burin-Burgeo) said there is thinking in the Maritime provinces that the CNR's 1956 surplus of the two intercity freight rate increases granted last year. The railways had asked for a rise of 15 per cent and got 11 per cent points with the board of transport commissioners planning to look into the remaining four per cent points in May. Mr. Gordon said he disagreed with Mr. Carter. He could show where the rates were too low. The railways required the remaining four percentage points. Because of competition from other transport, the railways could not apply the allowable increases everywhere. The CNR was in an economic squeeze, caught, as other industries were, by continual rising costs. Revenue yields from the rate increases granted were running behind the costs of CNR wage boosts.

# PREMIER MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

# Gov't Will Raise Pensions Of Aged, Blind, Disabled

LONDON (CP)—George Drew, who retired recently as national leader of Canada's Progressive Conservative party, said Monday his visit to Britain is "strictly a holiday." "I am just meeting friends in the ordinary way and will not be addressing any meetings or anything of that sort." Drew and his wife arrived in London by air during the weekend for the start of a three-month European holiday. They will spend about two weeks in Britain before going to Italy, Greece, Turkey, Israel, France and Germany. They expect to return to Canada about June 1. The icebreaker Saurel, which left Louisbourg, N. S. Sunday night, reached the spot late Monday and reported the men were heading for shore in a dory. The ice apparently loosened enough for them to row in. Several other sealers were standing by. The Beater, owned by Capt. Karl Hansen of Halifax, went to the seal hunt late in February. Several other ships were nearby when she sank, but couldn't get to the spot because of ice.

# Immigrants By Air Complain

VANCOUVER (CP)—Philip W. Bird, superintendent of immigration here, said Monday he is investigating complaints by some 20 British-born travel conditions aboard an immigrant flight from London to Vancouver. Seventy-five persons, 46 of them Hungarians, spent 43 hours on the DC-4 airliner on the first flight of the so-called Air Bridge to Canada immigration scheme. On arrival here, salesman Alec Rankin said the plane was overcrowded and that from Gander, Nfld., to Winnipeg none of the passengers had received a proper meal. Six other English migrants were critical of conditions aboard that "expect too much."

# Canadian Troops Reach Egypt

CAIRO (CP)—The first group of delayed Canadian reinforcements—40 ordnance men—arrived at the Abu Suweir base Monday from Naples. The Canadians are part of an armored reconnaissance force which Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, the UN Emergency Force commander, asked for several weeks ago. There had been reports Egyptian authorities might refuse permission for more Canadians to join the UNEF. The rest of the armored group numbering about 200 is scheduled to arrive in several RCAF boxcars today and Wednesday. There already are 1,100 Canadians serving with the UNEF, but they are administrative personnel and air force men handling the air shuttle service between Naples and the Middle East.

# Fires Took 47 N.B. Lives In '56

FREDERICTON (CP)—Fires in New Brunswick last year killed 47 persons, including 23 children, and caused property damage of \$3,918,448. Statistics in the annual report of Fire Marshal Earl J. Sturgeon showed that while the number of fires was 18 less than the 2,250 in 1955, the loss was \$790,465 more. The fire marshal said all casualties occurred in some of the 1,100 homes destroyed. Ninety-eight per cent were due to carelessness. Poor housing and overcrowding of small dwellings contributed largely to the loss of child life.

# Sealing Vessel Sinks, Crew of 11 Men Safe

HALIFAX (CP)—Eleven crew members of the doomed sealer Beater rowed to the safety of an island Monday after his ship sank in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and left them stranded on the ice. Capt. Lauritz Brandal of LaHave, N.S. and his crew members pulled a dory and their belongings off the Beater when ice apparently punctured her waist, about one mile from Dead Man Island. The ship went down Sunday night and for about 20 hours the men huddled on the ice awaiting rescue.

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# Possibility King Saud Could Turn Into Bitter U.S. Enemy

CAIRO (AP)—President Nasser has pulled a diplomatic reverse play on the United States by letting Saudi Arabia carry the ball for the Arabs on the Araba Gulf issue. Although the islands dominating the entrance to the gulf are Saudi Arabian territory, it was Egypt which fortified them and prevented Israeli ships from entering. The Egyptians were driven off last fall by the Israelis, who later withdrew with a U.S. promise of support for freedom of shipping there. As the United States prepared to press Egypt for guarantees of free shipping, Saudi Arabia moved into the breach with the denial of any Israeli rights in those waters. Since Saudi Arabia has become a cornerstone of the Eisenhower doctrine in the Arab world, this makes it much more difficult for the United States to give Israel the support she demands for her shipping. Those who know King Saud say American pressure on the gulf issue might change him from an influential friend of the United States to a bitter enemy. Crown Prince Faisal, brother of King Saud, arrived Monday for talks with Nasser on action to keep the Israelis from using the gulf as a channel for high seas commerce.

# U.S. Refuses To Toughen Her Policy Towards Nasser Gov't

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir apparently failed in her first effort Monday to argue that Secretary Dulles into tougher U.S. policy toward President Nasser of Egypt. Mrs. Meir flew to Washington from Jerusalem amid Israeli statements that her goal was U.S. support of Israel's "stop-Nasser" campaign. But no change in U.S. policy showed up in the four-paragraph joint statement issued after she met for more than three hours with Dulles and his aides. What the statement added up to was that Mrs. Meir seemed to have blunted her lance on the shield of Dulles' adamant disinclination to abandon the U.S. friends-to-both policy in the Middle East. NEW CAUSE FOR ALARM Meanwhile, American officials had new cause for alarm in the troubled area. Saudi Arabian statements said the Gulf of Aqaba is Arab territory. It alarmed U.S. officials fearful lest Saudi Arabia get embroiled in the Egypt-Israeli quarrel. If that happened, U.S. policy toward Saudi Arabia would have to be reappraised. The statement said Dulles "re-affirmed" U.S. policy as expressed by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge in the United Nations General Assembly March 1 and by President Eisenhower in his letter to Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion March 2. "Dulles pledged the United States 'would continue to use its influence' in pursuit of Middle East peace." He declared the United States "stood firmly by the hopes and expectations it had expressed."

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# Naval Avenger Plane Missing

HALIFAX (CP) — Ten RCAF and naval aircraft and a number of small boats began searching the harbor mouth area Monday night for a naval Avenger aircraft missing from nearby Shearwater Naval Air Base since 3 p.m. AST. The pilot was identified as Sub-Lt. Morris Komarinsky, 23, of Ethelbert, Man., and Dartmouth, N.S. He was co-pilot of a Tracker, a new anti-submarine aircraft, recently when it became one of the first naval aircraft to fly the Atlantic. Naval officials said the pilot last messaged the fogged-in base at 3 p.m. for landing instructions from a point five miles south of the base. The Avenger had fuel to last until 6:30 p.m. The navy issued a general recall for crews of a destroyer and three minesweepers to join the search.

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# Action Will Affect 1,000 P.E.I. Persons

Prince Edward Island will fall in line with the other Provinces of Canada which have already expressed their intention of raising Old Age Assistance, Blind Pension and Disabled Person's pensions. This was announced in the Legislature yesterday by Premier A.W. Matheson who stated that after consulting with his colleagues on the matter it was agreed that such action would be desirable. He said legislation making the increase possible would be brought before the House this session. Old age assistance is paid on a 50-50 basis by the federal and Provincial Governments to needy persons between the ages of 65-70. The ceiling on such pensions at the present time is \$40 per month. If the increase is ratified by the Legislature the ceiling will be raised to \$46. Blind pensions and those paid to disabled persons will be similarly dealt with. The income of the pensioner and the degree of disability are determining factors in the amount the person receives. According to the report of the Department of Welfare tabled in the Legislature this session, there are 600 people on the Island receiving old age assistance; 310 receiving disability pensions and 96 getting blind pensions. Under the new agreement, first checks would normally reach pensioners at the end of July.

# Ile de France to Undergo Repairs

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — The liner Ile de France, fifth largest passenger ship afloat, stood in Hampton Roads Monday en route to the Newport News shipyard for extensive repairs. Damaged several weeks ago when grounded at Fort de France, Martinique, the 44,000-ton vessel has been making a slow voyage to this port. The length of the repair period has not been determined, but the ship's transatlantic voyages of March and May have been cancelled by the French Line.

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