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EISENHOWER OUTLINES PLANS FOR PEACE, PROSPERITY

Two Airmen Safe When Jet Trainer Crashes

Ontario Growers Complain Of Maritime Potato Price Setup

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Are potato-growers of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick subsidized by the Government of Canada? Two Ontario potato-growers in the Hamilton district claim they are on account of the government-guaranteed floor price.

The Ontario growers, O. E. Marshall and Harold Downey are spokesmen for a group of potato men in the Hamilton area who feel that their activities are threatened by large shipments from the Maritimes, particularly when overall potato prices are low. Mr. Marshall raises 125 acres of potatoes yearly and Mr. Downey about 100 acres.

The floor price of 50 cents a bushel is obtainable only through a co-operative growers' association or marketing board important enough to make itself felt in the domestic market. There is no such association or marketing board for potatoes in Ontario.

Another fear of the Ontario potato-growers is that the government of the United States may regard the floor price for potatoes as a federal subsidy and on this account raise the tariff on potatoes at the U. S. border. At present, Canadian potatoes going into the United States are charged duty at the rate of thirty-seven and a half cents per 100 pounds. U. S. potatoes, except for early potatoes from Florida and Texas come into Canada duty free. At the same time, U. S. growers contend that by fixing a price floor, the Canadian Government

PEI Potato Bd. Chairman Replies

Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, chairman and manager of the Prince Edward Island Marketing Board and Selling Agency stated last night that any complaint from Ontario source regarding prices at which Island potatoes have been sold "seems hardly justifiable when it is common knowledge that for the last several months our potatoes have been selling at a premium of from 10 to 25c a bag over Ontario potatoes on the Toronto market.

"During the past several years, Island growers have been making a concerted effort to do a better marketing job for their product, not only in Central Canada but in our other chief markets as well. Because of the fact that under existing legislation, we have made provision at the proper time to protect ourselves in the only way possible from the present marketing emergency, caused by a surplus of supplies, our present marketing program is being criticized by people who have been content to make no effort toward the betterment of their own position.

"Ontario growers should recognize the fact that if it were not for the operation of the Island po-

Parachuted From T-33 Near Chatham Base

CHATHAM, N. B. (CP)—The two occupants of a T-33 jet training aircraft from the Chatham RCAF base bailed out safely Thursday afternoon before the plane crashed into dense woods eight miles south of the base.

FO. Norman M. MacKeracher, 29, an instructor whose wife lives in Chatham, was picked up by a base helicopter and returned to his base. His student, Wilfred McCoombs, 21, of Port Robinson, Ont., was sighted shortly afterwards by a ground crew with whom he returned to the base.

The wreckage was sighted about four hours after the accident from a U. S. A. F. Dakota aircraft piloted by Capt. E. H. Carroll, of New York City, who had been visiting the Chatham base and is stationed at Peperrell air force base, St. John's, Nfld.

The two RCAF men escaped injury. They parachuted to spots near the wreck.

They had been on a routine training flight. Cause of the wreck was unknown immediately but snow was falling steadily.

The T-33 was last heard from at 1:50 p.m. AST when the pilot was talking to the Chatham control tower. The radio went dead during the conversation.

The weather handicapped search by an RCAF flying boat from Greenwood, N.S., and other aircraft as well as by ground crews.

New Federal Bldg. At Kensington Is Officially Opened

—In declaring the new Federal building in Kensington officially opened yesterday afternoon Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P., said "it is a good building, a splendid building, but no better than the people of Kensington are entitled to."

Mr. MacNaught said it was a proud moment for him to be present to declare the building officially opened.

He recalled that he had started the practice of law in Kensington about 20 years ago. While there he had made many friends, he said, who were still his good friends, and it was with a great deal of pleasure that he noted so many of them present for the opening of the fine new building in the community.

He paid a fitting tribute to the firm of M. F. Schurman Co. Limited, the general contractors, who had constructed the building which now stands as an enduring monument to the progressive people of Kensington.

The official ceremony took place at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was presided over by Mr. C.W. MacEachern, of Moncton, N.B., regional director of postal services for the Maritime district.

He expressed his appreciation of the great honor bestowed on him in being selected to represent the postal service on this great occasion. He said the completion of the building represented a great forward step in the life of the town, and expressed the hope that it would meet the needs of the community for many years to come.

Like Coming Home

Representing the M. F. Schurman Co. Limited, Mr. Charles Linkletter said "to us, constructing this building in Kensington has been like coming home, for it was fifty-eight years ago that our late president, Mr. M. F. Schurman, started into business just two blocks from this building, and our retail branch of the company still operates from that same location although the

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State of Union Message Outlines Much Legislation

WASHINGTON, (CP)—President Eisenhower told Congress Thursday the United States must pursue peace from a position of military and economic strength but is prepared to use atomic weapons if needed "to preserve our freedom."

In a 7,000-word State of the Union message, Eisenhower laid before the Senate and House of Representatives a massive legislative program in which he urged approval of U.S. participation in construction of the St. Lawrence seaway, and asked that Congress grant authority to "share with our Allies certain tactical knowledge" of atomic weapons.

Announcing that he intends a new \$3,000,000,000 cut in government costs, he held out hope for future tax reductions.

He dealt with Communists at home, he proposed that citizenship be stripped from anyone convicted in the future of conspiring to advocate the violent overthrow of the government. In the case of native-born Americans, loss of citizenship amounts to loss of civil rights.

Would Give Vote At 18

Noting that for years citizens between 18 and 21 have been summoned to fight for their country, he proposed giving the vote to 18-year-olds and suggested that Congress submit a constitutional amendment on this to the states. Senator William Knowland (Rep. Calif.) later introduced a bill to make the suggested amendment.

Discussing defence costs, Eisenhower said a more economical defence program will be geared to the use of atomic weapons. He said the growing military forces of the U. S. are for the purposes of defence and deterring aggression, but "we and our Allies have and will maintain a massive capacity to strike back."

Defence planning is based on several fundamental considerations, he said and the first of these takes "into full account our great and growing number of nuclear weap-

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Gov'ts And Railways Split Over Western Freight Plan

To Retire As Deputy Minister



OTTAWA, (CP)—The Alberta and British Columbia governments and two big railways split sharply Thursday over a railway plan to alter some freight rates between the East and B. C.

The argument before the board of transport commissioners ended with that body reserving decision on a railway application for an "agreed charge" rate with some eastern steel companies for the carriage of iron pipe from Ontario and Quebec to B. C.

The trial is regarded as a test case, to settle legal questions as to whether the railways can take steps to beat out 1951 legislation in favor of Alberta on east-to-west freight hauls going to that province and the Pacific coast.

The federal bill ordered that, when rail rates from eastern Canada to the west coast are depressed to meet competition from other carriers, charges on the same goods to intermediate points such as Alberta may not be more than 1-1.3 the coast rates.

Fundamental Principle

The railways have contended that the "agreed charge"—a contracted low rate given to specific shippers in return for a guaranteed part of their business—is not subject to the "1-1.3 rule" in the legislation. So, they contend, the Alberta rate would not have to be dropped to meet those in the agreed charge.

At issue is the fundamental principle of how Parliament intended freight intermediate points should benefit from the depressed "transcontinental" rates between eastern Canada and the west coast, largely caused by water competition by way of the Panama canal.

Thursday, the Alberta government protested the railway move while the British Columbia government joined with the Canadian National Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway in argument on behalf of the railways' action.

Railway counsel argued that the "1-1.3 rule" does not come into play in connection with agreed charges, not mentioned specifically in the 1951 legislation.

Further, they said, application of the rule would "dilute" the revenue of the railways by decreasing rates from the East to Alberta.

Reds Demand Resumption Of Prisoner Explanations

(By William C. Barnard)

SEOUL, (AP)—The Communists today pushed the explosive dispute over prisoners closer to a show-down with demands clashing head on with the UN command's insistence that the 22,000 Chinese and North Koreans must be freed as civilians after June 22.

The Reds maintained that a majority of the supervisory commission agreed with them in the main.

They quoted a hitherto highly secret memorandum of India's chief custodial officer as saying armistice terms were not specific "about custody of Indian troops coming to an end."

Shortly before midnight Thursday night, a Red messenger at Panmunjom turned over a letter demanding that explanations to the prisoners be held until a peace conference deals with them, regardless of when it is convened.

The letter replied to requests from Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, India's chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission, that both sides present their views and help the Commission reach a decision on what to do about the prisoners.

Montreal Digs Out After Storm

MONTREAL, (CP)—Montreal dug itself out Thursday in the wake of a storm that dumped almost 10 inches of wet snow on the city and district.

More than 2,500 men and 700 pieces of equipment cleared snow in the city and suburbs.

The wet snow caused slippery highways which led to the death of Mrs. Louis Desrosiers, 70, of Montreal. She was killed near St. Jerome, 30 miles north of here, when the car in which she was riding struck another automobile. Her husband, 83, suffered a fractured pelvis and internal injuries. Four other persons were taken to hospitals.

Police say the accident toll could have been worse, however. Wednesday was the feast of the Epiphany and traffic was light as many businesses were closed.

More than 100 minor accidents were reported.

Toronto Tops All Cities With Retail Business

OTTAWA, (CP)—Montreal is Canada's biggest city, but Toronto does more retail business.

A distribution survey, undertaken for the first time in the 1951 census, showed that Toronto was the leader among metropolitan areas in dollar volume of retail sales. The bureau of statistics reported Thursday.

Retail merchants in metropolitan Toronto, with a 1951 population of 1,117,000, sold \$1,244,000,000 worth of goods that year. Montreal, with Canada's top population of 1,400,000, was a close second with \$1,211,000,000.

Vancouver was third with \$568,300,000 in retail sales; Winnipeg, fourth, with \$353,000,000. Other cities in order of sales size were: Hamilton, \$256,000,000; Ottawa, \$251,550,000; Edmonton, \$215,300,000; Quebec, \$194,700,000; Calgary, \$181,900,000; Windsor, Ont., \$145,600,000; London, \$131,400,000; Halifax, \$123,100,000; Victoria, \$102,200,000; St. John's, Nfld., \$84,700,000; Saint John, N. B., \$81,600,000.

Notices Issued To Vacate Site Of Federal Building

It looks very much as though Charlottetown will see the commencement of its new Federal Building this year. At any rate, the preliminary steps are under way to have the evacuated site living on the site of the proposed new building vacated this spring. All residents of the city block enclosed by Queen, Sydney, Pownall and Richmond streets received notices yesterday to vacate their premises by April 30th.

This is taken to indicate that the Federal authorities plan an early start this year in the tearing down of the buildings now located on the lot, and presumably the construction of the building which will provide quarters for all of the Dominion Government offices in Charlottetown, including the Post Office Department, the Department of Public Works, Fisheries, the Unemployment Insurance Commission, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Income Tax, Customs, various branches of the Department of Agriculture, the R.C.M.P., the Department of Transport, the Family Allowance Commission, the Department of Old Age Security and various other Federal Government agencies.

It was stated during the visit of the Hon. Robert Winters to this Province last year that some action would be taken by mid-summer of 1954 towards the erection of the long-sought building.

Other Federal buildings have already been completed in Summerside and Kensington, and another is being erected in Montague. The Charlottetown edifice, according to the original plans will be one of the most modern in Eastern Canada, and probably the most imposing building in Charlottetown.

7 Hotel Rooms Damaged In Suicide Blast

VAL D'OR, Que. (CP)—Investigators searched among rubble of eight damaged hotel rooms Thursday night for a clue to the cause of an explosion that killed Albert Bencina.

Bencina, 27, was blown apart by the blast which police said originated in his third-floor room early Thursday. His left arm was found in the corridor outside.

Police chief Henri Daoust said he believed the explosion was dynamite but that it will take an investigation by experts to make sure.

The blast damaged seven other rooms—the one above, the one below, and five on the same floor. Some of the hotel's 50 guests were thrown from their beds but none was seriously hurt.

Pipes burst, sending a flood of water cascading into other parts of the hotel before it could be shut off. Firemen put out a blaze which started in the mattress in Bencina's room. There was no damage estimate.

Chief Daoust said Bencina's death appeared to be suicide. He checked into the hotel Wednesday after arriving here with two friends from nearby Malartic. Police questioned the two friends.

They were also investigating reports Bencina was involved in a collision with his car here just before checking into the hotel. He had come from Yugoslavia in 1951 and had worked at mines in British Columbia and at Malartic, Que., before going to Cobalt, Ont. He recently quit his job as a machinist at Auquanico mine in Cobalt.

Chief Daoust said an inquest will be held a few days after the investigation is complete.

Biologists Consider Clam Industry

OTTAWA, (CP)—Salt-water clams from the Maritimes are becoming as popular with the public as Maritime oysters, the fisheries research board said Thursday.

As a result, fisheries biologists are concerned about the ability of the industry to maintain a natural supply of clams.

Dr. A. W. H. Needler, director of the Atlantic biological station at St. Andrews, N.B., said production of soft-shelled clams in the Maritimes has declined since 1950 because of continued high demand and intensive digging.

Scientists have been unable to find any new clam beds of commercial importance and the situation has been aggravated by appearance of a new enemy to the clam—the green crab, first found in New Brunswick's Passamaquoddy Bay in 1951.

Dr. Needler said clam diggers, in removing the marketable clams from a bed, kill about half of the small clams which are left. He suggested that, with the present high value of clams, economic means might be found of re-planting clams in new beds out of the range of predators.

Three Canadian Ships Are Sold

MONTREAL, (CP)—Three merchant ships of Canada's fast-rising merchant fleet were sold Thursday by their Montreal owners.

The names of the vessels were not revealed. All have a tonnage of 10,000 and will fly the Liberian flag for their new owners.

Under government rules the money derived from the sale must be placed in a fund for new construction.

Coming Events

- *Dance in Millview Hall, Friday, January 8th.
- *Card Party, Pleasant Grove Hall, Friday night, January 8th.
- *Variety concert in Clyde River Hall, Friday, Jan. 22.
- *Abegweit R. B. P., Kingston Friday, Jan. 8.
- *Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday, "Ma and Pa Kettle At The Fair."
- *Card Party, Long River Hall, January 11th, 8 p. m.
- *Dance, South Rustico Hall, Friday, January 8th. Alex MacLean's Orchestra, Canteen service.
- *Shur-Gain Amateur Cavalcade, Fortune Hall, Wednesday, January 13th, 8 p. m.
- *Card party every Friday, St. Peter's Legion Hall, Dance Saturday.
- *Hog and Cattle bowls, Cod Liver Oil, Disinfectants, Forks, Feeders, Waterers and Pails at your one stop Farm Supply Store, Kensington Feed Service Ltd.
- *Booking Baby Checks now, for delivery about February 10th. Will be setting eggs to orders for early hatches. Book now if ordering in February. Dillon and Spillet.

BURIED BY SNOW

MONTREAL, (CP)—The kids on Villeneuve street east were building a six-foot high snow fort Tuesday when they collapsed burying 13-year-old Rejean Cote. Little Guy Cote, Rejean's eight-year-old brother, ran home to get his father, Walter, who shovelled through the snow and found Rejean unconscious.

Find Antibiotics Useful In Preservation Of Fish

OTTAWA, (CP)—Antibiotics have other uses than fighting disease. They also are good for preserving fish.

That's what Dr. Neal M. Carter, director of the Pacific Fisheries experimental station at Nanaimo, B.C. told the annual meeting of the fisheries research board Thursday.

The particular antibiotic that helps preserve fish is aureomycin, Dr. Carter said. It is the most effective of 15 tested. Flax and ice containing aureomycin resulted in a marked improvement in the keeping quality of the fish packed in it.

The improvement over use of ice flakes without aureomycin is so great that further work is to be carried out using aureomycin and one of its derivatives—tetracycline.

Refrigerated Sea Water

Dr. Carter reported that aureomycin also was used in another way in another experiment. This time a solution containing aureomycin was used to treat fish in tanks aboard two British Columbia salmon trollers. The temperature of the tanks was kept at about 30 degrees Fahrenheit—a few degrees warmer than the ice temperature.

He said this method also resulted in a much better landed product than when the dressed fish were stored in ice alone.

Experiments also were conducted to keep fish sea-fresh using refrigerated sea water.

Dr. Carter said the experiment met with considerable success on a small scale and was tried on a larger scale because of the interest shown by fishermen and the fishing industry. The large-scale tests still are going on with equipment on the station's research vessel "Investigator No. 1."

However, some B. C. fishing boats already are making preparations to use this method for holding their catch.

Plan New Bridge Over Dry Prairie

WINNIPEG, (CP)—Plans to build a bridge over a dry piece of prairie were announced Thursday by provincial engineers.

Tenders were called by the public works department for a three-span bridge near suburban Headingley to form part of the trans-Canada highway.

George Collins, deputy works minister, said because of a bend in the Assiniboine river a bridge over the regular channel would cross at a bad angle. So a diversion channel will be carved out and the old bed filled in. The bridge will cross the diversion channel. But to make things easier the bridge will be built first, and then the diversion put through.

Coffee Prices Move Upward In The U. S.

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Bolivian Heiress Weds English Lover In Scotland

KELSO, Scotland, (Reuters)—The story-book romance of a dark-eyed Bolivian heiress and a dashing blonde Englishman found its happy ending in this Scottish border village Thursday a few hours after the bride's multi-millionaire father gave up his fight against their love.

Beautiful Maria Isabella Patino, 26-year-old daughter of Antenor Patino, fabulously rich tin tycoon, married 20-year-old Jimmy Goldsmith in the registry office here.

The marriage was a climax to a six-month battle by papa Patino to change his daughter's mind.

Patino had already lined up six French royal suitors for his daughter and had sent a squad of private detectives in search of her and Jimmy when the lovers ran away to a transcontinental elopement. He had blocked their marriage with a temporary injunction, then suddenly decided Thursday that young love was stronger than his millions and withdrew the legal obstacle.

Even then, the father envisioned a splendid marriage in Paris—a lover one befitting his great wealth and aristocratic background.

But Jimmy, son of a wealthy international hotel man, and Isabella decided their love was too great for delay.

Armed with a marriage certificate, they came out of hiding to pop up here Thursday night and were wed at the local registry office.

The Kelso registrar, James Marlowe, pronounced them man and wife in a short, simple ceremony and was jokingly informed by the bridegroom: "After tonight, you will be as famous as us."

Then Goldsmith bundled Isabella off into the car in which they arrived and left for an undisclosed honeymoon destination.

Women in the crowd shouted good luck to the radiant bride who wore a royal blue sweater over her dress and carried a bouquet of lily of the valley.

Jan Smith, former Scottish rugby star, and a "Mr. Doughty" of London were the witnesses. Smith is a partner in the legal firm which has been looking after the interests of the couple.

Papa Patino was en route back to London when the wedding took place.

TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	34b	
Vancouver	40	44
Victoria	39	44
Edmonton	7b	0
Calgary	2	3
Regina	6b	3
Winnipeg	12b	4
Toronto	19	25
Ottawa	10	12
Montreal	15	19
Saint John	35	40
Quebec	21	16
Halifax	40	42
Moncton	38	39
Charlottetown	38	43
Sydney	38	41
Yamouche	36	43
St. John's	32	43

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion Public Weather Office here says much colder air is entering the district. This colder air will reach all the district Friday and widely scattered snowfalls are forecast for all regions.

Regional forecasts:

Eastern N. B. counties, Prince Edward Island: Widely scattered snowfalls; colder; northwest winds 25. Low-high at Charlottetown 25 and 27, Moncton 20 and 22.

St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy with widely scattered snowfalls; colder; northwest winds 25. Low-high at Fredericton and Saint John 15 and 17, Edmundston 5 and 10, Campbellton 10 and 12.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:17 a. m. and 1:31 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:51 a. m. and sets at 4:49 p. m.

