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Desperate Battle Waged Against Bush Fires In N.S.

CANADIENS' TRIO BESIEGED FOR AUTOGRAPHS

The Montreal Canadiens' contingent of, left to right, Danny Gallivan, Frank Selke, Jr., and Jean Beliveau, are besieged by young fans and autograph hunters as they arrive for the Sportsmans Dinner held last night at the Charlottetown Legion Home. The youngsters were on hand to greet in addition such noted sports figures as Red Kelly, Toronto Maple Leafs; Jim Trimble, coach of the Montreal Alouettes football club; local star Forbie Kennedy Boston Bruins, and Al MacNeill of Chicago Black Hawks.

$4 Million Bond Sale Is Made By Province

Provincial Treasurer M. A. Farmer announced yesterday that a $4,000,000 bond issue has been sold by the Province. He said "The sale of Province of Prince Edward Island 5¾ per cent — 20 year — non-callable debentures, dated June 1, 1964 was made to a Syndicate comprised of McLeod, Young Weir and Co. Ltd., Bell, Gouinlock and Co. Ltd., and Mills, Spence and Co. Limited at a price of $97.32 per $100.00 par value. The cost to the Province is 5.726 per cent.

"This sale was the result of offers made by two large Syndicates and the price received is considered very satisfactory.

"The two most recent sales made on March 1, 1964, and April 15, 1964 were made at costs of 5.798 per cent and 5.745 per cent, respectively.

"The proceeds from the sale of the bonds are to be used for payment of temporary loans incurred for capital expenditures, and this Issue completes the borrowing of new money for the current fiscal year."

N.S. Boy Safe After 27 Hours Lost In Woods

KENTVILLE, N.S. (CP) —A man walked out of a swamp Wednesday with a five-year-old boy in his arms to end one of the biggest searches ever conducted in the Annapolis Valley.

Searcher Bernard Toney found David White alive and well in a bog about 27 hours after the boy wandered away from his home at nearby Coldbrook. "He's fine except for some scratches," an RCMP officer said.

More than 300 men searched the woods and swamps Tuesday night and Wednesday. David had been last seen standing on a bridge near his home and firemen had dragged the Cornwallis River.

The boy was admitted to hospital here for an overnight check.

IS ELECTED

Marshall Stearns, 55, has been elected chairman of the Toronto Stock Exchange. Mr. Stearns, who is president of the brokerage firm of T. A. Richardson and Co., Ltd. had been vice-chairman of the exchange for the past two years (CP Wirephoto)

Purcell's Cove Homes Saved

HALIFAX (CP) — Desperate efforts by firemen and waterbombing aircraft succeeded Wednesday in stopping a wild bush fire that poured heavy smoke over suburban Purcell's Cove and threatened several houses.

The dense smoke, which cut visibility to a few feet, contributed to confused reports from the scene but Wednesday evening firemen reported no houses had been damaged. It had earlier been reported that two houses were scorched.

Residents of at least four houses in the subdivision behind Purcell's Cove, fled when the flames crept toward the subdivision. Nine fire departments battled the fire.

The Purcell's Cove blaze was the worst in a series of outbreaks which roared through the province under clear skies —with no hint of rain.

Most woods in the province have been closed to travel, Chief Forester R. H. Burgess said the woods were "tinder dry." There has been no appreciable rainfall in western Nova Scotia for three weeks.

Meanwhile, "three or four" homes were evacuated at Half Island Cove, about 16 miles west of Canso on the shores of Chedabucto Bay, where a fire was burning out of control in heavy spruce and fir.

A forestry spokesman said little information about the evacuation had reached headquarters at Shubenacadie, N.S., in central Nova Scotia.

HOMES EVACUATED

However, a woman in the community said three or four homes had been evacuated. The flames had not reached any of them, but the wind was blowing toward them. The inhabitants were staying with other persons further away from the flames in the small, scattered fishing community.

Meanwhile, Forest Minister E. D. Haliburton announced Wednesday that all woods in the province excepting two Cape Breton counties are now closed. In the west of the province no travel permits will be issued, but industrial operations will continue.

He said the combination of fires now burning, prevailing dry weather and the long-range weather forecast makes the closing necessary. "If there is a rainfall, consideration will be given to opening the woods immediately."

The forestry spokesman at Shubenacadie said probably 25 to 30 fires are burning in the province, although reports of the day's fires were just starting to come in to the headquarters.

BLAZE FLARES UP

The Canso water bomber, on loan from the Newfoundland government, worked most of the day on the stubborn Anderson Lake fire near Waverley, about 15 miles from here. This fire had been brought under control Tuesday, but flared anew Wednesday.

The spokesman said there was a series of fires in the Preston area back of Dartmouth, N.S. The fires were burning around a series of lakes.

The fires were ringing the Halifax - Dartmouth basin with heavy while smoke.

The weather office held little promise the situation would be improved by rain today. Continuing fine weather is forecast.

12-Mile Limit Legislation Clears Hurdle In Senate

OTTAWA (CP) — Government legislation to extend Canada's fishing limit to 12 miles from a coastal baseline cleared its first big hurdle in the Senate Wednesday.

The contentious bill received second reading — approval in principle—only after members of the Conservative opposition kept up their stiff criticism for the third sitting day and forced a rare recorded vote.

The bill now goes to the Senate banking and commerce committee, which will hear testimony by government officials, leaders of the fishing industry and other interested parties.

Only Senator Wallace McCutcheon, Toronto Conservative and former trade minister, voted against the bill itself.

He called it a blanket approval for the Liberal cabinet to "redeem" an election promise, create a dangerous precedent in international law and negotiate with the United States and other fishing nations with "a loaded gun."

WARNINGS GIVEN

Two other Conservatives, Senators Allister Grosart (Ontario) and Frank C. Welch (Nova Scotia), warned introduction of the 12-mile limit could bring tariff retaliation by the U.S. against Canadian fish exports.

The Conservatives forced the Senate's first roll-call vote of the 1964 session on a government motion to refer the bill to the commerce committee. The last such vote took place Dec. 4 on an income tax bill.

Senator McCutcheon moved an amendment to send the bill to the external affairs committee instead, but his bid was defeated 40-31. The vote was along party lines except for Senator Hartland Molson (Ind—Quebec) who sided with the Conservatives.

Senators taking part in the debate carefully avoided referring to the fact the external committee chairman is a Conservatives—G.S. Thorvaldson of Manitoba—while the commerce committee chairman is a Liberal—Salter Hayden of Ontario.

Don Messer Is Ordered To Take Rest

HALIFAX (CP) — Television band leader Don Messer is recovering from a slight heart attack, it was learned Wednesday, and will limit his public appearances this summer.

A CBC spokesman described Messer's ailment as a minor blockage in a vein on the left side of his heart. Messer will be 55 Saturday. He recovered from a more serious heart attack in 1955.

He is known to millions of television-viewers as the fiddle-playing leader of the Islanders, a "down east" country-music group seen weekly in Don Messer's Jubilee show on the CBC network. They also perform regularly on radio.

Messer was ordered to rest for a week after he had the minor attack about three weeks ago. The CBC spokesman said nothing was said about it at the time because the band leader wanted no fuss made over him.

He missed one TV performance.

The Messer group will fill a number of public engagements during the summer but the leader himself will likely be missing.

Two Men From PWC, SDU Get Research Scholarships

HALIFAX (CP) — The award of eleven summer research scholarships by the Atlantic Provinces Inter-University Committee on the Sciences to science students has been announced by Dr. W.R. Trost, dean of graduate studies at Dalhousie University and chairman of APICS. The total value of the awards is $9,300.

Scholarships were awarded to: Keir L. Adams of Prince of Wales College ($750) for research with Dr. L.R.C. Barclay at Mount Allison University; J. Foster Burke of St. Dunsian's University ($900) for research with Dr. I.G. MacQuarrie at Dalhousie University.

Mr. Adams, for the past five years has been a professor of chemistry at PWC. He is married and resides at 84 Pine Street, Charlottetown.

Mr. Burke, interrupted his studies to engage in teaching for a few years, after which he re-entered SDU where he is a senior science student working toward his degree. He plans to conduct a physiological study in plant growth substances. Married, he is a resident of Charlottetown.

Both recipients will proceed to their research centres the latter part of this month in preparing to commencing work on June 1.

Mental Probe Is Ordered

MONTREAL (CP) — William Joseph Callaghan, 31, alias John Cameron, was ordered Wednesday to undergo a mental examination and remanded to May 12 for preliminary hearing on a capital murder charge.

Callaghan was arraigned before Judge Marcel Gaboury for the 1956 murder of jewelry importer Andre Oschner, 38. The victim was suffocated with a pillow after being stabbed in the chest.

Borden Dock Project Delayed For 2 Weeks

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — Completion of the second dock at the Borden ferry terminal will be delayed about two weeks, Works Minister J. P. Deschatelets revealed here Wednesday. He was replying to a question placed on the Commons order paper by Heath Macquarrie, MP for Queens.

The minister said the expected completion date is about June 20 in comparison with a specified completion date of June 5. Work was started on May 2, 1963.

Reason for the delay is that a considerable quantity of steel sheet piling delivered for use in the work was damaged during shipment to the site and re-order of this material was necessary. A secondary reason was given as poor construction weather.

Estimated cost of the project is $1,221,510 and the expenditure to date has been $547,199.

Mr. Macquarrie was told the MV Confederation will make seven daily trips each way during the 1964 summer season. The Abegweit is expected to return to service by the end of May.

McNamara Told To Visit Saigon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson announced Wednesday he has ordered Defence Secretary Robert McNamara to go to Saigon for a first-hand look at the progress of the war in South Viet Nam since McNamara's last visit two months ago.

Johnson told a press conference McNamara first will fly to West Germany on Friday for talks on co-operative research and development and other defence matters.

12-Mile Limit First Talks Completed

OTTAWA (CP) — Fisheries Minister Robichaud said in the Commons Wednesday the first phase of negotiations with most countries over Canada's proposal to implement a 12-mile fishing limit is completed.

He told Angus MacLean (PC —Queens) that the government now is ready to complete these negotiations in more detail. However, he could not give a date as to when this would be done.

Prime Minister Pearson said he doesn't think there is any connection between Canada's proposed legislation and a bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives that would bar foreign fishing vessels from U.S. territorial waters.

Lloyd R. Crouse (PC — Queens-Lunenburg) had asked Mr. Pearson whether the U.S. action might be some sort of retaliation against the Canadian plans for a 12-mile limit.

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Armed Forces Ruling Annoys Opposition

OTTAWA (CP)—Members of the armed forces will be permitted to testify before the royal commission on biculturalism and bilingualism—but in secret—Associate Defence Minister Cardin announced Wednesday in the Commons.

The announcement immediately raised indignant protests from the Opposition.

Mr. Cardin said the commission has agreed to receive evidence in camera from members of the armed forces.

R. G. L. Fairweather (PC—Royal) said the Queen's Regulations already provide that the chiefs of staff can give permission for any member of the forces to speak publicly in the public interest.

Erik Nielsen (PC — Yukon) asked whether the same consideration would be given to other Canadian citizens who might want to give evidence in camera.

PEARSON REPLIES

Prime Minister Pearson replied that civilians aren't subject to the same rules of discipline as the armed forces.

T. C. Douglas, New Democratic Party leader, said the government was in an "anomalous situation." The commission wasn't dealing with military matters. Why should Canadians be denied the right to hear what members of the armed forces had to say on the issue?

Mr. Cardin said the issue is controversial and that members of the armed forces aren't allowed to discuss controversial matters in public.

Earlier, the minister said there is no prohibition on civilian members of the defence department testfying publicly before the commission.

The matter of armed forces testimony before the commission came to a head at Kingston, Ont., Tuesday when the army made public orders that service personnel in the area could attend a meeting of the commission but not take an active part.

BIRD HAS NEST UNDER HOOD

LONDON (Reuters)—Foundry worker William Kirk, 61, is one of Britain's most careful drivers these days.

Everywhere he goes, he takes a blackbird's nest and three eggs beneath the hood of his car.

The blackbird, one of Britain's best songsters, waits for Kirk, of Chaddesden, in the North Midlands, every day as he arrives at work.

Then it flies beneath the car to its nest alongside the radiator. The bird stays there till he leaves in the evening for the five-mile journey home.

Said Kirk: "I first noticed the nest and left it there . . . then the eggs appeared. Now, I drive as carefully as I can—never above 25 miles an hour."

Feed Grain Aid Due For Change

HALIFAX (CP) — Federal Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve said Wednesday changes in the federal feed grain assistance program will be announced this fall.

Mr. Sauve, also minister in charge of the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act, said the program will be extended but not basically changed.

The feed grain program provides assistance for Maritime farmers for transportation and storage of feed grains during the annual spring shortage.

DOCTORS RELAX AFTER CLINICAL DAY

A dinner for the participants of the Prince Edward Island Medical Society's Clinical day yesterday was held last night at the Charlottetown Hotel. Shown above during the dinner are, from the left: Dr. Eric Found, president of the P.E.I. Medical Society; Dr. T. A. Watson, guest speaker, director, London Clinic, Ontario Cancer Foundation; Dr. J. A. Caskey, director, department of radio therapy, Saint Joan General Hospital, Saint John, N.B.; and Dr. John Craig, provincial pathologist and director of post graduate education in P.E.I. The clinic spent all yesterday in a symposium on the various aspects of the treatment and causes of cancer. The symposium was sponsored by the P.E.I. Division of the Canadian Cancer Society.

WATER BOMBER AT WORK IN N.S. FIRES

This Canso water bomber on loan from Newfoundland has been erected with saving homes and woodlands in Nova Scotia's big fight with forest fires. The plane swings over houses threatened in suburban Halifax. It doused a dozen homes and helped prevent them from being damaged. (CP Wirephoto).