

OTTAWA JOTTINGS

Oil Painting Of Former PM Hung Outside Chamber

By John A. Macdonald, M.P.

Last week Parliament had a visit from one of our two living ex-Prime Ministers in the person of the Right Hon. Louis St. Laurent, who held that position from 1948 until 1957. The former Prime Minister looked fit and lively in contrast to his first appearance in the Session following the 1957 election. All were pleased to see him in such good health, as he has been always regarded as a man of great integrity and a very devoted and conscientious figure in the public life of our country.

The main purpose of his visit was to take part in the presentation of an oil painting which was to be placed alongside those of recent Prime Ministers just outside the main door of the House of Commons.

The ceremonies were presided over by the Right Hon. C. D. Howe and were attended by the present Prime Minister, and many Members of all parties, including former Cabinet Ministers such as J. L. Isley, Brooke Claxton, General McCrear, Douglas Abbott, Dr. McCann, Walter Harris, Hughes Lapointe, George Prudham, Roch Pinard, George Marier, and others.

On the previous evening a banquet was held in honour of Mr. St. Laurent and attended by many of the leaders and friends of his party.

All those who knew the former Prime Minister will wish him best of health, and many years in his well-earned retirement.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Recently the House of Commons held its first full-dress debate on External Affairs. The Hon. Mr. Pearson, Leader of the Opposition, himself an expert in that field, had been requesting the discussion for some time.

Even though these debates are often somewhat inconclusive, they do provide the House and the people, through the medium of Hansard and the newspapers, with a great deal of up-to-date information on many aspects of External Affairs with which they are more interested today than ever before.

WOLN'T BE SWAMPED

The Opposition Leader said he could see no reason why the Board would be swamped with applications if the age limit were raised. He said the normal pattern for a man between 40-50 was to have boys 10-15 years of age.

He felt that this was a most opportune time for farmers to buy vacant farms, since they were never lower in price. The farmer has to have more land in order to keep his power machinery working," he said.

Mr. Bell said he had gone over the act thoroughly and had no serious objection to it except the age limit to which he was referring.

Mr. Morley M. Bell, who said he had wide experience in negotiating farm loans for farmers, said one good reason for not increasing the age limit was the fact that most reliable farmers over 21-35 allowed the borrower to obtain a loan up to 85 percent of the assessed value of the farm. It did not lend money for the purchase of live stock but noted that the young farmer once having obtained the farm could use it as collateral to buy stock or machinery.

RELATING HIS EXPERIENCE further, Mr. Bell said it was often found that farmers looking for a loan owed more than the 65 percent they were seeking. In such cases, he said the loan was deferred.

George Saville (L-5th Kings) said the administration of the act would be most important. If it were handled too loosely it would be bad and similarly if it were administered too rigidly it would not help.

Mr. Saville felt that farmers receiving the loan should be given some leeway; that is to say, they should be given the privilege of working at some work to supplement their income.

FARMER-FISHERMEN

He said that in his district every farmer whose farm bordered on the shore spent a few months of the year fishing. He knew one man who wired his house and had \$30 to the good on his first day's catch of lobsters.

Mr. Cullen said some of the committee seemed to be of the opinion that farm credit schemes in other provinces were on a very wide base. He declared that nothing was further from the facts.

He agreed that Nova Scotia had a fairly generous plan but explained there was a reason for this. Nova Scotia agriculture, he said, had sunk to a pretty low ebb during the past few years.

The N.S. plan provides credit up to \$24,000 and the age limits are 21-55.

In New Brunswick, Mr. Cullen said, the scheme has emphasis on the establishment of farmers on new land only. The loan limit is \$7,500 and the age limit 50.

DIFFERENT SETUP

In Quebec, the minister, said the setup was different. There, the co-operatives along with the parish got together to underwrite the loan for the borrower. While admitting that the plan had met with great success in Quebec Mr. Cullen pointed out that 800,000 acres of land have gone out of production and the number of farms has decreased sharply.

On Ontario the age limit is 35 and the percentage of borrowing is only 60, the Minister reported.

Manitoba has a reasonably generous act but Saskatchewan has no credit establishment at all although they have distress acts

Industrial Development Seen Likely In Atlantic Provinces

AMHERST. — An increase in the future industrial development of Atlantic Canada was forecast here yesterday.

The optimistic opinion was expressed by Lawrence MacIsaac of Moncton, industrial engineer for the Canadian National Railways Atlantic region, in an address to the Maritime Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

"I would be very disappointed if at least two large developments do not take place in the Atlantic region this year," Mr. MacIsaac said. He did not elaborate.

Mr. MacIsaac noted he has been the CNR's regional industrial officer for several years. At no time in this period was there so much interest in the Atlantic Provinces by large national and international companies as there has been in the past year and at present.

Interest in newspaper and pulp and paper mills in the area is "very active," Mr. MacIsaac said. Although a projected Newfoundland mill had not become a reality "others are proposed for other of our provinces . . . as a result of possible pulp and paper mills the chemical industry is looking at and investigating the situation here . . . this is most encouraging and it points out the chain reaction that can occur when large basic industry locates in an area."

Mr. MacIsaac told the conference the CNR is more than an instrument of transportation. It looked beyond that "basic function" and took pride in its role as a partner in Canada's development.

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

Mink breeders can draw encouragement from the sales reports which are appearing from various parts of the world, and all show a good demand for mink, with prices either unchanged or in the upward brackets.

A despatch from Oslo, Norway, dated March 5, to Føtchridj News Service in New York, states that Pastel mink prices went up ten percent over January, and other mink prices were unchanged to firm, with all skins sold, at the March 5 auction of Oslo Fur Auction Company.

United States buyers took a large portion of the goods, with Italy and West Germany also active. Topaz, Silver Blue and Sapphire were firm to January prices, and Palomino was unchanged. Approximately 40,000 Pastel, 4,000 Topaz, 3,000 Palomino, 7,500 Silver Blue and 7,500 Sapphires were sold.

Here are some of the prices (converted to American money): Pastel males averaged \$25.50; tops got \$39.25. Topaz males averaged \$21.25; tops for \$28. Palomino males averaged \$20; with a top of \$30.25. Silver Blue males (tops) brought \$26. Sapphire males average \$22.75, with a top of \$37.75.

SAID DICKENS

This is the way a clever writer sums up the mink market in New York: "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times; . . . thus, Charles Dickens might have described February fur business in mid-town New York, had he talked to buyers for department and specialty stores there."

"Volume and unit sales averaged about five percent above February, 1958, but levels differed widely in some areas. Some buyers reported that it had been a good month, sales definitely ahead of the comparable month of 1957; others said it was only fair, with sales about even with last year; and a few others reported sales below those for last year."

"Mink, of course, was the most wanted fur in all garments, with Pastel the favorite color choice. Running even behind Pastel came Ranch and Sapphire, according

to information from the buyers. NORWAY BLUE

And here is a late report on fox from Norway. "Norwegian blue fox prices were slightly lower than December levels at Oslo Fur Auction, Ltd., on March 4th. The offering of 15,000 skins was 100 percent sold. New York buyers were active, with Italy and West Germany also buying.

Finer skins averaged \$32; top prices rose as high as \$48. The overall average was \$28.

Ed Gold, reporting on the recent Hudson's Bay Company Fur Sales Auction in New York City, states that 60,000 EMBA dressed Cerulean types were 76 percent sold over the two-day period.

Price levels were described as "very firm" to the previous H. B. C. sale. Here are some of the results: Ceruleans - \$43 for top males and \$18 for females; Stearles - \$45 for top males and \$19.25 for females; Breath of Spring - \$52 for top males and \$18.75 for females; Azure Winterblues - \$68 for top males and \$25.50 for females (85 percent sold); Homo Sapphires - \$100 for top males and \$39.50 for females (97 percent sold). Both lots (homo sapphires) were purchased by J. Weingart and Son, New York.

EARLY START

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MONTAGUE—The driver of a two-ton truck escaped injury when the vehicle left the highway at the foot of Bell's Hill during Thursday's night storm.

The truck, driven by Preston Pearson, and owned by Daney Wilson, was loaded with potatoes and received considerable damage.

It was reported the driver apparently pulled to the side of the road to avoid a collision with another vehicle. The truck came to rest near a roadside table at the foot of the hill.

PISQUID EAST Curling Draw

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hughes, Bedford, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay with sons Merlin and Irwin were visitors to Charlottetown, Wednesday.

Mrs. Wallace Birt was hostess to the ladies of the Pisquid East Women's Institute Wednesday night, March 4th., with a large attendance of members present. After routine business was completed, a contest was put on by Mrs. Floyd Jay, won by Mrs. Edward Jay, Gladys Birt and Mrs. Harold Jay, drawn by Gladys Birt. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by her daughter Mrs. Robert Leard.

Miss George Dover, teacher in Mount Stewart, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle MacDonald Lorne Valley, were visitors in Pisquid East Sunday, the guests of Mrs. MacDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Birt Leard and daughter Carol, Lorne Valley, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Dover Sunday evening.

Miss Mildred Rodgerson, teacher in Marshfield spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rodgerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny MacDon-

ald and little son Johnny Charlottetown, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. MacDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jay.

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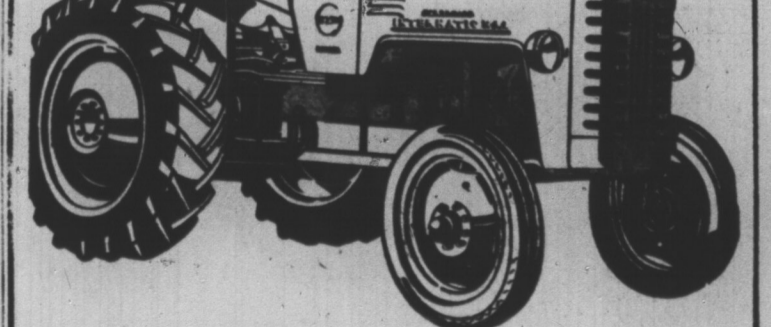
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WHOLESALE GROCERS TROPHY WINNERS

A rink skipped by Doug. McGowan (left) of Montague last night won the Wholesale Grocers Trophy at the Confederation Bon-

spiel at the Charlottetown Curling Club. Other members of the McGowan rink were, Larry Campbell, mate, Wally Rodd, second,

Duke MacPhail, lead. The runner-up rink was skipped by Dr. Wen MacDonald of Charlottetown.

Crowded Program Faces British PM At Ottawa

By ALAN HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — A crowded program — topped inevitably by discussions on Germany — is being prepared for Prime Minister Macmillan's one-day Ottawa visit next week.

The British prime minister, carrying to North America his current role as travelling co-ordinator of Western diplomacy, will arrive by air from London early next Wednesday and go on the next day to Washington for talks with President Eisenhower.

In Ottawa, Mr. Macmillan will meet Prime Minister Diefenbaker, External Affairs Minister Smith and senior foreign service officers for intensive talks on Germany.

Canadian leaders are eager to learn whether the British prime minister, fresh from journeyings to Moscow, Bonn and Paris, comes here with any new ideas for resolving the central problem of the cold war.

Canadian and British views, notably on the need for flexibility in negotiation, are believed virtually identical.

COMMONWEALTH ISSUES

Toujours Germany dominates the agenda, observers say other matters may be discussed. An exchange of views is expected, for instance, on how the Commonwealth should react if the former British colony of Cyprus, rejoicing in newly won freedom, makes a formal application to join the Commonwealth.

Without elaborating, one informant said the "evolution of the Commonwealth" in general would be another likely topic. Under this head, ministers might discuss Nigeria's assumption of full and independent membership in the Commonwealth, slated for 1960.

Some speculation has been aroused in Ottawa by Mr. Macmillan's decision to open his North American visit here instead of in Washington.

Officially, this is described as an "accident of timing." Unofficially, there is some disposition to speculate that Mr. Macmillan chose Ottawa deliberately, feeling he could use some Canadian moral support before meeting President Eisenhower.

In this analysis, the British leader is believed to have felt he might have a better case for a "soft" approach on Germany if he could go to Washington armed with assurance of full Canadian backing.

BOTH SEEM RECEPTIVE

Both the British and Canadian governments have indicated in public statements a greater receptivity towards proposals for military disengagement in Eur-

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