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School Finance Survey Planned By P.E.I. Gov't

'Equalization' Grant Promised

A complete survey of school finance in the Province will be undertaken this fall by the provincial government. It will be carried out by Dr. M. E. LaZerte, dean of education in the University of Manitoba.

In making the announcement in the Legislature yesterday during the course of the draft address, Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education said Dr. LaZerte's report "should awaken our people to a renewed interest in educational development and will enable the charting of a sound course based on relative facts for future educational advancement."

The Minister said that prior to the financial study and implementation of steps that may follow, the government proposes to alleviate inequalities of ability to finance education in rural schools.

He pointed out that 32 school districts in the province have an assessed valuation in excess of \$100,000 with group tax rates averaging 94 cents on the \$100. There are 118 districts with an assessed valuation between \$50,000 and \$100,000 with an average rate of \$1.20 per \$100 and 100 school districts with an average assessment below \$50,000 with an average tax rate of \$1.97 per \$100.

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He said these grants will be arranged on a per pupil basis and will be directly related to the property valuation per classroom. "I do not foresee many initial difficulties, but any system of grants can eventually be improved with experience," the Minister said.

Mr. Clark pictured the equalization grants as solving many of the difficult problems in the poorer districts, including sub-standard supplements paid to teachers.

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PROMOTED

OTTAWA (CP)—Promotion of Group Captain Morris B. MacKinnon, 52, of Charlottetown to the rank of air commodore was announced Wednesday by the RCAF. He now is chief of material at RCAF headquarters here. He is a son of Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, Charlottetown.

Fog Delays Ferry Sailing From Nfld.

MONCTON (CP)—Fog halted an aerial survey of ice fields Wednesday delaying the departure from Port Aux Basques, Nfld., of the CNR's train ferry Prince Edward Island.

The ferry, which put in at the Newfoundland port last week after heavy ice blocked her passage home, was awaiting the report of the survey before venturing out.

She is expected to start for P.E.I. today accompanied by the Transport Department ice-breaker Labrador. The Prince Edward Island normally operates across Northumberland Strait between Borden, P.E.I., and Cape Tormentine, N.B. It was returning from refit in Halifax when ice forced her to detour.

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Steady Increase Is Seen In Agricultural Products

Prince Edward Island has increased its agricultural production more than any other province between 1951-56 and at the same time returned less land to wilderness, Hon. Eugene Cullen said yesterday, speaking on the draft address.

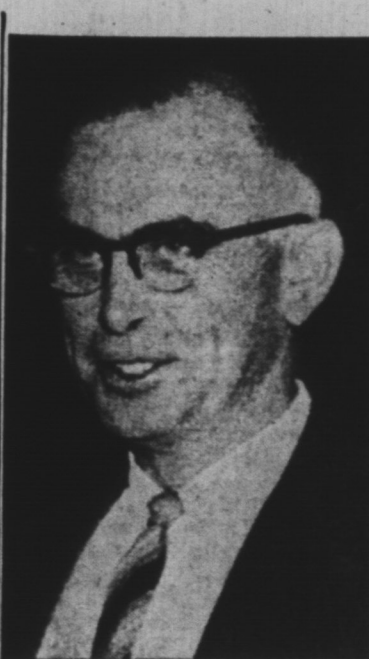
Mr. Cullen said that while Prince Edward Island had returned only 2.7 per cent of its farm land to wilderness, the Province of Ontario during the same five-year period had returned 4.8 per cent of its land representing a million acres.

Turning to Federal agriculture, Mr. Cullen strongly questioned the policy of the present Minister, Mr. Harkness, who in a speech made at the Canadian Agricultural Conference last year advised farmers to avoid over-producing that for which they could not find markets in Canada.

"What am I supposed to tell the farmers of Prince Edward Island—that they must not over produce? One thing I can honestly say about Hon. Mr. Gardiner, during his long term of office, he never once suggested that farmers cut down in production."

The Minister said this message coming from Mr. Harkness was rather strange in view of pre-election promises the PC party had made that farmers would receive parity prices and they would restore the British market.

Mr. Cullen spoke briefly before adjournment of the House.



HON. EUGENE CULLEN

Coal Aid Scheme Is Expected Soon

OTTAWA (CP)—Dominion Coal Board recommendations for emergency federal assistance to Nova Scotia's stricken coal-mining industry are expected to be placed before a government committee late this week.

The help is likely to take the form of higher subventions—treasury contributions towards freighting coal to central Canadian markets—it was reported following meetings of the board Tuesday and Wednesday.

The subventions are customarily set on a year-to-year basis, so any additional help probably would be for one year only with the situation to be surveyed again at the end of that period.

Along with any emergency help for the eastern province, the cabinet is expected to establish simultaneously its general subvention policy for the fiscal year that starts April 1. However, indications are there will be no major changes in subvention aid to other areas.

In the Commons, H. J. Robichaud (L-Gloucester) tried unsuccessfully to bring about an emergency debate on the problems of the Maritime coal industry but was ruled out of order.

YARMOUTH, N. S. (CP)—Grade seven pupil Gary Lawrence Crosby, 13, of nearby South Ohio drowned Wednesday in a pond a few steps from school during the noon recess. The body was recovered.

Representative James Fulton (Rep. Pa.) wanted to know whether Vanguard II, launched Tuesday, could spot a nuclear explosion and immediately send back information on it.

"I think so, yes," Hagen replied. He then added he wanted to wait on more data from the satellite before saying just how small a cloud it could detect.

Fulton, suggested that if it could spot a nuclear blast there might be no need for an international inspection system to check on whether nations abided by agreement not to set off nuclear bombs.

Hagen said to another question, that it is too soon to speculate on the possibility of a satellite detecting missiles in flight.

Dr. John P. Hagen, Nova Scotia-born director of the Vanguard division of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, was asked about the possibility of nuclear-explosion detection in an appearance before a congressional space committee.

Queen Mother Arrives For Uganda Visit

ENTEBBE, Uganda (Reuters)—The Queen Mother arrived by Wednesday after a two-week visit to Kenya.

The sun was shining brightly as she stepped from her plane after a short flight over Lake Victoria from Kisumu, where she completed her Kenya tour earlier in the day.

Large crowds waved greetings at the airport and hundreds lined her route to Government House, where she will stay as a guest of Governor Sir Frederick Crawford.

In Kisumu, the Queen Mother signed the visitors' book at the town hall, watched by 1,000 silent Africans.

African Leader Adala Otuku, explaining the silence, said it had no connection with a boycott call by nationalist politicians.

"I am sure there is no boycott," he said. "Everyone who could get here has come. It is the custom of the Luo people when a royal personage or a great chief passes by not to wave or shout but to stand still, and to bow the head."

The cool reception came after Oginga Odinga, chairman of the African-elected members of the Kenya legislative council, told Africans:

"Go and see her if you wish, but in view of the current political situation, she should not be given a really warm welcome."

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. Indian girls won three trophies in an Irish dancing contest here Tuesday.

One boy also took part in the competition, but he didn't get anywhere. He was from Limerick, Ireland.

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AFRICAN BOUQUET FOR QUEEN MOTHER

An African youngster turns away shyly after presenting a bouquet to Queen Mother Elizabeth II during her visit to the Bondeni community center at Nakuru, Kenya. The Queen Mother is on a three-week tour of Kenya and Uganda.

(AP Wirephoto)

Myers Raps Gov't On Its Northern Market Policy

Strong criticism of "the Island Government's failure to develop its northern Canadian Markets" was voiced by Frank Myers (PC 1st Queens), speaking on the draft address.

Mr. Myers recalled that in 1954 Mr. Cullen, the then Minister of Natural Resources made a trip to this region and the following year presented "a very encouraging report to the Legislature but nothing has happened since."

He said it was also discouraging to read the Minister's report of last year which stated these ports were being supplied mostly by Western Canada.

Mr. Myers dealt for some time with government policies and statements made by members of the government.

He assured the House that "there was nothing but good will and love existing between him and the party leader, Mr. Shaw"—a point which was questioned on more than one occasion by Premier Matheson.

RESENTED REMARK
Mr. Myers said he resented a remark made by the Provincial Treasurer while the Premier was observing the large number of spectators in the House.

The member from Crapaud said the Provincial Treasurer referred to the visitors as "the unemployed". Mr. Myers said, "These are true citizens of this country who have every right to be in this House and among them was my own rectory who is a newcomer to this province. What are people going to think when they are greeted in this manner?"

"After listening to the Premier's speech," said Mr. Myers, "I was reminded of the story of the two Scotsmen after attending a funeral—One said to the other, 'how old are you Sandy?', and the other replied, '94'. Do you think it is worthwhile going home?' said the brother.

"I am wondering" said Mr. Myers, "is it worth the Premier's while to come to the country in this next election?"

Mr. Myers noted that the revenue from liquor sold in the province during 1958 showed an increase of \$201,764 over the previous year and recalled the budget speech of last year in which the Provincial Treasurer "was happy to report that liquor sales had not increased appreciably, although they do act as a barometer of economic conditions."

"If what the Provincial Treasurer says is correct—why all this gloom that we hear about?" said Mr. Myers.

Mr. Douglas: "You were advocating more liquor last year."

Turning to freight rates, Mr. Myers said he was in 100 per cent accord with the Island government in their protest against the recent 17 per cent increase. "But why should the government take such strong exception when the rates jumped 123 per cent since 1948?" he asked.

He said the Federal Government had promised to make a review of the freight rate structure and some redress could be expected.

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By GARVEN HUDGINS
LONDON (AP)—Delegates to the London conference on the future of Cyprus hammered away at differences in a two-hour emergency meeting Wednesday night. Prospects for agreement appeared to brighten.

Diplomatic sources said another session set for today could bring peace and independence to the eastern Mediterranean island colony. Wednesday night's surprise meeting produced an atmosphere favorable for such a decisive step, they said.

Differences earlier reported centring on Greek Cypriot Archbishop Makarios were said to have been smoothed out.

As long as Secretary Dulles believes that he is in shape to carry on, he is exactly the person I want."

On the domestic scene, Eisenhower said he didn't see any good that would come from a proposed march on Washington to dramatize the plight of the unemployed, as suggested by union leader Walter Reuther.

In the international field, the press conference turned to Mexico—a few hours in advance of his takeoff on a trip to Texas and then on to Acapulco for an informal meeting with Mexican President Adolfo Lopez Mateos, Eisenhower said his main purpose "is to pay my respects to the president of a great neighboring republic."

Seaway—Eisenhower indicated he won't stop over in New York State for American ceremonies next June on the way back from Montreal, where he will join the Queen in opening the St. Lawrence Seaway. He said there should be no hurt feelings, as the Queen and Prince Philip are going as far as Chicago in order to visit the American midwest.

Eisenhower said:

Dulles has been stricken with a recurrence of cancer. But Eisenhower said the doctors have assured him that "there is nothing in his disease that is going to touch his heart and his head, and that is what we want."

Eisenhower denied reports that Dulles has offered to resign as a result of his illness. He said he has not discussed a possible successor with anyone.

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