

"Give It A Try" Says Minister To Fish Dealers

OTTAWA (CP) — Government legislation making major changes in unemployment insurance won all-party approval in the Commons Tuesday, indicating a smooth passage through Parliament.

Labour Minister Gregg's measure—already endorsed in principle by the Commons—provides for:

1. Enabling the unemployment insurance commission to bring Canada's 72,000 commercial fishermen under insurance protection.

2. Reinstating for insurance benefits some of the 100,000 insured workers disqualified from collecting benefits last fall because of a 1955 overhaul of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

3. The provisions for requalifying an estimated half of those disqualified last year slid through the committee without objection from any member in clause-by-clause consideration. Now there are any objections to the government's plan to bring fresh and salt water commercial fishermen under insurance coverage.

MOST WORK 24 WEEKS
The sections dealing with workers generally provide that worker-employer payments of 24 weeks into the \$850,000,000 insurance fund in a given year will be enough to qualify a laid-off employee for insurance benefits.

The existing qualifying time of 30 weeks—a 1955 shift from a daily basis—had the effect of rendering ineligible many workers who did not have quite 30 weeks of contributions though they could have qualified on the pre-1955 daily basis.

On the fishing provisions of the bill, Mr. Gregg said the government intends to have the plan go into effect for fishermen at the April 1 start of the 1957-58 fiscal year. Collections would start then, in time to qualify fishermen for the cold weather off-season of the fishery.

OUTLINE SCHEME

While details of the fishermen's coverage are still to be worked out, Mr. Gregg and a battery of unemployment insurance commission officials gave the committee this information:

1. The scheme will be mandatory for persons whose main employment is fishing.
2. Benefits for fishermen would be paid only during the present Jan. 1-April 15 period of annual seasonal benefits to other workers in this period of peak unemployment.
3. Fishermen would draw the same weekly payments as other workers. This means a top of \$30 for those with dependents and \$23 for those without.
4. Fishermen working part-time in other industries and making insurance contributions would have such contributions "integrated" into their insurance as fishermen.

"The idea is to carry out as much integration as possible, but it is too early to draw a definite line," Mr. Gregg said.

"GIVE IT A TRY"
The minister was asked what fish buyers think about being designated under the bill as employers—and thus subject to making payments to the insurance fund—of fishermen from whom they buy catches.

"I'd say they wouldn't go out of their way to recommend this bill," Mr. Gregg replied, but he added there appears an "inclination to the 30,000-member Dominion Council of Professional Engineers and is to be attended by 75 leaders in education, government, the professional societies, labor and industry."

CHARGE CLIMBERS

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — Edward Fowler, 18, and Mike Greeley, both of Knoxville, Tenn., who climbed in a prohibited area in the Rockies, were charged Monday with failing to register their trip with the park warden service. During the climb Fowler slipped 80 feet into a crevasse. Park officials said the youths hiked into an area out of bounds for hiking.

HEADS GUEST LIST

ANTIGONISH, N. S. (CP) — Claude Jodoin, president of the Canadian Labor Congress, heads the guest speaker list for the Aug. 19-21 biennial rural and industrial conference to be held here by St. Francis Xavier University's extension department. Maritime leaders of industry, labor and the co-operative movement will attend.

NEWSY NOTES

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ARE CANADIAN PESTICIDES SAFE?

In Canada, any chemical compound used for the control of noxious, injurious or troublesome forms of animal or plant life, is known as a pesticide. Before such compounds can be sold in Canada, they must be registered under the Pest Control Products Act, which is administered by the Plant Products Division of the Federal Department of Agriculture. From time to time we have heard or read of the dangers said to arise from the use by farmers and others of pesticides to protect their crops from insects, diseases and weeds.

The number of agricultural chemical compounds sold in Canada has greatly increased in recent years, many of them are far more efficient than those previously available. These all must conform to the strict regulations laid down in the Pest Control Products Act, and Canada has an excellent record of safety in connection with the use of these agricultural chemicals. The various groups in the Government and industry have taken the necessary precautions to assure the safe use of these pesticides, which are examined and studied under three main phases: Safety, but data concerning its toxic effect in handling; effectiveness; and the absence of any injury when used on edible food crops.

(a) Safety in handling. The Act provides that if the chemical is considered injurious or detrimental to public health, registration may be refused. The manufacturer must submit acceptable evidence, not only that the product can be used without causing injury to man, but data concerning its toxic effect, if any, on warm blooded animals.

The National Health and Welfare Department examine pesticides to determine that they are not injurious to individuals handling them during manufacture, nor to those who apply them to agricultural crops. The manufacturer, where necessary, must place on his labels an outline that clearly states how the chemical may be safely handled, as prescribed by the Department, before approval can be granted.

(b) Effectiveness. Those that administer the Act must have assurance that the pesticide is effective for the purposes claimed. They require reliable data to show that it has produced adequate control of the pest concerned, over a period of not less than three years, when used according to directions. They require that copies of these directions be given on the label, which must bear the manufacturer's name and brand, giving the common or prescribed name of the chemical, and the percentage or weight of the active substance must also be stated.

mable or sustain injury from freezing precautions must be stated. If it is poisonous, it must be marked plainly as such, and a suitable antidote prescribed. The Department's inspectors collect samples of pesticides from time to time as they appear for sale on the market and these are checked to see that they conform to the manufacturer's claim regarding its analysis and the requirements on the label.

When pesticides are imported into Canada, the import shipments must be accompanied with a signed statement declaring their nature, intended uses and registration status. Those improperly labeled or that do not comply with the Act, may be placed under detention until the law is complied with.

(c) Pesticides must have no injurious effects when used on edible food crops. Many pesticides are used on food crops, and leave a chemical residue on the fruit or other crop at harvest time; these pesticides come under the Canadian Food and Drug Act which is administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare. The Act prescribes very definite rulings to insure the safety of the consumer. The Act is very clear and the Department must see that no food product contains, or has on it, hazardous quantity of a pesticide residue when offered for sale to the consuming public in Canada.

The manufacturer must supply the National Health Department with evidence showing the amounts of the pesticide which may be found on the food at harvest time when the chemical is used as directed on the label. He must also give toxicity data, which indicate beyond reasonable doubt, the amount of the chemical that it would be safe for humans to consume. This data will enable the Department to establish a residue tolerance for the chemical, which is usually expressed in parts per million, of the chemical on or in the food, and the maximum amount that can be allowed in the food.

Some pesticide chemicals may have a zero tolerance, so that they can only be used under conditions which result in no residue remaining on the food or crop at harvest. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to see that his directions on the label are such that the residue of the chemical if any, found on the crop, complies with the regulations of the act.

Belgrade Bans Papal Message

BELGRADE Reuters — The government Monday banned the printing and distribution in Yugoslavia of a pastoral letter from the Pope.

An announcement by the federal public prosecutor said the letter "contains a series of slanders and untrue allegations about conditions in our country, particularly that possibilities do not exist in our country for the free activity of religious communities and their adherents."

"It represents a gross attempt to misuse religion for political purposes, and is an inadmissible interference in the internal affairs of our country."

"The whole contents of the letter confirm that it was written with the intention of harming the reputation of our country by making untrue allegations."

A dispatch from Rome said the Pope's letter, published July 14, was addressed to the archbishops, bishops, clergy and members of Catholic lay organizations in Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland, Romania and East Germany.

For the last 10 years "the Church of Christ in eastern Europe has been deprived, though not everywhere in the same manner of its rights," it said. "Pious associations and religious organizations have been violently broken up. The clergy has been hindered in the exercise of its ministry when it has not been deported, exiled or imprisoned."

HOWLAN

There arrived in Howlan on Saturday evening July 21 Mr. and Mrs. Francis Blanchard and Merlin and Merva, Hamilton, Ontario, who will spend their vacation here.

Arriving on Sunday evening, July 22 were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Griffin and children Valerie and Terry, Toronto, who will spend two weeks in Howlan and Lot 7.

Leaving for their homes in Maine and New Brunswick on Monday, July 23, were Joe and Arthur DesRoches and Mr. and Mrs. Basil DesRoches. They spent the past two weeks at Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peters, Fortune Cove.

The St. Anthony's picnic which was held on the church grounds on Wednesday July 18 was a splendid success.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pleneau of Ontario are now vacationing in Bloomfield with their relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arsenault of the Kelley Road, were in Howlan on Sunday night, July 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gallant and family visited Sunday evening July 22 with Eddie's parents.

The Misses Lauretta and Francis Arsenault have returned from a trip to the United States.

Friends from far and near regret to hear of Leo Gallant's misfortune on Wednesday. Mr. Gallant who lives in Plusville suffered both his legs broken, a fractured pelvis and a serious injury to his shoulder. The accident happened while he was hauling heavy lumber from Lot 7. Mr. Gallant was immediately taken by ambulance to Prince County Hospital. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery. Mr. Gallant is married and has a large family of young children.

Mr. Howard Arsenault of Summerside is now visiting at Lot 6.

Mrs. Dominick Arsenault of New Brunswick attended St. Anthony's picnic on Wednesday July 18.

There motored to and from Charlottetown on Sunday afternoon, July 22 Paul Doron, Mrs. Jerry Arsenault, Mrs. Howard Arsenault, Mrs. Mary Arsenault and Miss Susan Arsenault.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallant of Dorchester, motored to Plusville on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Griffin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallant and little son Michael, Toronto, who are visiting their family in Plusville called on their relatives in Howlan on Monday afternoon. They were accompanied by Mrs. Gallant's mother, Mrs. Charles Gallant of Plusville. They plan to return to Ontario on Thursday, July 26.

Mr. and Joe Des Roches and Mrs. Agass Gallant were in Plusville on Monday July 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gallant.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward MacMillan and family, Bedeque, were in Howlan and Cape Wolf on Sunday.



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