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Widely scattered snowflurries clearing during morning. cold-er. Low-high at Charlotte-town 25 and 15.

CHARLOTTETOWN, CANADA THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1957



OWNER LOOKS DISCONSOLATELY AT RUINS OF HIS HOME

Fire Destroys Dwelling Of Alfred MacPhail At Bonshaw

An hour and a half after smoke was discovered coming from the dwelling of Mr. Alfred MacPhail, Bonshaw, a pile of smouldering embers was all that was left to mark the spot where previously a seven roomed dwelling had stood. The fire started some time between nine and ten o'clock yesterday morning while Mr. MacPhail, the only occupant of the house was a short distance away at the village store. Mr. MacPhail said he could not offer an opinion as to how the fire started. He had had a fire going in the kitchen range from 7.00 a.m. and as was his custom on many other occasions, had left it burning while he was away from the house. Willing neighbours quickly gathered at the scene of the fire but lack of fire fighting equip-



ARRIVING TODAY

Captain Antony Fenwick Pickard, O.B.E., C.D., R.C.N., chief of staff to the Flag Officer, R.C.N. (Reserve), Hamilton, Ont., will arrive in the Province today to inaugurate a special recruiting campaign in this area.

Maritime Mayors Seek Better Taxation Deal With C. N. R.

Negotiation of agreements with the Canadian National Railways, with the idea of obtaining a basis Crown property, as announced by full taxation now in effect on the Federal Government was the chief matter under discussion at a meeting of Maritime Mayors held at Moncton yesterday. The meeting had been called by His Worship Mayor J.D. Stewart of Charlottetown who presided. Present for the discussions were the mayors from Halifax, Moncton, St. John and Fredericton. The meeting was held in the office of Mayor Joyce of Moncton. Arrangements have been made for a meeting to be held with Canadian National Railway officials in Montreal on January 21 at which time negotiations will be continued.

DIEFENBAKER BLASTS GOVERNMENT

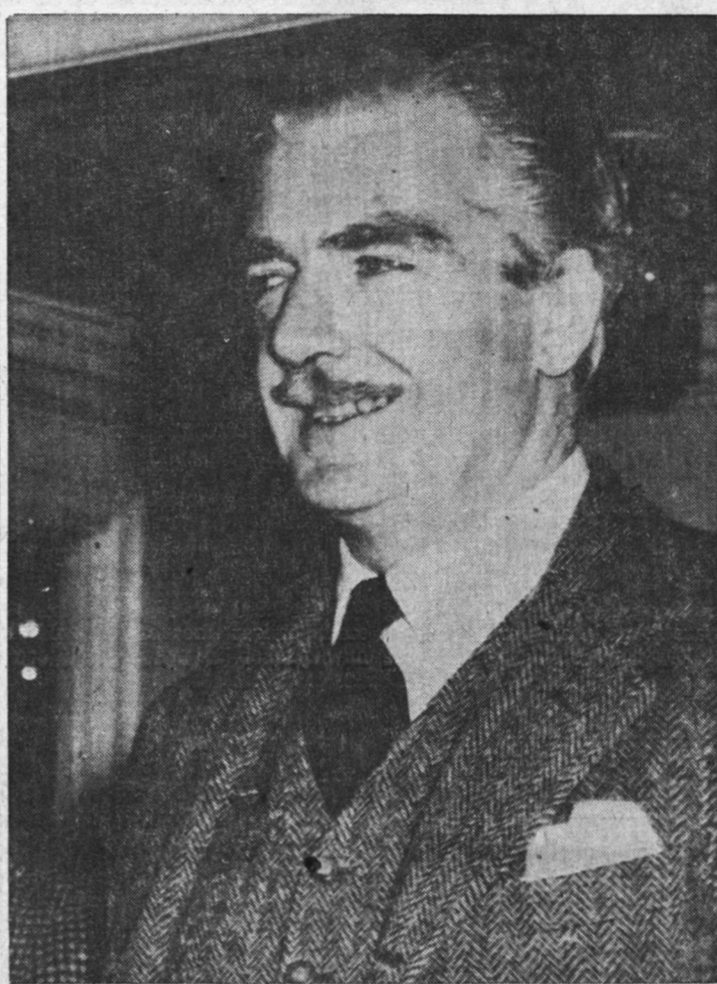
Charge Leadership Weak

OTTAWA (CP)—Opposition parties charged Wednesday that the government has lost the confidence of the Canadian people. Prime Minister St. Laurent suggested an election soon will test that charge. The opposition accusations were levelled in non-confidence motions presented by the Progressive Conservative and CCF parties at the Commons throne speech debate got off to a vigorous start. Conservative Chief Diefenbaker, in his new role as official opposition leader, said in his motion that the Liberal government has lost the confidence both of Parliament and the Canadian people because of its "indifference, inertia, and lack of leadership in the face of serious national and international problems." CCF Leader Coldwell followed with an amendment to the Conservative motion adding criticism of the government for not announcing legislation to establish a national health insurance plan. Mr. St. Laurent said a Commons vote will soon decide whether the government has the confidence of the House. The opposition motions will be voted on at the end of the 10-day throne speech debate. CRITICIZE SPEECH Then, in an apparent reference to reports that a federal general election likely will be held in June

Eden Resigns Post As British Prime Minister

Tribute At Ottawa To Sir Anthony

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent Wednesday expressed "deep regret" at the news that Sir Anthony Eden has been forced to retire as Britain's prime minister because of his health. "I am sure we all share with the people of the United Kingdom their regrets at what seems to be—I hope not the end—but a serious alteration in the kind of service Sir Anthony Eden can render his fellow citizens." Opposition Leader Diefenbaker joined the prime minister in paying tribute in the Commons to the British leader. CCF leader Coldwell and Social Credit Leader Low commented outside the Commons. Mr. Coldwell said the resignation of the 59-year-old British prime minister after 21 months in office does not surprise him "because of the obvious division of opinion among the public and the British cabinet over the way the Middle East situation has been handled." Mr. Low said Sir Anthony's resignation is "to be regretted at a time like this."



SIR ANTHONY EDEN

N. H. Aims Law At Canadians

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)—A bill to ban Canadian-owned motor vehicles from New Hampshire state highways unless their owners have liability insurance was filed in the state House of Representatives Wednesday. The measure would force Canadians to carry liability insurance under supervision of the New Hampshire motor vehicle commissioner. The bill would take effect July 1, 1958.

Resignation Of Eden Appeared Welcome Move At Washington

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Wednesday wished Sir Anthony Eden a speedy recovery and "many useful years of happiness" but expressed no regret at his resignation. Diplomats speculated on the possibility of an early meeting between Eden's successor and Eisenhower. Eden himself had tried to arrange a meeting but his overtures were rebuffed. It was said that Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles did not want to appear too friendly with either Eden or French Premier Guy Mollet so soon after Eden and Mollet had sent their troops into Egypt and been denounced for that action by the United Nations and the United States. Officials also said there was a fundamental loss of confidence in Eden and his policies in Washington. The same loss of confidence may be said to apply to Mollet.

MOVE WELCOMED

Eden's resignation thus was privately welcomed by Washington authorities. Eisenhower issued a statement on Eden's action which said "Mrs. Eisenhower and I extend to him and to Lady Eden our hopes that Sir Anthony will soon fully recover his health so that he may have many useful years of happiness ahead."

LOUDBREAKERS FOR HOUSE

TORONTO (CPA) loudspeaker system will be installed in the Ontario Legislature before the 1957 session opens about the end of this month, public works officials said Wednesday.

Record Supply Of Feed Grains On Hand

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada has a record supply of feed grains on hand, the bureau of statistics reported Wednesday. Gross supplies available for the 1956-57 crop year—Aug. 1, 1956 to July 31, 1957—are estimated at 23,300,000 tons, compared with 19,900,000 tons in the preceding year.

ATLEE "SORRY"

Earl Atlee who as Atlee formerly headed the Labour party, said he was sorry to hear Eden's health "has broken down." Lord Atlee was in Moline, Ill. a lecture tour. Herbert Morrison foreign secretary in the former Labour Government said that Eden's resignation was "an indication that the Conservative Party must be bad way."

EXTREME CHANGE

Temperature on the North African deserts may range from 120 degrees in the afternoon to below freezing at night.

Successor Not Yet Announced

LONDON (CP)—Sir Anthony Eden resigned Wednesday night as prime minister. He said his health does not allow him to carry on. The 59-year-old statesman stepped down with the "utmost regret" after 21 months as Sir Winston Churchill's successor. Robert A. (Rab) Butler, 54, government leader in the House of Commons, was most talked of as Eden's likely successor. There was some feeling that Harold Macmillan, 62, chancellor of the exchequer, was still in the running. There also was a chance that a dark horse might emerge for the job. Among those mentioned in this category was Duncan Sandys, Sir Winston Churchill's son-in-law. The new prime minister is expected to take office today. The leader of the opposition Labour party, Hugh Gaitskell, called for a general election "because the whole cabinet has publicly identified themselves completely with the foreign policy pursued... in the last three months." But there was no indication the opposition would get its wish.

GIVES HEALTH REASON

The Conservatives won the last election in May 1955 and have three years to go before another is necessary. But as the majority party they could call one at any time they desired. Eden stepped down while the repercussions still were sounding from the ill-starred invasion of Egypt he authorized in October. In resigning he said: "I do not feel that it is right for me to continue in office... knowing that I shall be unable to do my full duty."

HAD SHORT TERM

The Queen normally would be the advice of the retiring minister in calling upon statesman to form a government. But she is not bound to do so and can consult other advisers. Eden's tenure of months—is the second in this century. Only a month term of the Canadian Andrew Bonar Law in shorter.

NATION UNSUSPECTING

He spent 40 minutes with the Queen. Then came the palace announcement, breaking the news on the unsuspecting nation. "The Right Honourable Sir Anthony Eden M.P. (prime minister and first lord of the treasury) had an audience of the Queen this evening and tendered his resignation as prime minister and first lord of the treasury, which her majesty was pleased to accept."

THICKET PORTAGE, Man.

(CP)—Two men who leaped from a Bombardier snowmobile seconds before it exploded while crossing an isolated northern Manitoba lake escaped injury and have reached safety at this northern outpost, 350 miles north of Winnipeg. First reports reaching Flin Flon said 17 men were aboard the Bombardier and were missing. It was not immediately known how the erroneous report originated unless through a gabled message. The explosion occurred on 17-mile lake. Mr. Everett, company representative at Thicket Portage, said the Bombardier was on route from Thicket Portage—a railway point on the Canadian National Railways line to Churchill—to a drill

VEHICLE CAUGHT

Mr. Everett's snowmobile was caught fire 20 miles north of Thicket Portage. The two men jumped out and walked clear before it exploded. Only an eye was salvaged. It was 20 degrees below zero and snow drifting in a strong wind made visibility almost zero. He said the men walked miles to a fishing camp where they were later picked up by Barney Baldwinson of Thicket Portage and brought to Flin Flon. Neither suffered any ill effects. A \$700,000 mining development has been launched by International Nickel Company.

Consider Trying European Oysters In The Maritimes

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal fisheries department is considering the introduction of European oysters in Maritime waters the fisheries research board was told here Wednesday. The step may be taken in an effort to create an oyster fishing industry in areas where clam fishing has been seriously depleted. The information was contained in a report presented the board's annual meeting. A fisheries official said the department has found it impossible to devise methods to restore clam beds. The depletion of the beds has occurred over a period of years and is due to the fact that young clams are accidentally killed by fishing methods.

\$506,537 OVER 1955

Island Fisheries Enjoyed A Most Favourable Year

The following is a review of the Fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the year 1956 prepared by District Protection Officer L.C. Johnston. The figures quoted in this summary are taken from preliminary reports and are subject to change when final returns are completed for the year. The year's operations were very satisfactory. Most all the important varieties show substantial increases in catch and landed value, as compared with the previous year. The increase in the catch amounted to 47,616 hundredweight, with an increase in value of \$605,537. The total quantity of all fish landed during the year was 406,940 hundredweight with a landed value of \$3,742,085, as compared with 359,324 hundredweight landed in 1955 valued at \$3,136,548.

Get Treat In Seamanship As Maggie Takes On Fuel At Sea

By JACK BRAYLEY Canadian Press Staff Writer BOARD MAGNIFICENT (CP) Troops aboard this carrier were treated to some nice seamanship Tuesday as the Maggie met with a pair of United States 6th Fleet service ships for oil and fresh provisions. As Capt. A. B. Fraser-Harris edged his ship into a tricky parallel running position with the big, well-armed supply ships he got complimentary loud hail from the senior American captain. "Wish our ships could do it as well." The ships met in mid-morning and steamed three abreast for five hours as Maggie took on oil and water from the tanker which also acted as transfer ship for provisions from a supply vessel. As the maze of pipelines, cargo slings and other rigs made transfer in turbulent white seas that sometimes wetted hard-working hands, the ships rocked along at a 12-knot clip. They had reached the rather spectacular headland of Cape Bon in Tunisia when the operation was completed.

SERENADE AT SEA

As curiols Canadian troops watched the touchy replenishment chore they got a real rock 'n' roll serenade from American ships which turned up their PA systems and blared the latest numbers of

eastern shores. There were no very heavy storms, consequently there was very little loss of boats and gear.

The fleet of small draggers operating out of Souris had a very good year. Twelve of these boats are owned in the Province and they, with some from other Provinces, landed all the haddock, plaice and witch as well as a considerable quantity of cod and hake.

COD PLENTIFUL

Cod were plentiful, especially along the north shore from North Point to East Point. The favourable weather during most of the season was a contributing factor to the increased catch, although windy weather during the fall months curtailed fishing operations to some extent. There was a substantial increase of 24,306 hundredweight in the catch, with an increase in value of \$36,383, as compared with 1955. The inshore compared with 68,482 hundredweight while the draggers landed 16,540 hundredweight making a total catch of 85,032 hundredweight. About fifty-eight percent of the

HAKE IN DEMAND

Hake were taken in considerable quantity as the demand for them was greater than in the past few years. The increase in the catch as compared with 1955 was 17,089 hundredweight with an increase in value of \$11,143. The total catch amounted to 59,681 hundredweight of which 20,162 hundredweight were landed by the draggers and 39,519 hundredweight by the inshore boats. Herring were not as plentiful as usual during the spring season, consequently, the fishermen received a slightly better price for these fish. The spring catch is practically all used for lobster bait with a small quantity being processed as bloaters. There was a small catch taken during the fall months and pickled. The windy weather during this period kept the landings down.

MORE OYSTERS

More oysters were taken than in 1955 by about 2,794 hundredweight. The demand for these shellfish was exceptionally good with prices higher than in the previous years. A considerable quantity was taken from public fishing areas, but the bulk of the catch was taken from leased areas. A much smaller catch of bivalves was taken than in 1955 as the demand for this variety is not great. There was a very small catch (continued on page 13 col 3)

catch was salted with the balance being sold fresh, frozen filleted and canned.

The catch of haddock, which was almost all taken by the dragger fleet, was up by 2,494 hundredweight with an increase in value of \$18,408 as compared with the 1955 catch. Practically all the haddock were filleted and frozen.

WINDY WEATHER

Placid and witch were fairly plentiful and the total catch of these species was 43,926 hundredweight with a landed value of \$146,494. These were all landed by the dragger fleet and were filleted and frozen.

WINDY WEATHER

The quantity of mackerel taken was greater by 4,612 hundredweight than the catch in 1955. Spring mackerel were scarce but during the late summer and fall months they were fairly plentiful along the north shore. As with other species the windy weather during the fall months hampered fishing operations and kept the catch down. The catch of smelts shows a substantial increase, as compared with 1955, but it was still below average. The total catch amounted to 9,104 hundredweight valued at \$102,899. In some areas they were plentiful during October and November. Princes paid were slightly better than in the previous year.