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Bridge And Highway Problems Discussed By Works Minister

Meat Prices Decline Sparked February Drop

Million-Dollar Sask. Bridge Near Collapse

Labor Scores Victory Over Conservatives

Drew Urges Greater Information About Defence Effort



Hon. Dougald MacKinnon

N. B. Legislature Adjourns For Easter

FREDERICTON, April 4—(CP)—With seven weeks work behind it, the New Brunswick Legislature adjourns today for an Easter recess until April 15.

Coming Events

- Seeds! Send for Free Catalog. Arthur Vesey, York.
- Redeque Flour Mills will clip-per-clean your grain.
- Rummage Sale today, Trinity Social Hall, 3 P. M.
- Benefit Dance, Vernon Hall, April 18th, Orchestra.
- Victoria Rink, Saturday night, Albany St. Pals vs. Tryone Arrows.
- Opening dance Sunnyside to-night, modern, oldtime. Burns Orchestra.
- Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- Sandy's Ramblers vs. Mt. Pleasant Bombers. Final game for Intermediate C title, Monday night, 8:30, the Forum.
- Booking orders for Strawberry Plants, Dunlap, \$1.00 per hundred, \$7.50 per thousand. Otto Curtis, Bedeque.
- For Snapshots that will not fade, mail your Films and Negatives to Garnham Photo Studios, Charlottetown.
- Reserve Friday, May 2nd, for big opening Dance in St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall. Music by Chaisson's Orchestra.
- We have a full line of clover, mangel, corn and registered Laurentian turnip seed. Order now. All seeds cash. J. Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert.
- Booking orders for Strawberry Plants, Dunlap, \$1.50 hundred, \$10.00 thousand. Premier \$1.75 hundred, \$12.00 thousand. Parker Jewell, York.
- Hockey, North River rink Saturday, April 5th. Milton Hornets and Glasgow Road Maple Leafs Married Men vs. Milton Hornets and Glasgow Road Maple Leafs Single Men. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- Collecting Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., each Tuesday at Crapaud and Carleton. When roads are impassable farmers are asked to deliver hogs to our trucks at Crapaud, and Carleton, on until 11 A. M. each Tuesday, under the same arrangement as last year. R. N. Dawson, Phone No. 12-11 or 17.
- Newman Club Pantry Sale, Saturday, 2:30, at Prowse Bros.
- Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., Charlottetown on Monday, April the 7th. Please note the change in loading day, which will apply for this week only. Tignish Co-operative, Alberton Co-operative.
- Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., Charlottetown, Tuesday morning, April the 8th, till train time. Bloomfield Co-operative, Wilbur Hardy, Conway; Elkerston Co-operative, Ellerslie; Swenson Dyment, Northam; Wellington Co-operative, Wellington.

"No engineer will say that the Hillsborough Bridge will be standing in two years," Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Highways, said yesterday in the Legislature as he rose to take part in the debate on the Budget.

Mr. MacKinnon was defending the action of the Government in participating in the Trans-Canada Highway when he mentioned that several bridges would have to be built anyway and that it was not economically sound for the Province to attempt the project by itself.

Of the Hillsborough Bridge he said that one pier was loose at the bottom and was swinging with the tide and ice. Two more were not thought to be safe. Repairs, he stated, were out of the question. It was not logical for Prince Edward Island to go ahead by itself and build a bridge which would cost so much.

He maintained that the Leader of the Opposition in "picking on" the Trans-Canada Highway was creating an impression that someone was getting something out of it and causing jealousy. He was telling people the project was unsound and that we should stop. "If I am not saying this for political reasons let him bring in a resolution to stop it."

The Minister said when he took office last June all the projects were outlined and the funds for the Department voted. He could just go ahead and administer it, while he thought Mr. Saville had been advised of the Department he realized that there are many perplexing problems faced by the private members. They see many things which a Minister cannot, "I can't keep my fingers on every little thing," he said, in asking members to come to the Department and tell him if they see anything which they think is wrong.

"I try to administer my department fairly, always remembering the oath I took on entering office," he said to the applause of the House. He said he wanted every member to tell him if they discovered any irregularities "and I'll sit it to the bottom and give punishment wherever it is due. If this had been done for the past 50 years we would not have the debt we face today."

Hon. Mr. MacKinnon said that despite the weather last year a great amount of work had been done on the roads with 142 miles (Continued on Page 11 Col. 3)

OTTAWA, April 4—(CP)—Meat prices, which helped propel living costs to unprecedented levels last year, tapered off sharply during February, pushing the cost-of-living index down 1.7 points, the biggest monthly point drop in nine years, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

A five-cent-a-pound drop in beef, coupled with other declines in pork and bacon, overrode boosts in rents, fuel, furniture and other items, the Bureau said.

Second consecutive monthly decline, it dropped the index to 189.1 from 190.8 in January and from 191.5 last December, when the index was at the highest point in history. The index is based on 1935-39 prices equal 100.

This was the first two-month-in-a-row drop since 1949, when the index slipped to 181.5 during November and to 161.0 the following month.

The February decline, pushing the living-costs score back to where it was last August, was recently forecast by Trade Minister Howe, who also predicted another when the March index is completed in about a month. The index Sept. 1 last stood at 189.8, up from 188.9 on Aug. 1.

Wholesale Prices

The Bureau's indexes for wholesale prices showed further declines during March among industrial materials but slight gains among some farm products.

Meat prices had been slipping ever before the Federal Government on Feb. 25 announced an out-

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SWIFT CURRENT, Sask., April 4—(CP)—Huge blocks of river ice have damaged the year-old, \$1,000,000 Saskatchewan Landing bridge 35 miles north of here. The 1,215-foot-long structure is in imminent danger of being knocked out.

Army engineers today rushed to the scene from Regina and the Dundurn military camp in an effort to save the bridge, the only link between Swift Current in the southwestern corner of the province and points to the northwest.

R. C. M. P. have been posted at the bridge to halt all traffic.

An ice jam built up on the South Saskatchewan River about 12 miles east of the bridge and ice blocks began pounding it late yesterday. Eye-witnesses reported seeing the span shake from the im-

pact.

The ice pile-up extends 82 miles back under the bridge and along the river from this monster jam, believed the worst in 40 years.

Government officials doubted if blasting operations planned by the army engineers would do any good. They fear that once the water begins to flow freely again and the ice is carried along with greater force the bridge may go.

Today ice was packed as high as the bridge railings and water was up to the deck. The ice jam at the bridge. At low level, the floor of the bridge is 31 feet above the water.

The bridge was open last June 20 by Premier T. C. Douglas. It replaced a 50-year-old ferry service over the South Saskatchewan at that point.

LONDON, April 4—(AP)—The Labor Party won control of the London County Council by an overwhelming margin in election returns today and trimmed Conservative majorities in 10 other counties.

Labor Party leaders hailed the results of the triennial balloting for council seats yesterday as an indication Britons are fed up with Churchill's National Conservative government, not yet six months old. Conservative leaders said the results were an inevitable reaction in which Labor "exploited the difficulties of the nation for which they themselves are largely responsible."

Blame Conservatives

Labor campaigners had blamed the Conservative Government for boosting prices, cutting food ration and adding to charges for National Health Services.

The local elections were the first since the general parliamentary election last October. Elections in many of the remaining 32 counties will be held later.

Labor gained 27 seats in London, giving it a total of 92 against only 37 for the Conservatives. In the last council, Labor and Conservatives each had 47 seats. The balance sheet, which they lost to Labor in yesterday's voting.

Labor Party candidates polled 1,899,063 votes in London, or about 55 per cent of the total. The Conservatives got 1,350,980, about 44 per cent. Liberals drew 19,723, Communists 11,031 and Independents 4,746. The Communist vote was only about half of its 1949 total.

Powerful Body

The London County Council is the most powerful legislative body in Britain outside parliament. It administers city schools, hospitals, parks, fire department and public buildings. It has charge of town planning and building regulations, licences and local taxes. The new council is scheduled to meet April 9.

Among the new members is Mrs. M. Griffiths, sister of the left-wing Labor leader, Aneurin Bevan. Forty other women also were elected to the London Council. Women won 33 seats here in 1949.

Outside London, Labor made other gains: 10 seats in Middlesex, nine in Buckinghamshire, one in Hertfordshire, nine in Warwickshire, two in Devon, eight in Worcestershire, and four in Cumberland.

Last Ditch Effort To Avert Strike

NEW YORK, April 4—(AP)—The United States Government made a last-ditch effort today to head off two major strike threats—a work stoppage of 57,000 telephone workers in 43 states Monday and a country-wide walkout of 700,000 steelworkers Tuesday.

A country-wide strike of 31,000 Western Union telegraphers went through its second day and some government circles looked gloomily forward to a long work stoppage.

LONDON, April 4—(Reuters)—Queen Mary, 84-year-old grandmother of the Queen, has a chill, it was learned tonight. She is staying indoors at her London home as a precaution.

Flash Fire Takes Lives Of Six In N. B. Town

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., April 4—(CP)—Slight evidence of damage could be seen tonight after an early morning fire in this Northern New Brunswick town took six lives of one family.

Five daughters and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Adina Lavoie met death, apparently asphyxiated, when a blast of heat seared their flimsy, two-room home over a barn.

The dead: Georgette, 18, Emaline, 15, Pauline, 9, Rosaline, 8, Giselle, 3, and Adina, Jr., 11. A 22-year-old brother, Raymond, who had been sleeping in one bedroom and the mother, who slept with the victims in the other room, escaped. Mrs. Lavoie, taken to hospital, suffered shock, cuts and burns. Raymond was less seriously injured. The father was working at a lumber camp 50 miles away.

Dr. J. H. M. Rice, coroner, empaneled a jury to view the bodies, and an inquest will be held Tuesday.

Condition of the bodies suggested that death in all cases was caused by poisonous fumes from the flash fire. Preliminary investigation indicated that newspapers lining the walls caught fire either from defective wiring or a spark from one of two faulty, wood-burning stoves.

The blaze apparently died as quickly as it flared, as the walls were not burned and the exterior of the building was only scorched. Awakened when the fire started, Mrs. Lavoie was assisted outside by Raymond. Opening of the outer door apparently caused the dry, smoldering paper on the walls to flash into blinding heat.

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Teachers' Superannuation And Sanatorium Acts Amended In Legislature

A change in the Teachers' Superannuation Act which was passed in the Legislature yesterday permits the retirement of teachers at the age of 55 instead of 60 and provides that they have taught for 30 years. It was the only change in the Act and Premier J. Walter Jones, the promoter, expressed the opinion that 30 years was a long time in the profession.

The Public Service Superannuation Act was also changed to permit the transfer of amounts contributed to the Teachers' Superannuation Fund to that of the Public Service should a teacher switch to the other branch. It also provides that where an employee dies after 10 years service, but before his retirement, leaving no widow or infant children but leaves dependents the one-half superannuation allowance payable will be payable to those dependents during their lifetime and the lifetime of the survivor of such dependents.

Another change occurs in Section 7 of the Act. Originally it provided for the return of a teacher to the service before completing 10 years service all sums deducted from his salary with three per cent interest annually. This clause was deleted as Provincial Treasurer Hon. W. E. Darby pointed out that the Superannuation Fund was not intended as an investment. Under the change the employee will just receive what he contributed.

Another change provides that if the employee leaves having less than two years service there will be no refund and his contributions will remain in the Fund.

Sanatorium Expenses

Regarding the amendment to the Act to incorporate the Provincial Sanatorium, Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare, said that the amount allotted by the Government under the Act was only \$18,000 a year. This amount was set in 1933 when it was known that the original grant of \$12,000 was insufficient. Since the Government was now financing the Sanatorium it was costing \$250,000 a year and the Act was being amended to include the amount necessary to meet the cost of the operation of the institution a large percentage of the funds necessary were supplied through contributions from the Women's Institutes of the Province. He said that the general hospitals generally had women's auxiliaries which supplied many of the things needed, but this was not so in the case of the Sanatorium and the Government had to do it all.

A second change embodied in the amendment gives the governing Board of the Sanatorium

Survivors of Atom Blast Begin School

TOKYO, Apr. 4—(AP)—Thirty-three children who survived the atom bomb attack of Nagasaki a few months after their birth joined primary school today, Kyodo News Agency reported from Nagasaki. School doctors said the 33 appeared normal compared with others who were not exposed to the blast.

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Outstanding Jersey Records Completed In This Province

Further outstanding Jersey records have recently been completed on Prince Edward Island, reports the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club in the herd of James Vickerson, North River, River North Oscar's Star as a Junior two year old in 365 days produced 874 lbs. of milk, 568 lbs. of fat with a high test of 6.69 per cent, being awarded a Silver Medal Certificate for this record. Star was bred by the well-known breeder, Edison B. Mutch, North River and is a daughter of his former herd sire, Brave Flora's Oscar, now a highly rated tested sire and Grand Champion in the United States in the show ring.

In the herd of Clark Bros., North Wiltshire, Royal Aim's Dolly M.G. produced a Junior four year old record of 10,000 lbs. of milk, 333 lbs. of fat in 333 days with a test of 5.28 per cent. She is a daughter of the outstanding sire, Rosever Royal Aim, formerly used artificially in Prince Edward Island and now his worth has been recognized in New Brunswick where he is extensively used artificially.

Outstanding Cow

In the herd of Edison B. Mutch, the daughter of the sensational sire, Brampton Jester's Standard 2nd, Rena's Blonde Maid, as a senior three year old in 365 days, produced 8,005 lbs. of milk, 467 lbs. of fat with a test of 5.83 per cent. This outstanding cow was bred by Murdoch Nicholson of Milton Station. Another daughter of Brave Flora's Oscar in Mr. Mutch's herd, River North Jester's Spottie, as a senior three year old produced 7,510 lbs. of milk, 431 lbs. of fat in 365 days with a test of 5.74 per cent.

Another daughter of Brampton Jester's Standard 2nd, bred by Kilton, New Wiltshire, known as River North Jester's Joy as a junior three year old, produced 8,584 lbs. of milk, 520 lbs. of fat with a test of 6.06 per cent in 365 days. Another cow bred by Mr. Mutch and owned and tested by Albert J. Boswall, Charlottetown, completed a nine year old record. This cow is Betty Standard, with a record in 365 days of 9,319 lbs. of milk 597

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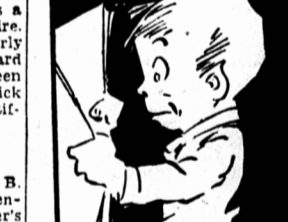
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THE GUY WHO TALKS ABOUT HIMSELF NEVER RUNS OUT OF CONVERSATION



HALIFAX, April 4—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Saturday, with an outlook for Sunday.

A disturbance centred south of the Great Lakes is moving northeast. It is forecast to bring days. After the passage of the rain to the Maritimes late Saturday disturbance early Sunday the weather will gradually improve.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness becoming overcast with rain in evening. Little change in temperature. Light evening becoming southeast 15 by Charlottetown 30 and 45.

Outlook for Sunday—Rain, then cloudy.

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Queens Member Urges Efforts To Prevent War

OTTAWA, April 4—(CP)—Every effort should be made to prevent a war rather than win one, Wing Cmdr. Angus MacLean (PC—Queens) said tonight in the Commons. No one ever won a war.

One of three Maritime members joining in a defence debate, he said the west must remain ahead of the potential enemy in research and development of weapons if it was to be sure in the field.

It was pleasant to hear compliments about the Canadian forces, but that was not enough.

"Not since Jericho, at any rate, has any military advantage been gained by blowing one's own horn," he said amid laughter.

The aim should be to so equip Canadians as to make one of them superior to any 10 of the enemy. Russia now could outnumber the West by at least 10 to 1 in the field.

He was perturbed that there was not a greater effort to prevent a war which would bring with it the use of rockets, bacteriological warfare and other weapons. He felt more money should be spent on defence research to cope with such weapons.

The Russians should not be underestimated. They were good technicians and they had almost countless resources. They had the assistance of some of the top scientists from Germany.

Six Killed, 43 Injured In Series Of Tornadoes

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 4—(AP)—Small tornadoes, one a killer, struck across Louisiana, Alabama and Northwest Florida today bringing death to six persons, injuries to at least 43 others, and property damage estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

All of the dead and 41 of the injured were in Louisiana, hit by two of the four tornadoes born in the winds and rains of a line squall that lashed eastwardly across the Gulf Coast states.

The other two hit with heavy damage but without loss of life, at the municipal airport area of Mobile, Ala., where two persons were injured by flying bricks from a school building; and along the beach area outside Panama City, Fla.

Four of the six killed in Louisiana were members of a farm fam-

ily at Arnaudville, a little farming town in the heart of the French-speaking Cajun area 10 miles northeast of Lafayette.

The home of Alex Olivier, 50-year-old farmer, was demolished. He, Mrs. Olivier, and two daughters, Shirley, 17, and Pearl, 9, were killed. Shirley was found alive lying in a field but she died a few hours later.

The other two killed died in windstorms around New Orleans. A Negro woman identified as Zella Stevenson, died of shock during the height of the storm at Bridge City.

The tornado striking the Mobile airport area hit a crippling blow. Damage in excess of \$100,000 was reported to