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House Comittee Suggests Cutting Voting Age To 18

Commons' Okay Seen Certain

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons elections committee Thursday decided to recommend to Parliament that the voting age be lowered to 18 years from 21.

Without a dissenting voice, the committee approved a series of amendments to the Canada Elections Act which will place an additional 750,000 Canadians on the voting rolls if approved by Parliament.

It is understood that Commons approval of the committee's recommendation is virtually certain because of agreement among the political parties to take the step.

The motion to lower the voting age was made by Maurice J. Moreau (L—York-Scarborough) who drew attention to the Liberals' 1963 election campaign promise to lower the voting age.

It was seconded by Frank Howard (NDP — Skeena) who has presented several private bills to Parliament in the last few years on the same subject.

Heath Macquarrie (PC—Queens) said he has no objection to the step and noted that undertaking to amend the province's current voting age of 21 to bring it into line with any change in the federal voting age.

ANTICIPATED MOVE

Chief Electoral Officer Nelson Castonguay informed the committee that he had anticipated voting by 18-year-olds would be proposed and consequently had prepared a series of amendments to the act with the age left blank.

These were immediately put to use with age 18 inserted and the committee adopted them after a good-natured exchange between Liberal and New Democratic MPs about which party first espoused the idea.

Mr. Macquarrie said that at one time he had reservations about the reduction but that was because he took stock of what younger electors had done in some of the provincial elections.

(Saskatchewan, which has a CCF-NDP government, has a voting age of 18. Alberta and British Columbia, which have Social Credit governments, have voting ages of 19. Quebec, which has a Liberal government, lowered the age to 18 from 21 last summer.)

One consequence of lowering the voting age is that election candidates now may also come from the younger age group. At present, candidates also must be age 21 or over.

The addition of 750,000 new voters—if approved by Parliament—would at one step add more voters to the list than there now are in any one province—seven of the 10 provinces—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, P.E.I., Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The step also may have an important bearing on the result of the next election in constituencies where the winner's vote in the election last April was only within a few votes of his nearest opponent.

TANKER-FREIGHTER IN COLLISION

A small coastal oil tanker, the Dynafuel (left background) burns under the bow of the Norweigan freighter Fernview after the two vessels collided in Buzzards Bay, Mass., Thursday. Other craft are Coast Guard rescue and fire fighting vessels. Both vessels caught fire. Five tankermen were taken to hospital with burns and other injuries but their condition was not critical. Because the vessels were locked together so tightly it was decided that when the fires were all out to tow both to port. New Bedford is only about seven miles away. This air view was made by Associated Press staff photographer J. Walter Green.
(AP Wirephoto)

Islanders Win With Table Spud

TORONTO (Special) — Prince Edward Island exhibitors topped both classes in the 4-H Club potato show at the Royal Winter Fair here and Raymond Vessey and his wife, Evelyn Vessey, topped three tablestock classes and in addition had five seconds and one third in the eight sections contested.

Harold Lacey, Tracadie Cross topped the section for Canso and Katahdin varieties.

The grand championship in tablestock potatoes went to A.R. Chorney, Manitoba, who is a previous winner. The reserve went to Albert Harkley, an Ontario man. Ontario growers also topped several of the classes.

The following are the top Island winners in the various classes.

4-H Club competition;

Katahdins and Red Pontiacs — 1. Ann MacAulay, East Baltic RR; 4. James Fay, East Baltic.

Sebagoes, Netted Gems and Kennebecs — 1. Myrtle MacGregor, East Baltic.

Tablestock classes:

Norlands and Pontiacs, 2. Raymond Vessey, York.

Irish Cobblers — 2. Raymond Vessey; 4. Harold Lacey, Tracadie Cross.

Sebagoes — 2. Raymond Vessey; 3. Mrs. Beecher Smallman, O'Leary RR.

Canso and Katahdin — 1. Raymond Vessey; 3. Chester M. Birt, Peakes.

Green Mountains — 1. Harold Lavey; 2. and 3. Raymond Vessey.

Netted Gems—1. Mrs. Evelyn Vessey, York.

Kennebecs and any other white variety — 1. Raymond Vessey.

Keswick, Hunter and Cherokee — 2. Mrs. Evelyn Vessey; 3. Chester M. Birt.

BARN DESTROYED

Tobacco Farmer Has Heavy Loss

By JIM CUDMORE

Marcel Moyaert, Upper Montague suffered a crippling blow yesterday afternoon when a barn containing 22 kilns of tobacco was destroyed by fire. The loss was estimated at between $25,000 and $35,000, depending on the average grade the tobacco would have reached and the market price which has not yet been established this year. The loss is only partly covered by insurance.

Mr. Moyaert was returning from plowing at noon when he saw the fire, and there was nothing that could be done by that time to save the building, though the Montague fire department responded with all possible speed.

The building was 70 feet long and 30 feet wide and the crop was baled. Some of it had been graded and the quality appeared to be good.

The Upper Montague man has no idea what caused the fire. The only thing in the building in addition to the tobacco was the electric wiring, and a humidifier, and he felt neither could have caused the blaze. Asked if the tobacco could have heated, he said that this was impossible at this stage of its development.

Mr. Moyaert is highly regarded by fellow tobacco growers, and is considered to be one of the better producers in the province where the industry is still in its infancy.

He came here from Ontario several years ago, purchased the farm owned formerly by Roy Gillis and this growth from approximately 32 acres was his third crop.

But he said Thursday afternoon "I am now right back from where I started three years ago," as he wondered if he could get a job for the winter months to support his family. Otherwise he felt he would have to return to Ontario.

Several people close to the industry expressed the hope last night that Mr. Moyaert will be able to remain in the province, as they feel the likable young man is an asset to the industry which can ill afford to lose a man of his calibre in its early stages.

PRESIDENT Kennedy heatedly protested Thursday that congressional slashes in foreign aid are denying him an essential tool of foreign policy. The Chief Executive told his news conference the attack on the aid program is the worst since the start of the Marshall Plan. (AP Wirephoto)

Bitter Row Blocks Okay Of Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bitter row over grain sales to Russia and her satellites blocked Senate passage Thursday night of the battered $3,702,365,000 United States foreign aid bill.

Senator Mike Mansfield (Dem. Mont.), the majority leader, forced a recess until noon today after he failed in a motion to kill an amendment which opponents said would scuttle the proposed sales.

The amendment, offered by Senator Karl E. Mundt (Rep. S.D.), would prohibit the U.S. export-import bank from guaranteeing payments for private grain sales to Soviet-bloc countries.

U.K. Plans Trade Talks

LONDON (Reuters) — Trade Minister Edward Heath told the House of Commons Thursday Britain plans regular discussions with Communist bloc countries in order to increase trade with them.

He said he is looking forward to meeting Russian Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichev here early next year to discuss a new Anglo-Soviet trade agreement with him.

Premier Has Strong Plea For Prince Train Service

By FRANK WEEKS

ALBERTON — Premier Walter Shaw made a strong plea for the retention of the present railway services to western Prince County in an appearance yesterday morning at the board of transport commissioners hearing in Alberton.

Introduced by Melville Campbell, counsel for Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade, who are leading the opposition to any change in present services, Premier Shaw said he spoke for the province in general but for West Prince people in particular. He suggested that curtailment of services is not fulfilling the terms of confederation which promised continuous communication with the mainland.

The provincial government in cooperation with the federal government is the midst of a tremendous industrial development program and the first question asked by interested firms is regarding transportation facilities. In most cases this is a deciding factor as to location.

HIGHWAY TO BE RE-BUILT

The Western Highway must be rebuilt for winter conditions the Premier stated and as this will take some years and cause disruption of traffic. The people of the area are dependent on the railways, especially during the winter and spring months.

Three important economic surveys are underway, Mr. Shaw said, which will affect the entire economy of western Prince but any changes in the transportation facilities will interfere with this industrial development program. The importance of the potato industry, livestock shipping, tobacco development, boat building at Alberton, and the possibility of development of an almost inexhaustible supply of peat moss were some of the factors mentioned by the Premier as calling for the continuance of the present railroad services.

FIRST WITNESS

The first witness heard when the hearing opened yesterday morning, the second day of the hearing into the CNR's proposal to curtail passenger services to Tignish, was Ernest Lord, Charlottetown, manager of the Island Motor Transport bus services.

The Island Motor Transport operates a daily passenger service from Charlottetown to Tignish and return and Mr. Lord anticipated no difficulty in continuing to adequately service the route if the CNR application is approved.

In cross examination Mr. Lord said he didn't recall receiving a letter in 1957 from Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade urging the establishment of more

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Son Uses Jacknife To Save Father

DUNNVILLE, Ont. (CP)—Doctors Thursday praised the prompt action and coolness of Jack Hicks, 27, who used a jackknife to cut off one of his father's hands and free him from an automatic corn-picking machine.

Harold Hicks, 57, had already lost one hand after the machine became clogged Wednesday and his hands were caught trying to clear the spinning rollers.

Jack Hicks heard his father's cries for help and drove to the field with Jack Ricker, 23.

"My father was lying over the front of the corn-picker and his hands were right in the rollers," he said.

They turned off the machine and tried operating it backward to free the trapped man. One hand pulled off at the wrist, but the second would not come out of the rollers.

"My father told me to get the knife out of his pocket and cut the hand off," he said. "And I did that."

Doctors said dust in the machine clogged Hicks' veins and kept him from bleeding to death during the 15 minutes he was trapped.

Jack Hicks and Ricker tied the older man's wrists with shoelaces for the trip to the hospital. Dunnville is about 25 miles south of Hamilton.

Co-Ops Urged To Back Eastern Feed Agency

MONCTON (CP) — Willard Lernier of Moncton, general manager of Maritime Co-Operative Services, Thursday urged that all local co-operatives support the proposal for an eastern feed agency.

He was speaking to delegates to the annual meeting of the organization.

It would be the responsibility of this feed agency to regulate the movement and pricing of western coarse grains to eastern local markets.

Such a feed agency would extend the kind of assistance to eastern farmers that has been realized by western farmers through the work of the Canadian Wheat Board, Mr. Dernier said.

Included in the proposal for the eastern feed agency is the provision for an advisory board which would be representative of eastern Canadian farmers.

A resolution asking for the feed agency has been proposed to the federal government by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Other speakers at the meeting stressed the necessity of such an agency to the expansion of the Maritime livestock and poultry industries.

Harry Fowler of Winnipeg, president of Interprovincial Cooperative Limited, was the guest speaker at Thursday's banquet.

He said "I find that there are a great many people who are hungry for the kind of merchandising that they find in co-operatives.

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Ontario Man Charged In Girl's Death

TORONTO (CP)—A convicted gunman was charged with capital murder Thursday in the death of 10-year-old Thomasina Baker, whose body was found in a shallow grave Wednesday after a 15-month search.

The murder charge against John McDonald, 46, of Newmarket, Ont., was ordered by W. C. Bowman, director of prosecutions for the Ontario attorney-general's department.

Police said they believe the man who strangled Thomasina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker of Belton, Ont., soon after her disappearance Aug. 20 hid her body near Caledon and then returned months later to rebury it two miles away.

McDonald, sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in Hamilton last week for shooting a police officer, accompanied provincial police who found the girl's remains buried under leaves in swamp country about 30 miles northwest of Toronto.

Meanwhile in Metropolitan Toronto police said the discovery of Thomasina's body has led to renewed investigations into the slaying of 16-year-old Julie Olanski of Toronto whose shot and raped body was found in a ditch about two weeks before Thomasina disappeared.

More than 3,000 volunteers joined the search for Thomasina after she left her three-year-old brother beside a pond on her father's farm and, clad only in a blue swimsuit and bathing cap, entered a stranger's car.

Pearson Promises Statement On Offshore Mineral Rights

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson promised the Commons Thursday to give a statement today on federal policy concerning offshore mineral rights.

He was replying to Robert C. Coates (PC—Cumberland), who referred to a protest by the Nova Scotia government over the request for a federal licence for oil and gas exploration by Shell Oil Company of Canada.

The company's application covers an area about 100 miles wide and 450 miles long, running parallel to Nova Scotia and about 16 miles offshore.

Nova Scotia claims that offshore mineral rights belong to the province, and has told Shell Oil it could be subject to fines of up $1,000 a day if it does any exploratory drilling without provincial permits.

British Columbia has made similar objections about federal exploration permits granted an oil firm off her northern shore.

It has been expected for several years now that barring some sort of settlement, the issue may go before the courts the same way that a bitter federal-state argument was decided in the United States.

Meanwhile, the resources division of the northern affairs department expects to have the Shell permits processed by next week. There are more than 300 of them.

Canada Boosts Foreign Aid By 50 Per Cent Next Year

By ALAN DONNELLY

OTTAWA (CP)—An increase of 50 per cent or more in Canada's foreign aid program, with most of the rise coming from a new $50,000,000 development loan fund, was announced in the Commons Thursday by External Affairs Minister Martin.

He said parliamentary approval will be sought to make available an additional $70,000,000 for international assistance programs in the 1964-65 fiscal year starting next April 1.

He estimated over-all expenditures by Canada for aid to less developed countries would rise to between $180,000,000 and $190,000,000 that year from some $120,000,000 in the current year.

An initial $50,000,000 would be provided for development loans with features such as long-term repayment, little or no interest charges and liberal "grace periods" before borrowing nations would have to start repaying.

Mr. Martin indicated there would also be a $20,000,000 increase in outright grants for foreign aid.

Unanimous backing from opposition party leaders made it apparent the government will have no difficulty in obtaining parliamentary approval.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said the Canadian public generally will support the increase in aid. He also urged a Canadian initiative in setting up a Commonwealth loan plan, and said Canadian aid should give first consideration to Commonwealth countries.

NOT DOING ENOUGH

NDP Leader Douglas, while welcoming the increase, said Canada still was doing "far less than we ought to be doing."

Canada shouldn't be satisfied with putting anything less than one per cent of its gross national product into foreign assistance—a percentage which would mean more than $400,000,000.

Social Credit Leader Thompson said the increased aid program will be "only a very small part of what we could and should be doing."

Creditiste Leader Caouette, welcoming the increase, said there still are undeveloped parts of Canada which need attention.

Mr. Martin's statement came in advance of next week's Paris meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development which will discuss aid to developing countries.

On Wednesday a report tabled in the Commons showed Canada's total foreign assistance in 1962 amounted to $2.66 for each Canadian, compared with per-capita amounts of $19.17 from the United States, $7.80 from Britain, $7.75 from West Germany and $20.80 from France.

Much of the aid from those other countries has been in the form of long-term loans to poorer nations, while Canada's foreign aid in the past has largely been in the form of outright grants.

The development loan program announced by Mr. Martin will change this situation.

Mill And Lockerby Split Honors In Mink Classes At Show Here

By GAIL REDDEN

Fox judging was continued yesterday at the annual P.E.I. Fur Breeders Association show at the Provincial Exhibition Grounds in Charlottetown. Judging of the last few entries was called on account of darkness Wednesday.

Mink judging which started yesterday, should be completed some time today.

Grand champion standard pearl platinum was a Lockcroft belonging to L.K. Lockerby. Reserve champion was W.R. Church's Albertite. Mr. Church is from Gunningsville, N.B.

Adult champion standard pearl platinum was a Lockcroft belonging to L.K. Lockerby. The reserve champion was Archie Neilson's Albertite.

Pup champion standard pearl platinum was W.R. Church's Albertite. Another Albertite entry was reserve champion.

In the standard pearl platinum class medium, top prize for male pups was taken by an Albertite owned by W.R. Church. Second place was filled by Archie Neilson's Woodedge. Another Neilson Woodedge took third place.

The light section adult male top prize was taken by L.K. Lockerby's Lockcroft. Second place went to another of Mr. Lockerby's Lockcrofts. Archie Neilson's Albertite copped third place.

An adult female Lockcroft belonging to L.K. Lockerby took

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DARKNESS CUT off the mink judging activities at the Island Fur Breeders Association show yesterday, but this didn't faze Gilles Fournier, left, of the Hudson's Bay Company of Montreal or Charles Wright, right, of Truro, secretary of the Nova Scotia Mink Breeders Association, who are shown judging the mink tie worn by Lowell Hancock, vice-president of the Island Fur Breeders Association.

Sugar Is Dumped To Refloat Ship

HALIFAX (CP) — The salvage tug Foundation Vigilant was reported Thursday heading from Quebec City after freeing a grounded freighter on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River.

Foundation Maritime officials here said the Vigilant refloated the 8,000-ton norwegian freighter Mars-Tenner at noon Thursday after part of her 3,800-ton cargo of raw sugar was dumped overboard.

The freighter grounded Nov. 8 at Les Escoumains.

Brighter Fisheries Outlook Reported For Atlantic Area

QUEBEC (CP) — Increasing value of catches and new techniques have resulted in an improvement in the state of the Atlantic province's fishing industry during the last year, fishing officials said Thursday.

Representatives of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec agreed at the annual meeting of the industrial development section of the federal - provincial Committee on Atlantic Fisheries that new developments in shipbuilding also have helped create a brighter picture.

Maurice Lessard, joint undersecretary of trade and commerce for Quebec, said fishing industry revenue this year already is $10,000,000, compared with a total of $9,200,000 in 1962.

He said 17 new trawlers have been added to Quebec's fishing fleet since the beginning of the year. Quebec had begun several research projects, primarily concerning cod. Attempts were being made to trace cod by sonar and helicopter.

ACCELERATE BUILDING

Leonce Chenard, undersecretary of New Brunswick's recently formed fishing ministry, said the province's shipbuilding program is being accelerated.

Aidan Maloney, joint undersecretary of fisheries in Newfoundland, said the size of this year's catches is comparable to that of last year, but the value is higher. Newfoundland had 13 commercial fishing schools operating and built about 700 new boats in 1962.

Prince Edward Island's undersecretary of fisheries, Eugene Gorman, reported smaller catches than last year but also said increased value more than made up the difference. He said a plastic cod rack that resists the effects of salt water is becoming increasingly popular among P.E.I. fishermen.

Brian Meagher, Nova Scotia's fisheries director, said the province is making progress in its drive to modernize its fishing fleet.

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