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HIS FIRST OFFICIAL TASK

His Honor, Lieutenant - Governor F. W. Hyndman gave assent to 48 bills Saturday as he prorogued the third session of the 48th General Assembly of the P.E.I. Legislature. His Honour noted that it was his first official visit to the Island Legislature an complimented the members for the efficiency the duties assigned to them. Governor Hyndman was accompanied by his aides, Lieut. Commander, Douglas Saunders, Major R. D. MacGillivray, Flight Lieutenant Ian Rankine and his Private Secretary, Thomas Rogers. Before entering the Provincial Building, Governor Hyndman inspected a guard of Honor under command of Captain J. D. MacIntyre. The Band of the Prince Edward Island (17 Recce) under W.O. I. C. MacGregor played appropriate music during His Honor's inspection of the Guard. Later Governor Hyndman took the salute from the saluting base in front of the Provincial Building.

Says Space Travel Long Way Off

TOONTO (CP)—Man is still "far away from real conquest of space," rocket pioneer Dr. Walter R. Dornberger said Saturday night.

"We did not conquer the atmosphere by adding wings to the horsedrawn buggy," he told the annual National Newspaper Awards dinner.

Similarly, giant steps would be needed before man conquered outer space.

The most pressing problem facing rocketry scientists in the United States was that of bringing the space traveller back to a predetermined landing point on earth.

The problem had to be solved before man can undertake a trip to the moon, and "the nation which solves it first has the best chance of conquering space."

DEFEAT IN CLASSROOM

Setting out the West's position in the space technology race, Dr. Dornberger, leader in development of the German V-1 and V-2 rockets, said the West has neither won nor lost it yet. But it had suffered a "major defeat" in the classroom.

Greater emphasis on scientific education and on basic research was necessary. "Governments have to pick up the ball and carry it into the classroom," he said.

Does Not Look For Coast Guard

HALIFAX (CP) — Fisheries Minister MacLean said here Sunday night a 12-mile fishing limit for Canada would have a definite affect on the establishment of a Canadian coast guard.

However, he didn't think Canala would institute a separate service. Canada would probably favor co-ordinating present services by supplying additional facilities in safety and rescue work to the fishing fleet.

"Wider territorial waters would give us greater responsibility and we should be in a position to meet it. We wouldn't expect the United States Coast Guard to operate in these waters where we have jurisdiction."

DIVERSION WON'T HURT

He told a press conference the diverting of trade from the U.S. would have no detrimental effect on Canadian fish markets.

"There is no cause for alarm. The fish market is firm at present." He said the U.S. needs a lot of Canadian fish. "About 70 per cent of Canada's fish catch is exported—65 per cent to the U.S."

There has been no change in American tariff on fish. Because of a regulation in a 1939 trade agreement the tariff is based on fish consumption and is the same for all countries.

Mr. MacLean is in Halifax to speak to the 13th annual meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada which opens today.

PREMIER EXPECTS MORE

Municipalities Will Get More If The Province Does

Premier Matheson told the Legislature in the early hours of Sunday morning that he was inclined to agree with Opposition members that the $2,500,000 grant received by the Island Government was "only an interim payment" and promised that when the Province received further consideration at the next Federal-Provincial Conference, the Municipalities would receive "an excellent grant" from the Provincial Government.

The Premier did not agree with Opposition critic, Dr. L. G. Dewar who contended that the Prime Minister had meant part of the grant to go to municipalities. Neither did he agree that because Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had seen fit to give a million dollars apiece to their municipalities that the Island should follow suit.

Mr. Matheson said it had been made clear that the grant was given for public services in the Province, "with no strings attached". He admitted that the Prime Minister had made mention of the needs of the municipalities but did not bind any of the Provincial Governments in regard to the way in which the money should be divided.

A DIFFERENT STORY

Mr. Matheson said Nova Scotia benefited to the extent of 2.6 million under the income tax increase and New Brunswick to the extent of 2.3 million while the Island did not receive a cent from this source. "If we would have benefited to the same extent as our sister provinces, there is no doubt we would be making a substantial grant to our municipalities now", the Premier said.

Morely M. Bell (Liberal — 5th. Prince) said the municipalities were "having a hard time of it". He noted that their brief to the Provincial Government asked that the grant be raised from $3.25 to $11.75 per capita. He felt the Government would be justified in at least meeting the municipalities half way and arise to per capita grant to $7.00. He felt they were entitled to some raise.

WHAT ABOUT OTHERS

Hon. Dougald MacKinnon said it was true that the Prime Minister in his political campaign said on more than one occasion, he intended to do something for the municipalities. "There was however no indication as to what method he was going to take and if he is, as he said, going to do something for them, how is he going to do it for the provinces other than the Atlantic provinces who received no special grant."

Hon. Eugene Cullen offered as a solution that the Government give the $393,000 which Dr. Dewar had claimed the Island received through adjustment in income tax collections from 10 to 13 per cent. "If the Honorable member can produce this money which he says the Island received, then I suggest we turn it all over to the Municipalities", said Mr. Cullen.

U. S. Senator Says Blast Felt 5,000 Miles Away

COPENHAGEN (AP) — Berlingske Tidende, Denmarks biggest newspaper, said Sunday the recent Soviet nuclear tests had to be broken off because of a "catastrophic accident."

The paper, quoting information reaching Copenhagen through diplomatic channels from Moscow, does not define the nature of the alleged accident, but says ti caused the radioactive fallout over Russia and many neighboring states to increase to the danger point.

It said this is probably the real reason the Soviet government stopped nuclear testing unilaterally late last month.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Hubert Humphrey (Dem-Minn.) said Saturday Russia conducted an underground explosion March 25 which was detected by seismic stations ranging from more than 1,000 to 5,000 miles away.

Spokesmen for the Atomic Energy Commission said they had made no public announcement of a Soviet explosion occurring on that date. The last one they reported was March 22.

The AEC has sadi it only announced Russian nuclear test explosions when there are circumstances of special interest. Humphrey did not specify that the March 25 explosion was nuclear.

As chairman of the Senate disarmament subcommittee Humphrey said he had written to 37 seismologists in the United States to obtain information on the detectability of underground explosions.

IMPORTANT QUESTION

The question whether nuclear blasts can be reliably detected at a distance is bound up with the issue of whether an international agreement to stop such tests would work.

Humphrey said information on detection of possible secret nuclear tests is needed to work out safe proposals for suspending such experiments.

The March 25 Russian underground explosion was recorded by seismic stations in Kiruna, Sweden, 1,290 miles away, and Eureka, Nev., 5,650 miles away, Humphrey said. Data from these stations placed the Soviet blast in the northern Urals just outside Pokrovsk - Uralsky, approximately 60 degrees east and 60 degrees north.

Humphrey said he had asked both State Secretary Dulles and President Eisenhower to supply the Senate disarmament group with information on detection of nuclear blasts. He said both refused to make this available for publication.

Statement Re Contract For New Wing To PEI Hospital

The following statement dealing with the plans and contract for the new wing of the Prince Edward Island Hospital has been issued for publication by the chairman of the board of trustees, Dr. J. W. MacKenzie, and H. L. Palmer, vice chairman:

"The Trustees of the Prince Edward Island Hospital wish to announce that with the unanimous agreement of the Board the contract for the erection of the new four-storey Prince Edward Island Hospital Wing awarded to Ouellon Construction Limited of Campbellton, New Brunswick, whose tender of $1,089,000 was the lowest received, was signed on April 11th.

"We regret that because of the marked difference in figures in the tenders received we were unable to award the contract to a Prince Edward Island firm.

"It may be pointed out that all the firms tendering, both local and mainland, named Nova Scotia firms as their sub-contractors for the necessary electrical, heating and plumbing work. We are assured however by our contractor that while the heads of the various trades are from the mainland, local services and labour will necessarily be required with a consequent spending of considerable money here.

EARLY START DESIRED

"Our contracting firm is naturally impatient to get started, with the hope that the building will be covered in before next winter, so every day is important. Further delay would probably involve a new contract and markedly increased prices, together with a loss of several months to one year in the construction time.

"On April 8th, 1958, a group of interested citizens submitted to your Trustee Board a written list of recommended substitutions in various parts of the hospital building plans involving extensive structural changes of which our Architect did not approve. The other items included in their recommendations are being considered by our Architect and the Trustee Board. If found practical, these changes will be made.

"We thank this group of public-spirited citizens for their interest and help, and assure them, as well as any other interested citizens, that an arrangement will

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Atlantic Provinces Premiers Are Invited To London, Eng.

HALIFAX (CP) — Premiers of the four Atlantic Provinces have been invited to London, England to take part in the opening of an Atlantic Provinces trade promotion office.

Three of the Premiers greeted the invitation with enthusiasm. Newfoundland's Premier Smallwood, vacationing in Jamica, was not available for comment.

Fredericton publisher Brig. Michael Wardell announced the invitation here Saturday in an address before the first annual conference of the Atlantic Public Relations Society. The Premiers will be guests of Lord Beaverbrook.

Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia said the British tour is "a matter of great importance to the people of our province .... our jog is to interest people in the United Kingdom in this area."

Premier Matheson of Prince Edward Island called it "an opportunity to meet the people we should meet." and New Brunswick's Premier Flemming said the opening of Atlantic House is "one of the most important developments in the history of the Atlantic Region."

The Premiers will meet leading British industrials, businessmen, editors and publishers at a meeting May 26 in London. The meeting coincides with the arrival in the United Kingdom of H. Watson Jamer, the Atlantic Province's newly-appointed agent general in Britain.

Mr. Wardell said the meeting is aimed at promoting the Atlantic Provinces "as a valuable potential partner with the United Kingdom as a resource base." He suggested a partnership between the resources rich Atlantic Provinces and productively booming Britain as desirable.

A business partnership could be brought about by "bringing the truth to the people who can make the decisions." Brig. Wardell referred to the "next obvious step . . . The meeting of the heads of government and leaders of industry in the Atlantic area and United Kingdom." He said the results may be prodigious.

Bill Is Returned To House; Passes In Dying Moments

The Motor Carries Act which was out of the House on Friday was again introduced with certain amendments on Saturday morning and this time passed.

The objection to the bill was that it would give the Public Utilities Commission power to grant a franchise to certain parties between certain designated points and fear was expressed that it might interfere with the rights of the trucker on the Island.

ELIMINATE FRANCHISE

The amendments injected in the new bill change the word Franchise to license. In effect, it means that any truckers operating between conclusive limits shall be required to register with the Public Utilities Commission and receive a special license. The bill however does not affect the franchise held under the public vehicle act regarding busses.

The promoter of the amended bill, William Acorn stated that the bill's chief purpose was to make the Island act uniform with that of the other provinces and the states of the United States.

As the act now exists outside the Province Island truckers are required to buy a license in whatever province or state in which they transport goods. But in order to secure such a license they must be registered with some authorized Board.

He pointed out that the Act would have the double effect of giving this privilege to Island truckers and at the same time would require that mainland trucks be required to buy a license to operate in this Province.

SUPPORTS BILL

Hon. George MacKay said he would strongly support the bill as amended. He reported that an Island trucker recently was sent a bill of $175 from the New Brunswick Government for operating his truck in that province without a license.

Mr. MacKay noted that Island truckers are obliged not only to have a license but they are required to show slips that they have used a certain amount of gasoline in the Province through which they are travelling.

On the other hand, he stated that mainland trucks do not have to conform with such regulations when they come to the Island. "They fillup with gas before they come here and they travel from one end of the Island to the other using our roads and we don't get a nickel out of it," he said.

DOUBTS EXPRESSED

R.R. Bell expressed doubt as to whether the bill would interfere with milk and cream haulers in the Province. Premier Matheson assured him that any prosecutions under the Act would have to come to his attention and as attorney general would see that no one in the category referred to by the Opposition Leader would be prosecuted.

Dr. Dewar quipped, "But there arose another Pharaoh in the land who knew not Joseph."

The bill passed as amended.

Causeway Survey To Get Underway In Two Weeks

An early start on the Prince Edward Island causeway survey is anticipated according to three consulting engineers who visited the weekend.

The engineers are C. P. Lowe representing a Halifax firm; H.K. Templeman-Kluit, Vancouver and A.A. Anderson of Ottawa. Mr. Anderson was formerly chief engineer with the Dominion Department of Public Works.

The $200,000 survey is expected to get underway within the next two weeks, the engineers stated and will include under water work dealing with an examination of the Strait bottom.

UNDERWATER WORK

Borings will be taken and rock formations studied under the nine mile stretch of water. At the same time rock formations along the coast will be studied with a view to finding close at hand, material that would be suitable for fill over the shallow bars. This phase of the work will take at least a year.

Another part of the survey will include measurements of tides and currents. It is understood that the action of ice in the strait has been under observation during the past winter.

While in Charlottetown, the engineers paid courtesy calls on Clive Currie, Division engineer for Department of Public Works (Canada) R. Gordon White, deputy minister of Highways and B. Graham Rogers, geological officer for P.E.I.

The announcement that the engineers were in the Province came from L.G. Dewar in the Legislature Saturday morning. Hon. J. George MacKay confirmed the fact that the engineers had visited his office on that day.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

The Transportation report presented to the Legislature by William Acorn (chairman) of the Select Standing Committee on Transportation noted the tremendous increase in traffic at Borden during the past ten years. The increase in passenger cars in this period was 200,000; trucks and busses 112,000 and railroad freight cars 4,350.

The report urged that the causeway survey be speeded up and

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Agatha Christie's Play Sets Record

LONDON (Reuters) — Agatha Christia, queen of the mystery writers, went to the Ambassador Theatre Saturday night to watch her play The Mousetrap smash the record for the longest-running play ever on the British stage.

Saturday's performance was the 2,239th.

Almost 37 years ago, the lavish musical Chu-Chin-Show ended a five-year run after 2,238 performances. No other production on the British stage has ever come near this record until Agatha Christie's thriller about a murder in a snowbound manor passed the 2,000th performance mark last year.

The Mousetrap already has run for six years, during which time it has been seen by more than 750,000 people.

Questions Use Of Plebiscite In Settling Potato Question

Potato plebiscites as held in the past have gone out of fashion. This was indicated by Hon. Eugene Cullen during the passage of a bill entitled "An act to amend an act respecting the marketing of agricultural products" in the Legislature last week.

The amendment changes the percentage of votes required to express an opinion regarding any temporary marketing plan which may be in force. Previously 66 2/3 per cent of the eligible voters was required as a majority. Now it calls for 60 per cent.

NOT CONCLUSIVE

Mr. Cullen indicated that the results of previous — plebiscites were not always conclusive. He said it was the intention of the Department of Agriculture to make a list of all potato growers in the Province and when an opinion was required in future, a registered questionaire would be sent each grower. He felt many would answer the questionaire who would not go to the trouble of going to the poll to register their vote.

C. C. Baker (Liberal — 4th Prince) observed that one thing that had been contended in such plebiscites was that only a small percentage of the eligible voters voted and as a result did not give a fair representation of opinion. In this instance he said the majority was being reduced making as he saw it, a smaller voice of the growers.

P.W.C. MEETING

Harvey Douglas (Liberal—2nd. Kings) wanted to know if people other than potato growers would be allowed to attend the proposed meeting of growers at Prince of Wales College. He recalled the Forum meeting of some years past and would not want to see a repetition of this meeting.

Mr. Cullen replied that the purpose of the meeting was not to form a Potato Marketing Board but an Association which would decide whether they wanted a Board or not.

Realistic Budget For UK, Promise

By FRASER WIGHTON

LONDON (Reuters)—Britain's ruling Conservatives this weekend promised a "realistic budget" but carefully refrained from saying whether it will bring any tax relief this year.

British breadwinners, chafing under one of the world's stiffest tax burdens, expect no major changes in the government's 1958-59 budget, to be announced Tuesday.

Oliver Poole, deputy chairman of the Conservative party, told a press conference in Swansea, Wales, Saturday that he anticipates a realistic budget that "adjusts the economic position."

Derik Heathcoat Amory, chancellor of the exchequer for the last three months, will present his budget in the House of Commons.

The most Britons hope for is a little loosening of the tight tax belt.

Pearson Plans Reorganization

OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson, home from a Florida holiday, says he plans to continue as Liberal leader. One of his first jobs will be a major reorganization of the party "from the ground up."

On his arrival by plane Saturday he told reporters he thinks the first post-election Liberal caucus will be held two or three days before Parliament meets. Prime Minister Diefenbaker's announced target date for Parliaent's opening is May 8.

He planned to be back at his desk in Parliament's centre block Monday, and to be in Toronto April 21 for the Ontario Liberal convention.

POOR FISHING

CAITHNESS, Scotland (Reuters)—The Queen Mother didn't get a nibble after 5½ hours of fishing here Saturday and returned, to Balmoral Castle empty-handed.

Rebellion In Cuba Sputtering

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — The flame of Fidel Castro's rebellion seemed Sunday to be sputtering. Government troops smashed another rebel move and dissension shattered the rebel organization in Havana.

In what could be a serious blow to the rebels' total war against president Fulgencio Batista, the rebel high command in Havana branded Castro's personally appointed top lieutenant here a traitor. The rebel high command charged he bungled last Wednesday's call to arms in the capital and threatened to kill him if he doesn't resign.

French Assembly Is Called Into "Emergency Session"

PARIS (Reuters) — The 589 members of the National Assembly Sunday received telegrams recalling them from their Easter vac tion for an emergency session Tuesday on the government's decision to resume talks with Tunisia.

Premier Felix Gaillard Wednesday or Thursday will ask the assembly for a vote of confidence in the policy, which was hammered out at an 11-hour meeting of his coalition cabinet Saturday.

Most political sources predict the 36-year-old premier will win the confidence vote — 12th since he formed his government five [illegible] But assembly members visiting their constituencies were reported to be finding the electors in a nationalistic mood, a factor that coull swing the vote.

MAY TOSS HIM OUT

The assembly could throw out Gaillard's government in favor of one which would take the French-Tunisian dispute to the United Nations.

At the UN the issue would put the United States and Britain on the spot, forcing them to choose publicly between siding with France or Tunisia at a time when the West is making a strong bid for the Moslem country's friendship.

Drug Case In Halifax Court

HALIFAX (CP) — Gerge Henry Taylor, 46, of Dartmouth, N.S., Friday was committed for trial in county court on charges of trafficking in narcotics.

Taylor was arrested last month by RCMP who declined to name the drugs involved. He was declared fit to stand trial after a 30-day observation period in hospital.

Six Victims Of Fire Are Buried

SAVAGE COVE, Nfld. (CP)—Samual Applin, 47, his wife, Naomi, 43, and their four children ranging in age from five to 10, were buried in the Anglican cemetery here Saturday following the Wednesday night fire that destroyed their home in this northwest coast community.

Six other Applin children ranging in age from 11 to 23 were attending a social at nearby Flower's Cove when the fire broke out. Cause of the blaze has not been determined.

NATO Defence Ministers To Discuss "Shield" At Session

PARIS (AP)—Defence Ministers of the Atlantic Alliance meet here this week to determine the elements of an effective shield for the Western world in this era of supersonic missiles and pocket - size nuclear warheads.

The ministers, representing the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, will meet at NATO headquarters Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to examine the long-range needs—as well as the immediate requirements—of joint defence.

About all that NATO officials will say about the three-day meeting is that the ministers will review the progress made in fulfilling the program laid out for NATO members at the NATO summit meeting here last December.

Moncton Man Heads MMTA

AMHERST, — (CP) — Harold Wallace of Moncton was elected president of the Maritime Motor Transport Association at the eighth annual meeting which concluded here Saturday.

More than 100 delegates attended the two-day sessions.

It was announced that the seventh annual Maritime truck roadeo will be held in Amherst on Saturday, September 13. D. F. Everett of Saint John will be roadeo master. Lorne Totten of Truro will be the chairman with R. D. Valpy of Saint John, secretary-treasurer.

LIBRARY PROJECT

Oslo University library in Norway has so far microfilmed 35,000 volumes of newspapers, the oldest dating from 1763.

SUBMARINER'S WEAPON

WASHINGTON, — This is an overhead view of a replica of the Polaris, Navy's prized new submarine weapon, which was unveiled in connection with a Seapower Symposium. The missile, designed to be fired from submarines, is being put on display through the replica for the first time. The sailor standing guard is Richard Humphrey of Arlington, Va., (AP Wirephoto)