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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

CHARLOTTETOWN, CANADA SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1957

Variable cloudiness with scattered snowflurries, continuing very cold. Low-high at Charlottetown 12 below, 15 above.

P. E. I. GETS SCANT MENTION

Maritime M.P.'s Denounce Report Of Commission

OTTAWA (Special) - Prince Edward Island is given short shrift in the report of the Gordon Commission made public here Friday. Apparently it is not coupled with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick which the report indicates as depressed areas, and even the recommendation that people whose living standards are low be moved to other parts of Canada does not seem to apply to the Island Province.

Virtually the sole mention of "The Cradle of Confederation" in the report is a sentence to the effect that the Province does not feel its ferry facilities are adequate and believes a causeway from the Island to the mainland might be as feasible economically as a ferry system.

Speaking in the Commons Friday members from the Maritime Provinces were unanimous in denouncing the Gordon Commission proposal that Maritimers in depressed areas be given assistance by the government to move with

their families to other parts of Canada. They include George Nowlan, Digby-Annapolis Kings, A.W. Stuart, Charlotte, and Clarie Gillis, Cape Breton.

BITTER IRONY

Speaking with bitter irony of the proposal this afternoon, Mr. Nowlan, Conservative M.P. for Digby-Annapolis-Kings exclaimed "Why, they'd treat us as well as the Hungarians!" he slammed a copy of the Gordon Commission report violently down on his desk and at one juncture seemed about to hurl it across the aisle at Liberal front-benchers.

"Asked if residents of Prince Edward Island were interested in getting "assisted passage" from the Government to other parts of Canada, J. Angus MacLean, Conservative M.P. for Queen's said: "Definitely not we've had too much of that sort of thing for years. People have been leaving the Island on their own and going to Ontario or Western Canada. It has not been a good thing for the Province at all."

Mr. MacLean said he was hopeful that constructive suggestions concerning P.E.I.'s farming problems would come from a senate committee study of land use.

"Our troubles have not been quite the same as those of New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario where farms have been abandoned because they've been worked out or the soil was not suitable for agriculture in the first place. Our soil is not marginal but the trouble has been that a lot of our farms have simply gone out of production. The soil is too good to be used to grow trees on."

"I know cases where the younger folk of whole families have left the Island and the head of the family and his wife were too old for active farm work but just lived on the farm letting things go to seed. This sort of thing is decidedly bad for the Province."

"I believe however that a situation such as this comes within the terms of reference of the senate committee."

One Fishing Vessel Wrecked, Second Missing

GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP)—One fishing vessel was wrecked and another missing Friday night after Eastern Nova Scotia's worst snow and wind storm of the season.

The Newfoundland fishing vessel Marilyn Clair was tossed ashore on the coast of Mira Bay, about 12 miles due south of here between Mira Gut and Catolone. Its 11 crew members reached safety and took refuge in the homes of fishermen along the coast.

Meanwhile, another fishing craft, the 11-ton Grand Etang, with a five-man crew had not been heard from since 7 a.m. Thursday, when it reported drifting toward Flint Island in Western Cape Breton, with engine trouble.

The vessel is owned by Leonard Siemans of Petit Etang, N.S. RCMP said all the Marilyn Clair's crew were safe and uninjured. The skipper, Capt. R. Thornhill, said vessel and cargo were destroyed on the rocky shore.

Police started from here by automobile to pick up the stranded crew but were forced back by snow-blocked roads. Another expedition from Sydney also failed.

Communication lines to the area were downed by the storm and no contact could be established. RCMP said information was scanty.

TRAINS WILL BE ROLLING TODAY

Temporary Settlement Of C.P.R. Strike Is Reached

Heavy Drifting Hampers Snow Clearing On P. E. I. Highways

Certain sections of the main roads of the Province were still blocked at a late hour last night according to information received from Mr. William Baker, chief plow dispatcher, Provincial Department of Highways.

Tough, hard - packed banks, coupled with a heavy, continuous operations considerably, particularly in the Eastern section of the Province.

In the area West of Charlottetown the road picture did not appear so grim. Travel was possible on the Trans-Canada route to Bordent, and thence by the main highway to Summerside and Tignish. However the Malpeque road was still snowed in between Hunter River and Kensington. Ploughs breaking the way to Rustico had reached New Glasgow by evening.

It is expected that night shifts will operate in the blocked sections and that bulldozers will be moved into these areas as soon as possible the despatcher stated.

At 11:30 p.m. last night the Radio Range at the Charlottetown Airport reported the temperature to be 4 degrees below zero with the wind blowing from the North west at 20 m.p.h. Should the mercury fall to the predicted 12 below and the wind continue at this velocity, residings of the Province are in for a very chilly night.

At 2 a.m. the temperature was 3.3 below zero, and the wind West, Northwest at 13-16 miles per hour.

Founder Of CCF Party In B. C. Dies

VANCOUVER (CP) — E. E. (Ernie) Winch, who fathered the Socialist CCF party in British Columbia, is dead.

The 77-year-old veteran member of the B.C. legislature for neighboring Burnaby died at 8 a.m. Friday in Vancouver General Hospital after a heart attack last weekend.

Death of the white-haired, fiery Socialist ended the oldest father-and-son combination in any British or Commonwealth Parliament.

Both Mr. Winch and his son Harold, now member of Parliament for Vancouver East, were elected to the provincial legislature in 1933 beginning of the CCF party in B.C.

Harold Winch, 49, resigned as party leader in B.C. in 1953 to run successfully on a federal ticket.

The 23 years and four months the Winches served together surpassed the former record of Britain's Joseph and Austen Chamberlain, a partnership of 22 years less two days which ended with Joseph's death July 2, 1914.

Premier Bennett said in tribute: "Mr. Winch, was one of B.C.'s finest public servants. In all the years I have known him, he has never once taken a purely partisan attitude to any public issue."

"At all times he was chiefly interested in men and women in difficulties... people who had fallen on bad times."

In Ottawa, CCF Leader M. J. Coldwell said: "He did more to promote the welfare of housing for Canada's old age pensioners than any individual or government department in Canada."

Union Pleased, C.P.R. Lukewarm

OTTAWA (CP)—The CPR tieup ended late Friday. Trains will be rolling again Saturday.

Under pressure from the government, the company and firemen's union agreed to end the nine-day stoppage.

Prime Minister St. Laurent announced the settlement — a temporary one — to the Commons. Railway and union chiefs began getting crews and equipment back into operation.

The announcement of the settlement came from the prime minister at 5 p.m. EST—nine days and one hour from the time the CPR shutdown began Jan. 2—and followed three days of meetings between Mr. St. Laurent, company and union officials.

In the period, the prime minister had swung his weight to get the disputants to accept the general terms of a back-to-work plan.

The eventual settlement appeared to be closer to the views of labor than to the previously-expressed attitude of the CPR, which closed down its transcontinental rail operations when the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) took out its 5,000 members on the system.

67,000 LAID OFF

Some 67,000 employees on the CPR apart from those in the striking union were thrown into idleness by the shutdown. Other thousands were laid off across the country.

In statements issued after the Prime Minister's disclosure of the interim settlement terms, labor leaders were enthusiastic but CPR president N. R. Crump was lukewarm.

The major issue is whether there should be a prior commitment by the disputing parties to accept the report of a board of inquiry that the government is going to set up to investigate the question of whether the number of firemen in diesel operations should be reduced.

The company wanted the report of such a board made binding. The union insisted it must not be. The union won on the point, though Mr. St. Laurent suggested it would be difficult for either side not to accept the report.

REPORT "ADVISORY"

The prime minister made it clear to the House that the inquiry board's report will be "advisory."

Meanwhile, he said, the disputants have agreed to accept a temporary agreement on the wage point at issue.

That means a general increase in wages of 12 per cent.

Mr. St. Laurent made clear that the temporary settlement will be subject to renegotiation after the inquiry board reports. The board is to be given until Oct. 1 to turn in its findings.

He said it will be composed of three judges — an extraordinary formation for a federal inquiry commission—and not in line with labor's initial view that there should be management and labor representatives on it. It will not be designated as a royal commission.

Entering the Commons after a meeting with Mr. Crump and union leaders, Mr. St. Laurent said: "The understanding is that immediate notices are going to all concerned and that work to get the transportation service into operation will start not later than daylight Saturday morning."

SHOULD BE FINAL

CPR President Crump in a statement issued here after the prime minister made his announcement said that service on his company's lines will be restored as soon as safe operations can be assured.

"Under the terms of the settlement reached," he said, "there will be a judicial inquiry into the diesel issue... There is no agreement that makes the decision binding, but the prime minister and his colleagues, who have had much experience, stated... that after the investigation which now is being arranged, finality will be achieved."

"I have accepted this assessment."

"We are very glad and quite satisfied with the settlement," said W. E. Gamble of Montreal, Canadian head of the striking union who was among those in a final conference with the prime minister when the strike - ending terms were nailed down.

"We're very satisfied with the agreement reached," he added.

"NOT ENTHUSIASTIC"

Mr. Ambrose said he was "not too enthusiastic" over the idea of having the diesel issue adjudicated by judges but he said the idea of using judges was accepted in order to bring about a settlement.

"We think they will be fair-minded men, and we will be satisfied with their judgment if the case is fairly presented."

"Will you accept their judgment?" he was asked.

"No, we can't say we will abide by their judgment," he replied.

Urge New Prime Minister To Resist The Old Guard

LONDON (AP) — Warnings against giving way to the Tory "old guard" faced Prime Minister Harold Macmillan Friday night as he worked at forming a new government.

The 62-year-old prime minister is expected to have his cabinet ready by the weekend. The Queen is breaking her holiday at Sandringham again Sunday and returning to Buckingham Palace, presumably to receive and give formal approval to the list of new ministers.

Macmillan dined alone with Sir Winston Churchill, who is believed to have played an important behind-the-scenes role in gaining Macmillan the prime minister's post.

Sir Anthony Eden made his break with politics complete by giving up his seat in the House of Commons Friday.

Eden offered Eden an earldom, but he is reported to have told her he did not wish to accept a peerage "for the present." He left open the possibility he would eventually move to the House of Lords.

The choice of Macmillan over Richard A. Butler, government leader in the House of Commons, was interpreted as a victory for the party's right wing.

WARN MACMILLAN

Three of the most important moulders of public opinion in Britain cautioned Macmillan against leaning toward the right-wing.

The Times in an editorial warned: "The old guard of the party will be encouraged and fortified to try to turn their rearward action into an offensive one."

Calling upon Macmillan to resist such a move, The Times said: "There is only a road forward for conservatism; there is no road back."

The Manchester Guardian (Liberal) and the Economist, a weekly sounded similar warnings.

Ministers of the Eden government were called to 10 Downing Street in assembly-line fashion by Macmillan.

BUTLER STAYS

Butler, No. 2 man in the Eden cabinet, conferred with Macmillan several times during the day. He has agreed to remain in the new government and is sure to have a powerful voice.

There is increasing talk of Butler being appointed foreign secretary, replacing Selwyn Lloyd.

Asked about his future, Butler replied: "I have told everyone that I am very ready to serve and I think it will work out that way."

Two other Eden ministers seem sure of places in the new government.

Colonial secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd indicated he is staying on.

Peter Thorneycroft, 47-year-old president of the board of trade, emerged in jovial spirits amid well-founded reports he is slated for promotion to chancellor of the exchequer.

Lloyd spent a half hour conferring with Macmillan. He wore a solemn face arriving—and leaving.

Would Tie Old Age Pensions To Productivity

OTTAWA (CP)—The level of old age pension payments should be tied to increases in Canada's productivity, Stanley Knowles said Friday.

If that were done, said the CCF member for Winnipeg North Centre, the \$40 monthly pension established in 1949 now would be \$70 or \$72.

And if the Gordon economic commission's forecast of a national productivity of \$76,000,000 by 1980 came true, the pension then would be \$124.

"Don't laugh at that kind of figure," Mr. Knowles said during the Commons throne speech debate.

The old age pension should not be regarded as an existence allowance but as a right of older persons to share in the country's prosperity.

Mr. Knowles said there were reports last year the government planned to increase the pension. But no mention was made of that in the throne speech outlining the session's legislative program.

"Apparently the government thinks it has nothing to worry about—that it's got the election in the bag," he said, referring to expectations of an election next June.

Agreement Reached On Wage, Work Conditions

History was made this week when the Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1338, of Charlottetown, reached an agreement with M.F. Schurman and Company, well-known Island contractors, as to wages and working conditions.

It was the first time in provincial history that a carpenters' Union had been recognized, and had been in a position to negotiate with a contracting company.

Representatives of the Company and the Union met at the branch office of M.F. Schurman and Company in Charlottetown on Monday, and after friendly and frank discussions a mutually acceptable agreement was drawn up and approved by both company representatives and the Union.

Under the agreement, carpenters and joiners are to receive an increased rate of pay as from May 1, 1957. On and after that date all carpenters employed by M. F. Schurman will be paid at the rate of \$1.30 per hour with a 44 hour week, and time and half for overtime. This agreement will continue in effect until April 30, 1958, but may be terminated on the 30th of April in any year after 1958, by either party furnishing the other with written notice of termination. If such a contingency arises and if notice of termination be given, new negotiations would immediately be in order.

The agreement covers all work performed in Charlottetown and Summerside, and there are provisions also for wage scales for the remainder of the Province.

Among those representing the company at the negotiations were Robert Woods, Norman MacLeod and Bruce Allbright. The Union was represented by Mr. J.H. Dwyer of Halifax, representing the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and a negotiating committee from the Charlottetown Local composed of Eugene McCabe, president of the Local and Mr. John Smith and Douglas Simms. Mr. Simms is vice-president of the Union.

Union officials in Charlottetown stated that the agreement, reached in friendly fashion, owed much to the good-will of the company and its willingness to deal with the Union on a basis of complete frankness. Union officials believe that the new rate of \$1.30 per hour, which is customary in similar circumstances be adopted as a wage rate for carpenters in the Province, by the Federal Government.

Union officials were much pleased with the result of their prolonged effort to secure recognition as an organized body, and with the reception they had been given by the provincial authorities, and by the Schurman Company.

Executed For Dynamite Murders

CANON CITY, Colo. (AP)—John Gilbert Graham was executed Friday night in Colorado's gas chamber for the dynamite bomb murder of his mother and 48 other airline passengers Nov. 1, 1955.

Calm as death neared, the 24-year-old father of two children inhaled deeply the cyanide gas that spiraled up from a vat beneath the cold metal chair where he sat strapped and blindfolded.

Unconsciousness came seconds after the lever mixing the gas was tripped by prison officials.



The H.M.C.S. Magnificent steam, with the main Canadian Contingency Force. Note the deckload of army vehicles. CP Wire Photo.

Maggie Will Begin Unloading Operations Early This Morning

By JACK BRAYLEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer.

PORT SAID, Egypt (CP)—The Canadian aircraft carrier Magnificent, embroiled with unmistakable United Nations identification, will start at dawn Saturday to unload troops and cargo.

Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, commander of the UN Emergency Force, said in a radio message to the carrier Wednesday he needed the men and equipment in a hurry and urged the Magnificent to step up her speed.

The army vehicles and other equipment will go into duty right from the deckside.

Canadian Ambassador Herbert Norman and Gen. Burns with their staffs boarded the carrier by launch to greet the arriving Canadian UNEF contingent. Troops and sailors lined the decks to catch first glimpses of the tangled, sunken shipping which is blocking the Suez Canal and what remains of a statue of the canal builder, Ferdinand de Lesseps a Frenchman.

NEON SIGN PROMINENT

The odd shell hole in buildings near the waterfront were the only other signs of the recent military action. But still striding brightly in neon across the front of a big hotel was the familiar figure advertising a famous British whisky. It was a chilly day with showers of cold rain. But Egyptian officials made a point of stressing their warm welcome, pointing out that their senior pilot had been assigned to bring the Maggie to anchorage and sending a brigadier to give the country's army greetings. Finally an Egyptian major — Issa Serogeldine — went out of his way to tell The Canadian Press "we like to see friends when they come and we look upon you as our friends."

Canadian headquarters officers headed by Col. Mike Dare of Camp Borden Ont. were greeted with good humored cheers when they were first spotted in their bright blue UN berets and white and blue shoulder patches.

Canadian troops were most curious about Gen. Burns who has discarded his Canadian uniform for a UN creation of his own design that looks like a United States Air Force blue - grey outfit with blue instead of red general staff tabs. His hat has a big gold UN insignia.

Sees Dulles Not Overpopular

LONDON (AP)—Herbert Morrison, onetime Labor foreign secretary, said Friday night that during a recent trip in the United States he found State Secretary Dulles was "not overpopular or widely trusted."

Morrison was once in line for Labor party leader. But he lost to Hugh Gaitskell and no longer holds a prominent post in the party. He and Mrs. Morrison returned last month from a tour of the United States.

Of Dulles, Morrison said: "It is held by many that he blows hot and cold. Some say that when he opens his mouth he often puts his foot in it."

In a prepared speech to a Labor party meeting in his home constituency, Morrison said: "Anglo-American co-operation has done much for the world. Let it do it again. The sulks must stop in Washington. If there be any in Whitehall, they must stop too."

Morrison had several observations about Americans: "As a whole American instincts are healthy," he said. "For example, they in general hate to find themselves in conflict with the British. It annoys them: They regard it as unnatural, as we do."

MAJOR CROP

Rice is the principal crop, the staple food and the leading export of Burma.

Planning Alleviation Of Seasonal Unemployment

Because this Island Province depends for its economic prosperity on farming and fishing, seasonal unemployment is one of the grave problems which must be faced each year. For instance when fish are not being landed, the fish plants are closed. This means that in the town of Souris alone about 300 people who by the way come from all parts of Kings and Queens Counties lose their employment. Similarly all high way work in the Province comes to a dead stop; garages and service stations reduce their staffs; dairies in some cases work on reduced time and the larger ones cut their staffs sharply. The city of Charlottetown dismisses its summer employees. The list is long and there is no quick and sure remedy to cope with the situation.

However, each year the National Employment Office in Charlottetown as well as all other Employment Offices across the nation carry out campaigns to alleviate this seasonal lack of work. The Charlottetown Office is starting its annual campaign immediately. It is receiving the support of many public bodies and has the best wishes and advertising assistance of many merchants.

MECHANICAL CHECKUP

The brief also recommended a periodic province wide mechanical inspection of buses, trucks and cars in regard to speeds, particularly in respect to buses and trucks and that adequate regulations as to the number of hours commercial operators may work without designated periods of rest.

The use of zebra markings on highways where traffic is dense and at intersections where there is no traffic signal was also recommended. That all vehicles stop at a railway crossing where an automatic safety signal is in operation and that it be made compulsory for owners of vehicles to carry insurance covering public liability and property damage were among the recommendations.

LEVEL CROSSINGS

The memorandum made strong representations for the removal of level crossings in the interest of safety. It pointed out that 80 per cent of the level crossing accidents occur at unprotected crossings and urged that an effort should be made to have all crossings manually protected or equipped with protection signals, pending the elimination of level crossings through overhead or underpasses.

It was suggested that in view of the difference in consumption and hence in highway tax contributions, the tax on diesel oil be increased 50 per cent over the gasoline tax.

The Brotherhoods once again made a strong appeal to legisla-

Railway Brotherhoods Present Annual Brief To Government

The International Railway Brotherhoods this week presented their annual memorandum to the Prime Minister and the members of his Cabinet.

Amendments in the Highway Traffic Act recommended by the Railway Brotherhoods include the display of approved signals while a motor vehicle is stopped making repairs on the highway; the inclusion of highway safety instruction for drivers of motor vehicles.

The brief recommended that mother's allowances be increased to come in line with the increased cost of living and that the act be enlarged to include mothers who are divorced; those separated from their husbands and unmarried mothers.

It was recommended that the Government give consideration to the institution of a National Health Insurance Plan pointing out that a great many Canadian Families are not getting the medical services they should have.

The Government was commended for the progress made in improving the educational facilities in the Province. It was asked that all real property on which taxes are levied for the support of schools be accurately and equitably assessed.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW

The brief called attention to the fact that Prince Edward Island is the only Province which has not enacted a minimum wage law and suggested that consideration be given to the enactment of such a law that would cover weekly rates of pay for experienced or inexperienced workers together with wage orders covering overtime rates of pay.

Other recommendations dealt with matters concerning the Workmen's Compensation Act, children's allowance, industrial diseases etc.

The brief was signed on behalf of the Brotherhoods by W.D. Brennan, chairman, J.C. Carroll, vice chairman, E.P. Lynds, secretary, A.E. Murphy, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and J.G. Burge, Order of Railway Telegraphs.

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Retired N. B. Justice Dies

MONCTON (C)—Hon. Arthur T. LeBlanc, retired justice of the New Brunswick Supreme Court, died Thursday after an attack of pneumonia. He was 80.

Mr. LeBlanc was named to the Supreme Court in 1924 and served until his retirement in 1952. He practised law in several provincial centres after being admitted to the bar in 1906. From 1917 until his defeat in 1920 he was a Liberal member of the legislature for Northern Restigouche County.

Before studying law, he was editor of L'Evangeline, a French language weekly then published in Yemouthis, N.S.

Several years ago, Mr. Justice LeBlanc was honored by Pope plus XI with the papal knighthood of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Survivors include three sons and three daughters. A son, Dr. Willard LeBlanc lives in Moncton. He has a daughter, Mrs. Fernand Tanguay, in Sherbrooke.