

Telephone Employees Go On 5-Day Week In March

All full-time employees of the Island Telephone Company, Ltd. will go on a five-day week starting on March first, according to an agreement reached between the Company and the employees this week.

This announcement was made yesterday by Mr. Wilfrid MacLean, president of local Union No. 1811, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and confirmed last evening by Mr. D. M. Gass, manager of the Company. Miss Evelyn Vatcher, president of the Women's local No. 1812 also reported that an agreement had been negotiated concurrently with their division, and the same result reached.

Commenting on the possible effect in the functions of the Telephone Company Mr. Gass said there will be no change of any kind in the service to the public. The time off due each employee every week will be "staggered" as is the custom in other utilities where service must be maintained. Employees will have two full days off duty each week, and work five days.

Negotiations covering several weeks were conducted with company officials with Wilfrid MacLean and Don Livingston representing the male employees and Evelyn Vatcher and Alberta Higgins representing the women.

Slightly more than one hundred employees are involved in the change.

Hicks Promises Effort To Revive N.S. Coal Industry

HALFAX (CP) — Premier Henry D. Hicks promised the Nova Scotia legislature Friday his Liberal government will do everything possible to restore the province's coal industry to "its accustomed vigor."

He said Nova Scotia would work with "any other level of government" to solve "a very difficult situation that transcends political interests."

Many of the province's 11,000 miners have been idled in a staggered program of pit shutdowns caused by sagging markets.

The premier also said "we will listen to constructive views of the official opposition or the CCF if, in any way, they can be interpreted constructively."

He opened his remarks with an attack on "the condemnation heaped upon us" by the Progressive Conservative opposition.

Acquit Former Bank Manager

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP) — A petit jury Friday acquitted the Reginald Delaney, former manager of the Provincial Bank here, of charges alleging "false banking entries with intent to defraud" and "false statements with intent that they should be relied upon."

The jury deliberated five and a half hours before bringing in its "not guilty" verdict which concluded a four-day trial. The verdict brought hand-clapping and cheers from spectators, forcing Judge Reginald D. Keirstead to resort to stern measures to quell the uproar in the courtroom.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister St. Laurent said present unemployment is seriously regretted by Commons members; government giving it constant attention.

Howard Green (PC—Vancouver-Quadra) proposed a national energy policy be laid down by a central board.

Trade Minister Howe said a board of experts on Canadian energy sources would be a waste of manpower and talent.

Committee study of redistribution and the Canada Elections Act was decided upon.

Transport Minister Marler indicated non-acceptance of opposition demands for local advisory councils to aid the national harbors board.

Monday

The Commons will consider government business. The Senate is adjourned until Tuesday.

Coming Events

- Regular skis Crapaud Rink tonight 8 to 10.
- Rummage Sale today, 2 o'clock, Sons of England Hall.
- Dance Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall tonight, Burns Orchestra.
- Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday—Abbott and Costello meet Dr. Jekyll.
- Motorists opening March 1st four Texaco Firestone dealers, Corlies's Texaco, Southport.
- Pantry Sale, Simpsons—Sears, Saturday, February 26th, 9.30 a.m. York Point Women's Institute.
- Save March 17th for the Variety Concert in the St. Peter's Bay Hall, sponsored by the Women's Association of the St. Peter's Bay United Church.
- Rummage Sale, Hearts Hall, Kings Daughters Group Four, Saturday, 2 p.m.
- Come to the Variety Concert at Stanhope—Covehead Community Hall, Wednesday, March 2nd, 8.30. Sale of box lunches.
- Dance, West Royalty Hall Wednesday. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service, 9.30 to 12.30.
- Hockey at North River rink tonight, Cornwall schoolboys vs. North River schoolboys, 7 o'clock. Milton Hornets vs. Cornwall Metes, first game in league finals at 8.30. No school hockey or skate today.
- Buying pigs and feeder calves Monday at Fredericton. Tuesday, Brookfield 9.30, Milton 10. Charlottetown Market Square 11, York 1 p.m., Bedford 2, Tracadie 2.30, Mt. Stewart 3, Pownal 3.50, Veon River 5, Paying \$30.00 per pair for good pigs, 25 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

DEFENCE DEPT. CONSIDERS POSSIBLE USE OF ARCTIC ISLANDS AS AIR AND SEA BASES



Sea Cadet Corps Kent Inspected

Area Commanding Officer, Lieut. Commander P. K. Wilton, R.C.N., Halifax, inspected the Sea Cadets of R.C.S.C.C. "Kent" last evening.

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The premier, making his first House speech as government leader, resumes the debate.

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Navy To Use Robot Planes For Training Off Halifax

OTTAWA (CP)—The navy next week will start using radio-controlled pilotless planes for anti-aircraft training on the east coast.

It announced Friday No. 1 Drone Target unit will be formed March 1 at H.M.C.S. Shearwater, the naval air station at Dartmouth.

The small, pilotless planes are similar to those which used for target practice by the R.C.A.F. for the last few years.

The drone targets have a wing span of 12 feet and are powered by an 80-horsepower piston engine. They have a top speed of about 200 knots and an endurance of 1 to 2 hours.

PROVIDE TARGETS

The mobile unit will provide targets for anti-aircraft practice by the east coast fleet. They will be controlled and recovered from a site at Osborne Head, east of the Halifax harbor approaches.

Each drone is equipped with a parachute which, when released, automatically stops the engine, allowing the drone to descend. The chute can be released at any time during flight and the drone recovered and any damaged parts repaired.

While the unit will launch the drones from shore, the targets may also be launched from the size of destroyers or bigger.

TRAINED IN U. S.

The drone target unit will comprise an officer and 10 men and will be commanded by Lt. Cmdr. M. E. Sandes of Dartmouth and Lt. H. Thompson, First Lieut. H. Trainer, Sub. Lieut. Division of officers, Midshipman Cauty, Supply Officer, Rev. Allan MacDonald, R. C. Chaplain was also present during the inspection.

C. P. O. Carl Riggs is Regulating Officer with Leading Cadets are Carl Wilson, D. MacAuland, S. Hughes, R. McKeigan, F. Mahar, and J. Profit.

Barter's Film Lab.

Nfld. Mother Is Reunited With Convalescing Son

By PAULINE KENNEDY
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TORONTO (CP) — After four months of waiting and struggling for health, little Iggy Crotty at last saw his mother again Friday.

The reunion of the nine-year-old boy who was partially paralyzed when he came to hospital in Toronto, and his mother who flew in Friday morning from Newfoundland, was wordless and touching.

They just flew into each other's arms.

"What are you going to do with all my letters now you are coming home?" his mother asked.

"I'll keep them up and throw them away," he said. "I don't need them anymore now you're here."

"LOOKS SO WELL!"

His words were music to Mrs. Leo Crotty's ears. When Iggy left St. John's last October for brain operations in Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children he couldn't walk or talk—the result of a motor accident in May.

Mrs. Crotty, a grey-haired motherly woman who left six other children home in Newfoundland to make the trip, was so overjoyed by Iggy's recovery she could only repeat over and over:

"I wasn't prepared for this—he looks so well."

When he left Newfoundland for treatment even his family despaired of his recovery. Mrs. Crotty just could not believe the change she found in her child who can run around unaided and talk haltingly again.

Mother and son will leave Toronto by plane next Tuesday for another joyful reunion with Iggy's brothers and sisters and father. But first, Mrs. Crotty, whose husband is a payroll clerk in the municipal government at St. John's, wants to see Toronto.

"I have never been outside Newfoundland before," she said. "I want to have a good look around so I can tell them all about the city which has been so good to Iggy."

5 Gallons Ditto Fluid Missing

Maggie Binge Trial Opens

By IRVING C. WHYNOT
Canadian Press Staff Writer

HALIFAX (CP) — The navy opened Friday the court martial of an able seaman on four charges arising from the Jan. 21 methyl alcohol binge aboard the carrier Magnificent that poisoned 47 hands.

The navy said one and possibly more men would face court martial charges. Others had been disciplined by their commanding officers.

AB John L. MacDonald of Beaverton, Ont., faces four charges connected with the spree which featured a mixture containing duplicating machine fluid.

Witnesses—all naval personnel—told of seeing him pour drinks from a gallon can and some said they drank some themselves but didn't know what it was.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

MacDonald, who witnesses said was under punishment at the time, is charged with theft of three cans of duplicating fluid, being in illegal possession of the fluid, furnishing it to two shipmates and drinking an intoxicant.

He pleaded innocent to all charges.

The navy said at the time of the affair that the duplicating fluid contained deadly methyl alcohol. Some of the men were near death for a time but all survived without permanent injury.

LS Fraser Way said he had met MacDonald at the top of a ladder aboard ship and had taken a gallon can from him, issued in daily lots to naval personnel.

FIVE GALLONS MISSING

AB John Gallant, who worked in the stationery stores where the fluid was kept, said he was called off leave the day after the clandestine drinking spree to check the stock. There were five gallons not accounted for.

AB Ernest Jarvis of London, Ont., said he had a drink with MacDonald in their mess but wasn't sure if it had been offered or he had requested it.

Weather Delays Arctic Rescue

WINNIPEG (CP) — Seven persons stranded on the wild northern barrens faced a fourth night of savage sub-Arctic cold Friday night as bitter winds whipped the snow, obscuring their position from search planes hovering overhead.

RCAF headquarters here received unofficial word early Friday night that two Dakotas were circling the area trying to locate the party, stranded since Tuesday when their RCMP Otter was forced down on the tundra, 900 miles north of Winnipeg, by an unexpected storm.

The plane was located Thursday afternoon but bad weather Friday halted any rescue attempts.

An RCAF Otter, piloted by FO. C. W. (Bounce) Weir, veteran bush pilot who flew the Duke of Edinburgh from Rockcliffe, Ont. to the Chalk River atomic research station and return last summer, left Churchill Friday morning to attempt a rescue.

However, an ice crystal haze covered the area, 35 miles southeast from the Ennada lake weather station, and Weir was forced to continue on to Ennada to await better weather. A second attempt was planned Friday afternoon but 20-mile-an-hour winds from blowing from the north and churned up the snow on the ground.

Although no contact has been made with the stranded party, RCAF and RCMP officials were confident the seven were in no danger.

Britain Calls For Agreement On Arms Cut

By SEYMOUR TOPPING

LONDON (AP) — Britain called on the world's major atomic powers Friday for every ounce of effort to get an agreement on disarmament.

Opening a closed conference of the United Nations disarmament sub-committee, British Minister of State Anthony Nutting declared: "All mankind will agree that there is no hope of attaining real and lasting peace without real disarmament. . . . In this modern scientific age, none of us must spare one ounce of effort in the fulfillment of this trust."

30,000 Square Miles Flooded In Australia

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters)—Debris-strewn floodwaters surged unchecked Friday night over a 30,000 square-mile area of New South Wales as thousands of homeless faced another night of terror.

The floods, worst in the state's history, already have cost at least 19 lives. Fifty towns have been inundated or threatened by the raging waters. Extensive damage has followed the rising waters.

Adjourn Probe Of Tug Sinking

SYDNEY (CP) — A transport department inquiry into the Dec. 3 sinking of the tug *Rouille* off the Cape Breton coast was adjourned Friday without a date being set for its decision.

Nationalists Reported To Be Reinforcing Matsus

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Strong reports persisted today that the Nationalist garrison which abandoned Nanchishan in a secrecy-guarded 41-hour operation was taken 60 miles south to reinforce the Matsus islands.

The Matsus, 100 miles west of Formosa's northern tip, guard the approaches to the big Red port of Fochow.

Although the United States has made no public commitment, the Nationalists have indicated belief they would get U. S. help in defending both the Matsus and Quemoy, guarding the approaches to Amoy.

Inability to get such help for defence of Nanchishan, 140 miles northwest of Formosa, coupled with Red landings on islands both north and south, apparently prompted the withdrawal begun at 7 p. m. Feb. 25 and completed at noon Friday.

SILENT ON SIZE

The Nationalists were silent on the size of the garrison, estimated unofficially at 5,000, but said the evacuation drew no interference from the Reds as close as 12 miles north.

To Cut C.N.R. Passenger Trains On Quebec Lines

MONTREAL (CP) — Canadian National Railways has notified the board of transport commissioners that passenger service on two Quebec lines will be decreased March 6 for "lack of patronage," it was announced Thursday night.

Affected will be the 45-mile St. Leonard de Nicolet-St. Hyacinthe line and the 80-mile Quebec City-Gareneau line. The C.N.R. has decided to take four trains, one operating from each point, off the service.

Hardest hit will be the Quebec City-Gareneau line which will be without a passenger service on Saturdays from Quebec City.

Awarded Damages Against Spiritualist

DETROIT (AP)—A judge Friday awarded Prof. Albert Hyma of the University of Michigan \$4,000 damages against a woman spiritualist he charged with luring him into bad investments, including a dry oil well.

Prof. Hyma testified Mrs. Lillian Lee advised him after seances during which the "spirits" sometimes answered Mrs. Lee through a trumpet she held.

More Sleet, Snow For Britain

LONDON (Reuters)—More sleet and snow was forecast for storm-battered Britain Friday night as snowplows battled drifting snows to reach stranded motorists and helicopters continued to bring food and medical aid to isolated villages.

More than 1,300 main roads were blocked in various parts of the country Friday night by drifts up to 20 feet deep, despite warmer weather and thinning snows in the southern part of the country Friday.



Jimmy Shows How It's Done
Spry at 71, Agriculture Minister James G. Gardiner shed his coat and donned a paper hat to show how a western jig should be danced. He and his admirers were attending a Mardi Gras party in the Parliament Building. (CP Photo).



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	23b	6b
Vancouver	21	31
Victoria	36	44
Edmonton	8b	4b
Calgary	7b	2b
Regina	5b	2b
Winnipeg	12b	6
Toronto	24	31
Ottawa	16	24
Montreal	21	26
Quebec	7	27
Fredericton	16	26
Saint John	21	37
Moncton	28	35
Halifax	27	34
Charlottetown	24	33
Sydney	28	32
Yarmouth	28	40
St. John's	—	29

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office says a high pressure area centres over the province of Quebec is moving eastward and sunny weather is forecast for all regions Saturday as dry air flows over the district. Indications are that snow will fall in the northern regions Sunday while in the southern Maritimes the weather will be cloudy with a chance of rain or snow late in the day.

Forecasts:

Lower St. John river valley: Sunny on Saturday, colder; light winds. Low-high at Fredericton 19 and 25, Saint John 15 and 25.

Outlook for Sunday: Cloudy and mild.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties: Sunny on Saturday, colder; light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 30, Moncton 15 and 25.

Outlook for Sunday: Cloudy and mild.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1.10 a. m. and 1.19 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6.38 a. m. and sets at 5.55 p. m.