

PROVINCIAL SALES TAX PROPOSALS TABLED IN HOUSE

Suspects Sabotage In Collapse Of Bridge

Board Turns Down Request For Reduced Potato Levy

A Prince County potato dealers' delegation yesterday afternoon met with the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board and requested that the marketing regulation which requires them to collect one cent per hundred pounds of potatoes bought from the growers be reduced to one half cent per cwt.

The Marketing Board considered the matter in private and decided that the levy would remain at one cent per cwt. as they considered this levy was necessary to operate as evidenced by past operations of the Potato Promotion Committee.

Unofficially it was learned that a small number of dealers throughout the Province have been objecting to the one cent levy and have not forwarded any levy money to the Board.

Yesterday's meeting took place as a result of a meeting of the Prince County dealers in Summerside Monday night where a delegation was appointed to meet the Provincial Potato Board regarding the levy matter.

The Provincial Marketing Board members were also present at the meeting in the Legislative Chambers in the Provincial Building.

Submitted Resolution
The dealers submitted to the

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Coming Events

Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

Wheat \$3.15 per hundred. Mc-Gulgan & Boyle.

Dance in Kelly's Cross School, Friday, February 2nd.

Hockey at Wilshire tonight. Hampshire Bulldogs vs. Wilshire Miracles.

Our Store will be closed Thursday, February 1st, for stocktaking. Mc-Gulgan & Boyle.

Dance, new school, at Auburn. Thursday night, February 1st. Good music. If not fine, Friday.

Buying oats and mixed grain, also feed bags daily. Highest prices Fraser and Annear Feed Service.

Dance and Card Party, Tracadie Hall, February 5th. Good music. Luncheon.

Hockey tonight. New Glasgow, Cavendish vs. Glasgow Road. Skate after.

Kinkora, Friday, February 1st. Special Pre-Lenten Show, "Family Honeymoon". Dance after.

Hampton Hall, Community Film, Friday, February 2nd. Everyone welcome.

Show, Morell Community Hall, every Friday only. Show starts 8 o'clock.

Hockey Stanley Bridge rink tonight. Norboro vs. Stanley Bridge. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

Graham's Road rink, Graham's Road vs. Long River. Game starts 8:30 sharp. If not fine, following night.

Hockey game Seaview Rink tonight. Seaview vs. Spring Valley. If not fine, the following night.

Annual Meeting Kings County L.O.L. Jubilee Lodge, Iris, February 6th. 10 A. M. Ernest MacLeod, Secretary.

Hockey, North River Rink, tonight. Milton Hornets vs. Southport Ramblers. Game time 8:30. Skates after.

Notice - Social evening, Springfield Hall, Friday, February 2nd. In aid of rink. Sponsored by Fann Forum. If stormy, following night.

Annual Meeting the Wilshire Dairyming Co. will be held Monday, February 12th, 2 P. M. Full attendance is requested. Nelson Hatherley, Secretary.

Show, Morell Community Hall, every Friday only. Show starts 8 o'clock. Coming Friday, two shows, 7 and 9 P. M. The Studio show gives you "The Naked City" now gives you "The City Across the River". Starring, Stephen McNally and others.

At Training Base



Cpl. Auldin D. Sudbury, (above) former resident of this city and the son of Mr. James Sudbury of Beedee, Prince Edward Island, is now in training at Randolph Air Force Base as a member of the Combat Crew Training Group, Randolph AFB, known worldwide for its basic training of more than 20,000 aviation cadets, since its origin in 1931, expanded its program to include the training of combat crews for the Air Force B-29 Superfortresses in August, 1950, and the runways which once swarmed with small T-6 North American trainers, now resound with the roar of the B-29 "Supers".

The eleven-man crew, of which Cpl. Sudbury is a member, will upon graduation from Randolph, be transferred to the Strategic Air Command for further assignment with combat units. B-29 Combat Crew teams are made up of graduates of technical schools of the Air Training Command as well as of World War II veterans.

Cpl. Sudbury, who entered the service in June, 1949, attended high school in Cleveland, Ohio.

Members-at-large include: Rev. P. McMahon, Rev. A. MacLellan, Dr. Frank MacMillan, Messrs. R. D. McGillivray, Eugene Kelly, Carl Green, Wilfred Smith, Augustus Dowling and Jerome Gillis.

In his President's Report, Mr. MacMillan stated that during the past year the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau was granted professional status by the Canadian Welfare Council, and it was also recognized by the Provincial Government as a chartered Child Placing Agency.

Mr. MacMillan also pointed out that whereas the Provincial Government will reimburse municipalities on a 50-50 basis for monies spent on relief, it has refused to extend the same consideration to the Welfare Bureau which compensates for the inactivity of the city administration in meeting local relief needs. He also complained that the city administration has refused to assist the Bureau in its work of providing material relief to the poor of the city.

Mr. MacMillan concluded his remarks by thanking all citizens who assisted in the numerous activities of the Bureau, especially in its Christmas program.

The Field Secretary, Sister Mary Eugene, C.S.M., described the activities of the Bureau under five headings: (1) services to unmarriageable couples; (2) services to unmarriageable couples; (3) services to unmarriageable couples; (4) services to unmarriageable couples; (5) services to unmarriageable couples.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 (CP)—The Royal Commission on Transportation spent \$277,000 in the fiscal year ended March 31 last, it was shown in the public accounts tabled today in the Commons.

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuters)—Britain will not send any spare arms to Spain, Kenneth Younger, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today.

SINGAPORE, Jan. 31 (Reuters)—Terrorists killed six police and two women rubber tappers Tuesday on a plantation in the Ayer Kuning area of Perak.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent announced today that Prime Minister Plevin of France will arrive in Ottawa Friday and will be accompanied by train from Montreal by Postmaster-General Rinfret.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 (CP)—J. L. MacDougall (L—Vancouver Burrard) placed on the Commons order paper today a motion urging that churches, service clubs and other charitable organizations be allowed to hold sweepstakes and lotteries.

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Quebec Gov't To Investigate, Premier Says

Four Men Carried To Death Early Yesterday Morning.

THREE RIVERS, Que., Jan. 31 (CP)—With a roar and tumble likened by witnesses to that of an earthquake, four spans of the Duplessis highway bridge, a concrete and steel structure, collapsed at 2:55 a.m. EST today and carried four men in their automobiles on an icy death in the St. Maurice River.

At Quebec Premier Maurice Duplessis, who opened the \$3,000,000 bridge officially in June, 1948, told the legislature the bridge had been "sabotaged by subversive elements."

And in Three Rivers Mayor J. A. Mongrain termed the bridge collapse a "catastrophe."

For this city on the St. Lawrence, 90 miles or so northeast of Montreal it was the worst tragedy since 1908 when some half the city burned.

Police, who made known the recovery of four bodies after a day of bitter recovery work amid the St. Maurice ice and bridge debris, held out the bare possibility there might be one or two more bodies still in the river.

Collapsed were the four spans nearest Three Rivers or more than half of the bridge area leading from Three Rivers to mid-water land whence the bridge continues to Cap de la Madeleine.

Premier Duplessis promised an inquiry into the collapse of the bridge.

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Refuse To Paint Polish Liner Batory

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP)—American workmen refused to touch the Polish liner Batory when she pulled into a Brooklyn shipyard today for a paint job.

"I'll starve before I'll work on an iron curtain ship," said one of the 285 workmen. The ship returned to her Manhattan pier and will sail Friday for Europe still needing new paint.

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Sees Reds Behind Aussie Coal Mine Stoppages

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan. 31 (Reuters)—The Australian Government braced itself tonight to fight back against what its leader called a "Communist attack" by the country's coal miners.

A miners' decision to stage one-day protest stoppages each week is "subversive attack against the community," Arthur W. Fadden acting prime minister, said today. "The Government is determined to protect the people against this Communist attack upon them."

The stoppage decision was reached earlier today by the Australian Miners' Central Council in protest against conditions attached to a recent pay award. The Coal Industry Tribunal had made increases of up to two Australian pounds (\$4.48) weekly conditional on the miners working 10 full days every two weeks.

The Tribunal last week banned stoppages and said miners are liable to six months in jail or a fine of \$100 if they flout the ban. The Government threatened to invoke the Crimes Act which

would mean troops could take over mines affected by stoppages and miners' leaders could be jailed or deported.

Fadden would not amplify his statement tonight or say when the Government would invoke the Crimes Act. Earlier he declared: "We will take appropriate action at the appropriate time."

The Miners' Central Council will meet again tomorrow to consider details of the weekly stoppages and develop plans to seek trade union support throughout Australia.

A Miners' Federation official said if the Government took action against its leaders the miners might extend stoppages to two days a week, reduce daily output and refuse to work overtime.

A one-day stoppage could cost 75,000 tons of coal a week.

Already 150,000 workers are idle in Sydney because of the country's acute coal shortage and the New South Wales Government is rationing coal to industrial plants.

Fighter Plane Sets New N. Y. To London Record

By DONALD B. SCHWIND

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Air-line Capt. Charles Blair landed his scarlet Mustang fighter plane in a blaze of red "very" lights tonight, chalking up a fresh New York-to-London speed record of seven hours, 48 minutes. He clipped an hour and seven minutes off the old record.

Blair said his only troubles were some icing in the early stages and a painfully tight pair of boots throughout.

As he clambered from the revamped fighter's cockpit and waded to a cheering crowd at London Airport, he winced and said: "The first thing I do is to get these boots off."

The "very" lights, brilliant red flares, marked the end of the airport's main runway as Blair's plane, a flying gas tank named Excalibur III, skimmed down in the darkness.

He left New York's Idlewild Airport at 4:50 a.m. EST and was clocked in here at 5:38 p.m. GMT (12:38 p.m. EST).

A Pan American Airways pilot, Blair took the time record from a Pan American strato-cruiser. The strato-cruiser, piloted by Capt. Charles Titus, made the eastward crossing Nov. 22, 1949, with 24 passengers in eight hours and 55 minutes. Strong tail winds helped in both cases.

Blair, tall, dark, married, and 41, brought no luggage but had shaving kit and a toothbrush in a small leather bag.

His plane is powered by a Packard-built Rolls Royce Merlin engine and was modified to hold 865 gallons of gasoline inside wings and fuselage without external tanks.

Blair told reporters at London Airport: "It was a very good crossing. It wasn't as fast as I expected but after Gander, Nfld., I had a tail wind of 130 miles an hour. But the weather wasn't too good and there was some ice."

Blair's average speed was about 450 miles an hour and he made much of the jaunt at 37,000 feet.

Meeting Stresses Urgent Need For Preparedness

An enthusiastic public meeting at the Canadian Legion last evening unanimously passed a motion to forward a resolution to the representative in the Federal Government in regard to Canada's urgent need for preparedness for war as outlined in the Canadian Legion's "Operation Preparedness" bulletins.

The resolution which was read to the meeting and heartily endorsed by everyone in attendance read as follows:

"Resolved that this public meeting of Charlottetown citizens called by the Canadian Legion urge our Federal representatives to press for immediate national registration of all Canadian citizens in order to secure full information as to Canada's man power.

"Further, that we urge the Dominion Government to put into effect some system for the compulsory training of Canadian citizens in our reserve forces, and immediate mobilization of industrial resources for defence production."

The motion was moved by N. W. Lowther, Provincial representative to the Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion, and seconded by H. Vessey, President of the Charlottetown Branch of Canadian Legion.

Outlines Plan
Major A. H. Peake, Provincial President of the Canadian Legion was chairman for the public meeting.

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Find Snow At Ottawa Radioactive

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 (CP)—Snow at Ottawa and perhaps elsewhere in Canada has become charged with an unusual degree of radioactivity probably arising from last week's atomic explosions in Nevada, officials said today.

But the National Research Council added, this invisible radioactive dust which fell in an early-Monday snowstorm and settled on the top is "quite harmless" and is more of a nuisance to scientists than anything else.

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Consent Of All Provinces Must Be Forthcoming

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 (CP)—The Provinces may be allowed to impose an indirect sales tax of as much as three per cent to help them finance a new pension program for the aged, it was disclosed today in the Commons.

Prime Minister St. Laurent tabled copies of draft constitutional amendments that would allow the Federal Government to inaugurate a contributory old-age pension program and permit the provinces to enter the indirect sales-tax field, now exclusively federal.

The amendments have been sent to the Provincial governments for consideration. Unanimous consent must be obtained before the proposed changes can be sought from the United Kingdom Parliament.

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Strange Silence As U. N. Troops Renew Drive

By Robert Euston
TOKYO, Feb. 1 (Thursday)—(AP)—Allied troops renewed their eight-day-old offensive at dawn today in Western Korea—and met no opposition at the outset.

The lull-off followed a night of strange silence in which the Chinese Reds ceased entirely the counter-attacks they had pressed at heavy loss on Wednesday.

AP correspondent Stan Swinton reported in a field dispatch at 9 a. m. (7 p. m. EST Wednesday): "Officers said either the Chinese were holding back in preparation for a large scale counter-attack or else they had made tactical withdrawals farther into their main line of resistance as a result of heavy casualties suffered in yesterday's (Wednesday's) bitter fighting."

At the beginning of today's push, Puerto Rican and U. S. troops advanced unopposed deeper into the entrenched-studied hills constituting the enemy's main defenses south of the Han River.

Allied planes spotted and attacked 400 enemy vehicles moving toward the front Wednesday night in the western sector.

Allied troops mowed down Chinese Wednesday in hand-to-hand combat, roaring artillery barrages and blistering air strikes.

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Island Government In Agreement With Pensions Programme

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 (Special)—Full agreement with amendments to the British North America Act governing old age pensions and provincial sales tax were expressed in a letter from Prince Edward Island's Premier J. Walter Jones to Justice Minister Stuart Garson, tabled in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Mr. Jones' letter was in reply to a communication from Mr. Garson asking him, together with other Premiers of Provinces to comment on the two proposed amendments to the B.N.A. Act. The letter from the P.E.I. Premier reads:

"Dear Mr. Garson: "The Government of Prince Edward Island approves the two proposed amendments to the British North America Act respecting old age pensions and a provincial sales tax which were forwarded in your letter of January 2. Very truly yours, J. Walter Jones."

The amendments as discussed at recent Dominion-Provincial conferences, are:

(1) — To add a sub-section to section 95 of the B.N.A. Act setting forth that: "Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Parliament of Canada may make laws in relation to old age pensions."

(2) — To provide for the raising of revenue for provincial purposes by (A) Direct taxation within the province, and (B) "Indirect taxation within the province in respect of the sale of goods (except goods sold for shipment outside the province) to a buyer for purpose of consumption or use and not for resale, at a rate not exceeding three per cent of the sale price, but not so as to discriminate between sales of goods grown, produced or manufactured within the province and sales of goods grown, produced or manufactured outside the province."

The Prince Edward Island Premier also agreed to Mr. Garson's proposal of Jan. 20 to add to the sales tax amendment, the words "and not so as to discriminate between sellers or classes of sellers of the same class of goods."

Mass Killings In China Reported
TAIPEI, Formosa, Jan. 31 (AP)—The Chinese Nationalist Defence Ministry said today the Chinese Communists are carrying out mass killings in Kiangsi Province which compare with "Hitler's gas chambers."

It said 5,000 persons had been slain during the last 12 months at Jukin, former Red capital, as public security police.

One Missing After Fire Destroys Hotel In Sorel

SOREL, Que., Jan. 31 (CP)—Fire early today destroyed a 75-year-old landmark of Sorel, the three-story, brick-shedded Verdun Hotel, with the possible loss of one life.

Early tonight Hector Salvail of Sorel was still missing. The other 33 persons in the building when the fire broke out had been accounted for.

Salvail was at first thought to have gone to the home of relatives but police said they had not been able to find him. Firemen began combing the ruins for his body.

Hotel owner Edward Vardon was preparing for bed at 2:30 A.M. when he noticed smoke. He sounded the alarm and dashed from door to door waking guests. One of the last to leave, he sent his wife and daughter onto a second floor balcony, then checked the rooms once more, and made his way down a fire escape.

His wife and daughter shivered in 24-degree-below-zero weather — dressed only in night clothes — until a passerby helped a fireman hold a ladder to the balcony.

Hundreds of Sorel citizens braved the bitterly cold temperature to watch the hotel disintegrate into piles of steaming rubble.

The hotel, overlooking the fork of the Richelieu and St. Lawrence Rivers, was one of the oldest buildings in this shipbuilding city 40 miles northeast of Montreal. Damage was estimated at \$85,000.

Mt. St. Vincent College Near Halifax Destroyed

HALIFAX, Jan. 31 (CP)—Four hundred students and Sisters of Charity, most of them believing the alarm was another of the regular fire drills, fled swiftly out of the main building of Mount St. Vincent College today as the 75-year-old building was enveloped in flames. Shortly after, the building was only a gutted ruin.

The college, only independent college for women in Canada, is at Rockingham, about three miles from Halifax.

There were no injuries. "This is what we have been trained for." Students at the college were organized in groups of 12, each group under a Sister, for the twice-weekly fire drills. Most of them didn't know there actually was a fire until they were out of the building in the early morning, below zero temperature.

Lost in the fire were the college's 80,000-volume library and the religious treasures collected by the Sisters during the last 100 years.

Most of the students were from Nova Scotia but others came from across Canada and the United States, especially the New England States.

Firemen were hampered in their efforts by the freezing cold which reduced water pressure at the scene.

Deputy Fire Chief Richard Young said: "It was terrible to see the work of years, the treasures and paintings, consumed within hours and not be able to do anything about it."

The building was doomed almost immediately after firemen arrived. Loss from the blaze, believed to have started in a kitchen, is expected to be more than \$1,000,000.

Students were rushed to nearby buildings for shelter and then were taken to other institutions throughout the city.

Sisters, taken to shelter, knelt in the cellar and prayed for a miracle to halt the flames.

January Potato Shipments Beat All Past Records

Prince Edward Island potato exports by rail during the past month far surpassed those of any previous January in the history of the Island Division of the Canadian National Railways, it was learned yesterday.

During the thirty days from Jan. 1 to midnight Jan. 30, 1299 carloads of potatoes were ferried from Borden to Tormentine. A C. N. R. official estimated that about 50 carloads would be ferried across the straits yesterday bringing the total for the month to around 1450.

If the severe weather had not interfered with loading operations during the past two days the total movement for the month would have been over 1500 carloads, the official stated.

The previous January potato export record was set last year when 946 carloads were ferried out of the province during the month.

The January 1951 export shipments are the highest ever made during one winter month from here.

Airliner Missing

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Feb. 1 (Reuters)—An Iceland DC-3 airliner was reported missing early today in a blizzard. It carried 17 passengers and a crew of three.

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 1 (Reuters)— Sir Stafford Cripps, ailing ex-chancellor of the exchequer, left here today for the famous "sunshine clinic" at Leysin for treatment of a tubercular infection of the spine. For the last few weeks Cripps has been at the Birchenbender Clinic here.

SETBACKS PAVE THE WAY TO 'COME BACKS'

MINIMUM temperatures observed between 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. E.S.T.: maximum temperatures between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Victoria 26, 33; Edmonton 11b, 5; Calgary 9b, 5; Regina 24b, 5b; Winnipeg 25b, 10b; Toronto 5, 17; Ottawa 18b, 3b; Montreal 17b, 3b; Quebec 24b, 2b; Moncton 22b, 2b; Halifax 13b, 6; Charlottetown 15b, 3b; Sydney 5 below, 11; Yarmouth 6b, 11; St. John's Nfld. 5b, 6.

HALIFAX, Jan. 31 (CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis: An extensive area of snow, ice pellets, freezing rain, and rain covers the Northeastern United States. This poor weather along with rising temperatures will spread northeastward across the forecast district tonight and Thursday. Over most of the Maritimes, three to six inches of snow are expected before changing to ice pellets or rain.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Thursday: Prince Edward Island—Thursday snow beginning about noon, changing in the evening to rain. Much milder. East winds 15 increasing in afternoon to southeast 25. Low and high Thursday at Charlottetown 5 below and 25 above.

High tides today at 5:40 A. M. and 4:53 P. M. Sun rises at 7:34 A. M. and sets at 5:19 P. M.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE
Leave Borden 9:10 A.M. Leave C. T. 2:40 P.M.
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Leave Borden 6:45 P.M. Leave C. T. 1:00 P.M.