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BRITAIN PLANS SWEEPING CHANGES IN NAVAL SHIPS

U. S. Steps Up Quest For Atomic Power

Grassland Farming Is Stressed At Meeting

Mr. Edwin A. Darby of Abram's Village, was re-elected President of the Central Farmers' Institute when they met for the 66th annual meeting at the Clover Club yesterday afternoon. Mr. Samuel Hume of Ugg was named vice-president and a Director to the Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Lincoln Dewar will continue in the office of secretary. The Directors named for the coming year are as follows: Kings County, N. D. MacNeill, Little Sanda; P. A. MacIsaac, Souris; Alexander Hamilton, New Perth; Ugg, Earl County; Sam Hume, Ugg; Earl County; Sam Herbert; Arthur Johnson, Long River; Prince County; Darrell Picketts, Wilmo; Valley; E. M. Arsenault, Abram's Village; E. A. Darby, Abram's Village.

Grassland Farming

A panel with Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, (chairman), R. C. Parent, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm and Mr. J. L. Dewar, secretary of Agriculture, entered into the discussion on the topic

of grassland farming. Mr. Shaw opened the discussion by explaining that an experiment is being currently conducted and the experience of farmers using grass land for ensilage is being compiled. The purpose of this experiment is to ascertain how much saving in hay can be made and how grasslands can be improved for pastures.

Mr. Parent revealed that the overall production of grass silage in this Province is less than it was 50 years ago and it was his belief that farmers in general were not giving the attention to this phase of farming that they should give. "Grass," said he, "is the cheapest food for our livestock and since this constitutes one of our main sources of revenue we should give it more attention." Mr. Parent cautioned against putting all the fertilizer on the potato crop. It is important that pastures receive yearly applications if they are going to fulfill their purpose. He pointed out that for 30 years the Experimental Farm has been rotating crops some

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A. E. C. Discloses Plans For Four More A-Furnaces

By Frank Carey
WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Tuesday night disclosed plans to build four more atomic "furnaces"—including one using thorium as a fuel for the first time—in a stepped-up quest for economical industrial power from the atom.

The program was outlined by Dr. Henry Smyth, a member of the commission, in an address prepared for a meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers here.

Unusual Design

The new reactors, planned for construction in the next five years, are of unusual design. And the outline of two of them, involving the "breeding" of atomic fuel, presumably means that the AEC has gained new confidence in the practical possibilities of producing in a furnace more fuel than is actually consumed in keeping it going.

Smyth said the question of whether atomic power "can be produced cheaply enough to be of general use" may not be conclusively answered by these devices. But he added:

"The Atomic Energy Commission believes that it can be done and this is the opinion also of the several private industrial groups who have been studying the problem at the invitation of the commission."

The new test "furnaces"—each involving a different type of operation—will be designed to have

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\$1,000 In Loot Taken From Store At Crapaud

—About \$1000.00 in cash and merchandise was stolen in a break at Waddell Bros. general store at Crapaud sometime early yesterday morning.

Thieves also smashed their way into Crapaud Creamery and Cold Storage plant but nothing of value is known to have been taken.

Entry into the store operated by two brothers, William and Lloyd Waddell, was made by smashing out a window in the office which forms a part of the main store.

It is presumed that the stolen merchandise was carried through the front door of the store which could be opened from the inside.

The break was discovered by William Waddell when he came

Merchandise valued at more than \$500 was taken from the dry goods department, and included approximately 35 women's print dresses and 100 pairs of men's overalls. From other departments of the store cigarette lighters, flashlights, cigarettes and other items were taken.

In the office a radio had been knocked to the floor and smashed, and the office and merchandise on display had been disarranged.

It is presumed that the stolen merchandise was carried through the front door of the store which could be opened from the inside.

The break was discovered by William Waddell when he came

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Will Be Guided Missile, Atomic Age Royal Navy

By Tom Ochiltree
LONDON, (AP) — Britain Tuesday night announced plans for a guided missile-atomic age Royal Navy involving sweeping changes in almost all types of vessels in the fleet.

Among these changes are sweeping jet fighters capable of carrying A-bombs, aircraft carriers designed to handle heavier and more powerful planes, speedy surface units with improved methods of killing submarines and stepped up production of small navy craft.

J. P. L. Thomas, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons: "The potential enemy must realize that, if the need should arise, the navy will fight the next war with the next war's weapons."

He outlined the changes—some nearing completion and others still in the planning stage—in present-day navy's estimates of £533,000,000 (\$88,400,000) for the coming fiscal year.

Britain now is rated as the third largest naval power after the United States and Russia. The theme of Thomas' speech was that the Royal Navy intended to be second to none in the employment of modern weapons.

Battleships Not Affected

Of all the fleet types, only battleships—once the powerful backbone of the battle line—remain unchanged and largely unmentioned. Britain has only one battleship in commission now.

The carriers, the new queens of the fleet, are being equipped with flight decks angled fore and aft

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Premier Outlines Rural Electrification Program

A detailed outline of the Government's plan to provide rural electrification to all areas in the Province was submitted by Premier A. W. Matheson in the Legislature yesterday afternoon as he concluded his part of the debate on the Draft Address.

The Premier spoke at length on this phase of the Government's policy which was implemented during the past year a few months after Mr. Matheson took over leadership of the Government.

"There are a number of areas in the three counties ready for electric power now," he stated. "Power will be provided to them as soon as they have their properties wired," he added, while pointing out that these were only sample areas and not the only districts the Government had in mind for electric power in the very near future.

In Kings County these sample areas include Bay Fortune, Sailor's Hope, Annandale and Little Pond; also the area from Commercial Road West to Alliston for two miles.

In Queens County they are Frenchfort for a distance of one and a half miles; Mermaid, Mount Ryan and Red Point for a distance of three and a half miles; and the Malpeque Road through Clinton and New London for a distance of seven and a half miles. The last mentioned area comprises both Queens and Prince County.

Wiring and electricity will also

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Will Attempt To Have Time Act Amended

An effort will be made by Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare, to have the Act regarding Standard and Daylight Saving Time amended, it was revealed in the Legislature yesterday afternoon.

The Minister was speaking on the matter of Daylight Saving Time during the debate on the Draft Address when Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan asked "Are you going to have the Act amended?" The Minister replied, "Yes, I think the matter of Daylight Saving Time should be left to any large community in the democratic manner."

Mr. R. R. Bell, leader of the Opposition, indicated that he too is in favor of amending the Act as he stated "Charlottetown should have it (Daylight Saving Time) if they want it."

Mr. MacDonald in his earlier remarks about Daylight Saving Time stated:

"I note in the speech from the Throne that the Government is in favour of allowing villages, towns and cities a little more leeway in running their own local affairs,

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Major Tax Changes In N. B. Are Announced

FREDERICTON, (CP) — Major tax changes were announced in the New Brunswick legislature Tuesday by Hon. Donald D. Patterson, provincial secretary-treasurer in bringing down a \$51,000,000 budget.

Effective Wednesday, the sales tax will be three per cent instead of four per cent. Mr. Patterson estimated this will save New Brunswick taxpayers \$1,750,000. The tax, officially known as the Social Services and Education Tax, applies to retail sales with a long list of exemptions.

Effective April 1, the provincial gasoline tax of 10 cents per gallon will be increased to 12 cents. Mr. Patterson estimated this will raise the province an additional \$1,130,000.

Under a change in the tobacco tax, cigars for five cents and under are exempted but the tax on cigars for 30 cents or more will be three cents instead of two.

Formerly exempt from the three-cent wine tax, road tax vehicles using diesel oil will be required to pay this levy.

For the fiscal year ending March 31 of this year, Mr. Patterson estimated a surplus of \$59,710 from anticipated revenues of \$51,245,949 against expenditures of \$51,186,239.

Health Minister Discusses Transportation And Labor Problems In Legislature

The need of another modern ferry at Borden, an improved transportation system at Wood Islands and a Labor representative in the Provincial Government were stressed yesterday afternoon in the Legislature by Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare as he spoke on the Draft Address debate.

The Minister stated that the Island needed another boat similar to the ferry "Abegweit" to replace the forty year old veteran, the S. S. "P. E. I." and that two new ferries and boat terminals were needed at Wood Islands and Caribou with the system to be given to the Canadian National Railways.

"I am not happy with the Labor situation in Charlottetown," he stated. "Frankly I believe that labor and its interests have been neglected in this Province over the past few years and that it is time we took recognition of the fact that we are living in an ever-changing world."

"I think the time has come when Labor should be represented in this Government. It may be that the time is hardly ripe for a full-fledged department but I believe the time has come when one of our departments should have a special division for looking after the interests of Island labor, a division to which our local unions could send representatives so that their problems might be solved."

The Minister also reviewed the activities of his own Department and tabled the annual report of the Health Branch for the year ending on December 31.

Replies To Criticism

In reply to some criticism from the Leader of the Opposition regarding the amounts of payments under the Old Age Assistance Act

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Hon. B. Earle MacDonald

Destroyer Huron Homeward Bound

OTTAWA, (CP) — HMCS Huron, homeward-bound from a second tour of duty in Korean waters, has received this message from Vice-Admiral R. P. Briscoe, USN, commander of the United States naval forces in the Far East:

"During your tour in the Far East you were a valuable addition to our naval team operating in support of the United Nations. Your ability, readiness and performance are tributes to the Royal Canadian and United Nations navies. Well done and my sincere best wishes."

The Huron is due at her home port of Halifax March 17.

Republican Senator Blasts Senator McCarthy

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Senator Ralph Flanders (Rep., Vt.) charged in the Senate Tuesday that Senator Joseph McCarthy (Rep., Wis.) is doing his best to shatter the Republican party, and by his actions is diverting the nation from "far more dangerous problems" than internal communism.

"The dangerous attack is from without, not from within," Flanders said after reviewing problems of dealing with communism in Korea, Indo-China, Italy, France and Latin America.

With the world split into Communist and non-Communist camps, he said, McCarthy "dons his war paint."

"He goes into his war dance. He emits his war whoops. He goes forth to battle and proudly returns with the scalp of a pink army dentist."

This was a reference to Dr. Irving Pess, a New York dentist whom the army gave an honorable discharge despite McCarthy's protests that he had refused to answer questions on possible Communist links.

McCarthy, who was in New York Tuesday, at first declined to comment on Flanders' speech, then said, "I haven't got time to answer Republican heroes."

Flanders called himself a member of the "liberal wing" of the Republican party.

It was one of the first instances in which a Republican has spoken out so strongly in the Senate against "McCarthyism."

Meantime McCarthy, balked thus far in his efforts to get free radio-TV time for a personal reply to Adlai Stevenson, told a New York press conference "I intend to test out whether they (the networks) can give Stevenson time for a vicious attack on me and then arrogantly refuse me time to answer."

Coming Events

- *Film's Clinton Hall, Wednesday, March 10th.
- *Parkdale Hall New Haven "Jamboree" Friday night.
- *Kingston Branch Canadian Legion Monthly Meeting at Charlottetown, March 11th.
- *Hockey at North River rink tonight, Long Creek vs. Dunstaffin, in sudden death game at 7:30; second game, North River vs. York, sudden death game, 8:45.
- *Sacred Heart Club Borden will stage two one act plays and other outstanding numbers in Seven Mile Bay Hall, St. Patrick's night, Half Day proceeds for Seven Mile Bay Parish. Sale candy by Ladies Seven Mile Bay Parish, Admission 50c and 25c.

Queen's Member Asks Question

OTTAWA, March 9. (Special) — A question concerning accommodation for Royal Canadian Mounted Police personnel at Borden was placed on today's House of Commons order paper by J. Angus MacLean, Conservative member for Queens.

Mr. MacLean asks: "Has the government purchased accommodation for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Borden, Prince Edward Island?"

"If so, how was the purchase negotiated, from whom was the purchase made and what was the total cost of the purchase?"

N. S. Budget Forecasts Surplus For Current Year

HALIFAX, (CP) — Provincial Treasurer Fielding predicted a surplus of \$347,224 when he tabled his budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1955, in the Nova Scotia legislature Tuesday.

Estimating for the highest revenue in the Province's history, Mr. Fielding said the surplus would be the 16th in 21 years of Liberal government.

He set revenue at \$50,718,191 and expenditures at \$46,235,782. But sinking fund payments would reduce the surplus to \$347,224.

Gross Debt Up

The gross debt of the province stood at \$203,000,000, up from \$192,000,000 last year. But, said

CCF Bank Ownership Plan Is Rejected

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Commons Tuesday night defeated by 171 to 21 a CCF proposal to nationalize Canada's 11 chartered banks. All members except the CCF group opposed the motion.

OTTAWA, (CP) — A CCF proposal to nationalize Canada's banking system has been described in the Commons as "the siren song of socialism."

The statement was made by Donald Fleming (CP-Toronto Equinox) who opposed a CCF motion to set aside the government's decennial revision of the bank act now before the Commons and consider "national ownership and control of the chartered banks."

"There is not enough wisdom in any government to operate a banking monopoly in Canada," he said.

CCF supporters of the plan were "long-haired theorists who know little about the operation of the banking system."

Foreign investment in Canadian development, on which the country depended, was based on confidence in Canada's economy and her banking system. There was "no surer way to destroy confidence abroad in the Canadian economy" than to propose public ownership of her banks.

Alistair Stewart (CCF-Winnipeg North) said banks have become "fat, slothful and lazy" because the government has protected them against all risk of loss on loans.

"If we're going to guarantee the banks against everything," he said, "wouldn't it be a lot better and faster just to take them over?"

Discuss Livestock Yard For Periodic Cattle Sales

Possibility of the establishment here of a livestock yard for the periodical cattle auctions is seen as a result of talks at the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture held at the Legion Home last night.

The plan arose from a discussion on the holding of an auction sale for feeder cattle. It was felt that those who buy this type and then pasture them for finishing necessarily must do a lot of travelling to get what they want.

Mr. J. Lincoln Dewar, who led the discussion, said there were upwards of 10,000 feeder cattle pastured each year in addition to the 10,000 cattle which annually go on the beef market.

Among the many who spoke in favor of the plan were Messrs. W. R. Shaw, R. C. Parent, Woodrow Wheatley, Rollie MacDonald, Earl Ings. It was finally decided to name a committee to investigate the matter. On it are Messrs. Earl Ings, Leo McIsaac, Woodrow Wheatley, Louis O'Connor and Dick MacKinnon.

The meeting was one of the most largely attended in many years with the Legion Hall overflowing. It was presided over by Federation president Roland MacDonald who said he opposed the use of margarine because its widespread use would mean the end of the farmers' cream cheques. The latter, he said, made the difference between having money to carry on in the summer and owing a big grocery bill by the fall.

Mr. Dewar spoke of the operation of the Group Accident Plan which now has 790 members with a majority 404, being in Prince

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MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	13	22
Vancouver	44	56
Victoria	43	54
Edmonton	30	45
Calgary	27	44
Regina	15	38
Winnipeg	6	31
Toronto	30	38
Ottawa	20	33
Montreal	21	35
Quebec	8	24
Saint John	8	24
Moncton	10	25
Halifax	13	26
Charlottetown	10	25
Sydney	20	37
Yarmouth	20	37
St. John's	24	38

Says Federal Tax Cuts Would Aid Employment

OTTAWA, (CP) — Federal tax reductions would help to combat unemployment, Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, chief labor spokesman for the Progressive Conservatives, said Tuesday night.

Mrs. Fairclough said taxes are partly responsible for high production costs which she believed had priced some Canadian goods out of foreign markets.

Mrs. Fairclough, Commons member for Hamilton West, spoke in an address prepared for delivery through the CBC's political free time series.

She said well-informed tax authorities now are saying taxes could be cut without "drastically endangering" the condition of the federal budget.

"Certain it is that tax reductions of any sort would help the present situation," she said, "and it is my opinion that a healthy reduction in the hidden taxes would provide a noticeable impetus to a weary economy."

"The federal government," she added, "has moved into the tax-

tion field like the camel into the tent of the Arab. There is no longer room for anyone else. The original occupants of the taxation tent—the provinces and the municipalities—now are shoved out into the cold, and their protestations are shrugged off."

She said statistics on unemployment have been "confusing to say the least."

The Labor Department had reported 524,000 looking for jobs through National Employment Service in late January. At the same time, the Bureau of Statistics estimated 280,000 actually unemployed. Labor leaders claimed 580,000 out of work at mid-February.

But, she said, "if one has the temerity to voice an opinion which is not completely optimistic, one is likely to be branded as some sort of traitor to the economy."

Mrs. Fairclough said she is naturally optimistic but is gravely concerned "not only about the situation of the day, but also about the tendency to minimize it and pretend it does not exist."

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:38 a. m. and 2:16 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:36 a. m. and sets at 6:11 p. m.

Manitoba Man Dies In Dentist's Chair

NEEPAWA, Man., (CP) — Robert Wilson, 17, died in a dentist's chair here Monday, a few minutes after receiving a local anesthetic for a tooth extraction. A preliminary inquest has been held.