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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

DEFENDS ISLAND LIVING STANDARDS

Highways Minister Says Snow Problem Tough One

"Regardless of what interpretation people may have taken from the Gordon Commission report, I am still convinced that the rural people of our Province are enjoying a standard of living equal to that in any part of Canada," said Hon. J. George MacKay, Minister of Highways, speaking on the Draft Address yesterday.



HON. MR. MACKAY

Mr. MacKay said that since the advent of rural electrification, the drudgery of housework for the housewife had been greatly reduced while farmers find that the tiring farm chores have developed into a work of pleasure with all the labor saving devices at their control.

The Minister said it was very encouraging to see the great improvements that have been made to farm buildings during the past year. "There is hardly a place on the island but has an air of prosperity about it," he said.

In addition to these observations, Mr. MacKay said almost every farmer had a car and a tractor while some have a car, a truck and a tractor. He recalled a recent conversation with a bank manager who told him that bank savings deposits among farmers have gone up 15 per cent during the past year.

SNOW REMOVAL

The Minister of Highways reported that this present winter has been one of the toughest in so far

as snow fighting is concerned. He said the Department operates 60 snow fighting units and has the use of 12 contractors' machines.

So tough is the snow problem, that frequent break downs occur in the machines and a continuous maintenance program is kept up at all times.

Mr. MacKay said the operators

were doing a wonderful job which he noted quite often went without thanks. He reported that in addition to keeping the road clear, the plow operators are called upon to answer many sick calls every storm.

Dr. Dewar: "Why not start a helicopter service for those sick calls?"

R.R. Bell: "How much are operators getting?"

Mr. MacKay: "Ninety two cents per hour."

Mr. Bell: "Don't you think they are grossly underpaid?"

Mr. MacKay: "Money no doubt is an important question, but I feel that our operators would appreciate a little more commendation for their efforts and less criticism. However I may say that many of these operators put in long hours and their monthly pay is fairly good."

The Minister said the garage crew was also doing a wonderful job. He said that in spite of criticism from various quarters, it has been shown that the calibre of work being turned out by the Government garage workers has proven more satisfactory than that which has been given to local garagemen to do.

ROAD PROGRAM

The Minister reported that last year the Department standardized 200 miles of highway, that is it

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PRIME MINISTER GIVES OUTLINE

Canadian Gov't Disagrees With Egypt On UN Force

But Commons Left Guessing Meaning Of One Statement

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government disagrees with Egypt's stand that it can order out the United Nations Emergency Force whenever it wishes, Prime Minister St. Laurent said Thursday.

But he left the Commons guessing a little as to the meaning of a statement he made Wednesday, although he said he did not mean collective UN force would be used if Egypt does not acquiesce in the views of the majority of UN members.

He spoke Thursday after Stanley Knowles (CCF - Winnipeg North Centre) asked what the prime minister meant when he said in reference to clearance of the Suez Canal, that:

"It is quite true that unless there is acquiescence—and there should be acquiescence—in the attitudes adopted by the majority of members of the United Nations, the only alternative would be the use of force to overcome resistance, and I hope that that will not become necessary."

Was he referring to collective action by the UN or to action by individual nations on their own? asked Mr. Knowles.

The prime minister replied: "No, I was not referring to collective action by the United Nations. . . . What I was pointing out . . . was that the only alternative to obtaining acquiescence of the government of the land where the (United Nations Emergency) Force was to be placed would be a resumption of the use of force."

FOLLOW UP

He also referred to the question from Howard Green (PC - Vancouver Quadra) that evoked his statement Wednesday. In it Mr. Green said it appears that "the prompt clearing of the Suez Canal is yet dependent on the whims of this (Egyptian) dictator Nasser."

Mr. St. Laurent said Thursday that he had meant to point out that force "was an alternative that could not be considered and therefore when the words 'is the whole thing subject to the whim of Mr. Nasser' are used, there is no other way of obtaining acquiescence of the governments concerned that can be restored to unless fighting flares up again in that region."

At another point he said he had tried to indicate that the only course open to the UN was to try to prevail upon the governments concerned to follow the courses indicated by views accepted by a majority in the UN.

Mr. Knowles asked Mr. St. Laurent whether he thinks the Suez situation has reached a point where even such a possibility as a resort to force "should be suggested by one such as the prime minister."

"I am not suggesting anything," snapped Mr. St. Laurent.

CANADA DISAGREES

Thursday's Suez exchange started when Mr. Green asked whether the Canadian government agrees with an Egyptian assertion that Egypt can order out the UNEF whenever it wishes.

"The Canadian government does not agree with that stand taken by the Egyptian government," Mr. St. Laurent replied.

The Egyptian government had agreed to having the UNEF stationed in Egypt, if the Egyptian government "wants to say that the job for which the consent was given has been completed" it should give that view to the UN for its

decision on whether it agreed with that "hypothetical assertion."

Mr. Green then referred to a statement by External Affairs Minister Pearson last November that part of the UNEF's job would be to take steps to reopen the Suez Canal and to restore and secure freedom of navigation. Was that still the Canadian government's view?

Mr. St. Laurent replied: "That statement was made and is on the record and has not been withdrawn."

NO CONSENT NEEDED

At another point Mr. St. Laurent said the matters are being dealt with by the UN. He could answer members' questions about the Middle East but "it does not change the way in which they will be dealt with by the United Nations."

Mr. Pearson, replying to a question Wednesday by Douglas Harkness (PC-Calgary North) about the latest Canadian contribution to the UNEF, said the request came from UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold after consultation with Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commanding the force.

"No consultation with the government of Egypt by the secretary-general or any agent of the secretary-general was required or took place," Mr. Pearson said, "and there was no question of Egypt's consent being necessary."

When Mr. Harkness asked whether Egypt's consent had been required for Canada's contribution of another 144 troops and 29 scout cars and wireless vehicles, Mr. Pearson said he would seek an answer from Mr. Hammarskjold.

PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY

By THE CAADAN PRESS Thursday, March 7, 1957—

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Revenue Minister McCann said income tax can be levied on special payments to citizens planned by British Columbia and Alberta governments.

Harold Winch (CCF-Vancouver East) said Postmaster-General Lapointe is "exploiting" labor in hiring temporary postal help at daily peak periods.

Mr. Lapointe said that charge is shown to be false by the large number of persons applying for such work.

Mr. Lapointe reported that an average salary of two cents each is made on first-class letters.

Douglas Harkness (PC-Calgary North) said the government is not doing enough to provide transportation to develop the northland.

Friday, March 8, 1957—

The Commons considers government business. The Senate is adjourned until Tuesday.

MORE RED SUBS

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—U.S. Admiral Felix B. Stump said Thursday the number of Soviet submarines has been increasing at a rapid rate in the Pacific, and there are indications "of their extending the scope of their activity."

Stump is commander of U.S. naval forces in the Pacific.



CDR. DAWSON Will Command H.M.C.S. Skeena

Cdr. John P.T. Dawson, 37, of Westmount, P.Q., and Ottawa, who has been appointed to command of the Royal Canadian Navy's newest anti-submarine destroyer escort, H.M.C.S. Skeena. The ship will commission on the Burdard Dry Dock Company Limited, in North Vancouver.

Cdr. Dawson was born in Hamble, Hampshire, England, but was living in Westmount when he entered the R.C.N.V.R. as an acting sub-lieutenant in September 1939. Since the War Cdr. Dawson has served at sea in the H.M.C.S. Warrior (carrier) and in command of H.M.C.S. Swanssa (frigate), and ashore in staff posts, including that of Director of Torpedo Anti-Submarine and Mine Warfare.

The Skeena will be the fifth destroyer escort to be completed by the Navy, and the first to be commissioned on the West Coast.

16 Cars, Tractors Lost In Blaze

CAMPBELLTON, N. B. (CP)—Sixteen cars and a tractor were destroyed Thursday when a pre-dawn fire razed a building containing two automobile body shops. Officials estimated the loss at \$40,000.

NOT AN EXCUSE

"The lack of money should not be an excuse for not having industries in this Province," said Mr. Bell. "As a matter of fact this

Payments To Schools In Lieu Of Taxation Cited

OTTAWA, (Special) — For the first time the Federal Government is empowered to make grants to certain Prince Edward Island schools, it was stated in the Commons Thursday by William Benidickson, parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Harris. Independent taxation rights belong to certain school districts in the Province and these can claim pay-

De Valera Is Given Over-All Majority In Irish Election

DUBLIN (Reuters) — Voters in the republic of Ireland have chosen veteran revolutionary statesman Eamon de Valera to lead them out of their economic woes and to deal with violent campaigns against the partition of the emerald isle. The 74-year-old politician, partially blind, led his Fianna Fail party to victory in the country's fifth general election in 13 years. Polling was Tuesday.

Complete returns gave Fianna Fail 78 seats in the 147-seat Dail (Parliament). Outgoing prime minister John Costello's Fine Gael party won 40 seats, Labor 12, independents 9, Sinn Fein 4, Farmers 3 and Republicans 1.

Fianna Fail, whose policy is a blend of liberalism and conservatism, thus gained a majority over the combined total of all other parties, ousting Costello's shaky coalition of Fine Gael, Labor, Farmers and Republicans.

REBEL GROUP ELECTS

The big surprise was the election of 19 Sinn Fein candidates, members of an extreme nationalist group sympathetic with recent armed raids by the outlawed Irish Republican Army into the six counties of Northern Ireland.

It is the only party which condones violence as a method of unifying north and south.

Former external affairs minister Sean McBride lost his seat. McBride's small Republican party forced the general election by withdrawing its support of Costello's coalition because of dissatisfaction with the government's economic policy.

De Valera will be supported by some of the independents and his control of the Dail will be further strengthened by the declared refusal of the Sinn Feiners to take their seats—as a sign of protest against the partition of Ireland.

SAVED BY CITIZENSHIP

The New York-born de Valera, jailed during Ireland's fight for independence and saved from execution by his American citizenship, headed the country's government for 30 of the last 25 years.

He was prime minister continuously from 1932 to 1948, a period when antipathy to Britain prompted his government to maintain Ireland's neutrality throughout the Second World War. He led

Urges Islanders To Invest Their Money In Province

That greater concentration be made on the establishment of smaller industries within the Province was strongly urged by Morley M. Bell, Liberal, Fifth Prince, speaking on the Draft Address in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Bell adjourned the debate which will be resumed when the House meets at 3:00 p.m. Monday.

He warned however that before any move is made to establish such industries it should be definitely known what is going to be done about a causeway connecting the Island and the Mainland. Mr. Bell said the cause way would be a very important factor of the smaller industry since the smaller business does not often ship by carload lots but would be dependent on a fast moving trucking service.

The Sumner's member noted the tremendous development in Canada's resources during the past years. He said Canada has developed to a greater extent than any country in the world and at the rate it was going stood to outstrip all other countries.

He said Prince Edward Island was handicapped by the lack of natural resources and observed that everyone would await with interest the results of the geological survey presently being carried out.

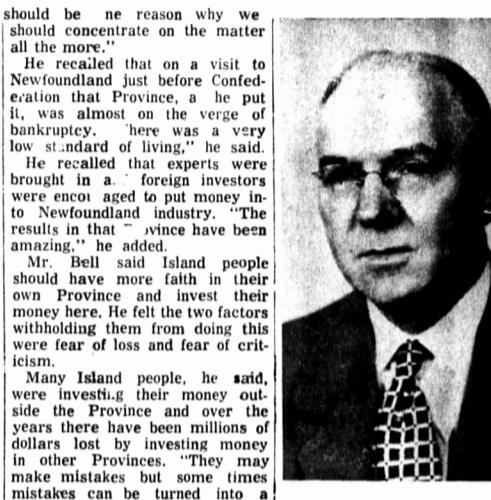
Mr. Bell pointed out that last year the tourist industry brought six million dollars to the Island and stated this was a close second to the fishing industry. He predicted that it would not be long before it would exceed the fisheries and

perhaps even agriculture.

RURAL BEAUTIFICATION

Mr. Bell said he would have to again bring to the attention of the Government the unsightly scars left in the landscape by clay removal for roadbuilding. He recalled that he had spoke of this matter at the last session of the House but, with one or two exceptions, these large holes remain an eye sore to the travelling public. He recalled that after speaking on the subject last year he had received many letters from people who complained him for bringing the subject to the attention of the Legislature.

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MORLEY M. BELL

TOURIST INDUSTRY

Mr. Bell predicted a great future for the tourist industry of the Province, provided the proper type of accommodation can be maintained. In this connection he pointed out the value of the causeway to the Island.

"People would come in ever increasing numbers attracted by our wonderful beaches, our pastoral scenery and general beauty of the country side," he said.

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Queens. In the main estimates the job was placed at \$19,000.

The improvements consist of special works to strengthen the sand-bar which serves as a natural breakerwater and to assure better protection for the harbor.

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Minister Pays Tribute To Federal Agriculturists

Hon. Eugene Cullen in resuming the debate of the Draft Address yesterday paid tribute to the technical men of the Federal Government, he said, were performing a wonderful service for the local Department of Agriculture in the eradication of plant disease and the control of insects.

Speaking of the Plant protection staff, the Minister said the efforts of these men were chiefly in the marketing field and a great deal of their work was done on a voluntary basis for which his Department was extremely grateful.

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10 Feared Dead When Tanker Is Rammed In Delaware River

NEW CASTLE, Del. (AP) — A freighter and a U.S. Navy-owned tanker slammed together early Thursday at the "graveyard" bend of the Delaware River, setting off an explosion that ripped a 100-foot hole in the fuel-carrier.

MAY END DRAFT DEBATE MONDAY

Before the adjournment of the House yesterday afternoon, Premier Matheson announced that the motion of the Draft Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne would be taken under consideration on Monday or in the event the debate could not be concluded, on Tuesday at the latest. The House stands adjourned until Monday at 2:00 a.m.

RAISE FLAG

Finnish units of the United Nations Emergency Force were ready to raise the UN flag as soon as the Israelis pull out.

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