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LEGAL BATTLE OVER MARKETING ACT OPENS AT OTTAWA

Government Removes Consumer Credit Restrictions Appeal Based On Claim PEI Court Erred In Its Judgement

Tenders For Miminegash Breakwater And Rustico Harbor Are Being Called

OTTAWA, May 5 — (Special) — Tenders are being called by the Federal Public Works Department today for the dismantling and re-building of a breakwater, 190 feet in length at Miminegash, Prince County, amount provided for the work in main parliamentary estimate is \$27,000.

Tenders received for the Miminegash project will be opened on May 21, and the contract awarded without delay. J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince, said it was hoped that the breakwater would be completed by the opening of the fall lobster season in August.

First 80 feet of the breakwater is to be 16 feet wide and the remain-

ing 110 feet 12 feet in width. It will consist of piling and ballast.

The Works Department has also called for tenders for breakwater repairs to Rustico Harbor to be carried out at an estimated cost of \$60,000. This is the second Federal Works contract which will go ahead at Rustico this year, the first being construction of a boat landing. The latter is a revolve carried over from last year's estimates.

As in the case of Miminegash, efforts will be made to complete the Rustico harbor breakwater job before the onset of the later lobster season.

Coming Events

- **Farmers book your clover seed now. McGilligan & Boyle.
- **Dance in Vernon River Hall, May 7, sponsored by Children of Mary.
- **Reserve Tuesday, May 20, for variety concert, Howe's Hall, Brackley, Charlottetown Baptist Y. P. U.
- **See Marie Y. P. U. present their 3-act play in Morell Hall, May 7.
- **Barn dance, St. Peter's Legion Hall, Tuesday Night, May 6th. Webster's Orchestra.
- **See Tryon Players in "Polly Put the Kettle On" Tryon Baptist Hall, May 9th. 8.30.
- **Dance every Friday night, South Rustico Hall. Music by the Charlottetownians.
- **Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- **Come to the dance in Hunter River hall Wednesday, May 7th. Proceeds for fire equipment.
- **Dance Kozzy Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday, May 7th. Refreshments served.
- **Variety Concert Wood Island Hall, Friday, May 9th. Belle River Womens Institute.
- **Dance in Oyster Bed Bridge School, Thursday, May 8th. Music by Dolron Brothers.
- **Grass seed now on hand. Get our prices, before buying, at our Star-Gain Mill, Water St. West, Summerside. P. L. Morris.
- **Notice: Prince Edward Island Inkeepers Essay Contest closing date May 10. Be sure and get your entry in early.
- **Unloading car cedar shingles, May 5 and 6. Special price while unloading. Reagh Egnall, Hunter River.
- **Kingston King William L. O. L. will hold regular meeting Wednesday, May 7th, instead of May 12th.
- **Opening dance, Stanley Bridge Rink Hall, Tuesday, May 6th. Music by Charlie Munroe's Orchestra. Dancing from 9 to 1 A. M.
- **For Snapshots that will not fade, mail your Films and Negatives to Garnham Photo Studios, Charlottetown.
- **Show, Cannon City. Afton Hall, Wednesday, New Glasgow; Thursday, Bonshaw; Friday, Breadalbane Saturday. Show time 8.30.
- **See Kinkora present their play "The Fishermen's Luck" in Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico, May 7 at 8 o'clock.
- **Opening show Canoe Cove, Wednesday, May 7th, M.G.M.'s funniest comedy, "The Skipper Surprised His Wife."
- **Sheep husbandry demonstration at 2 p. m. Tuesday, May 6th, at the farm of Isaac Dunbar, Alma. Evening meeting in school at 8 p. m.
- **Sheep husbandry demonstration at 2.00 p. m. Wednesday, May 7th, at the farm of Vincent Handravan, Christophers Cross. Evening meeting in school at 8.00 p. m.
- **Notice: Those having seeds ordered from Tryon Farmers' Institute, please take delivery of same from May 8 to 13 or thereafter in evenings. Seed in Dixon's Store basement. Fred A. Leard,

Decline In Living Costs For Third Straight Month

OTTAWA, May 5 — (CP) — The government today removed consumer credit restrictions as the Bureau of Statistics announced the third consecutive monthly decline in living costs.

The cost-of-living index during March eased by four-tenths of a point to 188.7 from 189.1, following further reductions in prices of such items as clothing and home furnishings.

The index is based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100.

This decline was lower, however, than the 1.7-point drop during February and seven-tenths of a point during January. However, it helped to bring the total three-month drop to 2.8 points from the peak of 191.5 last December.

Suspension of the credit curbs, effective tomorrow, follows a promise by Finance Minister Abbott last January when he relaxed the time-to-pay to 18 from 12 months. He said he would make further cuts when he was convinced Canada was winning the battle against inflation.

The credit curbs, first imposed in November, 1950, called for a minimum downpayment of 50 per cent of the purchase price for automobiles and one-third down on other consumer goods, such as furniture, electric stoves and washing machines. The maximum time-to-pay was 18 months.

Mr. Abbott said he believed conditions now were such that the government could "safely" remove the restrictions, but he warned he would reimpose them immediately if required.

Existing that reason and "in view of past uncertainties," he gave notice that he will seek renewal of the credit legislation which otherwise would expire next July 31. Officials said that renewal likely will be for one year.

The retail trade generally welcomed the removal of the curbs on refrigerators, automobiles, radio, electric stove and other dealers had been appealing for consumer-credit relief for months. The curbs had been blamed for a drop in consumer buying last year and the early part of 1952.

The three-month-in-a-row decline in the cost-of-living index was the first since the latter part of 1949, when the index slipped to 181.7 from 182.2 during October, eased again to 161.5 during November and to 161.0 during December, for a total decline of 1.2 points.

A drop in meat prices, caused by the foot-and-mouth disease in South Saskatchewan and the resulting United States ban on Canadian cattle and meats, was one of the main factors in the 1952 drop.

Following a five-cent-a-pound decline in February, beef prices slipped another three cents a pound during March.

Almost all foods eased, with the exception of fresh pork, oranges and vegetables. Potatoes showed a more than seasonal increase of almost one cent a pound.

With food prices generally lower, the food-group eased to 240.2 from 231.7, it had reached a peak of 231.7 last July.

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Visit Of Principal Protestant Chaplain

Col. C. G. F. Stone, M. B. E., C. D., D. D., Principal Chaplain (P) of the Canadian Army Active Force (above), met with the local Reserve Army Chaplains yesterday morning, as part of a duty tour of the Maritime Provinces.

Col. Stone was accompanied by Major Miller, Eastern Command Chaplain, and Major Rand, Area Chaplain, with headquarters at Fredericton, N. B. Four Provincial Reserve Army chaplains (P), Rev. J. R. MacMahon, Alberton, Rev. Leslie A. Dignan, Port Hill, Rev. John T. Irwin and Rev. H. E. J. Ashford, attended the conference, which was addressed by Col. Stone.

A frank and open discussion ensued, the subject being "Making Chaplaincy More Effective" and Col. Stone, out of a great wealth of experience gathered from service in two wars, as a minister in Western Canada and as the principal chaplain (P) of the Active Forces, outlined the position of the chaplain of the local unit, but went far beyond that in stating the place of vital Christianity in the world today. The speaker urged that the Christian programme be not only as vital and telling as the Communist's programme, but that as Christians, the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, be made a vital thing in one's everyday life.

Col. Stone and his party left for Fredericton yesterday afternoon.

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Boy Sets \$20,000 Fire In N. B.

BATH, N. B., May 5 — (CP) — Fire set by an 11-year-old boy caused about \$20,000 damage here early today.

It destroyed a matching mill owned by Councillor Lewis A. Giberson, the machinery, 13,000 feet of hardwood squares, 12,000 feet of lumber and a new car bought by Mr. Giberson last week.

The mill owner awakened in his adjacent house about 5 A. M. to find the boy prowling around the premises. He chased him away but later the youngster eluded detection while lighting paper in the mill. Fire departments of Bristol, Bath and Centreville kept the flames away from other buildings.

The juvenile, released from the Boys' Industrial Home a few months ago, appeared in court this afternoon, pleaded guilty to arson and was sentenced to five years in the home.

Canadian Ends Hitch-Hiking Trip

LONDON, May 5 — (CP) — Don Warwick of Cochrane, Ont., who gave up a clerk's job four years ago to see the world, today ended a 150,000-mile hitch-hiking trip through Europe and the near east, but his wanderlust still is unsatisfied.

Mr. Warwick, 26, said his travels were not "particularly exciting," but they included a dangerous 60-second ride on the rim of an active volcano, a fortnight with a Nomad Arab family and a hitch in Lapland driving reindeer.

"I got the travel bug when as a kid I had to spend a year in bed with illness," he said in an interview. "I began reading travel books and they started my feet itching."

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Islander On Tour With Dramatic Society

Presently touring Northern New Brunswick cities with members of the St. Thomas University Dramatic Society is a former Charlottetown resident who has directed the Society in many presentations during the past two years. He is Professor A. P. Campbell.

A graduate of St. Dunstan's he won a scholarship at Fordham University, New York, where he did postgraduate work in English with special emphasis on the medieval period. He later returned to St. Dunstan's where he taught for two years after having served five years in the army.

Prof. Campbell went to St. Thomas University, Chatham, N. B., in 1949 to take charge of the English Department and since then has taken a keen interest in promoting dramatic work by the students. Last year he adjudicated the C.Y.O. Drama Festival at Moncton and the Cateshian Guild Festival in Montreal. This year he was chairman of the adjudicating committee of the C.Y.O. Diocesan Festival at Fredericton, N.B. A brother, Capt. M. E. Campbell, training officer of the 25th L.A.A. Regiment, resides in this city. They are the sons of Mr. William Campbell and the late Mrs. Campbell, Upper Queen Street.

Federal experimental farms were established after the passage of the Experimental Farms Act of 1886.

He said there now are 327 in the country. Some 20 were moved today to provincial and city police cells in downtown Montreal and to small, nearby jails.

Tessier said the prisoners were locked up — one man to a cell — in wings "B" and "E", little damaged in Sunday's rioting when 600 prisoners set a dozen fires, wrecked furniture and ran wild in the main prison yard.

Tessier said the situation "is under control."

He said the men were fed egg sandwiches and tomato sandwiches and were also given soft drinks in paper cups.

The wrecked kitchen of the jail was reported ready for operation tonight but so far as could be learned no meals had yet been prepared there.

Protests over the quality of food set off yesterday's rioting. There was some grumbling today about "only sandwiches" as the prisoners moved freely through the jail under the eyes of alert police and guards. The cleaning-up job went ahead.

TORONTO, May 5 — (CP) — A quarter-mile track suitable for holding of Olympic trials will be built in the near future, Canadian National Exhibition directors decided today. They said it will be "second to none in the world."



HALIFAX, May 5 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion public weather office here tonight and valid until midnight Tuesday.

Synopsis: Occasional rain is expected during the night in Cape Breton and a disturbance southeast of Nova Scotia moves on towards Newfoundland.

Sunny weather is forecast for most regions tomorrow, with the disturbance over Newfoundland and another approaching from Ontario.

Forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals. Not much change in temperature. Light winds. Low and high Tuesday at Charlottetown 32 and 52.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8.00 a.m. and 8.33 p.m. High tide on the North Shore at 3.14 a.m. and 3.43 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 4.56 a.m. and sets at 7.24 p.m.