

Teachers Urge Board To Request Commission On Educational Finance

"That teachers' salaries on Prince Edward Island are in a deplorable condition," was stated by Mr. G. C. Croskery, secretary of the Canadian Teachers Federation, in addressing the P. E. I. Teachers' Convention yesterday morning at the Prince of Wales College. He said the public have to be awakened to the serious situation which exists in the teaching profession.

"We should," he continued, "support our own Federation to the fullest extent. One or two teachers can't create enough public opinion. Back of our own Federation we have the Canadian Teachers' Federation with unlimited resources ready to help us at any time and we should make some use of it." Mr. Croskery said that New Brunswick was probably paying higher salaries in relation to their ability to pay than any other province in Canada.

The speaker went on to say that the Canadian Teachers' Federation is very proud of its prestige and standing. It will not support any one province or any small group for a certain matter. We work for the 70,000 teachers as a whole. We help those groups that will help themselves," he added.

"The Canadian Teachers' Federation is concerned about the quality of teachers rather than quantity," continued Mr. G. C. Croskery. "Some of our schools have teachers that can't be called teachers. Some of these permit

Report Suggests Decimal Currency For So. Africa

By ASTLEY HAWKINS
CAPE TOWN (Reuters)—South Africans may be pocketing "rixdollars" into their pockets if the government adopts recommendations that a decimal currency replace pounds, shillings and pence.

The South African bureau of standards advised the change in a report completed after three years' investigation into the most suitable currency for South Africa. Its implications involve one of the biggest accounting upheavals any country ever faces. No other country has tried such a step in modern times.

Rixdollars, meaning literally "dollar of the realm," originated in Europe as a general term for early Dutch, German and Scandinavian silver coins. Today's proposed value for a South African rixdollar would be 10 shillings sterling (\$1.40).

Country-wide conversion, estimated to cost South Africa £8,000,000—or 16,000,000 rixdollars—is considered practicable by the experts if a three-year preparation period precedes the change.

UP TO GOVERNMENT
South Africa's Nationalist government must now make up its mind about it.

In its 72-page report, the South African bureau of standards gives some idea of what the switch in currency could mean for a highly

Coming Events

- Dance, Vernon Hall, April 18th.
- Reserve Wednesday, July 18th, for Lower Montague Regatta.
- Dance in Emerald Hall Friday, April 15. Music by the Myers Bros.
- Special dance Beaver Club, Montague, Friday, April 15. Blanchard's Orchestra.
- Showing at Mt. Stewart, Friday and Saturday, Adventure Drama, Destination Gobi.
- Grand Bingo, St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart, Monday, April 18th. 30 games, door prize.
- Regular Saturday night Dance, St. Peter's Hall. Messers Orchestra.
- Don't miss the thrilling mystery comedy "Was This Murder?" Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, April 19th. Curtain 8.30.
- There will be a dance in the Hunter River Masonic Hall, Monday, April 18. Sponsored by the Hunter River hockey club.
- Cake Sale, Simpsons—Sears, Saturday, April 16th. Sponsored by Princeton Road United W. M. S. at 2 p. m.
- Bonshaw hall, Saturday, April 16th. Old time, hoo-down, refreshments. Music by Kenney Blue Birds. In aid of Bonshaw Bearcats.
- Notice—Unloading next week. Car Sur-Gain Feeds. Also Bran Shores and Robin Hood Flour. Good prices off car. Please seeing your orders. We will deliver orders. G. C. Green & Sons, Emerald, P. E. I.
- Showing at Morell tonight. Friday only. M. G. M's Musical in Technicolor. Don't miss seeing Esther Williams. Victor Mature. Walter Pidgeon in "Million Dollar Mermaid". Inspired by the true story of bathing beauties. This show is top notch entertainment for the whole family. Show time 7 and 9 o'clock.

AMBASSADOR BISCHOFF & MOLOTOV REACH AGREEMENT ON AUSTRIAN INDEPENDENCE

Replacement Is Considered For RCAF Mitchell Bomber

OTTAWA (CP)—The RCAF is considering a replacement for its Mitchell light bomber. It was learned Thursday.

Officials said it hasn't reached the point where the defence department has a definite plane in mind as a successor. There are a number of American, British or French planes it might choose from.

The RCAF has long wanted a replacement for the Mitchell but the tactical air force, which comprises two auxiliary squadrons at Saskatoon and Edmonton, doesn't rank high on the priority list of Canada's armed forces.

It is understood that at one time, at least, that the RCAF wanted British Canberra jet bombers for its tactical air force.

The Mitchell is one of the greatest paradoxes in any service in any country in the world today. The twin-engine bomber was obsolete before the end of the Second World War. But it is still the only plane in the RCAF's tactical air force.

Strangely enough, it is still a good enough plane for the job assigned to it in Canada.

Officials explain it this way: A tactical air force is designed to support ground troops—that is, lay down a barrage, knock out enemy bridges and tanks and generally play havoc with the enemy's offence or defence.

Report Strong Demand For Newsprint, Pulp

TORONTO (CP)—North American demand for newsprint is extremely strong from every quarter. D. W. Ambridge, president of Abitibi Power and Paper Co. Ltd., said Thursday at the company's annual meeting.

Consumption of newsprint in the United States in the first quarter of this year was five to six per cent higher than in the same period last year, and buying of Canadian newsprint in Britain, Europe, South America and Australasia was very brisk.

Demand for wood pulp is also very strong. Mr. Ambridge said. Price of bleached sulphite pulp from Smooth Rock Falls, Ont., went up \$5 a ton April 1.

The meeting approved a by-law covering the redemption in 1954 of all the 1,050,416 cumulative redeemable preferred shares of par value of \$20.

Stolen Car Leads To Big Search

DARTMOUTH, N.S. — (CP) — RCMP maintained a lid of silence Thursday around their intensive hunt for two persons, one of them believed a young, blond-haired woman, who ditched a stolen car and fled into a dense woodland near here earlier in the day.

Two detachments of RCMP, a fleet of police patrol cars, a naval helicopter and two police dogs were called into the hunt which was believed to be expanding into one of the largest in the province in recent years.

RCMP at Halifax, in charge of the operation, declined to give up details of the hunt. Road blocks were thrown up by highway patrol cars at many points, and police were cautious to keep their location secret.

The two persons disappeared into the woods near Lake Micmac after an 80-mile-an-hour chase through town streets in the early morning darkness. The car bore an Ontario license.

Police made only one comment: "The search will continue indefinitely."

Says West Should Boost Capital Aid To Free Asia

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His statements were contained in a text of his speech issued to the press before delivery.

Dr. Matsudaira said: "In the southeast Asia area, to achieve a level of economic development at least equal to that of Communist China, it is in our view estimated that a supply of capital amounting to \$4,000,000,000 annually will be necessary.

"However, the recent flow of capital into this area from outside has not been more than \$400,000,000 annually."

While almost all investment in Red China was a governmental, there was considerable private investment in southeast Asia. But even including private invest-

Yarmouth Inn To Be Closed

YARMOUTH, N.S. — (CP)—Civic and business leaders Thursday blamed closing of nearby summer resorts as a chain reaction caused by cancellation of the Boston boat service and said it will result in heavy financial loss to the town.

Mayor Willard Allen said closing of the CPR's Lakeside Inn hinged on lack of a Boston boat service and president R. T. Cooper of the board of trade predicted it would result in "heavy financial loss to the economic and social life of Yarmouth."

The CPR announced earlier in the day that the English-style inn first opened in the 1930s would remain closed this season. It has accommodation for 120 guests and was a favorite stopping spot for big game fishermen who meet here each September for the international tuna tournament at nearby Wedgeport.

Howe Inspects Plant

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters)—Canadian Trade Minister Howe saw the heart of Australia's secondary industry Thursday in a flying visit to the coal and steel city of Newcastle. He toured the giant Broken-hill steel plant and then inspected one of the country's modern coal mines near the city. He is on a good will and trade mission to Australia.

U. K. Newspaper Strike Continues

LONDON (Reuters)—A government bid to end London's 22-day-old newspaper strike failed early today.

Marathon talks, called by the government, between representatives of the newspaper proprietors and the 700 striking maintenance men broke down after nearly 14 hours.

Simultaneously, dismissal notices issued by the newspaper proprietors to 20,000 other non-editorial workers came into effect at midnight.

Estimate 100 Homes Damaged

BEAUCHEVILLE, Que. (CP)—Residents along the Chaudiere river watched apprehensively Thursday as blocks of ice, lodged in a solid jam below Beauceville, pushed swirling waters over the river's banks and through streets and homes of this Beauce county town.

Police chief Henri Loubier said as many as 100 homes here have been flooded. Residents in half of them have been forced to vacate. Some stores and public buildings are closed and the school is empty. Residents took to rowboats and assorted water craft to get around.

The Quebec Central Railway track, which winds the south through Beauce county from Quebec City before cutting west for Sherbrooke, is seven feet beneath water in places. Service was cancelled Wednesday night.

Main roads and side routes were covered for some 10 miles above the jam at Rocher, two miles north of here.

ANNUAL OCCURRENCE
There was no official estimate of damage, but it was not expected to be heavy.

Active Year Is Reported By Junior Board Of Trade

Mr. Henry G. MacWilliams was elected president of the Junior Board of Trade at a well attended annual dinner meeting held in the Rendezvous banquet room last evening.

In submitting his report the retiring president Robert Younker expressed satisfaction at the increase in membership which was one hundred per cent for the year. He was glad to note that the report of the treasurer was satisfactory. Commenting on various activities engaged in by the Board, he congratulated the traffic safety committee on the success of their parade and recommended a continuance of this project on an even larger scale in the interest of public safety.

A committee has been studying the possibility of diverting the buying public from making purchases at random in favour of specifying Island products and other Atlantic Province items.

Keith MacKinnon, President of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, as guest speaker explained the functions of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and described the work thus far entered into with a view to expanding local markets and improving economic conditions in the area. He expressed satisfaction at the healthy state of the Junior Board and extended an invitation to the members to sit in with the senior Board at any meeting.

Mr. Jack Morris, President of the Junior Maritime Board, introduced four new members; Lee Walton, Keith Beaton, Allison Macrae and Paul Keys. Committee chairmen reporting were: Membership, Elmer Blanchard, effective Speaking, Jack Morris, Public Relations, Henry MacWilliams, Ways and Means, A. B. MacDonald. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was submitted by Ed. Nicholson.

Visiting members from Montague were Jim Cadmore, President and Arnold Whiteman of

No Shortage Of Polio Needles

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal health authorities said Thursday they have no knowledge of any shortage of needles and syringes required to inoculate children with Salk polio vaccine.

Ottawa's Mayor Charlotte Whitton said Wednesday there is a shortage and that the defence department was "sitting" on tens of thousands of needles and syringes "all across Canada."

Health officials said they know of no shortage and that the federal government would be told by the provinces if there was any scarcity.

Canada Takes Step To Safeguard Polio Vaccine

OTTAWA (CP)—Health Minister Martin said Thursday effective safeguards have been thrown up to prevent bootlegging in Canada of Salk polio vaccine.

He indicated also there will be no exports from Canada of the polio preventive until Canadian needs are met.

"No time will be lost in getting sufficient production ready," he said in an interview. "But naturally we are anxious to get Canadian children vaccinated first. Any supplies that remain we will share with the world."

Canada's only major producer is the University of Toronto's Connaught laboratories. Another supplier, the University of Montreal's Institute of Microbiology, is expected to start mass production next September.

LICENSED TO SELL
In addition, Canada expects to get some stocks from two United States commercial drug companies licensed to sell the vaccine in Canada.

However, supplies are likely to be insufficient to meet all Canadian demands for many months.

Canada has about 5,200,000 children of 16 years and under. Connaught laboratories have produced doses for about 600,000 persons so far. By next July when the polio season usually edges towards a late-summer peak, there will be sufficient supplies to inoculate 1,000,000 children. The cry for vaccine may well exceed that number.

Renew Blockade Of Saigon

PARIS (Reuters)—The private armies opposed to Premier Ngo Dinh Diem have renewed their blockade of Saigon and threatened to kill any truck driver trying to take supplies into the city. Agence France-Presse reported from Saigon Thursday night.

The new blockade came two days after a two-week truce between the private and national armies expired. Hundreds of trucks are held up west of Saigon and only about 10 per cent of the usual number entered the city Wednesday, the agency said.

At the same time, it reported that one of the private armies, the Hoa Hao sect led by Gen. Bacut, opened fire Thursday on a national army battalion stationed about 100 miles south of Saigon and killed a Vietnam officer.

Sixteen persons were wounded Wednesday when Bacut's men fired mortar shells into the market place at Sadec, 75 miles southwest of Saigon.

Recommend Two Injections Of Anti-Polio Vaccine

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Thursday recommended a series of two injections of the Salk anti-polio vaccine as recommended by the discoverer of the immunization process.

Children in the U. S. who received the shots in 1954 will receive a booster shot. A third injection will be administered seven months later to those American children receiving the series of two shots for the first time this spring.

This procedure follows recommendations made by Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the vaccine. In the field trials three shots were given.

The foundation said the vaccine would be administered in two doses, separated by an interval of from two to four weeks.

The foundation said the U. S. pharmaceutical houses manufacturing the vaccine had agreed to supply the foundation with "sufficient vaccine to immunize all children in the first and second grades throughout the United States and its territories and all children who participated in the 1954 field trials but who did not receive the vaccine."

The number of these children is estimated to be 8,000,000.

Insurance Co. Wins Court Case

QUEBEC (CP)—In a case going back to the days of gasolinering in the Second World War, Superior Court Wednesday ordered a father and his son to pay an insurance company \$1,235.

The insurance company had paid Adelard Frchette of nearby Levis, ue., \$535 in damages when a car insured with the company under Frchette's name became involved in an accident.

Later it found Frchette was not the owner of the car, as he claimed in his insurance application, but had simply lent his name to his son (Edgar Frchette of Quebec) to allow him to obtain more gasoline.

During the war years, persons in certain occupations received more gasoline than others.

Mr. Justice Gerard Lacroix ruled the elder Frchette had invalidated his insurance application by making a false declaration and ordered him and his son to repay the \$535 plus \$700 spent by the insurance company in bringing action against the second motorist involved in the accident.

Canada Contributes To Polio Vaccine

SEOUL (AP)—The Canadian government has contributed an additional \$500,000 to the United Nations Korean reconstruction agency, U.S. Lt.-Gen. John B. Coulter announced Thursday. The contribution brings Canada's total to \$7,400,000.

Older Boys' Parliament Opens Tonight

Pictured above is the planning committee of the Older Boys' Parliament which opens in the Legislative Assembly Room of the Provincial Building tonight.

From left to right are David MacDonald, Gordon MacBeth, David Stuart Allan Dunbar, Niels Hansen. Others on the committee are Alan Massey, Robert Montgomery and Graham Lodge.

The lieutenant governor, Rev. Harold Mitton, will read the speech from the throne.

Mr. Ralph Rupert will be in charge of registration of the 15 to 30-year-old boys at Zion Hall, at 3 p.m. Mr. Vincent Ithaz of Mt. Allison University will be clerk and Alexander Flack, provincial secretary. The premier for the session is David MacDonald, one of the representatives of the province to the Maritime Older Boys' Parliament at Sackville last December. Sergeant-at-arms will be David Hutcheson.

The members will attend a banquet at the Y.M.C.A. Saturday night. Parliament will prorogue Sunday afternoon at 4:15.

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Canadian Manufacturers Ass'n Officials Here

A reception and dinner meeting at the Charlottetown Hotel last evening brought together several of the officials of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and local members of the organization. Premier A. W. Macpherson and Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources were guests.

Mr. Victor Oland of Halifax, chairman of the Atlantic Division C.M.A., Mr. J.C. Whitlaw, Toronto, general manager, C.M.A., and J. W. Stewart, Moncton, manager Atlantic Division, were in attendance. Regret was expressed that J. A. Calder, Montreal, President C.M.A., was unable to come to Charlottetown as planned, because of illness.

The party arrived by plane at noon yesterday and were met by J. S. Staver, chairman of the P. E. I. Island branch of the Association. During the afternoon they visited various places of interest in Charlottetown, including the Provincial Building.

Mr. Calder and party arrived in Fredericton, N.B., on Wednesday.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	9	40
Vancouver	32	44
Victoria	36	44
Edmonton	30	42
Calgary	21	42
Regina	32	52
Winnipeg	39	64
Toronto	51	64
Ottawa	46	56
Montreal	48	57
Quebec	40	47
Fredericton	39	60
Saint John	35	46
Moncton	—	57
Halifax	35	57
Charlottetown	32	52
Sydney	32	52
Yarmouth	34	60
St. John's, Nfld.	20	50

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High tide today at Charlottetown at 4:13 a. m. and 3:18 p. m.

Sunrise today eight minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 5:30 a. m. and sets at 6:57 p. m.