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DIVORCE BILL MEETS STIFF OPPOSITION IN COMMONS

Initial Payment For Western Wheat Reduced

Howe Clarifies Potato Tariff Deal With U. S.

OTTAWA, April 5 — (CP) — Canada agreed "in advance" to a United States request which blocked Canada from shipping an extra 15,000,000 bushels of potatoes into the U. S. market at a reduced tariff.

This was disclosed to the Commons today by Trade Minister Howe as he clarified a Geneva dispatch for E. H. Hatfield (PC—Victoria-Carleton).

He said the dispatch was not accurate in saying that the contracting parties to the general agreement on tariffs and trade agreed to let the U. S. restrict the flow of Canadian potatoes into the U. S. market.

The decision taken there had no bearing on the current Canadian-U. S. potato agreement under which Canada ships 3,500,000 bushels of seed and table at half the regular tariff rate.

However, it did have a bearing on a 1947 tariff arrangement under which Canada could have shipped an additional quota of 15,000,000 bushels a year at the same tariff reduction.

Mr. Howe explained that under the tariff agreement, the U. S. fixed a U. S. consumption level of

Malpeque Oysters ---Oh, Boy!



Squaring off in front of a huge pile of Malpeque oysters at the Knockers Club at Ottawa is Opposition Leader George Drew, flanked by two of the Club's executive, John A. Macdonald (left) president of the Ottawa branch, and Stan Lewis (right) former Mayor of Ottawa and national president of the Club. 3,000 of the famous Prince Edward Island oysters were supplied to the Club's 140 members and 40 guests last Thursday night through the good offices of Brigadier Bill Reid, Supervisor of the Travel Bureau, and the debris of shells in the Assembly Hall at Lansdowne Park when the party broke up was something to see! Flash-bulbs popped as leading public men of the Capital attacked the mound of mollusks without stint, and lauded their flavour and delicacy.—(Courtesy of the Ottawa Evening Journal).

Coarse Grains Unchanged From Last Year.

OTTAWA, April 5—(CP) — The Canadian Wheat Board, taking delivery of western wheat in the crop year starting Aug. 1, will make an initial payment to producers of \$1.40 a bushel.

This 35-cent-per-bushel drop from the current initial payment of \$1.75 was announced today in the Commons by Trade Minister Howe. He described it as a cautionary move to guard the Board's new three-year pool against the possibilities of bankruptcy.

Mr. Howe also gave these main reasons for the decrease:

1. The international wheat agreement, under which Canada will sell most of her exports next year, calls for a floor of \$1.54 a bushel in Canadian funds. Canada, currently has been getting about \$2 a bushel for wheat.
2. The possibility of a surplus supply of wheat in Canada in the 1950-51 crop year, over and above international wheat agreement requirements. This excess over demand would not be protected by international floor price.

Coarse Grains Unchanged

He also announced that the initial payments during the next crop year for deliveries to the board of oats and barley would be the same as this year: 65 cents a bushel for No. 2 Canada western oats in store at Fort William, Port Arthur; 93 cents a bushel for No. 3 Canada western six-row barley.

\$12,000 In Bounties For P. E. I. Fishermen

Paris Police In Bitter Clash With Reds

OTTAWA, April 5—(Special)— Owners of vessels and fishing boats and crews of fishing craft on Prince Edward Island this year will cut a meager amount of \$12,000 in bounties to be distributed under the Deep Sea Fisheries Act. The order-in-council providing for the payment of the bounties for the fiscal year 1949-50 was tabled in the House of Commons this afternoon by J. Watson MacNaught, parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Mayhew, and M.P. for Prince.

Under the terms of the order, owners of vessels used for fishing and catching a specified quantity of commercial fish are entitled to a bonus of \$1 per registered ton of the vessel. In event of more than one vessel being owned by the same person, amount of the bounty will not exceed \$80 per vessel. All members of vessels' crews will draw an amount of \$8.25 each.

Owners of small boats used for the catching of fish and able to prove their catches will be paid \$1 per small boat and men engaged in fishing with the boats will draw \$8.25 each. For the fiscal year 1948-49, bounty was paid for three vessels engaged in fishing in Prince Edward Island and 782 fishing boats. The bonus of \$8.25 was paid to a total of 1,257 fishermen.

Now that the order-in-council has been tabled, applications for the bounty on last year's catch are receivable. For the 1948 catch, fishermen of Nova Scotia received \$84,195.90; Quebec \$41,866.15; New Brunswick, \$20,702.15; Prince Edward Island, \$11,413.35. Total fishing bounty paid for that year was \$158,177.55.

The bounty has its origin in the Halifax award under the Treaty of Washington, 1871, which provided for reciprocal fishing privileges for Canadian and American fishermen on the Atlantic seaboard. Newfoundland took its share of the award separately and the total for the three Maritime Provinces and Quebec was \$4,490,882. Actual bounty paid is regarded as interest on that award.

First payment of the fishing bounties was made in 1882 and from 1891 on they have been paid to Maritime fishermen and owners of vessels and boats on the scale of \$160,000 a year.

Proposal To Enlarge Grounds Is Withdrawn

OTTAWA, April 5 — (CP) — A private member's proposal that grounds for divorce in Canada be enlarged today ran into an almost solid wall of opposition in the Commons.

The proposal was made and then withdrawn by David Croft (L—Toronto Spadina) before the Chamber adjourned at 7 p. m. AST until April 17 for the Easter recess.

In the first private member's resolution to come before the House since the session opened Feb. 16, Mr. Croft proposed: "That, in the opinion of this House early consideration should be given to the advisability of setting up a special committee of the House to consider amendments to our divorce laws, and enlarging the grounds for divorce to include dissolution of more than three years; gross cruelty; incurable mental disease after five years, and legal presumption of death."

The resolution was supported by G. S. White, (PC—Hastings-Peterborough), who frequently has urged that something be done to free Canadian veterans from wives who refused to come to Canada with them from overseas.

Opponents of the resolution included W. J. Browne (PC—St. John's West) and W. F. Carroll (L—Inverness-Richmond).

Flood Brings Epidemic Threat

TORONTO, April 5 — (CP) — A state of emergency was declared today in Preston, one of the hardest-hit of a dozen Southern Ontario towns and cities battling severe spring floods.

The rampaging Grand River was reported seeping into Preston's reservoir and public health officials said they feared an epidemic if the water supply was contaminated.

At both Preston and Brantford, another Grand River community, firemen and volunteers sought to evacuate some 100 families isolated by the flood.

The swollen waters of a small creek near Thamesville claimed the life of two-year-old W. L. Rooney, who fell into the stream as he played with another child.

This was the only flood death reported. Property damage was expected to run into thousands of dollars.

Smoke More Cigarets But Fewer Cigars

OTTAWA, April 5 — (CP) — Cigarette-smokers must be on the increase in Canada. The Bureau of Statistics today reported 2,897,000,000 cigarettes were released for consumption in the first two months of this year, an increase of 422,000,000 over the corresponding period a year ago. As for the cigarette-smokers they must be on the decrease. The Bureau reported 28,600,000 were released for consumption during the first two months of this year, a drop of 6,600,000 from the total for the same period in 1949.



TORONTO, April 5 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 48-60; Edmonton 26-46; Regina 12-33; Winnipeg 18-32; Toronto 37-41; Ottawa 34-39; Montreal 36-42; Quebec 34-42; Saint John 39-48; Moncton 34-61; Halifax 36-52; Charlottetown 34-52; Sydney 33-54; Yarmouth 46-52; St. John's, 32-38.

HALIFAX, April 5—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis: There was still rain and fog over much of the Maritimes and Eastern Quebec tonight. However, drier and colder air was spreading southeast across New Brunswick and will cover all of the Maritimes and Quebec Thursday. The weather will be improved over Wednesday, but there will still be occasional showers in many regions. Still drier air will cover the forecast district on Good Friday, and the outlook is for clear skies.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Thursday with an outlook for Good Friday.

Prince Edward Island: Thursday cloudy with showers and much colder. Light winds becoming west 15 by morning. Low early Thursday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 38 and 43.

Outlook for Good Friday—Clear.

High tide today at 1:20 A. M. and 12:57 P. M.
Sun rises at 5:46 A. M. and sets at 6:46 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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Chrysler Considers Peace Offer

DETROIT, April 5—(AP) — A new and different union pension proposal today brought the biggest break to date in the Chrysler strike which began 71 days ago.

The company admitted it is "considering" the peace offer by the United Auto Workers (C.I.O.). This statement immediately boosted hopes for a quick return to work of 89,000 Chrysler strikers and some 50,000 other persons made idle indirectly by the long shutdown.

By-election Victory Boosts Labor Majority To Four

LONDON, April 5—(CP) — Labor today won the first by-election of the new Parliament, raising its precarious over-all majority to four by retaining the seat at Neepsend, Sheffield.

Sir Frank Soskice, Labor candidate, polled 22,080 in the traditionally-Labor constituency in the big steel city. The Conservative-Liberal candidate, James P. Hunt, got 8,365, while E. L. Moore, school teacher running as Communist candidate, could muster only 739.

Labor's majority in the House—not counting casualties—had been three before today's by-election, held due to the resignation of Harry Morris, who won the seat for Labor in the Feb. 23 election. Morris resigned to open a seat for Sir Frank, who was appointed solicitor-general although he suffered a personal defeat in the Feb. 23 election.

The standing in the Commons now is: Labor 313; Conservatives 297; Liberals 9; Irish Nationalists 2; Independent 1; Vacant 2. The neutral Speaker completes the 625-seat-House.

While today's contest was the first by-election since the new session began, Labor had a previous test of strength in Manchester's Moss Side riding, where voters' choice was delayed until after Feb. 23 due to the death of a candidate. The Conservatives gained the seat from Labor in that election, held March 9.

Canada Acts To Block Outbreak Of Smallpox

OTTAWA, April 5—(CP)—Health Department officials have ordered that all persons coming to Canada from the United Kingdom produce certificates showing they have been vaccinated within the last three years, Dr. G. D. W. Cameron, Deputy Health Minister, said today.

The order came into effect when an epidemic of smallpox was reported in Glasgow. Previously, persons from the U. K. were not required to have smallpox vaccinations.

Reasons for extending the order to all persons coming from the U. K. was because of the danger of the disease spreading in the British Isles, Dr. Cameron said. For example, passengers flying to Canada from London might stop over in Prestwick, Scotland, which is near to Glasgow, for several days.

The "blanket control" was the only effective method of protection, Dr. Cameron added. The U. S. has imposed similar measures. Effect of the ruling will be that persons coming from the U. K. without certificates will be held under observation for several days, and then vaccinated.

There was no indication of when the restriction might be lifted.

MONTREAL, April 5—(CP)— Passengers arriving from Britain by air today got a thorough medical examination by immigration doctors because of the Glasgow smallpox outbreak.

Dr. A. Cantin said all passengers were asked to show vaccination certificates before being allowed entry. All 35, however, produced the necessary documents and were cleared.

Dr. Cantin said it is not normally necessary to ask for such certificates unless passengers came from an epidemic area.

GLASGOW, April 5 — (Reuters)— Health authorities reported tonight that no new cases of smallpox were reported today in the Glasgow area, but they are taking every precaution against a further outbreak of the dread disease which has struck 20 persons here and has caused two deaths.

Today was generally regarded as the beginning of a crucial period when cases which have been dormant could break out actively,

N. B. To Have Potato Disease Control Area

FREDERICTON, April 5 — (CP) — Agriculture Minister Taylor announced today that the Upper St. John River Valley potato belt has been established as a "potato disease control area"—the first in New Brunswick.

Mr. Taylor said the step will improve the quality of New Brunswick certified seed potatoes, reduce the sources of potato disease in the Province's main commercial growing area and thus tend to enhance the market value of New Brunswick's biggest cash crop.

The new regulations resulted from amendments to the New Brunswick potato industry act passed at last year's session of the Legislature. More than 85 per cent of the growers in the area have supported the action.

The regulations include provision that only certified seed may be planted or imported in a disease control area.

Save Man's Life With Rare Heart Operation

DETROIT, April 5 — (AP) — A 57-year-old Detroit man is alive and doing well following a delicate operation in which two surgeons transplanted into his chest a six-inch segment of a dead man's main heart artery.

Officials at Henry Ford Hospital announced that the patient is "doing very well" following the rare operation that "undoubtedly saved his life."

The patient, whose name was not given, was admitted to the hospital with an advanced thoracic aneurism, a condition in which the walls of the main artery (aorta) were diseased and giving way before direct pressure from the heart.

Doctors said if the patient's ballooning artery had burst, death would have followed immediately.

The rare operation, performed by Dr. Conrad Lam of the Ford Hospital staff and his assistant, Dr. H. H. Aram, was not the first of its kind. But it may herald new advances in vascular surgery (operations on blood vessels).

Probably the most outstanding aspect of Dr. Lam's operation concerns the fact that the segment of healthy artery transplanted to replace the patient's diseased aorta was taken five days earlier from the body of a deceased person in post-mortem surgery.

It was preserved for five days at Ford Hospital, under refrigeration in penicillin and blood plasma, before it was spliced into the living man's artery at a point just two inches from the heart.

To maintain the blood flow into the smaller arteries during the operation, a Lucite tube three-fourths

Commons Begins Easter Recess

OTTAWA, April 5 — (CP) — The Commons adjourned at 7 p. m. AST tonight to begin its Easter recess. It will resume Monday, April 17. The Senate recessed last Friday to reconvene April 24.

Bacon, Butter Prices Advance In Britain

LONDON, April 5 — (CP) — Food Minister Maurice Webb today announced price increases for rationed bacon and butter. This move is almost certain to bring an angry reaction from organized labor. Large sections of union workers, with their wages pegged at Government request, already are demanding more pay to meet higher living costs, which now will be further raised. Webb said butter prices will go up four pence (about five cents) a pound April 23. Bacon prices will rise two pence a pound May 21.

Report War Materials Being Smuggled To Reds

FRANKFURT, April 5—(AP)— Western Allied officials disclosed today that West Germany has become a funnel for war materials smuggled into Communist satellite states.

Russia is believed master-minding the war shipments through deals with private firms and international agents, they said.

The war goods are bought in some West European countries and in West Germany, the officials asserted.

Communist gangs were recently reported sniping at West Germany's economy by flooding the country with black market goods. Officials said they buy the war materials and "critical items" with the dollars and Deutsche marks obtained through illegal cigarette and coffee sales.

Allied regulations strictly forbid shipments of war materials of

Flying Saucer?

WHITBY, Yorkshire, England, April 5—(Reuters)—Three Whitby women said tonight they had seen a "strange object resembling two large hoops, one inside the other" in the sky. The object had crossed the coast, moving inland at a great height, and flashes appeared to be coming from it.

Coming Events

- Crockinole Party, Ugg Orange Hall, Saturday, April 8th.
- Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Dance, St. Teresa's Hall, Easter Monday, April 9th, 8 P. M.
- Farmers now booking Clover Seeds. Rush order. McGuigan & Boyle.
- Limited quantity beet pulp now available. Phone or write Beaton & MacRae, Winsloe.
- One act comedy, concert, dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Monday, April 10th. Starts at 8:15.
- Dance, St. Peter's Legion Hall, Easter Monday night, April 10th. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- Now booking orders for Grass Seeds. Place your orders now as supply is limited. Prices on request. Beaton & MacRae, Winsloe.
- Unloading car of Oil Cake, Wednesday and Thursday, April 5th and 6th. Wiltshire Dairying Co.
- Attention Cucumber Growers of Mt. Herbert, Hazelbrook and Cherry Valley; also growers who will deliver cucumbers to Eikon or to highway from Elphinstown contracts for Matthews & Wells till April 20th. Smith Bros., Pownal.
- Farmers Attention — As trucks are not operating due to road conditions, we will pay farmers delivering hogs to stock pens, Summerside and Kensington 50 cents per head until road conditions permit trucks to operate again. MacEwen and Casley.
- Pantry Sale, West Royal Inn, 2nd floor, Moore & MacLeod, Ltd., Saturday, April 8th, 1 P. M.
- Show, Morell every Saturday only 8 o'clock. Coming Saturday only Double Feature, "Death Valley Gunfighter". Starring Allan "Rocky" Lane and his Stallion Black Jack. Also "The Inside Story". Starring, "Marche Hunt" and others. This is the inside story of Your Family . . . of every Man's Family.

Tomorrow being
GOOD FRIDAY
and a public holiday,
the next issue of the
Guardian will be Saturday,
April 8.