

## Application Received From Dom. Food Products Ltd. For Big Plant At New Annan

An application from the Dominion Food Products, Ltd. to establish a \$250,000 plant for the purpose of processing frozen French fried potatoes and other frozen foods, is now pending, said Premier A. W. Matheson, "and will be taken under consideration of the Industrial Development Committee in the very near future."

The company wishes to set up their plant at New Annan and although frozen French fried potatoes will be one of their chief products they have indicated that they will deal in such other frozen foods as fried chicken and fried fish sticks. While details of the amount of raw material required to keep the plant in operation are not available, the com-

# SPRING STORM LASHES SASK. AND BRINGS GRIM POSSIBILITY OF NEW CROP FAILURE

REGINA, (CP)—Waterlogged Saskatchewan, its wheat fortunes threatened by a late spring, saw the grim spectre of a possible crop failure rise Tuesday.

A spring storm lashed the province, drenching rich grain fields in nearly all areas and producing some of the worst flooding in living memory.

Adding to the misery of flooding after a series of heavy rains this spring, the storm caused considerable property damage.

But its punch struck squarely at the farmer who saw the same conditions produce a disastrous crop failure last year.

Agricultural experts were pessimistic yet hopeful.

**FUTURE TELL**  
They said the key to the province's grain economy rested with the weather in the immediate future—sunny weather still could produce good crops.

No one was certain just how badly the storm and the rains which preceded it would affect crops.

"It's like trying to figure out how a cube will come out before it is mixed," one agricultural official said.

But he admitted the picture was dismal.

All southern Saskatchewan was hidden under a thick blanket of rain clouds and dust as the storm blew in from North Dakota. In its wake came a blizzard which knocked out communications in southwestern Saskatchewan late Tuesday and piled up inches of wet snow.

The down-pour started Monday night, spilling streams and rivers over their banks.

**WORST IN HISTORY**  
Flooding in Regina was described as the worst in the city's history as sewers, unable to handle the runoff, backed up into streets and railway underpasses.

A car was nearly buried under water which rose in one underpass.

Washouts on the Canadian Pacific Railway main line near Grenfell east of Regina stranded a new trans-continental train put into operation only last week.

Federal government officials here said the quiet Qu'Appelle valley 25 miles northwest of Regina was in flood end to end. The Qu'Appelle river rose three feet during the night at Lumsden in the valley, inundating the east end of the farm town.

A mud slide at Fort Qu'Appelle nearby blocked a line of Canadian National Railways. Trains in many areas of the province were running on slow orders because stretches of track were severely undermined by sudden flood waters.

Weyburn in southwestern Saskatchewan experienced the most violent electrical storm in its history. Flood waters 12 inches deep raced through one street and most basements were flooded by noon Tuesday.

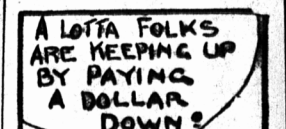
Thousands of acres of land—the kind which produces nearly 60 per cent of Canada's wheat—were under water before the cloudburst.

At Meadow Lake in the northwest, flooding streams were responsible for the death of hundreds of head of cattle. Isolated by flood waters, they died of exposure and starvation. Some ranchers in the area fear it means economic disaster for them.

## Announce Cut In Sugar Price

MONTREAL (CP)—St. Lawrence Sugar Refiners, Ltd. Tuesday announced a price cut of 20 cents per 100 pounds on all sugars. The reduction at the wholesale level is effective immediately.

R. E. Miller, assistant to the vice-president, said the cut brings the basic wholesale price of refined sugar in Montreal to 77.35 from 77.55 for 100 pounds.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

|                 | Min. | Max. |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Dawson          | 33   | 47   |
| Vancouver       | 46   | 56   |
| Victoria        | 45   | 57   |
| Edmonton        | 38   | 59   |
| Calgary         | 31   | 54   |
| Regina          | 43   | 43   |
| Winnipeg        | 60   | 77   |
| Toronto         | 51   | 75   |
| Ottawa          | 55   | 74   |
| Montreal        | 58   | 75   |
| Quebec          | 41   | 75   |
| Fredericton     | 44   | 62   |
| St. John        | 41   | 61   |
| Moncton         | 41   | 60   |
| Halifax         | 36   | 57   |
| Charlottetown   | 39   | 53   |
| Sydney          | 34   | 46   |
| St. Johns, Nfld | 23   | 46   |

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office here says warm air is forecast to spread over all but the northernmost regions. Cooler air will move across the St. Lawrence into northern New Brunswick, which will keep temperatures from rising in that part of the district.

Regional forecasts:  
Northern Nova Scotia, St. John river valley: Sunny with a few cloudy intervals; warmer with light winds.  
Low-high at New Glasgow 40 and 70, Fredericton 45 and 75, Saint John 40 and 65, Edmundston 40 and 70.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N.E. counties: Variable cloudiness and warmer; light winds.  
Low-high at Charlottetown 40 and 65, Moncton 40 and 70.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8.55 a.m. and 9.44 p.m.; at Rustico at 4.10 a.m. and 5.29 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 5 a.m. and sets at 7.21 p.m.

## Keen Competition Shown At Festival Last Evening

Evening sessions of the Musical Festival saw large numbers attending both Prince of Wales College and Queen Charlotte High School.

Vocalists were featured at Q.C.H.S. Especially interesting were the Women's Duet and trio classes. Adjudicator Blanchford lamented the fact there was no competition.

"It helps a competitor to have to rival or better another," he said. "It tends to bring out the best in one."

"A happy combination" was Mr. Blanchford's comment on the trio comprising of Myrna Hancock, Maureen Forbes and Irene

Mountain. "They had balance, blend and articulation in their piece," "Summer's Return" in many instances throughout the Festival it is too bad that the winners are not allowed to sing again. The harmony was intricate and was done with conviction and quality.

Over twelve groups took part at P.W.C. last night. They presented a very good cross section of the fine work being done in both city and country. The church choir of Glasgow Road and Wheatley River joined forces in both the four part and unison singing. The only groups entered in the classes (Continued on page 2 col. 1).

## Groups Featured At High School Festival Sessions

"I admired the performance of the North Milton School beyond measure!" stated Adjudicator Mitchell yesterday morning at the Music Festival in the Queen Charlotte High School.

"The adherence to tempo marks, the ease and equality of expression and the fine style throughout this fetching style was remarkable. Keep singing in this way and you will please many audiences and adjudicators," he concluded.

This rural chorus received 89 marks in their class, Grades 6 to 10 unison, and a mark of 82 in

another, winning the competition for School Chorus, Any Grades unison.

Mr. Mitchell was lavish in his praise to Music Teachers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Raymond. He said, "They have done wonders with these rural children and I have great admiration for them." The large audience agreed and applauded heartily.

The opinion of the adjudicator was expressed concerning the lack of uniformity in the clothing worn by the chorus contestants. "Some (Continued on page 13 col. 7)



### Chorus Wins Two Firsts

For their singing of "Fairies in the Moonlight" these young folk from Grades one to five placed first in their class yesterday at Q.C.H.S. "The standard of singing for this Festival is certainly high," said Mr. Mitchell. From Tracadie Cross School they got high mark of 87 in one class and in another 89. From left to right they are: Margaret Fitzpatrick, Kay MacQuillan, Georgina Lacey, Dianna Carrigan, Josephine Lacey. Second row: Marion Power, Patricia Lacey, Judy Carrigan, Anne Donnelly, Mary Dannigan, Milda Gallant. Third row: John Lacey, John Power, Mary Dougan, Edwina MacQuillan, Deborah Bulger, Joe Power, Kenny Brown. Barter's Film Lab.

## Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Commons defeated 131 to 65 a CCF want-of-confidence in the government on the 1955-56 budget.

External Affairs Minister Pearson accused the Communists of hampering work of the International Trade Commission in Viet Nam.

Donald Fleming (PC—Toronto) charged the government is running away from the unemployment problem; the budget offered only crumbs.

Hiszen Argue (CCF—Assiniboia) declared western farmers are fighting mad over distribution of railway boxcars.

Rev. E. G. Hansell (SC—MacLeod) said his party has been labelled crackpots but some do not mind.

Senator Cairine Wilson (L—Ontario), first woman appointed to the Senate, made history again when she deputized as speaker of the Upper Chamber.

Wednesday  
The Commons continues the budget debate. The Senate will sit.

**WEATHER'S NOW "HOT"**  
TORONTO (CP)—The word "hot" appeared Tuesday for the first time this year in the official weather forecast for Ontario. It said temperatures would rise to 85 degrees today in Windsor and Hamilton, 80 at London and 75 at Toronto.

## \$300,000 Damage From Train Wreck In NS Centre

TRURO (CP)—A westbound fast freight cracked up nine miles from here Tuesday when the CNR freight car being shunted onto the Scotia II at the mainland terminal of Mulgrave skidded off the tracks and tied up the ferry for another two hours.

A combination of the damaged Scotia II at Point Tupper and the Brookfield derailment had passengers on the overnight train from Sydney to Halifax make the trip in four stages. The railway hired buses for the stretch from Mulgrave to New Glasgow—the train had to be left behind on Cape Breton island—and that between Truro and Halifax. A special eight-car train carried the travellers from New Glasgow to Truro.

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**OPEN SIDING**  
Railway line crews and wrecking cranes speeded to Brookfield from Halifax and Truro reopened a siding so rapidly that the crack westbound Ocean Limited pulled into Truro 20 minutes late. The coach-and-sleeper car Scotia, which normally runs 15-20 minutes later, was right on her heels.

But no sooner was the Montreal line restored at about noon than a

freight car being shunted onto the Scotia II at the mainland terminal of Mulgrave skidded off the tracks and tied up the ferry for another two hours.

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**WAKENED VILLAGERS**  
The steam-powered freight barreled into Brookfield at 4:16 a.m. The screech of rending steel and the crash of splintering brought villagers on the run, most of them in their pyjamas.

Oddly, the front and rear sections of the train remained on the tracks. Long after the siding was cleared of debris to permit the Ocean Limited and Scotian through, crew-kept working on the badly battered main line rails and jumbled ties.

The only members of the crew named by the CNR were conductor J. R. Pearson and engineer William McIntyre, both of Truro.

**HOSPITAL AWARD**  
TORONTO (CP)—A veteran of more than 40 years in the service of Canadian hospitals will receive the highest honor bestowed by the Canadian Hospital Association when it meets in Ottawa May 10.

Percy Ward, executive secretary of the British Columbia Hospitals' Association will be presented with the George Findlay Stephens Memorial Award for "noteworthy service in the hospital field."

## Eden Cuts Textiles' Sales Tax

LONDON (Reuters)—A Labor Leader Attlee told his party's candidates Tuesday that they can sweep back into power in the general election May 26 if they wage an all-out campaign.

But only an hour after this pep talk in private to his 630-strong force of candidates, Labor confidence was ruffled by two broadsides from the ruling Conservatives.

First, the treasury announced that Britain's all-important gold and dollar reserves from overseas trade had shown a gain of \$18,000,000 in April. Conservatives hailed this as a vindication of the fiscal policies of R. A. Butler, chancellor of the exchequer.

They claimed it gave the lie to Labor supporters who had been forecasting an economic crisis following steep drops in the reserves in February and March.

**TEXTILE INDUSTRY AIDED**  
Prime Minister Eden followed this up by announcing in the House of Commons that the government's effective Wednesday is removing the sales tax on non-woolens cloth and domestic textiles. This is to aid the Lancashire textile industry, at present suffering from unemployment and shut-down mills because of foreign competition. The tax had been halved to 25 per cent

in the budget April 19.

Aware of the political importance of Lancashire, where many of the parliamentary seats are held by only small majorities, Herbert Morrison, deputy Labor leader, immediately branded the government move so near the election as "a miserable piece of political humbug."

In the 1951 general election Labor got 31 seats in Lancashire and the Conservatives 33.

Attlee, at the meeting called by Labor leaders to expound election strategy, stressed the party's campaign would have to be sustained. He hammered home two attacks on the government—its failure to get top-level talks on the hydrogen bomb and to stem living costs.

**MORALE BOOSTED**  
Labor MPs, who recently had been pessimistic of their party's chances, were clearly impressed by their leader's enthusiasm and buoyed up by his declaration.

Meanwhile, some Conservative MPs privately stressed that over-confidence in their ranks could lose them the election.

Since Eden called the election to increase his over-all majority of 19 in the present 525-seat House of Commons, Conservatives have been optimistic of boosting their parliamentary strength.



### King's County Children In Festival

These youngsters and many more like them have travelled from all over the Province to attend the Musical Festival here. Not all of the entrants can win, but the experience of attending a festival and of hearing other choral groups, pianists, is one that they will remember. With the positive and helpful hints offered by adjudicators they will be able to return as experienced performers. From left to right these children from Murray River School are: Ruby Johnston, Darlene Cowell, Rita May Ferguson, Linda Rafuse, Marilyn Keenan, Elizabeth Johnston. Second row: Elwood Hayter, Laura Ann MacPhee, Susan Jardine, Helen Sanders, Betty Clarey, Laura Porter, Doris Lowe and Loman Bell. Third row: Bruce Martin, Waldo Lowe, Charles Rafuse, Wayne Keenan, Cyril MacKinnon, Boyd MacLeod, Alvin Ferguson and Blaine Nicolle. Barter's Film Lab.

## Labor Confidence In U.K. Ruffled

Now party leaders are reported to be planning a special warning to their rank and file that the election will be closely-fought—and will need every effort if the Conservative majority is to be increased.

Voting went on Tuesday in 98 Scottish cities and boroughs for the local municipal councils—in effect a rehearsal for the local party "machines" for the parliamentary balloting later this month.

This Scottish voting was the start of a 10-day period of local elections in Britain which could provide a guide to current political feeling.

## To Erect Big Propane Gas Storage Tank At New Annan

The Island Propane Gas Company has acquired a site of over an acre of ground at New Annan where they will erect a 30,000 gallon storage tank in the near future.

The tank, which is pre-fabricated in Toronto, will be shipped on or about the 14th of May, stated Mr. Jack Scribner, local manager of Island Propane Gas, yesterday.

Mr. Scribner points out that at present, all gas used in the Province is being imported in 100-pound cylinders. With the advent of the storage tanks, the gas will

be imported in railway tank cars. As has been previously announced, this arrangement will result in a reduction in cost to the consumer.

The plant will consist of a covered storage platform 60 x 20 feet and a loading platform 20 x 20 feet. In addition to these, there will be a modern office building in connection therewith. Each tank will be 67 feet long and nine feet in diameter and will be erected in a horizontal position. An additional staff of four will be required to handle the extra business.

## Mr. MacNaught Calls For Equalization Of Potato Tariff In Commons Speech

OTTAWA (Special)—Speaking in the budget debate just before the House of Commons adjourned Tuesday night J. P. Watson MacNaught, Liberal M.P. for Prince and parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Sinclair called for an equalization of the tariff on potatoes between Canada and the United States.

Mr. MacNaught warned the House that unless potato growers of the Maritime were given protection comparable to that afforded potato growers of the United States, the industry in the Maritimes would be in a most precarious position. He emphasized that in no way did he wish to block free trade between Canada and other countries, but insisted on the "tremendous advantage" enjoyed by potato growers of the United States in the Canadian market, as compared to Canadian growers in the U.S. market.

Last year, Mr. MacNaught said, Canada shipped something more than six million bushels of potatoes to the United States but in return imported more than eight million bushels from south of the border. For the past three years, he said, Canada had imported more potatoes than she had shipped to United States ports.

Years ago, the members from Prince said, Canada has some advantage in the potato trade, owing to cheap water transport and higher yield per acre. In the past 15 years the situation had been changed owing to the construction of super-highways and economics of the trucking industry. In recent years, he told the Commons, truckers bringing fruits from southern United States to the northern states, offer very cheap rates to take down potatoes from "Mettis" to the south in order that they may have a two-way load.

He pointed out that the growing of potatoes forms a large part of the economy of the Province of Prince Edward Island and he expressed the hope that this would be taken into consideration by the Tariff Board when it begins its enquiry into the potato tariff on June 13.

Not only potato growers but the people of P.E.I. in general, Mr. MacNaught said, were gratified by Finance Minister Harris' announcement that the tariff Board would undertake the enquiry into the potato tariff situation. In past years, he said, the mutual U.S.-Canadian tariffs on potatoes had been equalized and he felt the time had come to restore this condition.

Mr. MacNaught mentioned that the State of Maine alone grows roughly as many potatoes as the whole of Canada. Not only is this the case, but Maine is closer to the rich Montreal market than either P.E.I. or New Brunswick. And except for a period of six (Continued on page 13 col. 2)

## Coming Events

Regular Dance, Mt. Ryan Hall, every Thursday.

Dance in Millview Hall every Friday night.

Brooklyn concert to be held in Cambridge Hall, Wednesday, May 4, 8 p.m.

Grand Orange Lodges will meet in Charlottetown, Wednesday, May 18th.

See Indian River Players present 3-act play "Black Gold", Friday, May 6 in Kinkora Hall.

Paying highest market prices, good pigs, 40 lbs. and over. Willard Prowse, Brackley.

See Kelly's Cross Play in Mt. Ryan Hall, Johnston's River, Wednesday, May 4th.

See Kinkora Players in King George Hall, Kensington, Wednesday, May 4th. Curtain 8:30.

Reserve July 6th, Picnic Immaculate Conception Church Grounds, Wellington.

Bingo, North Rustico to-night, 8 p.m. Jackpot \$75.00. Freezout and door prize \$5.00 each.

Dance at Oyster Bed Bridge school Thursday, May 5. Music by Doiron Brothers.

Dance, West Royalty Hall Wednesday. Rolfe McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service. 9:30 to 12:30.

Kelly's Cross Players present their 3-act play in Mt. Ryan Hall Wednesday, May 4. Curtain 8:30. Dance after.

Dance in North Wiltshire Hall Wednesday night. Proceeds in aid of Hampshire hockey team. Music by Doiron Brothers.

Annual meeting Wheatley River Hall, Wednesday, May 4, at 8:30. All those interested please attend.

Community Bingo at Morell tonight, Wednesday. Regular cash prizes plus Jackpot now worth \$50.00. 8:30 p.m.

See West Covehead Y. A. 2 one act plays with Specialties, in Wheatley River, Thursday, May 5th. 8:30 p.m.

Dance, Cardigan Hall, Wednesday, May 4th. Webster's Orchestra. Auspices Cardigan Fire Fighting Department.

Grass and clover seeds now in stock at our Summerside and Charlottetown mills. Suggest you secure while stock is complete. F. L. Morris.

Big opening dance Charlottetown Forum Wednesday, May 4. Music by Don Messer and his Islanders. Dancing 9:30 to 12:30. Entertainment 11 p.m., canteen.

Our stores will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening and closed Wednesday afternoon. Effective this week. Signed Waddell Bros. and Parker Canfield, Crapaud.

Farmers come to Marshfield hall tonight and bring your wives. Special speakers and films on agriculture. Admission free. Marshfield Institute will sell lunches.

Crapaud—All who are interested in helping the Fall family who lost their home by fire are asked to meet in Crapaud Hall, Thursday evening, May 5th. Signed Bert J. Wood, Frank MacDonald, Bert J. Crowds, Vernon Moore.



### Hard Work Brings Rewards

It takes a heap of learning to be able to sing together as these young contestants have discovered. Representing Winsloe School they gave a credible performance, winning one third place and being another third with the West Royalty School. From left to right they are: Yrinda Weeks, Ena Chowen, Joan Diamond, Shirley Diamond, Helen Toombs, Margarit Balderson. Second row: Douglas Good, Frances Thomson, Ferne Townshend, Francis Ranahan, Beryl MacFarlane, Norma MacLean, Beverley MacLean, Suesanne MacDonald and Keith MacLeod. Third row: Blois MacFarlane, David Rodd, Preston Jenkins, Glen Thomson, Wayne Gillespie, Chester Coles, Andrew MacPherson, Bob Henry and John Townshend. Barter's Film Lab.