

## Compulsion 'Is Possible' For Hospital Insurance

### Young Liberals Hear About Plan

The provisions of the hospital insurance scheme approved during the last session of the Island Legislature can be made compulsory at any time, Health Minister M.L. Bonnell informed a Liberal audience in Charlottetown last night.

Guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Young Liberal Association of the Fifth District of Queens, the Murray Harbor physician in answer to a question asked from the floor stated that regulations included in the enactment were sufficient to cover the issue should it ever arise. Calling a special session of the House would not be necessary.

#### MEANINGLESS

Inclusion of the contentious "mandatory clause" did not mean a thing one way or the other, he contended.

These powers would be invoked if Ottawa should refuse to consider the Island plan on its present basis, or if Islanders failed to accept the plan in sufficient numbers to allow the scheme to operate, he said.

However, the minister hastened to add that he still had every confidence that the residents of the Province would equal Ontario's 90 per cent coverage on a voluntary basis.

Introduced by Abe Zakem, Dr. Bonnell was thanked by John Spencer.

Held in the YMCA banquet room, the meeting was chaired by Earle G. MacLeod first president of the organization which was formed in March last year.

Following the election of officers, the proceeding were conducted by the new president, Elmer Blanchard.

Premier A. W. Matheson and E. D. Reid one of the two Queen County Liberal candidates rarely meet now that Mr. St. Laurent has retired from public life. (P Photo)

### Daylight Time Starts Sunday

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians in eight provinces will turn their clocks an hour ahead after midnight Saturday as most communities start five or six months of daylight time.

For most, daylight time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. Other centres make the switch earlier at one minute after midnight, a Canadian Press survey shows.

Alberta and Prince Edward Island stick to standard time all year-round. So do the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

The western province has kept on standard time for many years. The Prince Edward Island Legislature ruled in 1956 to leave its clocks alone in the summer. An attempt by Charlottetown to have daylight time legalized last year was not acted upon.

## Senate Confirms Choice Of Herter

By GEORGE KITCHEN

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Christian A. Herter, the new American secretary of state, appears to have more support in the Senate than he does in the White House. Usually, in so sensitive a cabinet post, it's the other way around.

The Senate went to unusual lengths this week to demonstrate to the world—and possibly to President Eisenhower—its unqualified confidence in Herter as successor to cancer-stricken John Foster Dulles. It suspended its own rules to give him, in little more than four hours, a confirmation that ordinarily takes at least a week.

The unprecedented Senate action was designed primarily to strengthen Herter's hand when he meets in Paris next week with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville to plot Allied strategy for East-West meetings in Geneva next month on the Berlin issue.

But it also is regarded as a rebuke to Eisenhower for the off-hand and lukewarm manner in which he handled the Herter appointment after a spreading cancerous condition made it clear that Dulles could not continue in office.

Apparently Eisenhower tried to make up for this coolness belatedly at Wednesday's formal swearing-in. He told Herter that he and Dulles "were as one" in deciding that Herter was the best man for the job, and pledged him full support.

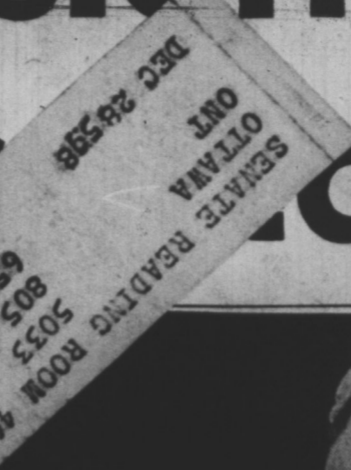
### Miner Dies From Blast

GODERICH, Ont. (CP) — Alexander William Miller, 58, died in hospital Tuesday night from injuries suffered in an explosion 1,700-feet below the surface of the Dominion Rock Salt Mine here.

Four others working on the same level were taken to hospital. They were released after treatment for minor bruises.

A native of Pugwash, N.S., Miller is believed to have touched a piece of dynamite with a drill he was using, triggering the explosion.

He was employed by the Cementation Company of Canada which has been blasting out horizontal workings in a procedure similar to hard rock gold mining. The mine has been under construction for about two years. (CP Photo)



PAST AND PRESENT PM'S

Prime Minister Diefenbaker and former prime minister Louis St. Laurent welcome a chance to chat at a reception which followed inauguration of a new \$5,000,000 maritime terminal at Quebec City. The old opponents rarely meet now that Mr. St. Laurent has retired from public life. (P Photo)

## General Practitioners Said Needed On Staffs

TORONTO (CP) — Dr. J. B. Rose of Edmonton said Wednesday that increased specialization is having a bad effect on medical teaching and general practitioners are needed on medical school staffs.

Dr. Rose, retiring president of the Canadian College of General Practice, said the general physician has all but disappeared from the teaching staff of medical schools.

Because of the emphasis on research, the pure research specialist is getting advancement over the pure teaching specialist.

"This may provide for better research," Dr. Rose said. "But it doesn't necessarily provide better medical teaching."

Students who might be happy in general practice avoided it because they were unaware of the opportunities it offered.

General practitioners to teach general practice procedures should be included on medical staffs.

Text of Dr. Rose's speech was released to the press in advance of delivery.

Nearly 1,000 family doctors are taking time out from their practices to attend the four-day conference which winds up today.

Mr. Michener said it has been parliamentary practice that questions should relate to matters for which the minister addressed takes responsibility. The question should have been put to Justice Minister Fulton, he said.

Opposition Leader Pearson said such a ruling would make it difficult to obtain any information at all from a minister without portfolio.

### Rental Inquiry Coming 'Soon'

HALIFAX (CP) — The date for the opening of an inquiry into rentals in the Halifax metropolitan area was expected to be announced within a few days following the naming Wednesday of David R. Chipman of Halifax as commission counsel.

Judge George M. Morrison of Sydney, appointed by the Nova Scotia government to make the inquiry, said early this week that he was awaiting appointment of a counsel before planning hearings.

Under the program, which expires April 30, the federal government agreed to pay half the direct labor cost of provincially approved municipal projects which would not otherwise have been undertaken this winter.

### 37,000 Jobs Are Provided

OTTAWA (CP) — Some 37,000 jobs have been provided this winter under the federal government's municipal winter works program, Labor Minister Starr reported Wednesday.

Federal commitments so far total \$9,958,000 on 2,071 municipal projects, he said in a Commons reply tabled for Chesley W. Carter (L—Burlington).

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Freighters anchor in the St. Lawrence River near Lanoraie, Que., 35 miles northeast of Montreal, to await opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway scheduled for April 25. The queue of ships extended 140 miles downstream from Montreal by April 21. The seaway opening, originally scheduled for April 20, was delayed by ice blocking the seaway entrance. (CP Photo)

## Price Drop Is Expected On Cheese

OTTAWA (CP) — Consumers may soon find prices somewhat lower for cheddar cheese and dry skimmed milk, though the price of butter is likely to remain unchanged for another year.

To go into operation May 1, the new program likely would include these major points:

1. Farmers would get a subsidy on milk sold to plants producing cheese and concentrated milk products. This subsidy, in the form of a deficiency payment, would amount to about 25 cents a hundredweight.

2. The present floor price on butter of 64 cents a pound wholesale, expiring April 30, would be renewed without change. This would be a major victory for dairy farmers since the government had been advised by some of its experts to reduce this floor to overcome a surplus of about 50,000,000 pounds.

3. The cheddar cheese support price would be reduced to 22 cents a pound from 24 cents, basis Toronto.

4. A reduction also would be made on the skim milk floor. The support on spray-processed powder will be decreased to 10 cents from 15 cents a pound; on the roller type to eight cents from 10 cents a pound.



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## Pickersgill Taunt Aimed At Browne

OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal J. W. Pickersgill stung the Progressive Conservative benches in the Commons Wednesday with a remark about Hon. William J. Browne, minister without portfolio from Newfoundland.

Mr. Pickersgill, MP for the Newfoundland riding of Bon-Avista - Twillingate, said it is recognized that Mr. Browne is without portfolio, without responsibility and without voice in the cabinet.

There were cries of "Withdraw," "Shame" and "Pretty cheap" from aroused Conservatives.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Mr. Pickersgill's remark, from a person with no responsibility but much voice, was "entirely impertinent."

ASKS ABOUT PROTESTS

The exchange arose after a ruling by Speaker Roland Michener that Mr. Browne was not required to reply to questions by Mr. Pickersgill concerning how many protests had been received by the minister over "failure" of the federal government to send RCMP reinforcements to Newfoundland.

Mr. Michener said it has been parliamentary practice that questions should relate to matters for which the minister addressed takes responsibility. The question should have been put to Justice Minister Fulton, he said.

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### INDIAN PORTAGE

## 20 Cent Painting Sells For \$5,700

By KEN METHERAL

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LONDON (CP) — A painting by the 19th-century Canadian artist Cornelius Krieghoff, which cost its owner only 20 cents, was sold at Sotheby's auction room in London Wednesday for a record-equaling \$2,100, about \$5,700.

The painting, measuring 13 1/2 inches by 21 inches, was sent to the sale by Mrs. E. L. Bartlett of Bideford, England, who obtained it at a jumble sale for 1s. It shows Hudson Bay Indians at a portage and is signed and dated 1865.

The jumble-sale canvas was one of eight Krieghoffs sold for a total of £9,565. The price equals the record high for a Krieghoff set in October, 1957, when a Canadian collector, Roy G. Cole, paid £2,100 for The Trapper's Return, a winter scene.

### DEALER BUYS SIX

A London art dealer, P. and D. Colnaghi and Company, Limited, monopolized the bidding, buying six of the eight paintings, including Mrs. Bartlett's.

A spokesman for the firm said all six were purchased by the firm and not on behalf of clients. Colnaghis paid £1,800 for a winter scene called A Trapper's Return—a title common to many Krieghoffs—measuring 13 by 18 1/2 inches and £1,600 for an oval canvas measuring 12 1/2 by 17 1/2 inches showing three Indians in a canoe and entitled Shooting the Rapids.

The firm also paid £1,300 for

A Crossroads in Winter, a false oval, 12 1/2 by 17 1/2 inches, depicting two trappers with a horse sleigh in heavy snow by a roadside shrine and for Indians Shooting Stag, a scene on a portage at Lake St. Joseph, Que., measuring 14 by 19 1/2 inches.

### CLEAR HISTORY

Two of the Colnaghi purchases—Shooting the Rapids and Indians Shooting Stag—are particularly well documented. They were sold by Dr. J. E. R. Lorimer and were originally in the collection of his great-grandfather, Alexander Ross. Ross obtained them from Krieghoff whom he met while working on the Grand Trunk Railway. The Ross family later went to New Zealand and took the paintings with them.

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### BIGGER RATS INVADE CANADA

The nutria, rat-like animal native of South America, has invaded Canada—particularly Ontario. Here, provincial constable Roy Roberts hold up one he shot just south of Barrie, about 65 miles north of Toronto. The animal, an ugly, squat animal which grows to 18 pounds, was imported to the southern United States as a cheap food supply for fur ranchers. Many have since escaped from ranches to several areas of the U.S. and now have moved to the colder climate of Canada. (CP Wirephoto)

## Canadians Complete Basis For Australian Trade Pact

By HAROLD MORRISON

Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada and Australia have speedily completed foundations for building bigger trade between these two Commonwealth partners. The next step will be formal signing of a new trade pact.

Trade Minister Churchill Wednesday announced that a Canadian delegation, led by Mr. Churchill's deputy, John English, now has completed preliminary negotiations with Australian counterparts.

The entire job of preparing the basis for a new Canadian-Australian pact, the first in 28 years, was done in just three weeks. This contrasts with Canadian negotiations with Russia for renewal of the three-year trade agreement with that country which have been going on for some three months with no sign of any successful completion.

OTHER ISSUES

Along with bargaining on a new trade pact, Canada and Australia also discussed various other trade issues and Mr. Churchill said of these: "I am sure these discussions have been most fruitful and valuable and will contribute to the further expansion of Canada-

Australia trade and to the close co-operation between our two countries in our approach to Commonwealth and world trade developments."

Australia is a medium-sized Commonwealth market for a number of Canadian products, including passenger cars and trucks, woodpulp, newsprint, aluminum,

tobacco, canned fish, lumber and chemicals.

In 1958, Canada's exports to that country rose to about \$53,000,000 from \$49,000,000 in 1957. Imports from Australia, including wool, sugar, meat, dried fruit and wine, increased to \$33,000,000 from \$28,700,000.

## Tear Gas Bombs Used To Smash Prison Riot

CONCORD, Mass. (AP) — A ban of Concord reformatory prisoners staged a mutiny Wednesday night, but a relentless attack on their stronghold by state police brought it to an abrupt end within four hours.

The rebels seized several hostages and holed up in a prison building.

State troopers, called to the 80-year-old institution from all over the state, laid down a tear-gas barrage in their successful drive to rout the rebels.

Thirty-five convicts were involved in the revolt, the second in a Massachusetts penal institution within six weeks. They held 14 hostages, including 12 guards and two civilian workers, according to figures given out by Governor Foster Furcolo's office.

Originally, it was reported 63 prisoners were rebelling, but when the uprising ended, officials said some were involuntary participants. It also had been announced that 16 hostages were held but the governor's office corrected that total.

As the gas bombs hurtled through windows into the prisoners' stronghold, helmeted and gas masked troopers moved in on the attack.

Lt.-Col. John C. Blake, state police executive officer, said no one was injured and no one escaped.

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## Truckers' Strike Spawns Violence

TORONTO (CP) — Broken windshield told their story of violence Wednesday as a wildcat truckers' strike continued for its sixth day.

At least three men were arrested in connection with the walkout which began Friday in Montreal.

An injunction against picketing which was issued Monday was renewed Wednesday but picketers were still out at the depots of Smith Transport, Direct Winters Transport Co. and McNeil Transport.

Police were providing escorts for convoys of Smith and Direct Winter trucks between here and Montreal.

### ASK FAST ACTION

Meanwhile, representatives of the Ontario shippers and receivers wired Premier Frost demanding "immediate and effective action by all parties concerned" to end the strike.

It was not known exactly how many men stayed off the job in Toronto but about 1,100 remained away in Montreal. About 50 pickets showed up at Smith and Kingsway Transport depots there.

Peter Watson and Donald Brown "ace assault" charges after Rene Lessard was beaten by two men when he crossed a picket line at a Smith depot here. They were released on \$300 bail each.

Bruce Ryan, 38, was charged with malicious damage after the headlights and windshield of a Direct Winters transport were smashed. He was remanded until May 4.