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WANTS PAYMENT DETAILS

MacLean Pressing Minister For Tax Rental Information

OTTAWA, (Special) — Through the House of Commons order paper, J. Angus MacLean, Conservative M.P. for Queens is seeking information which he was unable to obtain from Finance Minister Harris by direct questioning on the floor of the House. Following up his budget speech on Monday on the score of tax-rental agreements, Mr. MacLean put the following queries:

1. Have any payments been made to any provinces under the 1952 tax-rental agreements during the quarter ending March 31, 1956?

2. If so, what was the amount in each case?

3. What was the total amount actually paid to the government of Prince Edward Island under the 1952 tax rental agreement, during the fiscal year 1956-57?

4. Is any further amount still due to the government of Prince Edward Island under the 1952 agreement?

The Queens member is hopeful of getting replies from Mr. Harris, but complained that the Finance Minister seemed to be stalling and unwilling to give information on the status of the 1952 tax rental agreement with Prince Edward Island.

LACK OF RESOURCES

Says Financial Situation Is No Cause For Panic

"Our financial report is not encouraging by any means but there is no cause for panic," said Hon. Dougald MacKinnon speaking on the budget debate in the Legislature yesterday.

Mr. MacKinnon said the drawback in this Province is lack of resources. He said he was not going to uphold Ottawa in its recent treatment of the Island,'s fiscal needs but felt that the Gordon Report, in spite of the criticism it received from the Maritimes, would perhaps work to the Island's advantage by bringing to the attention of the rest of Canada the situation this Province is in.

The Minister called upon the members not to be discouraged. He enumerated all the improvements in services that have taken place during the past twenty years. "It is marvellous that we did accomplish all this with so little," he added.

FUNCTIONING SMOOTHLY

He said every department of the Government was functioning smoothly, which he noted was a far cry from conditions when he came into the House 22 years ago. He described the roads as being in desperate condition. "You can't find those conditions in Prince Edward Island today," he said, "where 90 per cent of the roads have been improved."

Mr. MacKinnon said his Department had been following closely the progress of the oil exploration on the Island and expressed the belief that there is a 50-50 chance of finding either oil or gas here.

Dealing with town planning, the Minister said the work of this office had increased greatly since the work was started by the Government a few years ago. "If we hadn't starte it we would in all probability be in the same hopeless condition that many communities across Canada find themselves today."

ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENT

Mr. MacKinnon said he hoped to see this work extended to take in such items as roadside improvement and general improvement in the appearance of the landscape by removing unsightly appearances.

The Minister said he would like to see the farmers of the Province make better use of the Trade Director's office. He referred to the problem poultry breeders had last fall in marketing their turkeys. "No one approached the Director of Trade who might have been able to get clear of all that poultry at a good price," he said.

HON. DOUGALD MACKINNON

Mr. MacKinnon said the Director Trade had a wide acquaintance with many business men through-

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Budget Debate Is Concluded

The debate on the Budget concluded last night at 11 o'clock and the House will go into committee today to consider the Motion for Supply after various committee reports have been discussed.

Altogther fifteen speakers followed the Provincial Treasurer's Budget speech made on the night of March 26. They were Dr. L. G. Dewar, Premier Matheson, Hon. E. P. Foley, Hon. Kier Clark, Hon. George MacKay, Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Hon. M. L. Bonnell, Hon. Eugene Cullen, Fred Ramsay, George Kitson, Frank MacNutt, R. R. Bell, George E. Saville, Joseph Campbell and Fred A. Large.

The House meets this morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Railways To Go On Daylight Time

MONTREAL (CP) — The Railway Association of Canada said today that railways this summer will operate on schedules adjusted to daylight time from April 26 to Oct. 27.

Schedules are in preparation on the basis of extending by four weeks the daylight time that heretofore has been in effect in Canada. The change follows that of many cities in the United States which last year carried daylight time over to the last week of October.

The railway association last November sent letters to municipalities throughout Canada asking their opinion and suggesting the four-week extension from Sept. 29. Among the larger cities, both Montreal and Toronto have already approved the extension.

The association said its letter to Halifax and other Maritime points brought replies that Sept. 29 would end daylight time in that area but subsequently the municipalities have indicated the decision may be reconsidered.

Information reaching the association is that there is a movement in some U.S. cities to have daylight time extended even later than Oct. 27.

MAKES MANY RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee On Education Reports To The Legislature

REVIEWS FARM PROBLEMS

Agriculture Federation Presents Brief To House

"Farmers generally recognize the need for improved roads and recognize that revenue must be available to the government for this purpose. While tax increases are never welcome we do not feel that there will be any general objection on the part of farmers to the recent increase of 3 cents per gallon on gas used in motor vehicles on the highways of the province," stated Mr. Colin B. Waugh, Wilmot Valley, president of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture, who submitted the annual presentation of that organization to the Legislative yesterday afternoon.

"However, the application of a 5 cent tax on farm gas is an entirely different matter," the Federation president continued. "This is a tax on production, it is a heavy tax and will on the average farm amount to $40 or $50 per year. In the case of larger operators it will amount to hundreds of dollars. We submit that such a method of taxation is unsound and is detrimental to our most important industry. The government need for revenue is not greater than the farmer's need and we would urge that the government lower the tax on farm gas to 3 cents. While, as previously stated, we are opposed in principle to this tax we believe our farmers are prepared to accept the amount in effect for some years past. Further we submit that a hardship is created by having the farmer pay the entire tax at the time of purchase and in waiting for a rebate at the end of the year."

COLIN B. WAUGH

FARMER'S POSITION

Referring to present day conditions in the field of agriculture, the farm organization's brief told the members of the Legislature: "We must face the situation as it is and recognize the fact that in relation to other industries agriculture is in a depressed condition in Canada and that the Maritimes as a region stand in the same position. Prince Edward Island agriculture is therefore a depressed industry in a depressed region and many of our farmers in spite of the external appearance of prosperity are having a difficult time in carrying on, with any semblance of financial success, their farm operation. . . . We believe that every member of this Legislature should be most actively concerned with the making an objective study of the true position of our farmers and in a very careful consideration of policies and programs which will insure long term development of agriculture and the retention of our best rural people to the end that our rural communities may continue as satisfactory units in which to raise our families and live our lives, not in ease but with reasonable rewards for industry and the intelligent application of modern methods."

The brief noted that the Island farm organiation were concerned because of the decrease in the 1957 estimates for the Department of Agriculture, declaring "if this decrease . . means curtailed services. . then we are of the opinion that it is a movement in the wrong direction."

FIELDMEN NEEDED

The Federation of Agriculture brief criticized strongly the "inability" of the provincial Department of Agriculture to "obtain and retain" the services of fieldmen and extension workers.

"We submit," the brief stated that the long term agricultural interest of the province must be served by developing in the Department of Agriculture an active and comprehensive program of agricultural extension. Such a service to be successful requires first of all the services of active young men who will remain with the department and attain the maturity of mind and experience which will enable them to do effective work among our adult farmers.

"We commend the work being done among our teenagers through the 4-H clubs, this program is a valuable contribution to a well-rounded development of our young people but we must again emphasize the urgent necessity of giving serious consideration to the de-

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Chairman F. A. Large Tabled Report Late Last Evening

A comprehensive report on educational problems, with numerous recommendations for improvement, was tabled in the Legislature at a late hour last night by Mr. Frederic A. Large, Q.C., chairman of the Select Standing Committee on Education. Immediately following its appointment the Committee held its first meeting on March 14, and has been continuously at work ever since. Other members of the Committee, were Messrs. Prosper Arsenault, Morely M. Bell, H.P. Smith, A.A. MacIsaac, William Acorn, Dr. L. G. Dewar, and L.J. Rossiter.

Following is the full text of the report:

On March 13, 1957 the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island adopted a motion to appoint a Select Standing Committee on Education "to hear representations from persons interested in presenting their ideas and opinions for educational changes" and to "report with all convenient speed its findings and recommendations".

Your Committee began its work immediately and now wishes to report as follows:

Every opportunity was made available to any group, organization, or individual wishing to register an opinion or to present a brief. The Committee found great interest in educational matters on the part of the public and much evidence of energy and thought in attempting to reach conclusions for worthwhile improvements.

BRIEFS

The following organizations or groups submitted briefs and, with one or two exceptions, appeared before the Committee: The Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation, Prince Edward Island Ministerial Association, Salary Committee of the Staff of Prince of Wales College, Prince Edward Island Assocation for Retarded Children, Prince Edward Island Federation of Home and School Associations, Board of Trustees of Morell High School, Board of Trustees of Fort Augustus Consolidated School, Trustees and interested ratepayers from Union Road and East Royalty School Districts, an interested group of Prince County Citizens, Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture, Prince Edward Island Women's Institutes, Catholic Women's League in Prince Edward Island, Prince Edward Island Branch of the Canadian Association of School Superintendents and Inspectors, Alumni Association of Saint Dunstan's University, Board of Trustees of Hamilton School, Loyal Orange Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation of Prince Edward Island, Board of Trustees of Kensington School, a group of parents in the Lot 16 area.

FREDERIC A. LARGE

EDUCATIONALISTS

In addition to the briefs the Committee received views and opinions expressed formally by the Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. L.W. Shaw; the Rector of Saint Dunstan's University, the

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Pioneer In Tubercular Control In This Province Dies At 62

Dr. P.A. Creelman of Charlottetown, pioneer in the field of public health and tubercular control in this Provinre, died early yesterday morning at the P.E.I. Hospital in his 62nd year.

Born in Upper Stewiacke, N.S. he later attended the Dalhousie Medical School, from which he graduated in 1925. He pursued postgraduate work in New York and Ohio, and interned in Riverglade Sanatorium, New Brunswick. After practising for a short time in Nova Scotia, he moved to Newfoundland where he practised briefly before returning to his home province. In 1928 the P.E.I. Government decided to organize a Health Department and Dr. Creelman was given the appointment as the first full-time Chief Health Officer of the province, on 1st January 1929.

In addition to his position as health officer, Dr. Creelman also served at the same time as Travelling Tubercular Diagnostician for the province, a position which kept him ranging far and wide throughout the Island.

A man that devoted his entire life to working for the control and detection of tuberculosis, his un-

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THE LATE DR. CREELMAN

Frees Four Of Seven Sealers

OTTAWA (CP) — The transport department icebreaker N. B. McLean has freed four of seven sealing vessels trapped in the ice off the western coast of Newfoundland, the department said Wednesday.

A report from the McLean said it is encountering heavy ice and slow going in efforts to free three still trapped off Port Saunders, Nfld. Further details were not available.

Eden Leaves By Air For The U.S.

OTEHEI BAY, N.Z. (Reuters)—Sir Anthony Eden left here by air today on his way to the United States to consult an American doctor about a relapse in his health.

A royal New Zealand Air Force flying boat carried Eden and his wife on the first leg of his trip to Boston, Mass., where the 59-year-old former prime minister will undergo a medical examination by Dr. Richard Cattell, eminent gall badder specialist.

Open Research Conference At Science Service Laboratory

A three-day conference of research officers of the Maritime and Eastern Quebec Plant Pathology Laboratories opened Wednesday morning at the local Science Service Laboratory. A similar conference is held at one of the regional laboratories annually, the leading purpose being to provide the opportunity for the research men to discuss regional plant pathological problems, to review the research projects being carried out at the four laboratories, and to make critical analyses of techniques and results.

The research men are headed by Dr. A. J. Skolko, Assistant Chief of the Division of Botany and Plant Pathology, Ottawa.

Dr. J.C. Perrault and three associates have come in from the Laboratory at Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere; from Fredericton a party of six headed by Dr. D.J. McLeod, and from Kentville a group of six specialists under Dr. J.F. Hockey are attending the conference. Mr. R.R. Hurst is in charge of the laboratory in Charlottetown, and is the chairmna of this year's meetings.

The conference delegates were welcomed by the Hon. Eugen Cullen, Minister of Agriculture, who complimented the pathologists on the contributions they had made to agriculture in the area.

VIRUS DISEASES

The topic of the morning's discussions was virus diseases, and Dr. D.J. McLeod chaired the programme. Control by elimination of virus sources, control of insect vectors, and developments in the search for resistant and immune potato varieties were outlined by Mr. J. Munro of Fredericton. Mr. G.O. Gourley of Kentville described a technique for indexing stone fruit virus.

Dr. R.H. Bagnall, who recently received his doctor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and has resumed his research program at Fredericton, discussed recent advances in potato virus research. The importance of the spindle tuber disease of potato was emphasized by Dr. D.J. McLeod.

In the afternoon, Dr. Perrault occupied the chair and directed the discussions on the bacterial diseases, bacterial ring rot of potato and blackleg of potato. The Laboratory of Plant Pathology at Ste Anne de la Pocatiere is the headquarters for research in ring rot, and the work in progress was described by Dr. R.A. Lachance, Dr. L.J. Coulombe, and H. Benereux. Studies on the use of antibiotics in the control of potato blackleg have been pursued at the Charlottetown laboratory and the techniques and collected data was explained by Mr. J.E. Campbell.

The research officers were treated to a social evening at the home of Mr. R.R. Hurst, Highland Avenue, where a buffet supper was served. Following the delightful supper, Mr. R.C. Parent, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm, gave an illustrated talk on his visit to the West Indies and Dr. J.F. Hockey showed an interesting group of slides that he had brought from Newfoundland.

The conference continues today when the theme will be fungus diseases and fungicides.

Discussion On Farmers' Brief

"I see no reason why a farmer, when he uses the road, should not pay just as much gasoline tax as anyone else. He should not be a privileged character," said Roland MacDonald, Southport, "But e.. he uses that gas in his tractor in a back field, he should not have to pay a tax"

Mr. MacDonald was speaking yesterday afternoon before members of the Legislature during the presentation of the Federation of Agriculture brief. He said the Government might just as well put a tax of $15.00 a year on a hired man because both the hired man and the tractor are used in production. He said the tax on farm used gas was a discouragement to production rather than encouragement and termed it a case of "putting the cart before the horse."

MILK BOARD

Mr MacDonald, a former president of the Federation and at present the producer member on the Provincial Milk Board, maintained that the Executive Council had no more right to interfere with decisions of the Milk Board than they had to take exceptions to decisions of the Public Utilities Board because both were named under the same Act.

"We have never heard of the Government interfering when the Maritime Electric or the telephone company asks for an increase in rates. I don't like to say it but some have hinted that they are scared of the big companies but don't mind when it comes to a little fellow like the fluid milk producer", continued Mr. MacDonald.

VOLUNTEER ADVISORS

"I believe that the Executive Council has neither the time nor the knowledge to decide on matters of this kind," said Mr. MacDonald, "and I know they have been receiving information from the outside. In one case I heard of a farmer who wanted to see the price of fluid milk kept down. He wasn't in the fluid milk business himself and he didn't want to see those who were get the increase."

Speaking of improved herds, Mr. MacDonald said the only way to improve the herds of the Province was through the program of sponsored by the Provincial Gov-

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MAIN ICE FIELD AT PRESENT

Ice Conditions Not Good, Capt. Brown Says After Survey Flight

"Ice conditions in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are not good." Captain Angus Brown of the Department of Transport reported last night following a seven hour flight over the area.

Captain Brown noted a slight improvement in the Strait from West Point to Point Prim, but the area from Point Prim to Wood Islands showed 80 per cent coverage. Wood Islands to East Point showed ice close packed on the Nova Scotia side, and George Bay and the north entrance to the Strait of Canso Causeway completely covered.

Heavy ice was found along the west coast of Cape Breton to the Magdalen Islands and East Point of P.E.I., showing complete coverage with heavy pressure in places. Five sealing ships were stuck approximately fifteen miles off Cape Breton's west coast. Two ships are loaded and unable to get out.

The heavy ice extends ten miles North West of Brian Island beyond the Magdalens taking shore at East Point, Anticosti Island, and running in a North East direction to the end of visibility about thirty miles. It extends to the coast of Newfoundland and from there in an almost straight line to the North East coast of Cape Breton Island making a belt of approximately 85 miles of ice through which the Steamer Track runs which has about 50 per cent coverage of heavy broken ice.

Captain Brown stated that a strong North to North West wind for several days would assist in clearing out the Gulf, and permit ice in the Strait to move Northward into the Gulf under favorable wind

CHAIRMAN OF RED CROSS WOMEN'S WORK VISITS HERE

Mrs. Huntly Christie of Toronto, National Chairman of Red Cross Women's Work, who is presently visiting the Prince Edward Island Red Cross is seen above examining some of the garments made by the women of Prince Edward Island. One of these was a baby's nightgown, beautifully hand-sewn, by a lady who is just ninety-four years young and still going strong. Seated- Left to right in above picture are, - Mrs. Albert Wilson, Mrs. Huntly Christie, Mrs E.E. Clawson, newly-appointed Chairman of Red Cross Women's Work for P.E.I. and standing-Mrs. Fred Gates and Mrs. S.G. Peppin.

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PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY

Wednesday, April 3, 1957 —....

Revenue Minister McCann said he is "continually admonishing the CBC that they are too expensive"; he felt it is his duty to do so.

The Liberal majority voted down three opposition attempts to have the government produce correspondence between cabinet ministers and the CBC.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner introduced legislation to vest provincial farm marketing boards with power to levy indirect taxes to help equalize producer earnings.

The government announced court martial proceedings have been instituted as the result of the crash of an RCAF Mitchell at St. James, Man., Feb. 17.

Opposition members attacked tax policy on cigarets, drugs, job printing and room and board.

Senator David Croll (L — Ontario) called for a Western boycott of the Suez Canal; appeasing Egyptian President Nasser wouldn't pay off.

Thursday, April 4, 1957—

The Commons continues debate on tax resolutions. The Senate sits.