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WEATHER
Clear with a few cloudy intervals warmer; southwest winds 20. Low-high at Charlottetown 32 and 55.



PROMINENT Prince Edward Island Liberals on hand to meet the Hon. Walter E. Harris (right) Canadian Minister of Finance on his arrival at Charlottetown airport at noon yesterday included Mr. Benjamin Rogers, (left) Charlottetown, President of the P.E.I. Liberal Association, and Hon. A.W. Matheson, Premier of P.E.I. Guardian Photo

Financial Adjustment For PEI Possible, Harris Says

The possibility that this Province may receive additional benefits apart from the present five-year tax rental agreements with the Federal Government was indicated in a speech delivered last night by Hon. Walter E. Harris, Canadian Minister of Finance. Mr. Harris was guest speaker at a well attended Liberal rally held in the Community Centre, Charlottetown.

The meeting sponsored by the P.E.I. Liberal Association, was chaired by Mr. W.R. MacNeill. Prior to the commencement of the address by the Finance Minister, the audience were entertained with a number of selections by two well-known Charlottetown groups: the Notre Dame Girls Choir, under the direction of Sister St. Mary Honoria, and the Queen Charlotte High School Band, directed by Bandmaster R. Ivo Cadmore.

The Minister explained that the new agreements were drawn up in order to distribute the revenue from tax rental in the same manner in all provinces. Adding that the federal government recognized that local problems would arise requiring consideration

Expect Helicopter Will Pick Up Bodies Of Crash Victims

MONCTON, N.B. (CP)—A heavy navy helicopter was expected to pick up the bodies of three men from the torn shell of a single-engine plane found Thursday night, five months after it crashed in densely-forested eastern New Brunswick.

The bodies of former New Brunswick municipal affairs minister T. Babbitt Parlee and civil defence officials L. C. Russell and Howard Smith, all of Moncton, will be brought here for burial.

Turbulent weather Friday prevented night helicopters from picking up the bodies.

The plane was discovered Thursday night by an RCAF Otter from Greenwood, N.S. on a routine search for the plane. Lac R. A. Laurie of the RCAF's Chatham station spotted the plane. Transport department officials described his fate as "fabulous." It is now known whether the RCAF will allow him to collect a \$2,500 reward which has stood since January.

C. B. Evans of the Imperial Bank here said the anonymous donor did not restrict the reward and it would go to the discoverer of the wreckage if the RCAF does not object.

During an intensive air and ground search in January, several residents of the area where the plane was found reported seeing plane lights, hearing what sounded like an explosion or seeing a flash in the sky. The plane was not burned, however, and there was no evidence of an explosion.

NEWS BRIEFS

NEW NATION TO HEAD SCOUTS
LONDON (Reuters) — Malayan and British delegates Friday cleared away final obstacles to the Southeast Asian federation's achievement of independence within the Commonwealth next August.

SAYS BRITONS "CATTY"
CHICAGO (AP) — The London correspondent of the Chicago Tribune says Britons try to be polite to Americans to their faces but, among themselves, are "catty," "bitter," "sour" and "cruel."

KILLED BY RCMP CAR
GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP)—Barbara Mitchell, 9, of River Ryan, N.S., died in hospital here Friday of injuries received earlier in the day when struck by an RCMP car. The child apparently dashed across the road after getting off a bus. An inquest will be held.

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS
WASHINGTON (CP) — Norman A. Robertson, new Canadian ambassador to the United States, Friday presented his credentials to President Eisenhower and heard the president declare that relations between the two countries are "highly satisfactory."

GETS CNR POST
MONTREAL (CP) — H. C. T. Boyd, a Etion who joined the Canadian National Railways in 1944, has been named chief of research. It was announced Friday by Dr. O. M. Soland, vice-president of CNR research and development.

U.S. Quota Cut Is Action On The Agreement

Commenting on the Associated Press report in yesterday's press, headed "Eisenhower Cuts Potato Quota", Mr. E. W. Campbell, Manager of the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board said: "This is merely an announcement that the United States has taken the action agreed upon when the Canadian Tariff was negotiated.

"The quota year begins on September 15th so the fact that the reduction of quota will apply to the 1957 potato crop.

"At the time that our tariff was announced, it was not known whether or not the United States would immediately enforce the reduced quotas to apply to the 1956 crop movement, and in any case it appeared that our exports would not come up to even the reduced quotas."

Bishop Of Gaspé Killed

GASPE, Que. (CP)—Mort Rev. Albin Leblanc, 63, Roman Catholic bishop of Gaspé, was killed Friday night when a car in which he was riding left the highway six miles west of here and crashed into a ditch.

Provincial police said Bishop Leblanc was riding with his secretary, Rev. Laurent Roy, when the accident occurred near St. Marjorie. Father Roy escaped serious injury but is reported suffering from shock.

Authorities suggested the sun may have blinded Father Roy, causing him to lose control of the car.

Bishop Leblanc was born in Buctouche, N.B. and was ordained in May, 1915. He was named head of the diocese in 1940, and was elevated to the bishopric two months later.

Bishop Leblanc took over the Gaspé peninsula diocese Dec. 22, 1945.

Boy Fatally Injured In Fall Under Wheels Of Farm Wagon

Nine-year-old Cecil Norman MacDonald, O'Leary, was fatally injured last evening when he apparently fell under the wheels of a heavily loaded farm wagon, hauled by a tractor operated by Wilbert Dennis of Knutsford. The accident occurred as two wagon loads of fertilizer were being hauled down the main street of the village and a number of boys were jumping on and off the wagon. The tractor operator was not aware of the tragedy until informed later.

The accident victim died of hemorrhage and shock enroute to the Prince County Hospital by car.

A coroner's jury was empaneled by Dr. Charles Dewar and the hearing adjourned until next Thursday.

Members of the jury are Alton Boulier, foreman, Minnie Harris, Cowan Wallace, George MacDonald, Ross Strang, Lloyd Shaw, Alvah Jeffery, all of O'Leary.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover MacDonald, the boy is survived by seven brothers and three sisters.

Tanker Expected On First Voyage

HALIFAX (CP)—Old salts here are expected to rub their eyes in wonder this weekend when the Imperial St. Lawrence, newest addition to the Imperial Oil Co. fleet, sails into harbor.

The tanker, built in Japan at a cost of \$5,000,000 has individual air-conditioned cabins for all 55 crew members and can discharge her load at the rate of 34,000 barrels an hour. She carries 245,000 barrels of Venezuelan crude on her maiden voyage.

The tanker will operate between Venezuela, Portland and Halifax.

No Paper Monday

Monday being Victoria Day, the next edition of The Guardian will be Tuesday, May 21.

MONTREAL TRADE FAIR

MONTREAL (CP) — The first Montreal international trade fair, a private-enterprise successor to the federally-subsidized Canadian International Trade Fair, opens Monday for one week. The Canadian international trade fair at Toronto was last held in 1955.

CANADAIR'S NEW ARGUS INSPECTED

The Maritime Operational Training Unit at R.C.A.F. Station Summerside will receive some of the Canadair CL-28 Argus aircraft, the biggest aircraft ever built in Canada, said Wing Commander Ed Smith, representing the R.C.A.F. in the construction of these large aircraft at the Canadair plant in Montreal, speaking to a group of newsmen from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, who visited the Canadair plant on Thursday.

The newsmen from the Atlantic Provinces were conducted on a tour of the assembly line where they were shown the exciting and complex job in engineering and construction which is involved in producing these modern marvels of Maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare. They have a range of more than 4,000 miles.

Wing Commander Smith said it is likely that the first of the Argus aircraft accepted by the R.C.A.F. will go to Greenwood. He said that while Summerside will be receiving some of these aircraft they will be retaining the Neptune, but indicated that the Lancasters would gradually be retired from service, because they are not now being produced.

Watching the Argus in flight, the press party were shown the steady ease, low cruising and landing speed, and the maneuverability of this newest aircraft.

The party from Prince Edward Island, accompanied by Flight Lieutenant Dick Kirkley, public relations officer of the Summerside R.C.A.F. Station, included George Watson of the Guardian, Elmer Murphy and Ron MacArthur of the Journal, and Lowell Huestis of C.J.R.W. Summerside. Representatives were also picked up at Moncton, and another aircraft in a flight originating in Halifax, carried newsmen from many points of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Boy Rescued From Well After Hope Is Abandoned



KING SAUD of Saudi Arabia, left, and King Faisal of Iraq chat in the royal tent at Baghdad airport as the former arrived in Iraq for a state visit. AP Wirephoto

WANTS DICE TO SETTLE ESTATE

BASINGSTOKE, England (AP) — Norman N. Mead's will, made public Thursday, directed that his five brothers and sisters roll one hand of poker dice for his estate. High roll takes it all.

Mead, a 29-year-old bachelor, was killed in a car crash three months ago at Bahrain. The size of his estate can't be determined until foreign assets are sold, but it is believed to be small.

The will also asked that his body be cremated and my ashes put in the nearest dust bin.

"He was a great joker," commented his mother.

FROST LOSS HEAVY

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CP)—Some farmers in the Niagara peninsula fruit belt said frost and below-freezing temperatures Thursday night wiped out 50 per cent of their grape and strawberry crops.

British Naval Craft Speeds To Investigate Marker Buoy

LONDON (AP)—A British naval vessel was ordered Friday night to proceed immediately across the North Sea to the position of a marker buoy possibly used as a distress signal by a stricken submarine.

A Danish ship, the Mary North, reported sighting the flashing buoy 110 miles northwest of the Dutch island of Terschelling. The captain said he presumed it has been released from a submarine.

British air ministry officials at first said they were "virtually satisfied" that the object, reported giving off flashing signals and emitting smoke, was a marker dropped by an ocean survey plane.

But later the officials said they were "no longer certain" of this explanation. Naval authorities ordered the fisheries protection vessel Bramble to head for the scene. The Bramble was expected to reach the area early this morning (about 4 a.m. EDT).

Gov't Grants \$5,000 For Temperance Education

At a recent meeting of the Government, the sum of \$5,000 was set aside to be allocated to the Temperance Federation for the purpose of seeing that someone be appointed to teach the ideals and principles of true temperance and temperate habits.

"We are prepared to go along with this grant but the Federation is to see that a fit and proper person takes over the job," Premier Matheson said yesterday. "It is my firm opinion that a good job can be done in this field, if the proper person is in charge."

Seven-Year-Old Calls For Mother From Hospital Bed

MANORVILLE, N.Y. (AP)—Seven-year-old Benjamin Hooper Jr. was taken alive Friday night from a 24-foot well where he had been entombed for 23½ hours.

Weak movements and the flicker of his blue eyes signalled the miraculous survival of the youngster, for whom hope had been all but abandoned hours earlier.

He tumbled into a newly-dug well in the backyard of his father's Long Island home at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night. It was 7:10 p.m. Friday when rescuers—heart-breakingly frustrated through most of the day by landslides—finally broke through to his side from a rescue shaft.

In a few more minutes, Benny was taken from the dark, cramped well bottom by Sam Woodson, a Negro rescue worker. Said Woodson, beside himself joy: "I was the happiest boy alive when I saw his blue eyes."

COLOR GOOD

Benny, his color good and his eyes open, was taken by ambulance to a hospital at nearby Mastic Beach, N.Y.

There a doctor said he was conscious and "called for his mommy."

"He's doing all right," the physician added. "I think he'll be all right."

The boy was suffering somewhat from exposure. He was put in an oxygen tent for the night.

Dr. Joseph F. Kris put an oxygen mask over the boy's face as he was brought out. A reporter asked:

"Is he still alive?"

"Yes, thank god," the physician replied. Then, forgetful of everything else, Dr. Kris grabbed the reporter's hand and wrung it in elation.

Several hundred persons looked on at the climax to the feverish night and day of rescue efforts. From their throats came a hoarse half-shriek, half-sob of exultation as it dawned on them that Benny had survived.

"It's a miracle, it's a miracle," sobbed one unidentified bystander over and over again.

Benny's father, who had worked with rescuers until he collapsed, then came back to keep vigil beside the well, shouted almost incoherently:

"He's alive, he's alive."

DASHED FOR HOUSE

Then the elder Hooper dashed wildly for his house to tell the news to Benny's mother, almost prostrate with grief and a growing hopelessness.

Just before the boy was brought out, a rescue worker had reached him and touched him. But when the man emerged from the well, he said:

"I believe he is dead."

The father had taken this news with a sober nod of the head. But almost before the boy had felt the shock of it, a voice rang out from the rescue pit:

"The boy is opening his eyes."

The wonder of the rescue was enhanced by the almost utter lack of hope that had nagged rescuers as they toiled toward the trapped boy. Sand had drifted down on him and at one point not even the be-seeching pit of an upward thrust hand was visible to rescue workers from the top of the well.

STRONG PUMPS

But strong suction pumps threw out some of the sand, and the hand became visible again.

Originally, rescuers had dug a parallel shaft 12 feet away from the well. Then they tried to cut across horizontally at a level with the lad's body.

But when landslides repeatedly blocked their progress, they considered abandoning the shaft and attacking the well directly, a manoeuvre of utter desperation that might well have cost the boy his life.

At the last moment, however, they reverted to their original tactics, with the aid of an ingenious device furnished by the U.S. atomic energy commission.

The nearby Brookhaven national laboratory sent four gamma ray shields, each about 4 feet long. These were sealed to fit nearly one inside the other. They could be expanded and contracted like an old-fashioned collapsible metal drinking cup.

FORCED THROUGH

One by one, in descending order of their size, the shields were forced through the sand from the bottom of the rescue shaft toward the well.

As the workers toiled, there was every indication that death had outpaced them.

There had been no sign of movement from the well bottom in almost total immobility in the damp pit, with only the thin rays of a flashlight from above as a beacon of hope against overwhelming terror.

It was harrowing, heartbreaking work for the rescuers who squeezed into the ever-narrowing

Many Events To Celebrate Victoria Day

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Canada will celebrate Victoria Day with 21-gun salutes, country fairs, beauty queens, sports events and picnicking.

The Monday holiday, which also marks Empire Day and Canada's celebration of the Queen's birthday, will provide a three-day weekend for most Canadians.

Postal workers, for example, will nearly all enjoy the holiday. There will be no home deliveries of mail and only main wickets in central post offices will remain open.

The weather is expected to be cool but sunny throughout most of the country. Showers are feared in the Maritimes.