

Shakeup In Marketing Board Urged By Growers' Delegation

A request that the Government take immediate steps to appoint a new slate of officers to serve on the Provincial Marketing Board, removing the authority now in the hands of the Potato Marketing Board, and that the present Potato Board be instructed to defer any request for financial support until such time as a new Board has been set up, was made to the Provincial Government yesterday in the form of a brief presented by a large delegation of potato producers headed by Mr. Reuben Large of Wilnot.

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Parliament To Meet Jan. 7; Move To Speed Up Business Indicated

Chamber of Commerce Urges Prompt Gov't Action To Ease Unemployment

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian Chamber of Commerce observed Thursday that seasonal unemployment is becoming increasingly serious and urged the government to move quickly with remedial measures.

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Prime Minister St. Laurent's announcement Thursday of the date was accompanied by a departure lending force to earlier statements that legislation will get a clearer track than it did at the speech-laden session of 1953-54.

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Greek Tragedy Presented Last Night In The Provincial Drama Festival

St. Dunstan's Dramatic Society received high praise from adjudicator Donald Wetmore last evening for their selection of "Antigone" as their vehicle for competition in the Provincial Drama Festival.

Presented at Parkdale Hall, under the distinguished patronage of Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, last evening's production was the second in the three-day programme, and was competing with the Little Theatre offering of "The Whitehead Boy," presented Wednesday night.

Mrs. Bert Patterson, vice-president of the D. F. A. for Queens County, acted as chairman for the evening, and expressed the pleasure of the Association in having an entry from St. Dunstan's, the first time they had entered the Provincial Festival.

Introductory remarks and explanatory notes on the play itself were made in front of the curtain by Richard Wedge, who told the audience of the origin of the tragedy in 440 B.C. by Sophocles.

The new version performed last evening was by Jean Amouh, and was played in contemporary clothing, but on a very simple stage.

This version is more earthy than the original, much less religious in tone, and yet retains all the beauty and grandeur, delivering them with a tremendous dramatic impact.

THANKS UNIVERSITY. In his remarks, Mr. Wetmore thanked the University most sincerely for giving a Charlottetown audience the opportunity of seeing this great modern classic, and said he did not think it too difficult to find a vehicle for an amateur group. "There are occasional hurdles and pitfalls in a play of this calibre," he said, "but if a University does not attempt these classics, who else is left?"

He suggested to the director, Rev. Adrien Arsenault, that a little more attention might be given to tempo, lighting and some of the more minor details, which, added together, all contribute their own particular part of an audience-gripping entertainment. He stressed lighting particularly in a play of this type, saying it built mood.

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Island Fisheries Show Increase Over Last Year

The following report covers the fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the period January to October, 1954, inclusive, compared with the same period for 1953.

The catch of all fish for this period was 7,539 hundred-weight more than in 1953, with an increase in value of \$6,802. The total quantity of all fish landed was 297,851 hundredweight with a value of \$2,597,693, as compared with 280,322 hundredweight taken in 1953.

Weather conditions were not as good as average, and were responsible, to some extent, for keeping the catch down. There were no very heavy storms and the loss of gear was small.

The fleet of small dragnets, operating out of Souris, were responsible for the catch of haddock and plaice. A quantity of cod and hake was also landed by them. There are eleven Island owned dragnets fishing at present.

Cod were plentiful along the North Shore and the catch shows a substantial increase with a corresponding increase in value. The bulk of the cod were taken by the inshore fishermen, and seemed to be more plentiful, in deeper water, than usual.

Haddock and plaice were taken in greater quantities; almost all by the dragger fleet. A small quantity of haddock is taken by inshore fishermen in conjunction with their other ground fishing operations.

The catch of hake was small. There is little inducement for fishermen to concentrate on this fishery because of low prices.

Herring were fairly plentiful in the spring when the greater portion of the catch was taken, but were scarce during the summer and fall. The bulk of the catch was used for bait; a small quantity cured as bloaters and pickled.

Mackerel were plentiful in the spring and fall in the West Prince and Rustico areas. There was a substantial increase in the catch over that of the previous year.

The most of the catch of spring mackerel was salted, while during the late summer and fall the bulk of these fish were sold fresh.

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Visit Postponed



HALIFAX, (CP)—The air force said Thursday that a visit of Air Marshal C. R. Slemmon (above), chief of the air staff, to the Atlantic provinces has been delayed. He was due to arrive late this month but now is scheduled to arrive the middle of December.

Old Maids' Day Is Observed

PARIS, (Reuters)—Scores of pretty seamstresses, wearing their most extravagant home-made hats, paraded through the streets of Paris Thursday in honor of Saint Catherine, the patron saint of spinsters.

The city's fashion houses closed their doors, as every year, to allow their sewing-girls to dress up in finery and pay homage to Saint Catherine's statue in one of Paris' main streets.

Only unmarried seamstresses over 25 are allowed to take part in the festivities. They are not considered spinsters until they have reached that age.

The fashion houses entertained their workers to a sumptuous lunch. The number of "Catherinettes," (spinsters), is decreasing in France, but their frilly hats reached a peak of invention this year.

One extravagant creation represented the Chateau of Versailles, complete with gardens and fountains.

HONG KONG, (Reuters)—A new 1,400-mile highway over the "roof of the world," linking Tibet with main centres of Communist China, is expected to be open for traffic before the end of the year, the Communist New China news agency reported.

Liberals Win Hants East Seat But Conservatives Demand Recount

LIBERTY, N. S. (CP)—Liberals won the hotly contested Nova Scotia legislature seat of Hants East on a returning officer's tie-breaking ballot Thursday but the losing Progressive Conservative immediately demanded a recount.

Compliance with the request of undertaker Ernest Ettinger of Shubenacadie was automatic. Mr. Ettinger and Liberal Alfred Reid tied with 2,260 votes each in a Nov. 16 by-election which saw the riding fall in its second attempt to elect a representative. G.O.P. candidate Malcolm Wheldon finished far behind.

The recount will likely be conducted Tuesday before a Hants county court judge at Windsor. The 1953 general election saw Mr. Ettinger holding a one-vote lead after the ballots were counted. A recount reversed the standing.

Then the Nova Scotia Supreme Court voided the result on a Progressive Conservative petition charging irregularities in the balloting.

DEAD HEAT. Initial figures on the night of Nov. 16 actually gave the victory to Mr. Reid—2,260 to 2,259. But a check a few hours later showed that the two had finished in a dead heat.

With Hants East again doubtful, the standing in the Nova Scotia legislature is Liberals 20, Progressive Conservatives 13, G.O.P. 2, vacancy 1, with one doubtful. The vacancy was created earlier this week by the death at New Glasgow of A. B. DeWolfe, minister without portfolio in Premier Henry D. Hicks' government.

The Hants East quandary recalled a similar situation in the neighboring riding of Hants West where a Liberal won by a single vote in 1949. After a succession of actions and recounts, a Progressive Conservative won the seat.

End of Strike Within Sight

TORONTO (CP)—The end of the strike of 2,500 employees at the farm implements plant of Massey-Harris-Ferguson was in sight Thursday with the announcement that the company and the United Automobile Workers (CIO-CCL) have signed a memorandum of agreement.

The settlement proposals, not yet disclosed, will be submitted to a union meeting Sunday, said Louis Fine, Ontario's chief conciliation officer.

The 2,600 employees walked off their jobs to support their demands for a 10-cent-an-hour increase and changes in seniority provisions for all workers. Before the strike, average wage at the plant was 1.61 an hour.

Minister Inspects Highway Projects

"A splendid job is being done on the Trans-Canada Highway in this Province and on a personal basis you stand well ahead of the rest of Canada," Hon. R. H. Winters, Minister of Public Works, Ottawa said yesterday after driving over the highway as far as Churchill.

Mr. Winters examined the North River Causeway carefully and on concluding said: "I am very well pleased with everything and find the Causeway very interesting."

The Minister was accompanied on the drive by Neil A. Matheson, M.P., Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Highways, R. G. White, Deputy Minister and Robert Elliott, private secretary to Mr. Winters.

Mother Shot By 4-Year-Old Son

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BRITAIN, FRANCE AND U. S. WILL NOT ATTEND Predict Moscow Security Talks

LONDON, (CP)—Britain, France and the United States are expected to send a note to the Soviet Union this weekend rejecting a proposal for an all-European security conference.

Monthly Meeting Local Branch Canadian Legion

The regular monthly meeting of the Charlottetown Branch, Canadian Legion was held in the Clover Club last evening, and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by the president, Stan Bryant.

The meeting opened with one verse of the Canadian hymn after which a one minute period of silence was observed in memory of Fallen Comrades.

The president then called upon the secretary who read the minutes of the last monthly meeting. He then moved their adoption and this was seconded by Com. L. Murtagh and was adopted.

Comrade Doyle stated that he had received two applications for membership. A motion was passed that these two applicants be accepted.

The secretary manager read the report of the relief committee. This report was seconded by Com. Bill Whelan. There was some discussion on this report before it was adopted by the meeting.

Comrade Hughes reported for the Poppy Campaign. Although all the money due for wreaths is not as yet all collected the profit when all is in will be \$3,585.45. This was considered to be much smaller than it should be in this town. Com. Hughes spoke in glowing terms re the help given in this campaign by the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary.

Sick and visiting report was given by Comrade Mortimer. He reported that the regular visit had been made to all hospitals and all sick veterans attended to.

Employment committee report was given by Comrade Leard. His report was seconded by Com. Leo Bradley. He said he had two cases (Continued on Page 2 col. 2)

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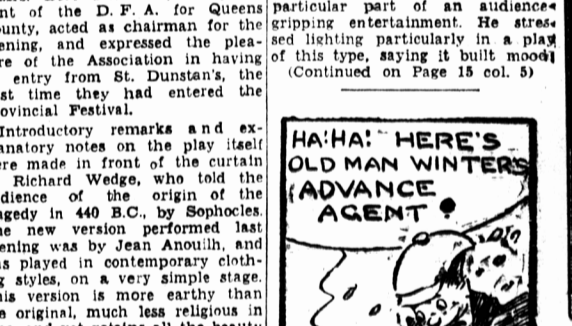
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TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	28	30
Vancouver	50	55
Victoria	47	54
Edmonton	37	40
Calgary	35	38
Saskatoon	26	29
Regina	26	29
Winnipeg	22	28
Toronto	37	42
Ottawa	30	33
Montreal	29	34
Quebec	27	30
Fredericton	30	33
Saint John	29	34
Moncton	29	34
Halifax	32	35
Charlottetown	31	34
Sydney	30	35
Yarmouth	32	36
St. John's Nfld.	29	33

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says a low pressure area centred south of Nova Scotia caused snow over much of the Maritimes. On Friday the weather is forecast to remain mostly cloudy, with a few snowflurries.

Regional forecasts: Variable cloudiness with widely scattered light snowflurries; little change in temperature; light northerly winds. Low-high at Moncton 25 and 36, Fredericton and Saint John 25 and 36, Edmonton and Campbellton 26 and 34.

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with a few clear intervals and scattered snowflurries; little temperature change; northerly winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 30 and 36.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 11:51 a.m. and 10:43 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:11 a.m. and sets