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HEAVY DAMAGE IN WATERFRONT BLAZE AT HALIFAX

Ottawa Not Interested In Highway Control

Top Labor Bodies Urge Easier Housing Terms

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's two top labor bodies urged the government Tuesday to help relieve Canada's housing shortage through a drastic cut in mortgage interest rates for low-income families.

The 580,000-member Trades and Labor Congress in a submission to the Commons banking committee proposed that the rate be cut to 3 1/4 per cent—equivalent to the government's cost of borrowing money.

The current rate is 5 1/4 per cent and under the new housing legislation is likely to rise to 5 1/2 or 5 3/4 per cent.

TLC research director Leslie Wismer suggested in addition that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation remain in the lending field and either eliminate or reduce to a "token" down payment on low-income housing, extending the time to pay from the proposed 25 years in the new legislation to 40 years "or longer."

New Commander Of Iroquois Named

Urges Subsidy

OTTAWA, (CP)—Appointment of Cdr. Maurice F. Oliver, 38, of Victoria as commanding officer of the destroyer Iroquois was announced Tuesday by naval headquarters. The appointment is effective March 23. Cdr. Oliver, a native of England, will succeed Lt.-Cdr. Stuart G. Moore of Vancouver. He joined the Canadian Navy in 1946, was navigator aboard the destroyer Restigouche in the North Atlantic for two years and then commanded, successively, the corvettes Cobalt and Halifax, frigates Chebogue and Port Colborne and the destroyer Sioux. He now is deputy director of naval intelligence.

Production Cost Problem Stressed At Conference

The main problem in agriculture today is cost of production, and costs are increased in Prince Edward Island which is so far from the big markets, stated Hon. C. C. Baker, Minister of Agriculture, in speaking at the opening of the seventh annual meeting of the Agriculture Conference. The conference is being held at Birch Court, Experimental Station, President G. W. Ayres presided at the opening session yesterday morning.

Hon. Mr. Baker expressed the hope that a horticultural would be added to the Provincial Department to assist in increasing the production of horticultural crops, and in advising on cultural methods, varieties, disease and insect control, etc.

He thought it was time to make an inspection of all potato fields in the Province, as was carried out in 1947. Such an inspection, conducted on a Provincial scale every few years, was necessary to guard against the introduction of new diseases of potatoes.

In the afternoon Mr. James Nicholson, of the Experimental Station, gave a very comprehensive paper on silos and ensilage. Mr. W. P. MacLeod reported on the findings of the warehouse committee which has inspected a large number of potato warehouses. Many of the warehouses were in bad condition due to poor ventilation and an expert was being brought in to advise on the matter.

Coming Events

- Jamboree tonight! York Hall.
- Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, Thursday, February 25th.
- West Royal Jamboree Cornwall, Thursday, Feb. 25th.
- Card party, Dunstaffnage School, Wednesday, Feb. 24.
- Final Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, Monday, March 1st.
- Wiltshire Hall, Friday, February 26th, New Haven Jamboree!
- Unloading car Royal feed, Royal hog concentrate \$5.75; Royal dairy concentrate \$5.05. Royal Feed Service, Grafton Street East.
- Crokinole tonight at Protestant Orphanage, sponsored by Ladies' Aid Mt. Herbert United Church.
- Anniversary Supper of Derry and Lady Patricia Lodges, Canal Cove, will be held Thursday, February 25th. If stormy, Friday night.
- First game intermediate "B" hockey at North River Rink tonight. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs Cornwall Meteors, admission 6c and 25c. Skate after if weather permits.
- Dunstaffnage vs. Covehead this morning, the Forum, 10 o'clock. If any one team does not show up, series will be awarded by default.

Says Railways Should Have Commuter Services

OTTAWA, (CP)—Highways Minister George Doucet of Ontario suggests that Canadian railroads could take a "very heavy load off our highways" by operating commuter services to the larger centres.

"Thousands of our people living within 50 or 60 miles of our larger centres would welcome such services," he said Tuesday, "and would be more than happy to utilize rail transportation in coming and going to and from their daily tasks."

However, the railways do not favor commuter traffic, claiming such services operate at a loss. Mr. Doucet said in an address prepared for delivery at the 60th annual meeting of the Ontario Good Roads Association.

"I wonder whether some radical developments in equipment and operating procedures might not enable our railroads to develop an important and paying commuter business."

N. B. Member Sees Federal Gov't To Blame For Jobless

OTTAWA, (CP)—A. J. Brooks (PC-Royal) said federal government policies are the cause of Canada's unemployment.

He said in the Commons Tuesday during a debate on unemployment that provincial governments had "some responsibility" in the situation, but the "basic responsibility" fell on the federal government.

"All unemployment is due to federal government policies," he said.

Referring to conditions in the Maritimes, Mr. Brooks said that part of the country always seems to be hit first and hardest by recessions or depressions.

Mill Closed

Recently, he said, a textile mill at Miramichi, N. B., which employed about 550 men, closed down permanently after more than 75 years' operation. The community was wholly dependent upon the mill's operations.

He urged the government to occupy the plant for defence production purposes, thus providing work for the town's unemployed. Defence production projects should be decentralized so that the Maritimes and western provinces would get their share.

A similar situation existed in Milltown, N. B., where some 690 men have been laid off in the last few months, he said.

The ports of Saint John and Halifax faced "a bad situation." Shipments at Saint John were down 35 per cent over last year.

Blames Trade Paths

Mr. Brooks said this results from 60 per cent of Canada's trade with the United States, instead of an east-west direction overseas through east coast ports.

The economy of the country had been built on east-west trade. Overseas exports were down due to high production costs, some of them based on high taxes.

He suggested that perhaps Canada should base its economy on the production of raw materials. Lack of east-west trade movements and lower Maritimes carloadings forced the rail companies to lay off large numbers of men in Moncton and Macadam, N. B. The Maritimes lumber trade also was down.

Unemployed Maritimers either move to other provinces to find work or join the army, added Mr. Brooks who served as a colonel in the Second World War.

Lack Of Balance In PEI Farm Output Emphasized

Over-expansion of beef production in this Province was stressed in the report of the Live Stock Branch, Canada Production Service, presented at the Agricultural Conference yesterday by Mr. H. W. Clay, Senior Live Stock Fieldman, Federal Department of Agriculture.

In this over expansion the assistance given in the purchase of straight beef bulls has been a contributing factor, the report states. Based on conditions of the present and of the foreseeable future, all departmental assistance, it is suggested, should be confined to the placement of dairy or dual purpose bulls.

"In view of the lack of balance in the farm output in this Province," says the report, "it is not timely for this Council to agree on a farm production policy with greater emphasis on hogs, dairy cattle and poultry, and less on the lines of production which appear to be over-expanded."

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Delegates From Farm Groups Meet In Washington

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Representatives of farm organizations from Canada, the United States and Mexico opened their first regional meeting Tuesday and heard a Canadian spokesman offer a series of suggestions for settling amicably the problems that arise from expanded trade in farm products.

Herbert H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and head of Canada's 16-man delegation, offered this viewpoint program to the newly-formed North American regional group of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers:

1. Get the farm representatives together from the countries concerned and keep them in touch.
2. Keep international trade in farm products developing and expanding.

Orderly Basis

3. Find ways of putting international competition on an orderly basis "in a spirit of goodwill and co-operation, rather than to permit situations to deteriorate into bad feeling and recrimination which in turn may result in retaliatory action."
4. Help expanding world markets and orderly disposal of surpluses by discussions "on the North American level" before taking the problems up on a broader international basis.
5. Try to find mutually satisfactory recommendations to the governments concerned on competitive farm exports to world markets.
6. Improve the efficiency of the IFAAP by channelling regional matters through the North American group.
7. Discover additional matters of regional concern for consultation.

Great Britain Still First Among World Shipbuilders

By MILTON MARMOR

LONDON, (AP)—West Germany moved to the forefront of the world's merchant shipbuilding nations during 1953. The vanquished Axis power ranked second in total tonnage launched during the last year: Lloyd's Register of shipping reported Tuesday.

Great Britain, as usual, led, but Germany was far ahead of all nations in increased building over 1952.

Known world tonnage launched last year kept up its steady annual increase to reach 5,006,050 tons, highest in recent records—with exception of the war years. In all, 1,143 ships were launched.

Figures for 1953 did not include Russia, East Germany, Poland, China or other iron curtain countries.

Britain Tops Tonnage

Great Britain was first in total tonnage launched with 1,317,483 tons, or 25.9 per cent of the world output. It built 220 merchant ships, 85 steamships of 521,918 tons and 135 motorships of 795,565 tons. Its output was 14,915 tons more than 1952, but in that year its percentage of world tonnage was 29.6 per cent.

Known outstanding gains Germany's launched tonnage was 818,221, or 294,049 tons over 1952, and the largest increase in the world. The total was also the largest in German history.

Japan, third in tonnage launched in 1952 with 587,330, showed the only decrease among top countries. It built 51,034 tons less than 1952.

The other axis partner, Italy, was third in tonnage increase with 130,561. Its total of 262,512 placed it seventh in the world behind the United States, 528,307 (60.7% increase), Sweden 484,622 (30.2% increase) and The Netherlands 341,313 (45.0% increase).

After Italy increased in brackets were: France 235,168 (22,504), Denmark 142,056 (38,460), Norway 118,470 (38,052), Canada 87,239 (19,496), and Belgium 61,246 (4,276).

Italy Had Biggest

Lloyd's summary takes into account ships of 100 tons gross and upwards. Selling ships fitted with auxiliary power are included with steamships or motorships according to the type of engine. Sailing ships and non-propelled craft are not included.

The largest ship launched during 1953 was the Italian steamship Cristoforo Colombo of 29,100 tons. Next largest were the British ships Orsova, 28,250 tons, and Arcadia, 28,000 tons.

Of Britain's tonnage launched, 54 ships of 364,591 tons were for registration abroad. This constitutes 27.7 per cent of tonnage launched.

Germany built 44.5 per cent of its tonnage, 364,031 tons, for export. Of that figure 204,899 tons were oil tankers. The Tina Onassis of 26,000 tons was the largest oil tanker launched in the world.

Cold Wave Brings Quick End To Army Exercise

By Bob Joyce

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Although the war games were called off, both Maj.-Gen. Bernatchez and the assistant director of the exercise, Air Commodore Sheldon W. Coleman, said they had gathered valuable information from the training operation.

Varied Problems Discussed At Agriculture Federation Meeting

"We are not worried about moving the balance of the potato crop on Prince Edward Island. There are only about 3,000 carloads left in the Province and they will all go but they may not go in March," stated Leo P. McIsaac last night at the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture in the Charlottetown Hotel.

Mr. McIsaac, who was reporting on the activities of the Potato Marketing Board in the absence of Mr. D. A. MacDonald, Board Chairman, pointed out that some of the seed potatoes would be moved as table stock. Mr. MacDonald is attending a potato meeting in Washington.

He stated that the Central Sales Policy adopted by the Marketing Board this week was necessitated by two factors. One was the depression of the markets by New Brunswick dealers and the other was the shipping by consignment of a few Island dealers.

Mr. McIsaac estimated that about 400 carloads had been shipped on a consignment basis from this Province. In reply to a question by Allison Profit of Freeport he stated that the Marketing Board had shipped five carloads on the same basis out of necessity after the market had been plugged.

The Potato Board administration costs have amounted to less than a cent a bushel, he told the meeting. He stated that a full report of the Marketing Board's activities at the end of the season would fully disclose the amount of profit the Board has done for the industry.

He also pointed out that the use of small paper packages in shipping is gaining rapid popularity. During the past few days most of the potatoes shipped have been in paper containers.

He stated that most of the dealers in the Province had worked.

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Recovery Of Pope Retarded

VATICAN CITY, (AP)—The Vatican said Tuesday the recovery of the Pope has slowed down. The statement dispelled hopes of a rapid recovery for the 77-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church.

L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, said in an official announcement that the Pope "still needs a notable period of assiduous care" and that his recovery was progressing "with increased slowness."

His current sickness has been described as gastritis.

The Pope remains on a semi-liquid diet, receiving part of his nourishment indirectly. Vatican sources said doctors have not yet been able to make x-rays of the Pope's stomach wall and adjoining organs because the Pope has not been able to retain barium fluid necessary for the ex-rays.

Thousands In Melbourne Await Arrival Of Queen

By Gomer Jones

MELBOURNE, (Reuters)—Thousands of early-bird sightseers camped out Tuesday night around the local airport to be the first to greet Queen Elizabeth today when she returns to the Australian mainland from Tasmania.

And the rest of the 1,400,000 citizens of Australia's second largest city were also getting set to stage a rousing welcome. They hope to outdo even the boisterous celebrations held in Sydney, the biggest city, when Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh landed there almost three weeks ago from New Zealand.

The couple take off from Launceston, Tasmania, shortly after noon local time for the two-hour hop to Melbourne.

Excited crowds Tuesday night roamed streets turned into vivid canyons of color from myriads of lights on every building. When the Queen drives through today these same streets will be gay with flags, banners, bunting and fascimile royal crowns.

Forecast No Tax Cut In Budget

EDMONTON, (CP)—A spokesman for a western farm union delegation which recently met members of the federal cabinet in Ottawa said Tuesday they were given no hope for tax cuts. Finance Minister Abbott "told us no change should be expected in the basic income tax exemptions this year," said Henry Young, president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta. "Also, he is opposed to changing the present system under which a person may deduct medical expenses in excess of three per cent of his income."

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Mr. Roland MacDonald of Southport (above) was re-elected President of the Provincial Federation of Agriculture last night at the Federation's annual meeting in Charlottetown.

MORE POLIO

EDMONTON, (CP)—Polio continues to plague Alberta, which last year had a record 111 deaths in 1,445 cases. The provincial health department Tuesday reported one death and five more cases, boosting the 1954 toll to 13 deaths and 93 cases.



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Mfn.	Max.
Dawson	15b	47
Vancouver	42	47
Victoria	42	48
Edmonton	33	45
Calgary	29	50
Regina	26	49
Winnipeg	22	32
Toronto	24	31
Ottawa	10	25
Montreal	14	24
Quebec	10	31
Saint John	36	37
Moncton	24	45
Halifax	40	35
Charlottetown	33	34
Sydney	44	47
Yarmouth	30	42
St. John's	40	55

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says a disturbance centred in the Atlantic south of Nova Scotia and moving slowly northwest is causing rain, freezing rain and ice pellets and snow in the southern Maritimes. No change is indicated for Wednesday.

As much as six inches of snow is expected in parts of New Brunswick, and the freezing rain will cause a heavy accumulation of ice in parts of northern Nova Scotia and the Annapolis Valley.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, lower Saint John river valley: Ice pellets and snow; not much change in temperature; northeast winds 20 with gusts to 30. Low-high at Charlottetown, 25 and 30, Moncton 26 and 30, Fredericton 15 and 30, Saint John 26 and 30.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy, not much change in temperature; northeast winds 15. Low-high at Edmundston 10 and 20, Campbellton 5 and 20.

Bay of Fundy: Northeast winds 30, occasionally northeast gales 35; snow, ice pellets and freezing rain; visibility one mile. Temperature near 30.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:44 a. m. and 2:16 p. m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:00 a. m. and sets at 5:53 p. m.