

# Causeway Rails Study To Take Up To 6 Weeks

## Minister Replies To MP's Query

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OTTAWA — It may take a month to six more weeks before the government finishes its studies concerning the Prince Edward Island causeway, Public Works Minister Lucien Cardin said in the Commons Tuesday.

He was replying to a question from J. Angus MacLean, MP for Queens, who asked if the minister would make a statement about its plans for the causeway at an early opportunity.

The minister replied that the study into the construction of the causeway providing for a two-lane highway, extendable to four lanes, and incorporating either a swing bridge or a lift bridge and a tunnel without rails, had been completed.

"The second part of the study has to do with approximately the same project, including rail service, and I understand it may take a month or six weeks before the second part of the study is finished," Mr. Cardin said.

Mr. MacLean then asked Transport Minister J.W. Pickersgill whether the proposal made by the Island Development Company to construct the causeway as a private venture, had been accepted.

"It has neither been accepted nor rejected as the minister of public works just pointed out that the government studies have not been entirely completed and it would be very difficult to decide what to do about the matter until those studies were completed," Mr. Pickersgill replied.

Last week, Solicitor General J. Watson MacNaught expressed the view that a government could not turn the responsibility for a project of such importance and magnitude to a private concern.

Earlier Tuesday, Heath MacQuarrie, MP for Queens, first raised the causeway question with Mr. Cardin, asking when tenders would be called and construction started. Before Mr. Cardin could reply, speaker Alonzo MacNaught ruled that although the question was obviously important, it should be put on the order paper.

## News Version Preferred On Causeway's Progress

OTTAWA (CP)—Heath MacQuarrie (PC-Queens) listened to a government progress report on the building of a causeway between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and then said he preferred a news report's version best.

Mr. MacQuarrie said in a Commons adjournment debate he was referring to a reported statement by Transport Minister Pickersgill that work on the causeway would begin this year.

He said he was concerned about "government by press release" and said the government should give more information to elected members of the Commons on such a great undertaking.

G. Roy McWilliam, parliamentary assistant to Works Minister Cardin, said press reports don't always represent what was said.

"But as a newspaper publisher himself he held the distinction of never misquoting anyone."

He would bring Mr. MacQuarrie's questions to the attention of the minister. Meanwhile, he too hoped the causeway would be built "as soon as possible."

Earlier, during the question period, Mr. Cardin said it will take a month to six weeks before the second part of a study on the causeway is completed.

## Southern Democrats Bitter On Vote Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Southern Democrats bitterly assailed President Johnson's proposed voting rights legislation Tuesday as bipartisan sponsors labored to whip it into shape for introduction in the U.S. Congress.

Senators Allen J. Ellender (Dem. La.), John Sparkman (Dem. Ala.) and Herman E. Talmadge (Dem. Ga.) fired a barrage in the Senate against the president's program to set up federal registrars — called examiners — to put Negroes on the voting rolls.

"This would be done in those areas in which fewer than 50 per cent of the qualified U.S. citizens went to the polls last November."

The southerners obviously represented a minority point of view in a Congress pointed toward action to eliminate one of the causes of controversy that has spilled racial demonstrations into the streets, as in Selma, Marion and Montgomery, Ala.

But they represented, in the threat of a Senate filibuster, potential delays in such action.

Ellender called the president's proposal a violation of the constitutional right of states to fix the qualifications of voters. He threatened to "filibuster against it and talk against it as long as the Lord gives me breath."

Sparkman said that qualified citizens of Selma and Dallas County, Negro and white, "were being given the opportunity to register and vote when these demonstrations began, and they will have that opportunity when these demonstrations end."

## Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

TUESDAY, March 16, 1965

The Commons continued study of the contributory Canada Pension Plan.

Gerard Perron (Creditiste-Beauce) moved that debate be suspended until French copies of testimony before a joint committee are ready.

Labor Minister MacEachen said this would kill the bill for this session.

Opposition members combined to defeat the government 61 to 52 to have the question of privilege considered by the Speaker.

Gordon Churchill (PC-Winnipeg South Centre) called the lack of a French report of the Senate-Commons committee "a grievous oversight."

State Secretary Lamontagne said the Liberal government had done more than any other to promote use of French in the public service.

Deputy Speaker Lucien Lamoureux indicated a ruling on the question of privilege would be made today.

The Senate passed the federal labor code bill setting minimum wages and hours of work for some 500,000 workers.

Two Conservative amendments to the bill were defeated.

One that would have exempted many classes of workers from the bill was defeated 38 to 23.

A second affecting holidays was defeated by an identical vote.

WEDNESDAY, March 17

The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. EST to continue the pension plan debate. The Senate meets at 3 p.m.

## Resolution Disallowed By Speaker

House Speaker Frank Myers disallowed introduction of a Liberal resolution in the Legislature last night which called for removal of Lloyd MacPhail (PC-2nd Queens) from the public accounts committee and replacing him with a member of the opposition.

One of the objections to Mr. MacPhail's membership is that he is a director of the P.E.I. Industrial Establishment Corporation, one of the organizations the public accounts committee investigates. Another objection was that the committee has five Conservative members and two Liberal members. The Liberals wanted greater representation of the committee.

Speaker Myers ruled that the matter had been discussed in the House earlier in the session and could not be brought up again at the session.

A. W. Matheson (L-4th Kings) did not like the ruling, saying he would have opportunity to speak on the matter later in the session.

## MOVED BY MATHESON

# Resignation Resolution Defeated By 15-12 Vote

A Liberal resolution, demanding that Premier Walter R. Shaw ask Attorney-General Alban Farmer to resign, was defeated on a straight party vote in the Legislature last night.

The resolution, moved by A. W. Matheson (L-4th Kings), was in connection with press reports

which said that Mr. Farmer called the Liberal Party founded on corruption and syndicated crime.

Mr. Matheson said "when a prominent member of the government makes a statement such as this, I don't think it should be left unchallenged. I understand that the leader of the Op-

position asked for a retraction of the statement. There was no retraction.

"All political parties through the ages have had their problems but no party in the country was ever founded on the principles referred to here. I can't see how the premier can still have in his government, and expect to get results in dealings with other parts of Canada, a member like this."

The premier should now demand and receive the resignation of the attorney-general unless we have an explanation."

RIDICULOUS REQUEST

Premier Walter R. Shaw called the resolution "the most ridiculous request" ever heard since he became a member of this House. Why should I ask my friend to resign for a statement

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# Eight Persons Injured In Violent Outburst

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Mounted possemen clubbed and flailed white and Negro demonstrators here Tuesday in a bloody racial outburst that sent eight persons to hospitals and shifted the civil rights focus to the Alabama capital.

The injured included a white college professor from Pennsylvania.

A state official said the club-swinging rout by mounted sheriff's deputies resulted from a mixup in police orders.

Horsemen wielded clubs, canes and whips to break up a street sit-down by about 600 persons, many of them white college students from other states.

Shortly after the bloody melee, a thousand Negroes marched on the Alabama cap-

itol. The marchers, most of students from Alabama State College here, left after half an hour.

The capitol march was staged after the city commission granted a permit for it in the earlier march, blocked by police and then routed by horsemen, no permit had been given.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., leader of the violence-wracked Negro civil rights drive, left Montgomery immediately after the march.

The capitol was ringed by hundreds of helmeted, club-carrying state troopers, county officers and state conservation and alcoholic beverage control agents.

Some of the troopers rode horses.

# Cyprus Tension Said High

ISTANBUL (AP)—With tension high over Cyprus, a 30-ship Turkish task force sailed Tuesday from the port of Izmir, heading for the Mediterranean, press reports said. Nine destroyers and six submarines were included in the task force.

In Athens, travellers arriving from southern Greece said heavy Greek troop movements were spotted on highways.

Greek army units were placed on the alert last August during Turkish air raids on Cyprus.

The Turkish foreign office said the situation was grave for Turkish-Cypriots around Lefka, on the northwest coast of Cyprus 30 miles west of the capital at Nicosia.

They reported Turkish "Cypriots at Ambelouk, five miles west of Lefka, were suffering from food and water shortages because of a Greek-Cypriot blockade."

Iraqi Mob Hits German Embassy

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—An Iraqi mob smashed windows and set fire to two floors of the West German embassy in Baghdad Tuesday and burned three cars belonging to the embassy before dispersing, diplomatic reports said.

Protesting West Germany's decision to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, about 10,000 Iraqis marched on the embassy, said Baghdad Radio. But it claimed no damage was done to the embassy.

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# Gov't Urged To Keep Within Revenue Limit

By MARIAN BRUCE

Government expenditures should be kept within the limits of revenues, George Ferguson (L-5th Kings) emphasized last evening in the Legislature.

Mr. Ferguson, winding up his speech on the budget debate, said "we should realize demands are made continuously on governments whether they can meet them or not. Governments in the past have had a tendency to try to meet these demands."

"We should try to keep within the bounds of our revenues, or we will have to have a commission government as suggested by the former opposition leader."

Quoting figures which showed increases in both liabilities and revenues from March 31, 1959 to March 31, 1964, he predicted a total direct and indirect debt by the end of this year of \$70,000,000 if the government "follows the same pattern of what has been taking place in the past."

Mr. Ferguson said increases in revenue over the past few years had given the government a good opportunity "to increase services and at the same time, decrease the debt."

He expressed concern over the amount owed government loan boards through industrial and tourist loans. "I feel many of these loans are going to turn up as bad debts, and the people are going to have to pay for them," he said.

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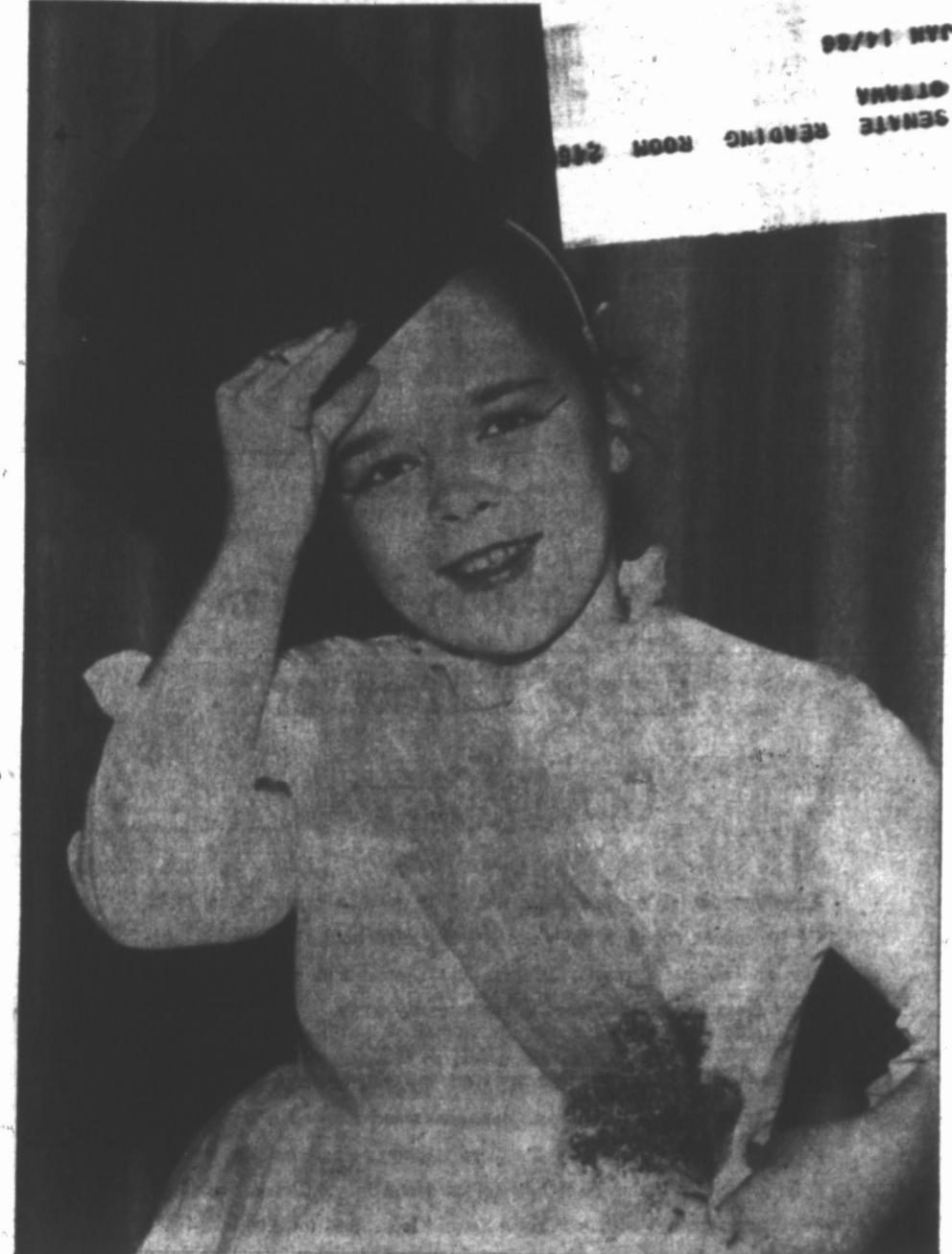
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TOP 'O THE MORNIN' TO YOU

The top 'o the mornin' to you. This is the St. Patrick's Day message of pretty little Mary Beth Horgan who performed an Irish step dance as a specially act in last evening's performance of Peley's Choice at the Basilica Recreation Centre. Mary Beth is the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horgan, Charlottetown.

# Language Barrier Delays Debate On Pension Plan

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canada Pension Plan ran into a barrier in the Commons Tuesday as opposition MPs complained that minutes of the Senate-Commons pensions committee still have not been translated into French.

Gerard Perron (Creditiste-Beauce), the plan's most vocal critic in the House, said lack of a French transcript of committee hearings violated the rights and privileges of MPs.

Rising on a question of privilege, he moved that the marathon pension debate be suspended until the French report is published.

The government was defeated later on a vote to have the mat-

ter discussed with the Speaker in the chair to hear it. The vote did not involve confidence in the government.

Labor Minister MacEachen triggered an uproar when he said approval of the motion would have the effect of killing the contributory pension bill for the present session of Parliament.

He said the best estimate indicates translation of the rest of the committee proceedings will take about four weeks.

REMINDED OF PLEDGE

Stanley Knowles (NDP-Winnipeg North Centre) reminded Mr. MacEachen that Prime Minister Pearson had pledged

Parliament would not be prorogued until both the pension plan and the national labor code were through both the Commons and Senate.

The labor minister accused Mr. Knowles of using "sophistry" in his argument and said the prime minister had made the commitment Monday in the light of circumstances then. He

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# Brush Fires Are Reported In Shelburne County Areas

SHELburne, N.S. (CP)—Volunteer fire departments and forest rangers brought a brush fire under control 40 miles west of here Tuesday after it had scorched several houses and barns.

The fire, at Upper Woods Harbor, was one of six that raged over barrens and bog land on Nova Scotia's south coast before a stiff wind.

District Forest Rangers J. Arthur Smith said the fast action of fire departments from Pubnico, Barrington and Woods Harbor was responsible for saving the threatened properties.

He said the blaze was under control at nightfall after burning since shortly afternoon. It was to be watched all night.

Mr. Smith said he was certain the fire had been deliberately set.

Still out of control were fires at French Lake in the Woods Harbor Area and one east of Shag Harbor. Still burning but under control were fires at Fort Hebert 20 miles east of here and Jordan Bay.

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# House Debates Resolution On Amending Constitution

By DON MACLEOD

A. W. Matheson (L-4th Kings) urged members of the Legislature "to be sure we are certain that the province's rights will be protected before voting on a resolution approving enactment by the parliament of the United Kingdom of an act to provide for the amendment in Canada of the Constitution of Canada."

The resolution was introduced yesterday by Attorney-General Alban Farmer and is the same as is to be considered by all provincial legislatures.

In reviewing the long history of amendments to the British North America Act, Mr. Farmer said repatriation of the constitution is "a concept bound up with nationhood in Canada."

He said, formerly amendments had to be approved by the United Kingdom and "it is probably not proper for a nation like Canada to have to go to an out-

side country" for permission to make changes. He said "the people of Canada should be able to decide, and make the necessary preparation" to amend their own constitution.

JUST FIRST STEP

Mr. Matheson said "this step here today, in my opinion, is just the first step in amending the constitution. Will Prince

Edward have the rights it had in the past. Will we be protected."

Mr. Matheson recommended that all members give "serious study" to a white paper, tabled in the House of Commons on the amendment of the constitution of Canada, and made available two weeks ago to the provincial members. He called the white paper "an excellent source of information" on the constitution, the history of constitutional amendment and the history of efforts to find amending formula.

Particularly recommended was a section of "centralization versus decentralization."

Mr. Matheson said consideration should be given to "how much of the authority of Canada should be administered in Ottawa and how much should be administered in the provinces."

Mr. Matheson said "if mem-

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## RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT TOO BIG FOR RAMP

Officials at Montreal's International Airport Tuesday couldn't find a debarking ramp big enough to ac-

commodate this huge Russian T-114 airliner when it arrived with the Moiseyev dance company. More than 100 dancers

and musicians were trapped in the 180-seat craft, said to be the world's largest passenger plane, until the problem

was solved by attaching a four-foot extension to the top of a regular ramp.

(CP Wirephoto)

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