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Notes Improved Demand For P. E. Island Potatoes

Demand for Island potatoes has improved a little during the past several days. Mr. D. A. MacDonald of the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board said last night. Montreal is now paying \$1.85 for potatoes in Canada. Mr. MacDonald said that since the first of the week, Toronto is paying \$1.95. Those prices warrant producers receiving approximately 95c per bushel at all shipping points throughout the Province, Mr. MacDonald states.

There is an increased activity on seed movement and several boats will be loaded at Island ports during the next week for Southern markets.

The United States potato market has shown some signs of recovery from the adverse effect of the increase in December estimates, but movement from Maine is still far below normal, being only about 5,000 carloads to date compared to 10,000 a year ago. The time is fast approaching when Maine shipments must be increased two or three times the present level. Whether or not this can be done without damaging the whole price structure is going to determine the potato price trend for the next several months.

"There is a definite shortage of potatoes in Canada," Mr. MacDonald states, "but prices will be governed to a considerable extent by what volume, and at what price, Maine will see fit to ship into this country. Maine growers are now receiving \$1.70 to \$1.80 per 100 lbs., while Long Island growers, who have been shipping heavy up to the present time, are receiving \$2.30 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs."

"The United States Department of Agriculture Marketing Service reports a considerable advance in the price of Prince Edward Island turnips on the Boston market. They are now quoted at \$1.40 per 50 lb. sack—40c higher than quotations were ten days ago. There is still no evidence of a similar advance being paid Island producers."

Premier Matheson Extends Greetings From Government

The following New Year's message has been received for publication from Premier A. W. Matheson: "Prince Edward Island, in common with the other Canadian Provinces, closes the year 1954 with a feeling of satisfaction for the accomplishments of the past twelve months and unbounded optimism in the future of our nation and province."

"The end of the year is a time for stocktaking and a time for a renewal of effort. It is a short pause in the cycle of history when we take time out to review the events of the past year. Having assessed our progress and our resources, we then face into the New Year to meet fresh challenges and new opportunities."

"Looking back on 1954, it is safe to say that our province was again favoured with bountiful harvests of both land and sea. An unusually wet summer retarded harvesting to a certain extent but the extra moisture was beneficial to crops. Our farmers were able to maintain their universal reputation for quality products."

Coming Events

- **New Year's Eve Dance, Fortune Hall, Friday, December 31st.
- **Unloading car oil-treated Acadia nut coal at Vernon Thursday and Friday, Sterling S. Ings.
- **New Year's Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, January 3rd. Novelty.
- **Grand Bingo, St. Andrews Hall, Mt. Stewart, Monday, January 3rd. 20 games. Door prize.
- **Special New Year's Dance, St. Peter's Hall, Saturday night. Messers' Orchestra.
- **Showing at Mt. Stewart, New Year's night—G.M.M.'s outstanding Technicolor Drama—"Lili."
- **Bingo, Cards and Dance, Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, January 4.
- **Christmas Cantata by candlelight, Coptic Anglican Church, Sunday, January 2nd, 7:30 p.m.
- **New Year's Dance, Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall, Saturday night. Burns Orchestra.
- **Dance in Morrell hall Friday night. Dancing 10 till 11. Burke's orchestra. Sponsored by the Canadian Legion.
- **Our Store will be closed Monday and Tuesday, January 3rd and 4th for stocktaking. R. L. Dickleson, New Glasgow.
- **Dance at Long Creek postponed until Friday, Dec. 31. In aid of Long Creek Rovers. Refreshments. Music by the Kentucky Bluebirds.
- **Bingo, 20 chickens, tonight 8 p.m. in North Rustico. 50 cents for 20 chances. Turkey bingo 10 cents.
- **Dance, South Rustico Hall, Monday, January 3rd. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- **Dance, West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service. 9:30 to 12:30.
- **Regular monthly meeting Vernon River Branch, Canadian Legion will be held Monday night, January 3rd, 8 o'clock, in the Branch Hall. All interested members please attend. Bruce Crane, Secretary.
- **Buying pigs and feeder cattle Monday at Fredericton, Tuesday 9 a.m., Brookfield, 10 Milton, 11 Charlottetown Market Square, 1 P.E.I., York, 2 Bedford, 2 Tracadie, 3 Mt. Stewart, 4:30 Pownal, 5 Vernon River. Paying \$28 a pair for good pigs over 35 lbs. each, 40 cents a pound for smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

Tomorrow being New Year's Day, the next issue of The Guardian will be Monday, January 3, 1955.

FRANCE MAKES HISTORIC DECISION IN 287-260 VOTE TO ARM WEST GERMANY

New Year's Message From The Lieutenant Governor

The following New Year's message has been received for publication from His Honour Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse:

"As we move forward into 1955 may I avail myself of the opportunity to wish all citizens of Prince Edward Island a most prosperous and happy New Year. May the year ahead bring to Canada ever greater achievement and progress and may our Island Province ever continue to prosper within the framework of our great Dominion."

"The year will be observed as the centennial of our capital city of Charlottetown, and I join with all our citizens in looking forward to this memorable anniversary."

"The past year has seen great changes on the international scene with the unceasing efforts of the United Nations for Peace finally bearing fruit. As we cross the threshold into the New Year, Peace reigns on earth for the first time since the outbreak of war in Korea. Granted an uneasy truce lies heavily upon our troubled world but may Divine Providence guide the footsteps of our statesmen and leaders to the summit of lasting Peace on Earth. May the examples of our family of Nations in the British Commonwealth ever serve as a model of co-operation for the good of all nations and help to speed the day when those gloriously stirring words will become a reality: "Peace on Earth goodwill towards all men."

"As 1954 passes into history we would indeed be ungrateful if we could not see evidence on all sides of God's graciousness to us in Prince Edward Island. Bountiful harvests from farm and sea have been our lot and heartfelt thanks should go to Him who has made these things possible. May we continue to enjoy these blessings so lavishly bestowed upon us but to gratefully remember the source from which they came."



16 Have Close Call In Fire

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. (CP)—The 35-year-old manager kicked out a jammed door and shepherded 13 salesgirls and two assistants to safety Thursday before he left the blazing interior of his department store.

No one was injured in the outbreak which started from a basement explosion believed to have originated in the oil furnace. Firemen controlled the blaze after a four-hour battle that ended with two scarred brick walls standing.

Estimates of the damage ranged between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Manager C. T. Smith, two aides, the salesgirls and a lone customer were in the store when the explosion sent flames and dense clouds of smoke ballooning up the stairway from the basement where six girls had finished stock-taking only moments before.

KICKS DOOR OPEN

Smith rounded up the bewildered girls and the others and hustled them to the front of the store. He found the swinging doors jammed and had to kick them open. He was the last to leave the building.

Only moments later the roof caved in with a splintering roar. Clerks working in Grant's jewelry store next door began hurrying into the street carrying trays of diamond rings and watches in the belief that the flames would spread. However, firemen kept it confined to the one store.

16 Have Close Call In Fire

PARIS (Reuters) — France Thursday made a historic decision to rearm West Germany within the framework of the Western defence system.

By a margin of 27 votes, 287 to 260, the National Assembly gave final approval to the creation of a West German army of 500,000 men and West German entry into the Western European Union. Seventy deputies abstained.

The decision combines with approval votes already given to complete the National Assembly's approval of the Paris agreements. Along with it goes approval of the pact between France and West Germany to "Europeanize" the rich industrial Saar pocket state.

No speeches preceded Thursday's vote which may alter the course of West Europe's history.

PREVENTS DELAYING TACTICS

The Speaker announced there would be no further talk or delaying tactics such as enabled anti-rearmament groups to stymie the vote for 24 hours Wednesday on a procedural point.

When the voting was completed, newspaper men, diplomats and spectators paced the halls for 45 minutes while the ballots—white slips of paper for, and blue ones against—were counted.

Then the assembly's one-armed chairman, Andre Le Troquer, announced the decision to the legislators ringed in a hushed semicircle around the ornate assembly hall.

As the deputies rose to leave, the shrill voice of a Woman Communist legislator rang out: "You'll pay dearly for this." Other Communist members shouted "rearm," "assassin," "German treason."

Unemployment Benefits To Be Boosted

OTTAWA (CP) — Emergency federal legislation to meet winter unemployment will consist mainly of a boost of about 25 per cent in supplementary unemployment insurance benefit payments, it was learned Thursday.

The new measure—first on the government's priority list for the coming parliamentary session—will be followed by a general streamlining of the Unemployment Insurance Act that will include discharging the system of insurance books and stamps now kept for 3,200,000 workers covered under the act.

The increase in supplementary insurance benefits now paid during the first three months of the year will bring them up to the level of normal benefits. At present, they average about 80 per cent of the regular benefits.

Snow Storms In Many Areas

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Winter has settled down in earnest over most of Canada.

A Canadian Press check Thursday night showed snow falling across much of the country, a blizzard raging in Quebec, and Arctic cold gripping the west and moving southeastward over Ontario.

Montreal officials reported late Thursday that between 10 and 14 inches of snow had fallen and at least two inches more was expected. Estimates of the cost of clearing streets after the storm ran as high as \$1,000,000.

At least one child at play was killed. Susan Shields, 2½, tumbled from a snowbank and fell beneath the wheels of a truck near her home at suburban Pointe Claire.

SLUSH MELTS

Slush left on southern Ontario roads by a sleet-and-ice storm Wednesday night melted in most sections before the temperature fell. Thus a threat of heavy icing on the highways did not materialize.

The Quebec City district, recovering from Tuesday's heavy storms was lashed Thursday by a blizzard which blocked virtually all highways in the region except route 54 to Chicoutimi and south shore route 9 to Montreal. About eight inches of snow fell on the city and as much as 10 inches was reported in Beauce county.

Mayor Will Cut Birthday Cake With Ancient Claymore

When Mayor J. David Stewart cuts Charlottetown's big Centennial cake tomorrow afternoon in the tastefully re-decorated City Council chambers, he will use an ancient claymore for the purpose—an historic relic brought to the Province long before Charlottetown was incorporated.

The claymore to be used by His Worship belonged to Sir Duncan Campbell, first Colonel-in-Chief of the Black Watch Regiment. It bears the initials "D. C." and the date 1601. Sir Duncan died in 1632. Still a thing of beauty and balance, the basket was originally lined with oriental silk and decorated with jewels and tassels. It was brought to Prince Edward Island in 1783 by the grandfather of the late Ernest G. Ellis, of Tyne Valley, a direct descendant of Sir Duncan. It is now in the possession of Mr. Ellis' widow at Tyne Valley.

Opening the Centennial anniversary at 2 p.m. will be the reading of the Proclamation by City Clerk James A. Fullerton, followed by recorded greetings from the Mayors of the capital cities across Canada. These will be from Mayor Claude Harrison, Victoria; Fred Hume, Vancouver; William Havrelak, Edmonton; L. A. Hammond, Regina; George Sharpe, Winnipeg; Leslie Saunders, Toronto; Wilfred Hamel, Quebec; Dr. H. S. Wright, Fredericton; R. A. Donahue, M. L. A., Halifax; Harry Mews, St. Johns, Newfoundland; also from Allan Rush of London, Ont., where their Centennial is also being observed.

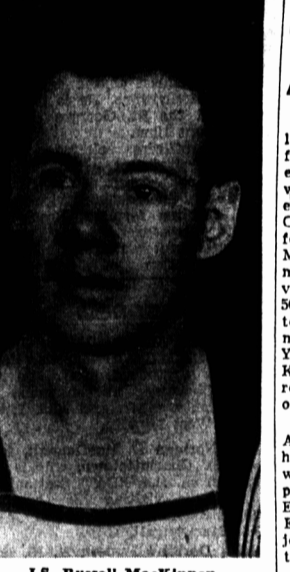
PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE

At the conclusion of the Mayors' greetings a recorded message from Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent will be heard. A public address system will carry the proceedings to the street and they will also be broadcast.

The re-decorating scheme just completed in the Council Chambers has been carried out under the direction of Mr. Barry Budgen. The walls have been done in a mauve shade with white trim. This combination blends beautifully with the red carpeted floor to give the room an air of graceful splendour. Red and white tapestries on the walls are caught in a soft fold by Centennial plaques of red, white (Continued on Page 10 col. 4)



P. O. Harold V. Gregory



L.S. Russell MacKinnon

Copter Braves Storm To Pick Up Siamese Twins

GANDER, Nfld. (CP) — A helicopter braved threatening weather Thursday on a trip to Flower's Cove to bring new-born Siamese twins to hospital.

The Canadian Helicopter Ltd. craft took off from Gander shortly after noon and was expected back early in the night.

News of birth of the twins reached St. John's Wednesday but details were scanty because of poor communications. The isolated community is on the Strait of Belle Isle shore of the northern finger of Newfoundland stretching toward Labrador.

H. L. Pottle, acting health minister, received a wire from the village requesting a plane but no other details were available.

Leaving For England To Take Submarine Training

Among the second draft of 80 volunteers from the Royal Canadian Navy leaving next week by air from Montreal to take submarine training in the United Kingdom are P.O. Harold V. Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Gregory and Ldg. Seaman Russell A. MacKinnon, son of Mrs. Mabel MacKinnon, both of Charlottetown.

On arrival in England the selected draft will start training immediately at HMS Dolphin, the Royal Navy's submarine training base near Portsmouth. Training periods vary from three months to a year depending on rank and duties involved.

On completion of training, the Canadians will be assigned to duty in submarines of the Royal Navy, the majority going to the three undersea craft of the Sixth Submarine Squadron which will be based at Halifax to provide additional training facilities for the anti-submarine vessels and carrier-based air squadrons of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Under an agreement recently concluded between the British Admiralty and the Royal Canadian Navy, three "A" class submarines, the Astute, Ambush and Alderney, will form the Sixth Submarine Squadron of the Royal Navy.

Ch'town Woman Leaves By Air Today For South Africa

What will perhaps be one of the longest trips ever taken by air from Charlottetown will be started today when Mrs. J. N. Galle, wife of John N. Galle, superintendent of engineering at Maritime Central Airways, leaves the city for Johannesburg, South Africa. Mrs. Galle will leave via MCA this morning at 5:30 a.m. and will travel approximately 11,000 miles in 50 flying hours from Charlottetown. Along the way she will make stops at Saint John, New York, Preswick, Copenhagen and Khartoum in Africa. She will reach Johannesburg at midnight on Friday, January 7th.

Mrs. Galle was born in Natal, Africa, and met her husband while he was stationed in Johannesburg with Imperial Airways. The couple resided in India, Africa and England before moving to Prince Edward Island two years ago to join the staff of Maritime Central Airways.

Mrs. Galle will visit relatives and friends in South Africa and plans to return by air to Charlottetown early in March.

Mrs. Galle will accompany his wife as far as Preswick, Scotland, where he will leave her to visit various centres throughout England on company business.

Drew Will Not Attend Opening Of Parliament

OTTAWA (CP) — Progressive Conservative leader George Drew likely will not attend the Jan. 7 opening of the new session of Parliament.

His physician, Dr. H. T. C. Whitley, said Thursday night the opposition leader may not resume his full duties until about Feb. 1.

"There is nothing wrong with him, except I don't want him rushing back to work and getting overtired," Dr. Whitley said.

Report Pope May Broadcast

VATICAN CITY, (Reuters)—Unconfirmed reports here Thursday said Pope Pius will broadcast a full Christmas message next Wednesday and at the same time announce a consistory to create new cardinals.

The 78-year-old pontiff will personally broadcast the Christmas message, which he completed after Christmas, on Jan. 5, eve of the Feast of the Epiphany (twelfth night), the reports said.

They added that the Pope will also announce his long-expected decision to hold the third consistory of his reign to fill six vacancies in the College of Cardinals.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

| | Min. | Max. |
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| Dawson | 57b | 54b |
| Vancouver | 37 | 48 |
| Victoria | 41 | 48 |
| Edmonton | 17b | 1b |
| Calgary | 15b | 6 |
| Regina | 14b | 4b |
| Winnipeg | 9b | 5b |
| Toronto | 30 | 38 |
| Ottawa | 12 | 29 |
| Montreal | 16 | 29 |
| Quebec | 15 | 20 |
| Fredericton | 12 | 33 |
| St. John's | 18 | 42 |
| Moncton | 17 | 37 |
| Halifax | 24 | 42 |
| Charlottetown | 19 | 35 |
| Sydney | 23 | 30 |
| Yarmouth | 24 | 50 |
| St. Johns | 20 | 22 |

Labor Leaders Issue Statements Urge Action To Create More Jobs

OTTAWA (CP)—Leaders of Canada's two largest labor bodies Thursday urged measures to create more jobs in their annual year-end messages.

The expressions came from Claude Jodoin, president of the 580,000-member Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and A. R. Mosher, president of the 375,000-member Canadian Congress of Labor.

"In domestic affairs," Mr. Mosher said, "one of the most disturbing factors as we enter the new year is the army of unemployed workers. . . . The situation is again becoming extremely serious, and there is little if any prospect of adequate action by the various levels of government to bring about an improvement."

"The need for a clearly defined and planned program of economic activity, under which the skill and energies of the workers would be utilized to produce the goods and services necessary to provide a high standard of living, seems to be recognized by almost everyone except those who have the authority and ability to put such a program into effect."

PUBLIC WORKS NEEDED

Public works were needed, and governments should give leadership to industry.

"There can be no excuse in Canada," Mr. Mosher said, "for unemployment of serious proportions, and while there are a number of factors responsible for unemployment in any particular industry, it should be evident that part of the blame must be laid upon our hazardous methods of production."

Mr. Mosher added that if Canada's resources and productive capacity were efficiently used, she could give considerably more help to less fortunate countries in addition to raising her own standards.

TLC president Jodoin in his first new year message—he was elected last summer—said labor efforts during the last year to warn the federal government of the seriousness of the unemployment situation have been shown to be correct.

"It is encouraging now to find that our representations are beginning to bear fruit," he said. The TLC was aware of efforts being made by the labor department to reduce seasonal winter unemployment.

Report Pope May Broadcast

"At the same time," he added, "we must not lose sight of the fact that many thousands of our workers are unemployed and their families are suffering hardship and frustration."

EASY WAY OUT

LONDON (AP) — The following item appeared Thursday in the front page personal column of The Times: "Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Batchelor give thanks for Christmas greetings. Through laziness they sent no Christmas cards this year."

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office says although there will be an improvement on Friday skies will still be generally cloudy and there will be snowflurries in many regions.

Forecast:

Prince Edward Island: Snowflurries Friday; colder; winds west 20; low-high at Charlottetown 32 and 40; Outlook for New Year's Day: Snowflurries and colder.

Eastern N.B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Cloudy; snowflurries; colder; northwest winds 20; low-high at Moncton 30 and 35; Fredericton 30 and 32, Saint John 32 and 35. Outlook for New Year's Day: Cloudy and cold.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:06 a.m. and 2:58 p.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:51 a.m. and sets at 4:41 p.m.