

FAURE WINS VICTORY IN DEFEAT

Britain Lifts Potato Ban

LONDON, (Reuters)—The government's ending of the ban on importation of foreign potatoes will not be followed by any immediate supplies from abroad. Gwilym Williams, potato marketing board chairman, told a press conference here Wednesday. He said British currently faces no shortage.

"There are 2,500,000 tons of potatoes in store at the farms. If there is no undue wastage during the winter this stock will last about six months," he declared.

He added it was too early to say whether there would be a shortage next spring. Much would depend on whether the new crop was early or late.

Questioned about possible imports from Holland and Belgium, Williams said there was no need as stocks were sufficient at present. This year's crop were of better quality than last year and in parts of Scotland there was a surplus.

Canada Logical Source

Word was received last night by the Manager of the Potato Marketing Board that a possibility exists for a market for Canadian potatoes in Great Britain. The British Government is prepared to issue import permits, and the expression of the British source of information is that Canada would appear to be the logical source of supply.

The Potato Marketing Board Manager, Eric Campbell, at the same time, had reservations with regard to this movement because of the serious problem of transportation, which would make this outlet impracticable, except as a means of draining off surplus supplies.

In the spring of 1947 when the British order was secured, an average price of five a bushel to the grower was paid on more than three million bushels. This outlet, however, with the present increased freight cost could well bring less than the current prices being paid.

Mr. Campbell stated that he was in contact with Mr. J. G. Taggart, Deputy Minister of Agriculture as well as other Federal Department of Agriculture officials, and the matter will be carefully looked into within the next few days at which time any information will be made available to the growers.

FROM EISENHOWER

Surprise Gift For Churchill

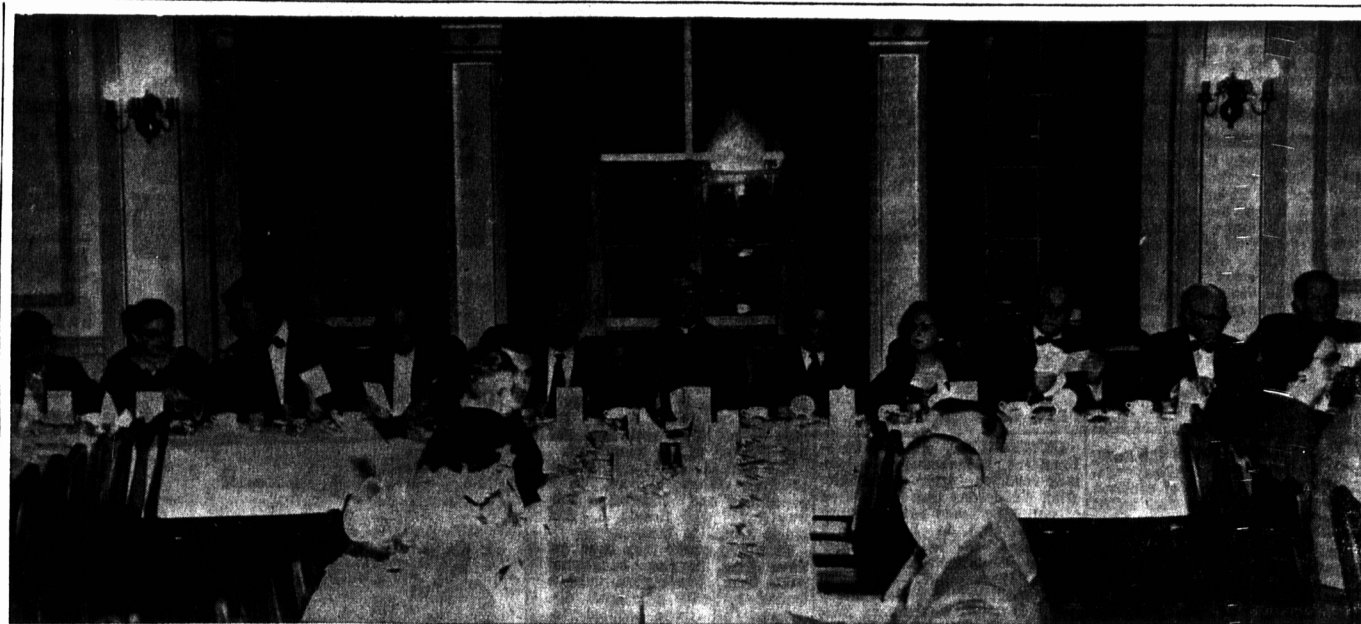
LONDON (AP) — Sir Winston Churchill was honored Wednesday on his 81st birthday by well wishers from every part of the world.

A surprise gift from President Eisenhower was among the mountain of greetings pouring into Churchill's London home. It was a gold medallion carrying a portrait of Churchill taken from a painting by Eisenhower.

American Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich personally presented the medallion to the elder statesman. He read Churchill a letter from the president in which Eisenhower spoke of "the incalculable debt

Coming Events

- Christmas concert Kingston, Dec. 11.
- Bingo Hope River Thursday night.
- Stanley Bridge Christmas concert Wednesday, December 21st.
- Dance in Mt. Ryan Hall every Thursday night.
- No dances South Rustico hall till after Christmas.
- Dance Belle River Legion Hall Friday Dec. 2nd.
- McGowan and Boyle, Pre-Christmas sale now on.
- Shur-Gain Cavalcade St. Peter's Bay Hall, Monday, Dec. 5th.
- Will be buying geese and ducks daily until Dec. 12. W. H. Burns, Malpeque.
- Unloading car coal \$16.00, ton of car. N. S. apples 40 lbs. \$1.39. Vernon River Co-op.
- Dance Cardigan Legion Hall, Thursday. Webster's Orchestra. P. A. system. Canteen service.
- The third presentation of the Broadbent Circuit Concert will be given in Rose Valley Hall on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 8 o'clock.
- Attention Morell and vicinity: Saturday, Dec. 3rd will be last day to enter your team in Morell Bowling League.
- Pantry sale at Holman's Friday, Dec. 2 under the auspices of Mothers' Auxiliary of the Basileia Scouts and Cubs.
- Notice: Starting Dec. 10 will be the opening of the pre-Christmas sale at A. P. Gallant's both stores. Bargains galore, also lucky door prizes.
- Showing at Morell Friday, R.K.O. presents "Blackbeard the Pirate" starring Robert Newton, Linda Darnell, and William Bendix. Technicolor. This action packed picture is a real sensation. Be sure you see this one, it's good. 7 and 9 o'clock.
- To arrive this week, carload bulk barley No. 1. Special price on barley meal for ten days. Get some to mix with your own grain for finishing hogs. To arrive next week, carload bulk wheat. Special price off cars. We make and sell Swift Gro-Mor wheat feeds, we consider the best on the market. We can make a very satisfactory feed to match any priced hogs to your own specifications. Bring us your grain for mixing. While it lasts, special price on Purity Flour. C. P. Pratt & Sons, St. Peter's.



SEEN AT THE HEAD table during the St. Andrew's dinner held last night are left to right: Mrs. Dougald MacKinnon, Mrs. T. L. Stewart; Mrs. W. C. MacLeod, Lieutenant Governor J. P. Bowen; Mrs. W. J. P. MacMillan, Hon. Dougald MacKinnon; Mayor J. D. Stewart; Mrs. W. C. MacLeod, Lieutenant Governor J. P. Bowen; Mrs. W. J. P. MacMillan, Hon. Dougald MacKinnon; Mayor J. D. Stewart.

Scotsmen Honor St. Andrew At Annual Dinner Last Night

"The Day and A' Wha Honor It" was fittingly observed in Charlottetown last night when Scotsmen and their friends gathered at the Charlottetown Hotel to observe the anniversary of their Patron Saint, Saint Andrew.

The guest speaker for the evening was His Excellency Malcolm A. MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown, who in a humorous message revealed some homey philosophy regarding the Scottish race.

The dinner under the auspices of the Caledonian Club of Prince Edward Island was presided over by Clansman W. C. MacLeod, president of the Club. Seated at the head table were: Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse and Mrs. Prowse; Lieutenant Governor J. J. Bowen of Alberta; Hon. Alex Matheson, Premier of the Province; His Excellency, Bishop MacEachern; Mayor J. D. Stewart; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacMillan; Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shaw; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. MacLeod, and Mr. and Mrs. Dougald MacKinnon.

The Haggis was borne to the banquet hall by Mr. Neil A. Matheson, M.P., and the address to the Haggis was given by Dr. Shaw. A delightful program consisted of Highland dancing by Misses Jean and Heather Fraser, Ruth Ross, Judith MacDonald and Margaret Rhynes. Pipes for the evening were Bruce MacLaren, Harold Sutherland, Barry MacGillivray and George Fraser. Pianist accompanist was Mrs. Bruce MacLaren. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the late Clansman, Malcolm MacKinnon.

A pleasing feature of the program was a beautiful solo, "An Eskay Love Lilt" sung feelingly by Miss Arlene MacDonald. A Gaelic chorus by members of the Gaelic Summer School was very much enjoyed.

Toasts were proposed and fittingly responded to. The toast to the Haggis was proposed by Clansman Roy MacGillivray and responded to by Mrs. W. C. MacLeod; a toast to the City of Charlottetown was proposed by Clansman Dr. Frank MacKinnon and responded to by Mayor Stewart.

25th Anniversary Of PEI Fox Show Is Observed

The 25th anniversary of the formation of the Fox Breeders Association, with whom now is associated the mink breeders of the Island, was celebrated at a banquet held last evening in the Rendezvous Restaurant, banquet room. The function was presided over by the president of the P. E. Island Fur Breeders Association, B. B. Jones of Banbury Farm.

Mr. Walter R. Shaw who for 24 years was secretary of the organization gave a highly interesting review of the history of the fox shows since 1929. Upwards of 10,000 foxes were shown during the period under review. Enthusiasm and great activity marked the year 1930 when 128 exhibitors placed more than 750 foxes under the scrutinizing eyes of the judges in keen competition. This was the peak year of the fox industry in the province.

Mr. C. C. Baker, former Minister of Agriculture was introduced as the only charter member of the Association in attendance and was given a hearty welcome. He spoke briefly of the early days of the fox business.

Lieut. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., who was engaged in a fox business on a large scale during the days of its greatest activity and financial success reviewed the phases of its rise and decline as a major activity in the economy of the province.

Other speakers included E. H. Burleigh, Ellerslie; Stewart Wright, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Dr. C. K. Gunn, Dominion Experimental Fox and Mink Station, Summerside and W. O. Goddard, Petitediac.

Mr. Parvin Case, one of the judges of this year's show, said that the exhibits were of a very high quality and expressed the hope that the necessary financial assistance would be forthcoming to maintain a percentage of these high quality foxes in the interest of the industry.

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Death Yesterday In Halifax of John A. Fraser

The death of Mr. John A. Fraser, retired official of the Customs and Excise Department at Charlottetown occurred suddenly yesterday afternoon at Victoria General Hospital in Halifax. He was in his 71st year.

Mr. Fraser, who had been in failing health for some time, was taken by plane to Halifax yesterday morning to undergo a surgical operation from which he failed to rally.

Born at Kingston, P. E. I., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fraser, he entered the Government service early in life where he remained until retirement six years ago.

Mr. Fraser was an ardent curler and enjoyed his membership in the Charlottetown Curling Club from the earliest days of its operations. He was equally enthusiastic as a sports fisherman.

As a member of Trinity United Church, Mr. Fraser maintained a constant interest in its work and maintenance.

Surviving relatives in addition to his wife, the former Isabel Paton, are one son James, residing in Moncton, N. B., and two daughters, Mrs. Louis Dover (Marjorie), Dunstonsburg, P.E.I., and Mrs. William Hunter (Joy), residing in Winnipeg.

Scores Highest Aggregate Points In Silver Fox Show

George Callbeck, Summerside, was highest aggregate point winner at the live fox show when judging was completed yesterday. The judging of mink will begin this morning.

The Summerside rancher who is one of pioneers of fox breeding on Prince Edward Island, accumulated a total of 7666 points. Second was Ernest T. Mill of Kensington, with 6319. Others among the first five placings were; L. K. Lockerby, Hamilton, 5120; S. U. Messenger, 4145 and Gordon MacMillan, Cornwall, 3088.

Mr. Callbeck took grand championship honors in the Standard Silver, and had the champion standard silver adult; Standard Pearl Platinum pup and Standard Platinum female.

The grand championship for Standard Pearl Platinum went to Mr. Lloyd Lockerby, of Hamilton. The grand champion Standard Platinum was shown by Ernest T. Mill, Kensington.

The show was honoured yesterday morning by a visit from His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse and Hon. J. J. Bowen, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.

The following are the results of the judging:

CHAMPIONSHIPS
Champion Standard Silver (Adult)—George A. Callbeck; Reserve: George A. Callbeck.
(Pup)—S. U. Messenger; Reserve: Gordon MacMillan.
Grand Champion Standard Silver—George A. Callbeck; Reserve: S. U. Messenger.

GROUPS
Get of Sire (4 Entries)—1. S. U. Messenger; 2. Gordon MacMillan; 3. Ernest T. Mill; 4. George A. Callbeck.
Progeny of Dam (4 Entries)—1. George A. Callbeck; 2. S. J. Messenger; 3. Gordon MacMillan; 4. Ernest T. Mill.
STANDARD PEARL PLATINUM MEDIUM
Adult Male (7 Entries)—1. Ernest T. Mill, 2. L. W. Hancock, 3. George A. Callbeck, 4. L. W. Hancock, 5. L. W. Hancock.
Adult Female (5 Entries)—1. L. K. Lockerby, 2. Ernest T. Mill, 3. L. K. Lockerby, 4. L. W. Hancock.
Pup Male (10 Entries)—1. L. K. Lockerby, 2. L. W. Hancock, 3. L. W. Hancock, 4. George A. Callbeck, 5. L. K. Lockerby, 6. Ernest T. Mill.
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Early Election Is Assured

PARIS, (AP)—The French cabinet decided Wednesday night to dissolve the National Assembly and hold new elections.

At this stage, Premier Edgar Faure appeared to have turned a seeming defeat into victory. He has been campaigning all along for early elections but the devious approach to them was a surprise—even in French politics.

On Tuesday the assembly defeated Faure on a confidence vote, usually the signal for the government's immediate resignation. But the size of the assembly vote against him brought into play an obscure constitutional provision permitting the cabinet to order dissolution.

The unprecedented decision was announced Wednesday night following a 3½-hour cabinet session at the Elysee Palace. No date was given for the elections, but they must come between 20 and 30 days after the dissolution order is handed down.

DATE A PROBLEM

Faure told newspaper men later this constitutional time limit raises problems. If the order is handed down immediately the voting would come during the Christmas vacation—perhaps on Christmas Day.

There was some speculation that publication of the dissolution decree would be delayed so the voting can be held Jan. 8, the first Sunday after the holidays. The French traditionally hold their elections on Sunday.

The premier said the final decision on the polling date will be taken within the next 48 hours.

The cabinet decided on dissolution despite heavy pressure from many political leaders.

Car Insurance Rates For P.E. Island In 1956

Most commercial vehicles and many accident-free private passenger automobiles will pay somewhat less for car insurance under 1956 rates for Prince Edward Island, it was announced yesterday by the Canadian Underwriters Association. The rates are effective Jan. 1.

An analysis of the rates of C.U.A. members show commercial rates down an average of 6 per cent, with 5 per cent reductions applying for liability and collision insurance, and a drop of 15 per cent for Fire and Theft insurance. The new rates reflect a slight improvement in the accident frequency of commercial vehicles.

For private passenger cars, the overall rate reduction comes to 3 per cent in basic rates, with many drivers benefitting further through changes in the preferred risk rating plan which provides discounts to accident-free drivers.

Under the changes in the preferred risk plan, drivers with three-year claims-free records will benefit from 25 per cent discounts off basic rates as against 20 per cent discounts in 1955. In addition, a new two-year claims-free class will be established and drivers in this group will get 15 per cent discounts off basic rates.

One other major change in the rating procedure will benefit married car owners under the age of 25. These will in future be placed in a lower rating classification than unmarried drivers of the same age group, the latter showing the highest accident rate in insurance records.

Child Fatally Injured In Ch'town Yesterday

The first traffic fatality in the city this year occurred early yesterday afternoon when Bill DeCoste, age four, was struck down and fatally injured in front of the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William V. DeCoste, 44 Bayfield St. The child was immediately rushed to the Charlottetown Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

MERCHANTS HAVE PARKING TROUBLES

TORONTO, (CP)—Merchants on south Yonge Street said Wednesday they will hire a man to go up and down the street inserting "no parking" signs in the newly-expired parking meters. Some Christmas shoppers will have more time in their stores.

A nickel buys 30 minutes' parking time.

Eighty merchants met Tuesday to protest "heavy-handed" parking restrictions. They said police are causing severe losses in business through a tagging ban started two weeks ago. Some merchants said business had dropped by 10 per cent.

Florist Fred MacDonald said "they are not police any more but Gestapo agents with tickets instead of guns."

Unions Seek Short-Cut In Rail Wage Negotiations

OTTAWA (CP)—Unions decried last Friday's breakdown of Montreal negotiations on union demands for concessions estimated unofficially at more than \$90,000,000 a year.

The groups representing about 150,000 non-operating rail workers have applied for immediate establishment of a conciliation board, sidetracking the customary procedure of appointing a single conciliation officer to assist negotiations.

Labor Minister Gregg, disclosing the union move Wednesday, said he will give immediate consideration to the employees' request.

A decision on the proposal—which was not joined in by the railways—was expected in the next few days.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gregg said he advised the railways Wednesday of the union request, sent to him following last Friday's breakdown at Montreal of negotiations on union demands for concessions estimated unofficially at more than \$90,000,000 a year.

WELFARE PACKAGE

The 17 unions, Canada's largest bargaining group, are seeking a wage-health-welfare package that would amount in all to about 33 cents an hour on the average. They want a general 18-per-cent wage boost plus another eight cents an hour to be paid by the companies into a non-contributory health and welfare plan.

In Montreal Wednesday, the railways had no comment on the unions' proposal which might cut two or three weeks off the normal time in which the issue comes to a showdown.

Union officials were silent, too, but it was obvious the move was in line with their previously announced intention of chopping down the bargaining time to enable them to take early action—likely a strike vote—in the event they do not reach a settlement.

In the post-war series of disputes one of which led to a general rail strike in 1950, some of the negotiations have lasted more than a year.

Customarily, the appointment of a board is preceded by the appointment of a conciliation officer. In none of the post-war series of union-railway scraps has a conciliation officer managed to bring about a settlement. The unions are known to take the view that this part of the standard procedure, in a case of the magnitude of the current one, is just a waste of time.

Regional forecasts:

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties and lower St. John river valley: Cloudy with a few clear intervals; widely scattered snowflurries; little change in temperature; west winds 20. Low-high at New Glasgow 25 and 35, Charlottetown, Moncton, Fredericton and St. John 25 and 30.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:16 p.m. and 11:37 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 7:30 a.m. and sets at 4:3 p.m.



TORONTO (CP)—Temperatures issued by the Toronto public weather office.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	10	60
Winnipeg	10	43
Victoria	10	43
Edmonton	7	26
Calgary	7	36
Regina	13	9
Winnipeg	16	3
Toronto	27	37
Ottawa	23	30
Montreal	24	33
Quebec	16	31
Fredericton	17	33
Saint John	18	30
Moncton	18	33
Halifax	25	36
Charlottetown	20	32
Sydney	25	35
Yarmouth	23	38
St. John's	32	33