WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR IN TEXAS

West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, left, holds an Honorary Citizen certificate presented to him by Houston Mayor Lewis E. Cutrer, right, on his arrival in Houston from West Germany. In center is Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who received Chancellor Erhard on behalf of President Lyndon B. Johnson. Erhard will fly to Austin Saturday morning to start a two day conference with President Johnson at his LBJ ranch near Johnson City, Texas.

(AP Wirephoto)

Cars Not Suitable Say Shippers; Railway Says Damage Negligible

By GEORGE CONDON

In answer to recent charges by potato producers and shippers that the Canadian National Railways are not providing proper refrigerator cars for potato shipment, railway spokesmen said last night that circumstances were essentially the same this year as last and that last year was one of the best ever as far as losses by frost were concerned.

Those making the charges have said that potatoes have been arriving at their destinations in a frozen condition and that CNR is at fault for providing improper cars for their movement.

R.H. Tivy, general manager of CNR transportation for the Maritimes said "we have had a few similar complaints before and we made an investigation two years ago. We found that claims for frost damage were exactly the same for our own cars as the rented American cars."

(It has been claimed that the smaller American cars are more prone to freezing conditions than are the Canadian-built CNR cars)

Mr. Tivy said, "We realize that some of these cars are not suitable for this purpose, but the same is true for a few of our own cars."

He explained that these additional cars were rented from the United States around this time each year to fill the great demand which the CNR could not meet on its own.

CHEAPER TO RENT

"It is much cheaper to rent additional cars once a year than to have the same number of our cars idle during the off season," he said. "If we purchase additional cars then the whole cost of transportation would have to go up to pay for them."

Mr. Tivy said the complaint was not confined to Prince Edward Island and that the CNR was watching the situation. "If there is a defect there we will look into it," he said.

TOO SMALL

He admitted that the American cars were smaller than the CNR cars and felt this was one reason why dealers wanted the Canadian units, but said that the tremendous volume of traffic at this time of year necessitates their usage. "And the type of car and service the dealers are getting this year is no different than it has been in the past where our records show very low percentages of loss," he said.

He felt it was of great value to the shipper to have this "tremendous pool" of cars to draw upon when needed.

Edgar C. Taylor, superintendent of the CNR for P.E.I. agreed with Mr. Tivy and said that frost damage can also occur if the cars are not preheated properly.

NOT SUITABLE

The charges have said that of the last 22 cars that have arrived in the province five were insulated box cars and the other 17 were the American type. None of these are suitable for our purposes," said Leo McIsaac, Queens County producer and shipper.

PREFERRED RATE LOST

It was stated that the American cars do not hold the required 55,000 pounds (the quantity required to get a preferred shipping rate) unless the potatoes are placed against the roof "resulting in frost damage".

Mr. Tivy said he had received the complaints through H. Graham Rogers of Charlottetown, director of transportation for the province. The producers indicated that both the CNR and the provincial government had been contacted.

Mr. McIsaac said losses were being incurred in two ways, first by frost damage although this is eventually repaid by the CNR after six or 12 months, and by the American cars not easily accommodating the quantity to qualify for the preferred rate.

FIVE BELOW AT MIDNIGHT

Extremely cold temperatures will prevail again today as the predicted low-high is only -10 to 10 above.

The Charlottetown Radio Range reported early this morning that the temperature had already reached five below and that 10 below could easily be reached before dawn.

Weather for today was described as clear and very cold.

The highest temperature recorded at the Charlottetown airport yesterday was a mere two degrees and the low was 6 below recorded between 7 and 8 a.m.

Winds were approximately 18 m.p.h. all day yesterday with occasional gusts to 24.

Winds today are expected to be light.

Girl Injured In 3 Mishaps At Souris

SOURIS — Three accidents occurred in Souris during the Christmas break and as a result one person is in hospital.

Alfreda Bernard, 14 - year - old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bernard of Miscouche, is resting comfortably in the Charlottetown Hospital after being cut in a fall on Thursday.

She has been staying at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Leonard MacCormick in Souris and attending grade eight at St. Mary's Convent.

High winds recently caused an aluminum storm door to smash at the MacCormack house and on Thursday Alfreda fell in the doorway landing on the glass. She was taken to Charlottetown by Perry's ambulance.

There were also two automobile accidents resulting in damage but no injuries.

At Rollo Bay at 3:30 Christmas Day a car driven by Thomas Flynn Souris West was in collision with a vehicle driven by Edmond Joseph Gallant of New Acadia. The accident occured on the St. Peter's Highway.

At 10 p.m. the same day in Morell a car driven by John Joseph Lewis sustained about $300 damage when it was in collision with a car driven by a resident of Mt. Stewart whose name was not available last night.

A passenger in the Lewis car, Sandra MacEwen, received bruises.

Prince Co. Roads Open

SUMMERSIDE — Most roads in Prince County are plowed and passable, plow dispatchers reported last night.

The dispatcher for Morrison and MacRae said that most roads opened by company plows are passable and work will continue today in widening these roads.

The department of highways dispatcher reported that plows spent the day widening and widning their respective roads and that most of the secondary roads are open but narrow in spots. These roads will be widened today, he said.

One sand spreader was sent out last evening but was recalled after a short time when it was found that there was enough frost to give vehicles traction.

DEATH NOTICES

Received too late for Classified Death Notice column

MacINNIS—At Nine Mile Creek, Dec. 26, 1963, Charles V. MacInnis, in his 48th year. Remains resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home until noon Saturday then to the New Dominion United Church for service at 1.30. Interment in the church cemetery.

MacKINNON — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Thursday, December 26th, 1963, Frank W. MacKinnon of 102 Dorchester Street in his 54th year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held Sunday, December 29th, with service commencing at 2:30 p.m. Interment in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

LIVESTOCK

MONTREAL (CP) — Prices were steady on the Montreal livestock markets this week. Trading was brisk under a good demand.

Receipts: 1,283 cattle, 829 calves, 537 hogs and 16 sheep and lambs.

Good steers 22.60-23.50, medium 20-22.50 and common 15-20.10. Good cows 16-19, medium 15.50-16.25, common 13-15.25 and canners and cutters 7-13.75.

Good heifers 19-21.50, medium 17.75-19.25 and common 11.50-17.50. Good bulls 18.50-20 and common and medium 12-18.

Good vealers 30-35, few to 36. Medium 23-29, common 11-23 and grassers 14-16.

Grade A hogs 26-27 and sows 16-16.50.

Good lambs 20-22 and sheep 7.

NATIVE CEREALS

Wild rice and maize, or corn, were the only two cereals native to the New World.

Tourist Ass'n Asks Gov't Aid For Highland College

By RALPH CAMERON

A strong plea for government financial aid in the continuance of the Highland College at North Rustico was made yesterday as a delegation from the P.E.I. Tourist Association presented a brief on the subject to the cabinet.

Assistance was asked on the basis of the fact the college, with its training school for pipers, dancers and drummers is one of the top tourist attractions of the province, and Vaughan Groom, Summerside, told cabinet members he believed within 10 years the tourist industry would replace agriculture in the top spot so far as this province's economy is concerned.

Mr. Groom said there was strong reason for believing the college might not operate in this province next year for financial reasons and "it would be a disaster to let it disappear from our midst".

VALUE POINTED OUT

He pointed to the value of the teaching in telling the government an American university —Fairleigh Dickieson University, Rutherford, N.J.—had given $40,000 worth of scholarships to get four of the Lovat Scots Band members to attend the university and teach piping and drumming.

In view of the nearness of Centennial Year and the ready availability of the Lovat Scots for parades and other functions the delegation maintained the province could not afford to lose this group.

"We as tourist operators are probably in a better position than anybody else to assess the value of this operation to the economy of the province. We are told daily by our guests of the wonderful work of the college and the enjoyment they and their friends get from visits to it. From the point of view of entertainment it is possibly our top tourist attraction."

ON FOUR COUNTS

The brief asked government aid for the college on four counts: 1, an institution dedicated to the teaching of music; 2, a cultural venture; 3, a physical education centre; 4, a top tourist attraction.

Financial assistance would make possible the running of the college for a longer period next summer to accommodate more tourist visitors and would also mean the promoters could add a much needed beginners class.

Representing the P.E.I. Tourist Association and reporting they received a 'splendid' reception by the government which will give consideration to the request, were Vaughan Groom; Archie Johnstone, Burlington; Herbert Wyand, Cavendish, and Gordon Shaw, Brackley.

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Christmas Play Is Staged At 'San'

Under the direction of Mrs. Lloyd Hawkes, Sanatorium school teacher, a play entitled "The Christmas House" was presented by the children being treated at the Provincial Sanatorium.

Portraying the idea of many modern families that Christmas is chiefly a celebration consisting of gift-giving, tinsel and show, such a family was played by Eileen DeRobbie as mother; Raymond MacDonald, as father, Billy MacEwen as son and Velda Clow as daughter. This family was shocked into the realization of the true meaning of Christmas by the re-enacting of the shepherd and manger scene by a group of children.

The shepherds were played by Robert and Alphonse Arsenault and Florence and Margaret Chapman.

When the family began preparing for Christmas by getting their hearts as well as their homes ready, they were further encouraged by the appearance of "The True Christmas Spirit" played by Helen MacDonald who with a wave of her magic wand summond her four cherubs to reveal how happy they were and how pleasant might be the lives of all who made room for the Babe of Bethlehem.

The cherubs were played by Lynn Perry, Bernadine Holland, Sherron Perry and Janice Douglas.

In thanking Mrs. Hawkes and the staff of the sanatorium for their efforts in implementing such a successul comprehensive rehabilitation program among children under treatment, the superintendent, Dr. Eric Found stated that over the past five years 35 school-age children have been treated and have been completely rehabilitated in that none of them has had to return to hospital for re-treatment and all are doing exceptionally well in their home schools.

Below Zero Forecast

SUMMERSIDE — Prince County residents were in for another cold night according to reports received from the RCAF 'met' forecaster here last night.

The mercury was expected to drop to between four and five below zero with winds at a steady five and 10 miles per hour.

The forecaster said that a weak low was expected to bypass Prince Edward Island but would probably give Nova Scotia snow flurries.

The Island might possibly get a few cloudy periods later today, he added, with the possibility of a few snow flurries. The forecast for Sunday is "fine".

MT. PLEASANT BOY HAS LEG FRACTURED

SUMMERSIDE—An 11-year-old Mount Pleasant boy is resting comfortably in Prince County Hospital following an accident at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the vicinity of the former Mount Pleasant airport.

John Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wright, was thrown from the car in which he was an occupant and suffered a broken leg. The accident occurred when the vehicle, driven by Freddie DesRoches of Summerside, went out of control on an icy patch and struck a snow bank.

The boy was transferred to the hospital by Jelley's ambulance from O'Leary where he was attended by Dr. G.E. Robinson, Tyne Valley.

Shaw Back At His Desk

Back in his office yesterday, Premier Walter R. Shaw said, "three weeks away from the office makes a person feel a bit sandy, but I'll soon be back in the swing of things."

The premier met yesterday morning with the cabinet and revealed that next week a series of meetings to prepare the 1964-65 budgetary estimates will be held with the provincial treasury board.

SOFT DRINK SETUP IN FRONT OF KENNEDY HOME

Seventy-five degree temperatures and lemonade and orangeade drinks were being sold by, left to right, Miss Sydney Lawford, 7 daughter of Peter Lawford and Maria Shriver, 8 daughter of Sargent Shriver for five cents a cup Many passersby stopped and imbibed. Joseph P. Kennedy father of the late president, John F. Kennedy relaxed inside.

(AP Wirephoto)

WEATHER

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TORONTO (CP) — Observed temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	-4	8
Vancouver	39	46
Victoria	44	46
Edmonton	-5	14
Calgary	5	26
Regina	-2	6
Winnipeg	-12	-2
Toronto	5	15
Ottawa	-11	4
Montreal	-10	3
Quebec	-17	3
Fredericton	-12	9
Saint John	-11	8
Moncton	-10	6
Halifax	2	16
Charlottetown	-7	3
Sydney	4	15
Yarmouth	7	17
St. John's, Nfld.	19	25

HALIFAX (CP) — The weather office says a weather disturbance near New York Friday night was moving eastwards into the Atlantic. As this passes south of the district cloudy skies and light snow will spread over the Annapolis Valley and South Shore. This disturbance will continue moving into the Atlantic, clearing skies this morning. Very little accumulation of snow is expected.

The remainder of the district is expected to remain clear and extremely cold throughout the forecast period.

Regional forecasts:

Northern Nova Scotia, Eastern Shore, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: A few clouds and extremely cold; light winds. Low-high at New Glasgow and Goshen 15 below an 10 above, Sydney zero and 13 above, Charlottetown 10 below and 10 above, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 15 below and 8 above, Edmundston 15 below and 3 above, Campbellton 12 below and 2 above.

Outlook for Sunday: Mainly sunny.

High tide today at Charlottetown 8. 59 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. At Rustico at 4.15 a.m. and 3.51 p.m Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown Sun rises today at 7.21 and sets at 4.42.

High tide Sunday, at Charlottetown 10.00 a.m. and 9.2' p.m. At Rustico at 5.53 a.m. and 4.39 p.m Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown Sun rises Sunday at 7.21 and sets at 4.42.

JEWS SPELL WORpERS

LONDON (Reuters) — More than 2,500 members of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen served meals, scrubbed floors and did various jobs in 80 hospitals in Britain during the Christmas holiday period Wednesday an Thursday. They included lawyers, market workers, factory workers and storekeepers.

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Miss Jean Perry and Miss Doreen DesRoches, Boston, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur DesRoches, Tignish, surprised members of their families when they arrived home by plane in time to join in the Christmas celebrations.

ROONEY FUNERAL — The funeral for Martin Vincent Rooney was held Friday morning from the Hennessey Funeral Home to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Clarence Roche. Pallbearers were William Redmond, William Chipman, Andrew Dunn, Joseph MacKay, Fred Tierney and James Steele. Interment took place in the Roman Catholic cemetery with service being conducted by Rev. Faber MacDonald.

PINEAU FUNERAL — The funeral for Joseph Cornelius Pineau took place Friday morning from his late residence, North Rustico to Stella Maris Church where Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by his brother, Rev. J. Wilfred Pineau assisted by Rev. Joseph LeClair as deacon, and Rev. James Kelly, sub-deacon. Rev. F.J. Corcoran, PP, was master of ceremonies. Present in the sanctuary were Very Rev George A. MacDonald, Rev. Walter McGuigan, Rev. Dennis Gallant, Rev. Edwin Roche, Rev. Frank Aylward, Rev. Vincent Murnaghan and Rev. Dr. Regis Duffy. Pallbearers were Isadore Doiron, Vincent Gallant, Jerry Peters, Raymond Doucette Arthur Doiron, and Dionel Doucette. Interment took place in the church cemetery, with service being conducted by Father Corcoran.

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