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WEATHER

Strong wind warning, overcast with snow; east winds 25 with gusts to 40. Low-high 30 and 40. Sunday: clearing.

VISCOUNT AMORY SIGNS VISITORS' BOOK

Adding his name to the long list of distinguished visitors, who have stayed at Government House during their visit to the province is Rt. Hon. Viscount Amory, GCMG, British High Commissioner in Canada. Looking on is Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman. Lord Amory arrived in the province yesterday following a visit to Nova Scotia, as part of a tour of the Maritime Provinces. Tonight he will address a special meeting of the P.E.I. Canadian Club at the Charlottetown Hotel. He leaves Monday for Fredericton, where he will address the Rotary Club on April 17. (See story on page 5.)

VEILED FROM PUBLIC

Pearson Seen Informed Of Election Date By PM

By ALAN DONNELLY

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Liberal Leader Pearson talked about the approaching election in a private 35-minute meeting Friday.

But the dates of Parliament's dissolution and of voting day remained veiled from the public.

There was immediate speculation afterwards that the prime minister probably gave Mr. Pearson advance notice of the dates. But neither would confirm it.

Mr. Diefenbaker invited the opposition leader to his office for the mid-afternoon talk after dropping a hint in the Commons that the dates may be announced next week.

Almost everyone on Parliament Hill is expecting dissolution to come next week, just before Easter, with election day on Monday, June 18.

BOTH LAUGHING

The prime minister and Mr. Pearson emerged from the meeting laughing heartily, apparently from a parting joke.

They shook hands and the prime minister said, "the very best to you."

When they were asked for a statement, each motioned for the other to speak first. Finally, Mr. Pearson picked up the ball.

"The prime minister and I have had a very interesting talk on international affairs, on Commonwealth matters and what can be done before the end of the session," the opposition leader said.

"I agree entirely with the summary of the leader of the opposition," Mr. Diefenbaker added.

Mr. Pearson walked off down the hall limping—his foot was asleep — followed by reporters firing questions.

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N.B. House Prorogued

FREDERICTON (CP) — The New Brunswick Legislature prorogued Friday night after passing a record 174 bills but with the question of when the provinces new relaxed liquor laws will be proclaimed still unanswered.

During the session Secretary-Treasurer L. G. DesBrisay brought down the first deficit budget the province has had in 25 years. It estimated expenditures at a record $112,500,000 and the deficit at $300,000.

Ottawa Is Called 'Stooge' Of B.C. Premier Bennett

OTTAWA (CP) — Harold Winch (CCF—Vancouver East) contended Friday that the federal government has allowed itself to be made the "stooge" of Premier Bennett of British Columbia.

He said in the Commons that Ottawa should have been big enough and firm enough to tell Mr. Bennett to "put up or shut up" on the Columbia River treaty.

Mr. Winch way speaking in an inconclusive debate on the inconclusive debate on the demand from the liberals and CCF - New Democratic Party group that the Commons external affairs committee give an immediate hearing to Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton.

Gen. McNaughton, retiring Canadian chairman of the International Joint Commission, has charged that Canada has been "sold down the river" in the Columbia River Treaty.

External Affairs Minister Green said the treaty will be sent to the committee for study before ratification, but it was doubtful this would be done before Easter.

WANTS FAIR DEAL

Mr. Green said he has no intention of letting his native B.C. be subjected to an unfair deal. He was interested in seeing that the Columbia Treaty was a proper treaty.

Opposition Leader Pearson said that no matter "cried more loudly" for investigation than the Columbia Treaty.

Gen. McNaughton had said he had told the government he couldn't support the treaty. Even before the treaty was signed Premier Bennett had sent a letter to Finance Minister Fleming expressing doubts. Even then it would have not been too late to hesitate.

Mr. Pearson said there are enough days left in this Parliament for a committee to hear Gen. McNaughton. The government owed this to itself. This was the time to clear up the situation.

Paul Martin (L—Essex East) said that under the Bill of Rights Gen. McNaughton should have a chance to present his case.

If the government refused him a hearing, it would stand in contempt of Parliament and of Canadians.

Mr. Martin recalled that the government had refused a Commons committee hearing to James E. Coyne when it was trying to fire him as governor of the Bank of Canada last year. Mr. Coyne resigned after the Liberal-dominated Senate killed the bill to sack him.

French Premier Resigns Today After Setting Up New Record

PARIS (Reuters) — Premier Debre's government will resign today after three years and 97 days in office — a record for any parliamentary government since the French revolution.

Debre has written to all his ministers telling them that a cabinet meeting will be held today, after which the government will resign.

President de Gaulle will preside over the government's last meeting and will later announce the appointment of Georges Pompidou as premier.

Ministers expected to retain their posts in the new cabinet include Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, Algerian Affairs Minister Louis Joxe, Finance Minister Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Defence Minister Pierre Messmer.

Pompidou has for many years been one of de Gaulle's closest advisers and managing director of Rothschilds Bank here.

The decision to switch premiers was reached by de Gaulle after consideration of the results of last Sunday's referendum, which approved the Algerian cease-fire agreements and gave him power to do whatever necessary to apply the Franco-Algerian agreements.

Pilots' Walkout Settled

OTTAWA (CP) — The week-long walkout of St. Lawrence river pilots has been settled and pilots will begin returning to ships at 6 a.m. EST today, Transport Minister Balcer announced Friday night.

The settlement, agreed upon after a full day's negotiations here between the pilots and shipping representatives, with Mr. Balcer as go-between, included:

1. Salary adjustments.
2. Promise of a federal commission to study the entire pilotage situation in Canada.
3. Improvements in pilots' working conditions.
4. Agreement by the pilots not to seek any increase in fees for the next three years.
5. Abandonment of a proposal by the transport department that pilots should share expenses of pilot boats.
6. Provision for four additional pilots on the Quebec-Montreal section of the river.

Andre Bedard, president of

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Fishing Vessel Is Overdue As Storm Hits Maritimes

Spud Processors Told Big Market In Britain

OTTAWA (CP)—The government has tipped Canadian processed potato producers that a tremendous market awaits them in Britain — hit by a spud shortage.

A trade department spokesman said Friday that the government was doing everything but selling the potatoes — in frozen French-fried or instant mashed forms—to the potato-hungry Britons.

The department said there is a shortage of potatoes in Britain where they are gobbled up at the rate of 80,000 tons a week, as the British and European crop doesn't come in until June.

The Canadian government is also trying to lift a ban in Britain against importing of Canadian fresh potatoes, placed some years ago because of a fear of importing ring rot or Colorado beetles from North America.

Canadian agents in London indicate that the British "just might be hungry enough now for potatoes" to lift it.

Trade department officials in Canada and Britain were promoting the sales, but officials here had no word yet on how much processed potatoes had been sold.

MR. JODOIN

CLC President Is Re-elected

By ROBERT RICE

VANCOUVER (CP) — Burly Claude Jodoin was re-elected Friday to preside over a weakened Canadian Labor Congress.

He defeated Gordon Lambert, a St. Catharines, Ont., auto-workers union delegate, in his first election test since he gained the $16.00-a-year presidency of the CLC when it was formed in 1956. Mr. Jodoin received 695 votes against 152.

The elections were staged as top congress officials surveyed the impact of a threatened secession of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, second-largest affiliate of the CLC.

The carpenter delegates walked out of the congress convention Wednesday and did not return. The union appeared headed for a self-imposed exile from the CLC in its dispute over Newfoundland loggers with the International Woodworkers of America.

"As far as I'm concerned," said Andrew Cooper, chief of the carpenters union in Canada, "we're out of the congress."

Mr. Cooper was dropped as an Ontario vice-president of the CLC.

OTHERS MAY FOLLOW

If the carpenters union pulls its 64,600 members out of the congress, it is feared that some of the 12 other building trades unions may follow suit, hauling up to 120,000 other organized workers from the national trade union centre of 1,070,000 members.

Observers believe labor unity in Canada has been dealt a heavy blow, but not destroyed.

They forecast new and determined efforts to pick up the pieces after the carpenter walkout.

If these attempts fail, then the basic structure of the CLC will be drastically altered.

The impact will also be felt in provincial federations of labor and particularly on municipal labor councils where the building trades are powerful members.

Six Men Are Aboard Clarke's Hbr. Craft

HALIFAX (CP) — A fishing vessel with six men aboard was reported overdue Friday night at the height of a severe windstorm.

The longliner Tommy and Jacky was last reported seen Friday afternoon by an American fishing vessel about 40 miles off Clarke's Harbor, N.S., her home port.

RCAF search and rescue said the transport department 1,217-ton ship Thomas Carlton from Yarmouth is expected to reach the position early today.

A severe storm with winds gusting to 70 miles an hour was passing over the area late Friday, with wet snow changing to rain reducing visibility.

The American vessel could not confirm it was the Tommy and Jacky it saw but fishermen in Clarke's Harbor said they believed the boat was the only one out.

Snow, Strong Wind Warning Issued By Weather Office

HALIFAX (CP)—A wild storm was battering the Maritimes Friday night with snow, rain, freezing rain and hurricane-force winds.

The weather office warned northern sections of the Maritimes to prepare for up to 18 inches of snow and shipping was cautioned.

Winds were gusting up to 70 miles an hour.

A fishing vessel with six men on board was overdue at the height of the storm off the Nova Scotia south coast. A search was being organized. A second vessel made port after being caught in the storm in the Bay of Fundy.

The storm raced into the Maritimes from the Atlantic off New England. Southern sections were receiving heavy rain. Two inches had fallen at Yarmouth on the south - western tip of Nova Scotia.

SNOWFALL HEAVY

Heavy snow was falling in northern areas. Prince Edward Island and northern New Brunswick were expected to get up to 18 inches.

The weather office said winds up to 65 and 70 miles an hour would be general as the storm moved through. The navy's Shearwater, N.S. air station reported steady winds of 58 miles an hour and gusts to 73 miles an hour.

One death was attributed to the storm. A man was killed when he was struck by a car at Dartmouth, N.S.

Damage in coastal areas was expected to be heavy as giant waves smashed against wharves, moored fishing boats and buildings near shore.

Three brief power failures darkened wide sections of Halifax and neighboring Dartmouth Friday night. The city's two private radio stations operated on emergency generators short periods.

The storm was the third in two weeks. Two severe rain storms caused major flooding and contributed to three deaths.

Kennedy Wins Battle To Halt Steel Advance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Big steel's drive for a $6-a-ton price increase collapsed Friday, giving President Kennedy a victory in his battle to hold the economic line.

The giant pace-setting U.S. Steel Corp., under pressure from the U.S. government and from competitors within the industry, did an aboutface and wiped the price increase it posted Tuesday night. It reverted to the previous price of $150 a ton.

From Cleveland came word that Republic Steel Corp., the third largest producer, was rescinding its price increases retroactive to April 11 "owing to the competitive situation."

The back-pedalling began in the afternoon when Bethlehem Steel Corp., the No. 2 producer, announced it was rescinding the $6-a-ton increase it put into effect Thursday.

TWO HOLD LINE

The reversal of the industry trend actually came when Inland Steel Co., eighth-ranking producer, and Kaiser Steel Corp. big West Coast producer, announced earlier in the day that they were holding the line against a raise.

This sent a wave of elation through Kennedy administration circles, but there was no letup in government pressure to stop the price advance. A justice department spokesman said "there is no change in our plans" for a grand jury investigation.

Then came U.S. Steel's announcement. Leslie Worthington, president of the firm, said in New York that the decision was made in the light of competitive developments "and all other current circumstances."

These developments and circumstances obviously included the fact that two companies refused to go along with the price increase, others were wavering and the government was turning all the screws possible.

Inland Steel's refusal to raise its prices provided the first crack in what, until Friday morning, was a solid steel front.

Defence Secretary McNamara ordered steel buying for defence production shifted to companies that had not raised prices. He also announced a study to find substitute materials wherever possible.

Attorney-General Robert Kennedy was going ahead with plans for a grand jury investigation to determine whether any violations of the anti-trust

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Business Backs Steel Boost But Public Disagrees

NEW YORK (AP) — The Wall Street Journal reported Friday that a survey it made in 20 U.S. cities indicates a majority of business leaders believe the steel price increases announced this week are justified, but the public tends to disagree.

The Journal said a sampling made in the 20 cities found two-thirds of the businessmen polled firmly backing the decision made by the U.S. Steel Corporation to raise prices.

Most of the other businessmen were reported to have said they lacked enough information at this point to make a judgment, and few openly backed President Kennedy's stand that the price increases were unjustified.

The story also said in part:

A survey of general opinion on street corners, in supermarkets and other places where people congregate "turned up a vastly different response."

More than 60 per cent of these people said the steel price increase is not called for at this time and will cause harmful effects on the economy.

RCAF Graduate Fatally Injured

ALLISTON, Ont. (CP) — James F. Connors, 22, of Bell Island, Nfld., died in hospital Friday of injuries suffered Thursday when a sports car rolled over near this town 50 miles north of Toronto.

Connors was a passenger in the car, driven by Brian Arthur Pierce, 19, of Almonte, Ont., near Ottawa.

The two men were graduated Thursday from an air force training course at Camp Borden, where they were stationed. At the time of the accident they were on their way to Allision.

Provincial police said the accident occurred on a straight stretch of highway three miles north of here. Pierce was slightly injured.

Freighter Drifts Helpless In Path Of Nearing Storm

HALIFAX (CP) — The British freighter Markland was drifting and powerless in the Atlantic Friday night as a severe storm bore steadily toward her position.

RCAF search and rescue said the ship was in no immediate danger but a U.S. Coast Guard ship was attempting to reach her before the storm arrives. The Markland, with 42 persons aboard, lost her power when her generators failed.

There was a possibility the storm centre would bypass the area 250 miles south of Newfoundland, but the weather office here said that marine area was expected to be affected. The storm had strong winds up to 70 miles an hour.

A tug is due to leave Saint John, N.B. today to tow the Markland to port.

Driving Reported Hazardous As New Storm Hits Province

Another sneak storm crept up on P.E.I. last evening. The last snowstorm in late March dumped 12 inches of snow on the Island, but last night's storm was not nearly as severe, at least in its first bows.

At 10 o'clock last night the Charlottetown Metrological Station estimated that two inches of snow had fallen. Winds were blowing from east, southeast at 40 miles per hour, and gusting to 52 mph.

The CNR train despatcher reported that the ferry P.E.I. tied up at the Terminal in Borden at 2:15 yesterday afternoon and the Abegweit docked at the Borden pier at 7:45 last evening. Neither ferry was scheduled to make a crossing until weather conditions abated. The Borden train arrived in Charlottetown last night about 11:15.

The Charlottetown detachment RCMP reported driving conditions last night were "very poor". Roads were said to be very slippery and the high wind was creating some small drifts. The RCMP spokesman said he had gone through a snow drift near the Charlottetown Experimental Farm laboratory on the Malpeque road that was "bumper high". Motorists were urged to use extreme caution, but no traffic accidents were reported.

Parliament At A Glance

FRIDAY, April 13, 1962

Prime Minister Diefenbaker indicated that suspense over the election date will be ended "early next week."

Finance Minister Fleming said the government has shown a good profit on sale of 14,500 copies of the Bill of Rights at $1 each.

Opposition Leader Pearson said nothing cries more loudly" for investigation than the Columbia River Treaty with the U.S.

MONDAY, April 16

The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to study supplementary estimates. The Senate sits at 8 p.m.

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Northeast U.S. Gets Snowstorm

CHICAGO (AP) — An April snowstorm spread through the U.S. northeast Friday.

Up to six inches of snow piled up in the Catskills and Adirondacks in New York State. The fall measured four inches in Albany and Binghamton.

Several inches of snow blotted out the first signs of spring in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. A rainstorm hit southern New England.

Ice Field Poses Shipping Threat

SYDNEY (CP) — Shipping difficulties are expected along the Cape Breton coast unless a change of wind pushes a 4,800 square mile ice field off shore, the ice information office here said Friday.

UIC COUNSELLING SESSIONS DRAW INTEREST

A.D. Cameron, general manager of Maritime Electric Co. looks on as three students study their programs at yesday's career counselling sessions at the Charlottetown employment Insurance offices. Mr. Cameron addressed a group of interested students yesterday afternoon on secretarial work as a career. Left to right are Helen Sheehan, Souris Regional High School; Audrey Cole, Central Queens Regional High School; Jeanette Gaudet, Notre Dame Academy, Charlottetown; Bernetta Murphy, PWC, Charlottetown. (See story on page 3.)