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Government Scolded On Hospital Ins. Plan

Dr. L. G. Dewar, who represents second Prince in the provincial House of Assembly, said last night that by re-inserting the mandatory provision in the Hospital Insurance Act, the Matheson government had shown a flagrant disregard for the expressed wishes of the Legislature.

In a telephone interview with The Guardian the Opposition health spokesman declared that the Liberal government by its action Wednesday had allowed the rights of Parliament to be "dragged through the mire of a party caucus."

VOTED OUT

"On March 18," Dr. Dewar said, "the Legislature by an overwhelming majority voted to eliminate the mandatory clause from the Hospital Insurance Act then under consideration. Assented to minus this provision, the Act then became the law of the Province.

"Although opposed to the change brought in on March 18, I still defend the right of the Legislature to do as it did, and I contend that no person or group except the members of the Legislature have the power to inaugerate such a change.

"Apparently responsible government has been replaced by government by Order-in-Council."

DR. DEWAR

The Conservative representative added that the Liberal government had been "advised repeatedly as to the form of hospital insurance legislation most applicable to this Province, but had disregarded all such advice."

INCOMPETENCE

This action demonstrated the incompetence and inconsistency of the local government, Dr. Dewar asserted.

"On March 1 the Premier wrote Ottawa and told the federal gov-

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...racks West's Bid

GENEVA (AP)—Soviet Froeign Minister Andrei Gromyko Thursday sidetracked a Western bid for a guarantee for free access to West Berlin.

The three Western ministers, in a 90-minute secret session, asked for the gurantee as a test of Soviet willingness to reach a compromise agreement in the Berlin crisis.

President Eisenhower warned Wednesday that he would resude to go to a summit meeting unless the Russians withdrew their threat to the isolated city and its exposed supply lines.

Western informants quoted Gromyko as saying he would be happy to assure free access to West Berlin — but posed this block: The West would have to agree to convert West Berlin to a demilitarized free city.

REPEATEDLY REJECTED

U. S. State Secretary Herter and British and French Foreign Ministers Lloyd and de Murville repeatedly have rejected this Soviet proposal, on the ground that it would end the Western occupation and leave West Berlin defenceless.

British informants said Gromyko indicated he would be willing to return to a discussion of the access question after the conference agreed on the future of West Berlin.

Gromyko has suggested as an alternative to his free city proposal that Soviet troops might be posted in West Berlin alongside the 10,000-man Western garrison. The Western ministers have also rejected this.

Western officials were not ruling out the possibility that Gromyko might be more willing to compromise on the crucial access question after consultation with Premier Khrushchev in order to get a Summit conference.

MEET WITH KHRUSHCHEV

Between Thursday's sessions, a Soviet delegation source said Gromyko planned to fly to either Budapest or Moscow for talks with Khrushchev.

But Western sources said Gromyko had told the American, British and French foreign ministers during their afternoon session that he had no plans to leave Geneva this weekend.

Khrushchev arrived in Budapest Thursday after a swing through Albania, where he met with satellite leaders. He is due back in Moscow Saturday, and will be host early next week to the East Germany Communist party leader, Walter Ulbricht, and Premier Otto Grotewohl.

BRITONS VOTE ON BEER ISSUE

LONDON, (Reut)—Millions of Britons will be asked in August to vote on this earth-shaking issue:

Which is best—draught or bottled beer.

At present Britain consums 540,000,000 gallons of draught beer and 360,000,000 gallons of bottled beer annually.

Thousands of bars will become polling booths between Aug. 10 and 20 when the electorate—anyone over 18 years of age—pays its money and makes its choice.

The election, sponsored by the brewers' society to publicize beer, got off to a vigorous start this week with a flood of billboard posters, pamphlets and television commercials.

Export Jump Is Recordeed

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's exports took a spurt during April, climbing by more than seven per cent to $404,633,000 from $376,903,000 a year ago.

Exports to the United States rose in the month to $254,994,000 from $226,158,000, pushing the four - month total to $887,564,000 from $862,048,000. Those to Britain increased to $55,404,00 from $51,324,000 in April and to $216,547,000 from $207,886,000 in the four months.

Announcement Expected Soon

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government has decided against buying the United States vessel Vacationland to supplement the ferry service between Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, the transport department announced Thursday night.

Informants said the government likely will announce, within the next few days, plans for the construction of a new vessel for the service across Northumberland Strait.

The transport department statement:

"Since last fall, the department has been making careful studies of the U.S. registered vessel Vacationland which formerly operated in the Straits of Mackinac in order to ascertain its suitability for service between Borden, P.E.I, and Cape Tormentine, N.B. As these studies proceeded it became increasingly evident that the Vacationland would not meet the requirements of this important transportation link or assure than an adequate and dependable service would be provided.

MAJOR MODIFICATION

"In order to put the Vacationland on the P.E.I. - N.B. run, major modifications would be required. The type of motor installed in the Vacationland is not the type recommended by the department of transport for the Borden - Cape Tormentine run. While the full extent of these modifications could not be determined until the ship had been drydocked and inspected by naval architects the department is convinced that even under the most favorable conditions, the boat could not be made ready before 1960 at the earliest.

"Believing that anything short of a vessel designed to meet the specific problems involved would be inadequate, the federal government abandoned the Vacation land proposal, even though it at first superficially appeared quite attractive.

"Government officers charged with responsibility in the matter advise theat they have found from experience that attempts to adapt equipment to meet the peculiar and specific requirement of a particular service for which it was not designed rarely prove entirely satisfactory as the capabilities resulting from improvisations are very difficult to assess and are never dependable. This is especially true when such required modifications include changes in the hull contours, and power plant modifications.

"Therefore, after the fullest and most careful consideration, the department has concluded that the Vacationland would not be suitable for the service."

Slide Blocks CNR Main Line

TRURO (CP) — A rockslide early Thursday near Union, seven miles from here, blocked the CNR main line between here and Sydney.

The slide was discovered in a narrow cut at dawn. Bulldozers were dispatched to the scene and officials said the line was expected to be cleared in time for the rail-liner from Sydney to arrive here on schedule at 2:05 p.m.

Fallen stone was piled five feet deep along a 120-foot section of the track.

The express, scheduled to leave here for Sydney at 10:45 a.m., was still in the station at noon.

Mr. Justice Samuel Hughes Is Civil Service Chairman

OTTAWA (CP) — Appointment of Mr. Justice Samuel Hughes, 46, of the Ontario Supreme Court as the new chairman of the civil service commission was announced Thursday by Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

His appointment, to be effective July 1, was widely forecast in the last week. On June 30, he will resign his position on the Supreme Court.

Mr. Justice Hughes succeeds A. D. P. Heeney, who left the commission chairmanship earlier this year to return to his former post as Canadian ambassador to the United States.

The 10-year appointment to the civil service commission, the country's biggest employer, carries an annual salary of $22,000. The salary is the second highest in the permanent civil service, the deputy finance minister receiving $23,000.

One of the major tasks of the new chairman will be an overhaul and streamlining of civil service administration as recommended in a study by Mr. Heeney. Mr. Diefenbaker has already said that a revised civil service act will be introduced at the 1960 session of Parliament.

GRANDSON OF SIR SAM

Mr. Justice Hughes, a grandson of Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia during the First World War, was appointed to the bench only a year ago. Prior to that he served for three years as chairman of the Ontario highway transport board.

Born in Victoria, B.B., Oct. 24, 1913, he was educated in English schools before attending Upper Canada College and University of Toronto. He returned to England to take a Master of Arts degree from Oxford University in 1934.

He served overseas from 1940 until 1945 during the Second World War with the Governor-General's Horse Guards and the Canadian Intelligence Corps, retiring with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

After attending Osgoode Hall, he was called to the Ontario bar in 1947. He was an alderman in Welland, Ont., from 1953 to 1955.

In 1940, he married the former Helen Beatrice Spencer and they have two sons, Lynn Spencer, 12, and Samual Garnett Spencer, 10.

Tobacco 'Could Double' Island's Farm Income

COMPARES WITH INDUSTRY

Tobacco growing on Prince Edward Island, if it proved successful could double the cash farm income. This was the opinion of Veteran-tobacco grower, Ernest Leich of Dorchester, Ontario, who is presently on the Island to supervise the planting of 18 acres of tobacco by the Prince Edward Island Government at Greenfield.

Mr. Leitch said 20-25 thousand acres of Island grown tobacco would raise the present cash value of farm crops from $25 milion to $50 million. He said that tobacco growing is the only agricultural operation that compares favourably with industry.

It is estimated that 1,000 acres of tobacco annually requires 350,000 man hours of labour, half of which can be done by females. This, he pointed out means many dollars to the economy of the community.

PROFIT MARGIN

On the other hand an acre of tobacco costs about $400-$450 to grow and the return per acre from a successfully grown crop is about $700.

The Ontario tobacco expert stated that there is a deficiency of good quality tobacco in Canada and the larger companies are continually on the lookout for new areas where improved quality can be grown.

He said an experiment tried last year in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley proved to be quite successful. The quality of the tobacco grown there was excellent. At the same time it was noted that the Nova Scotia yeild, under normal growing conditions, was 1,500 lbs. per acre compared to Ontario's average of 1,250 lbs. per acre.

Tobacco is the most valuable cash crop in Ontario, yielding an annual income of from sixty to ninety million dollars. In Ontario tobacco is largely a family affair with crops ranging as high as 80 acres down to the small grower with 10 acres. The average individual acreage is 35, it was stated.

BIG OUTLAY

The capital costs of starting tobacco growing are quite high Mr. Leitch explained. He said the cost of machinery, kilns, irrigation equipment etc., could run

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ONTARIO TOBACCONIST Roy Gibson, from his perch in the driver's seat of the farm tractor, directs at Greenfield the first major tobacco planting ever undertaken in the province of Prince Edward Island. Riding in low-slung bucket seats attached to the rear of the two-wheeled single row machine are planters John Power (left) and Melvin Johnston, both natives of the Greenfield district in which the Island's first tobacco farm is located. Set at intervals of two feet in parallel rows 42 inches apart, the six-inch plants started in an Ontario greenhouse are expected to mature in 90 days. The planting machine which can also be used to set out strawberry plants, is equipped with a fertilizer hopper and water cask. Mr. Gibson, who will remain on the Island until the tobacco is harvested, stated that about three and one half acres a day could be planted in this manner. Between 6,800 and 6,900 seedlings were required per acre, he added. Greenfield is on the Sparrows Road about five miles from Montague.

LIBERALS PROMISE HELP

Green Accepts Post Of External Affairs

OTTAWA (CP)—Howard Green stepped into his new post as Canada's external affairs minister Thursday with a bid for bipartisan Commons support of the government's foreign policy.

In the midst of warm applause from every member in the House, Mr. Green promised to "always look to the house for help and for guidance."

"Moving together I believe we can solve any problem which faces the nation."

He praised Opposition Leader Pearson—former Liberal external affairs minister—as "one of Canada's great statesmen."

PROMISED SUPPORT

Minutes earlier Mr. Pearson, in welcoming the new appointment, promised the Liberal party's support to Mr. Green "in every strong and forward-looking Canadian move that he may initiate to keep our country's position high and respected in the world and in pursuing the objectives that we all share . . . namely good relations between all peoples in a world of peace and freedom."

Thursday morning the 63-year-old Vancouver lawyer, a Commons member since 1935, was sworn in by Governor - General Massey to his new portfolio.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said that Mr. Green, who has been works minister since the Conservative government was formed June 21, 1957, will continue in that post until spending estimates of the works department are approved by the Commons.

Mr. Green also will continue until the end of the session his difficult job as government House leader, steering the government's legislative program through the Commons. He will be relieved as chairman of the Conservative caucus.

NO FURTHER CHANGES

Mr. Diefenbaker indicated there will be no further cabinet changes until the end of the session—expected to last into July and possibly to August.

As he left government house following the swearing - in cere-

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Argus Flight Is 5,400 Miles

HALIFAX (CP) — An RCAF Argus from the Greenwood, N.S., air base has flown the Atlantic to the coast of Ireland and returned non-stop without refuelling.

In making the announcement Thursday, the RCAF said the flight set a Canadian record.

The 18 hours, 58 minute trip took the 15 man crew from their home base at Greenwood to the Ireland coast and back to Gander, Nf., where the plane landed because of weather conditions.

Captain of the Argus, Flt. Lt. Fred Schulz of Calgary, said he had enough fuel to continue the trip to Greenwood had weather conditions permitted.

5,400-MILE TRIP

The aircraft took off from Greenwood at 12:54 p.m. ADT Tuesday, landing in Gander at 7:52 a.m. ADT Wednesday. During the flight the Argus covered 4,500 miles without refuelling.

One of Maritime Air Command's new anti - submarine planes, the Argus made the flight between 9,000 and 4,000 feet. Average air speed was 195 miles-per-hour.

As an anti-submarine weapon, the Argus can operate about 1,000 miles off the coast, remain on patrol for eight to 10 hours without refuelling. On patrol, it can cover 50,000 square miles of Atlantic waters.

An air force statement said the new record "demonstrates the capabilities of Canada's new long range Argus in being able to cover thousands of miles of the Atlantic without refuelling."

Steelworkers Ask Increase

TORONTO (CP) — The Canadian Steelworkers Union Thursday called for general wage increases to bring Canadian pay more in line with United States wages.

This was one of the major resolutions approved during the opening day of the United Steelworkers of America two-day national policy conference.

The resolution did not specify any amount for wage increases.

The union, an affiliate of the Canadian Labor Congress, has already signed new contracts with two of Canada's big three steel producers. The contracts don't come up for renewal until 1961.

The Steel Company of Canada, Hamilton, granted wage increases last year after an 85-day strike. Algoma Steel Corporation, Sault Ste. Marie, has also signed, and negotiations are under way with Dominion Coal and Steel Corporation.

Delegates also went on record in favor of higher shift premiums, better incentive rates, a 40-hour week, nine paid statutory holidays, and severance pay to protect workers against displacement through automation.

SPEECH, HEARING BACK

Ecstatic Marilyn Chapman, 17, of Vancouver tears up her note pad as the last symbol of a wall of silence that isolated her when she was struck deaf and dumb. Frightened by a prowler, she went deaf last fall and lost her sense of speech three months ago. Hearing and speech returned unexpectedly at a dancing school, where she practices ballet steadily. She hopes for a ballet career.

Employment Situation Improved This Year

The employment situation in Queens and Kings counties, including Charlottetown, is the brightest in several years. The manager of the Charlottetown office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, J.B. Murley, says it looks like a very good year.

He reports that the local office has had its best month of May since it opened more than 18 years ago. He adds that 100 more placements were made in May of this year than a year ago. At the present time all skilled help is at work. There are no bricklayers and plumbers available for employment and few carpenters and general laborers.

The manager points out that there is a large amount of road construction and paving scheduled for this summer so there doesn't seem to be any danger of a slackening in employment this season.

Large construction projects underway at present in the Charlottetown area include the new nurses' residence for the Charlottetown Hospital, a new $500,000 tank storage depot for the Texaco Oil Company on the waterfront, and a new potato warehouse on the Railway Wharf. Work is still continuing on the new addition to the Prince Edward Island Hospital, the Royal Bank of Canada building and the Hillsboro bridge and causeway.

All of this activity, said Mr. Murley, is very encouraging and means that fewer people are drawing benefits and filing claims.

Souris Man Drowns While Fishing Alone

SOURIS BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

The body of Michael Cheverie, 53-year-old Souris merchant and part-time fisherman, was taken from the sea off Souris at three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Discovery of the victim's empty fishing boat by fellow townsman, Anslem MacDonald, was the first indication of the drowning tragedy. The body was recovered a short while later by the deceased's brother, Jerry, and Omer Cheverie, both residents of this Kings County town.

The late Mr. Cheverie had put to sea in the morning to tend his fishing gear. He fished alone.

One of 14 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Cheverie, the victim had lived in Souris all his life. He was a member of the Souris Council of the Knights of Columbus, a trustee of St. Mary's Church, and a member of the town school board.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and two children—Claude, eight, and Heather, six.

In addition to his parents, the late Mr. Cheverie is survived by eight brothers and five sisters: Reginald, Jerry and John, Souris; Ernest, Mount Hope; Eddie, Art and Frankie, Boston, Mass.; Mary, Elmer and Irene, Mrs. Dan Kennedy, Montreal; Catherine, Mrs. Arnold Cooper, Summerside; Josephine, Mrs. Chester MacDonald, Souris; and Sister Marie Annette, C.S.M., St. Vincent's Orphanage, Charlottetown.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time.

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Fishing Grounds Are Being Found

MONTREAL (CP)—New fishing grounds are being found and exploited in the northwest Atlantic. Among the latest to be discovered are great stocks of redfish in the area. This was announced by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Thursday at its ninth annual meeting.

Adenauer Wants To Stay On Job

BONN, (Reuters)—Konrad Adenauer wants to remain head of the West German government instead of moving "upstairs" to the presidency as planned, a high official of his Christian Democrat party said Thursday night.

Will Rasner, business manager of the ruling Christian Democrat parliamentary group, confirmed a report by the West German news agency DPA that Adenauer wants to remain chancellor rather than become head of state.