



RECEIVES PICTURE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

A large framed photograph of Government House in color last night was presented to Hon. T. W. L. Prowse, former Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, by His Worship, Mayor Edwin C. Johnson and the citizens of Charlottetown. Dr. L. E. Prowse, who acted as his father's private secretary during his term of office looks on. The gift was given in appreciation for the "great contributions" made to the City during the eight years ex-Governor and Mrs. Prowse had occupied Government House, His Worship noted. This was particularly noteworthy in respect to tourist promotion, the Mayor added.

FOR STUDENT NURSES

New Psychiatric Course At Riverside Is Opened

Student nurses from the three nursing schools in Prince Edward Island may now be qualified to give total nursing care to residents of the Province with the opening of a twelve week psychiatric nursing course at Riverside Hospital last week, Health Minister, Dr. M. Lorne Bonnell, announced last night. With mental illness playing a larger and larger part in the total health picture, clinical experience in psychiatric nursing is a necessity for nurses today, Dr. Bonnell continued. Since physical illness is no longer considered as totally separate from the mental state of a patient, the Department of Health has made a course in mental health nursing available at Riverside Hospital in conjunction with the Prince Edward Island Nursing Schools and the Prince Edward Island Nursing Association. The student nurses will live in the new residence recently constructed on the grounds.

Britons Look For Sunshine In New Budget

LONDON (CP) — Britons, trained by harsh experience to expect few good tidings on budget day, entertain modest hopes for the odd ray of sunshine when Derick Heathcote Amory produces his maiden effort as chancellor of the exchequer today. As is customary, the contents of the chancellor's budget speech are known in advance only to Heathcote Amory and a few chief cabinet colleagues and advisers. But, as is also customary, there is no shortage of prophecies or of advice to the chancellor on budget even. While the most cautious of Britain's heavily taxed inhabitants are disinclined to quarrel with the careful statement of one reporter that "Tory MPs are confident Heathcote Amory will not raise taxes," it is generally accepted that the budget will contain few sensational changes.

Predicts Commonwealth Will Take Part In Space Travel

LONDON (Reuters) — Prince Philip today gave the motive of a mountaineer as a good enough reason for trying to travel to the planets — "because they are there." Philip opened a conference on space travel here by saying he is sure Britain and the Commonwealth will not be content "to sit by and watch others explore the universe around us." He told an audience of 2,500, mainly schoolboys, that the conference was not concerned with military matters. "But I do not have to remind you that there is no branch of science that cannot be used for military purposes," he added. "Space travel, like air travel, is no exception."

COST HIGH Philip said the reason Britain so far has left plans for space travel to the United States and

side Hospital, has recently completed a six month course during which she visited several provinces in which similar training was being conducted. Along with Mrs. Laura Kitchen, R.N., Superintendent of Nurses, she has set up a completely educational course, consisting of lectures, demonstrations and practical experience on the wards. Dr. Bonnell stated that psychiatry applicable to nurses would be taught by the psychiatrists in the Mental Health Division Dr. A.J. Murchison, Director of the Division of Mental Health and Mrs. MacVicar, Therapist, Forsythe and Beck. Instruction in psychology would be given by Mr. Russell Ewing, Psychologist;

Gov't Moves To Help N. S. Coal

OTTAWA (CP) — New freight-aid subvention regulations will enable Nova Scotia coal to move farther into the Ontario market on a competitive basis with American coal, Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Monday in a statement. The statement outlined a new system of federal financial assistance to coal producers in some provinces, notably Nova Scotia. The changes were authorized by the cabinet last week. One change will authorize increased federal subventions — \$4 per ton instead of \$2.25—for Alberta and British Columbia coal shipped to Japan where, it is hoped, a substantial Canadian market will be established. Similar financial aid will be provided on Nova Scotia coal moving to Europe—"if European markets become available."

MARKETS AFFECTED The main changes in the subvention regulations deal with the Nova Scotia coal shipped to the Quebec and Ontario market. Mr. Diefenbaker said these changes are largely the result of increasing production efficiency of Nova Scotia mines through mechanization with a consequent need for wider markets for the expected greater output. Current regulations authorize a subvention of 45 per cent of the freight rate on Nova Scotia coal moving by rail into Quebec and Ontario.

TO SPEAK HERE

Canada's Governor General, Hon. Vincent Massey will be the guest speaker at the Canadian Club of Prince Edward Island during a three-day visit he will make here May 14-16. The general feeling in the corridors of the National Assembly on the eve of a special session was that Gaillard could win a vote at the end of the debate, but that his address to the deputies might be the determining factor.

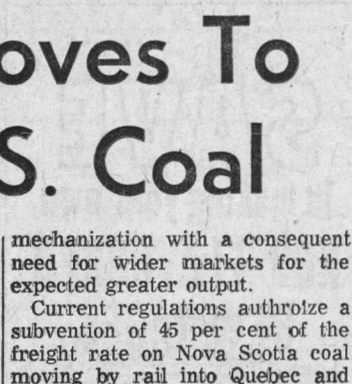
Thieves Loot Jewellery Store

TRURO (CP)—Thieves looted a display window of Neima's Credit Jewellers here early Monday morning and escaped with an estimated \$700 worth of jewellery. Police said a brick had been thrown through the window. Australia's exports of crayfish reached a record value of \$5,100,000 in 1957.

Fish Catch Down But Value Up

OTTAWA (Special) — Prince Edward Island's fish catch in the first two months of this year was down from 1957 but value of landings was up slightly, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported Monday. The catch up to Feb. 28 totalled 306,000 pounds, compared with 339,000 a year ago. The value was \$32,000 as against \$28,000 in 1957.

Main fish caught were smelts with flounders and some oysters also listed. Stressing the urgent need for more civic revenue, Mr. Gaudet went at length into the Council's negotiations with Premier Matheson and Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Provincial Treasurer, and claimed that there had been broken faith in ignoring the plight of the municipalities in the distribution of Prince Edward Island's share of the Atlantic Provinces adjustment grant, and in neglecting to make legislative provision for the amalgamation of the City of Charlottetown and Spring Park.



Gaillard Gov't Risks Life Today

PARIS (AP) — Premier Felix Gaillard risks the life of his government today on the question of accepting the recommendations of the British-American good offices team for resuming direct negotiations with Tunisia. The deputies were called back from their Easter vacation to hear a statement from the government. Not until the assembly meets will ground rules for the debate be fixed.

Charge Low-Grade Hogs Become High-Grade Bacon

EDMONTON (CP) — The Alberta Farmers' Union says too many low-grade hogs are being turned into high-grade bacon without any extra price benefits going to farmers. As the seven-member royal commission on price spreads opened hearings here Monday, it heard complaints that grading of farm products wasn't operating efficiently and that this sometimes led to higher consumer prices without any higher returns to producers.

PACKING MONOPOLY

Agriculture Minister Halmrast, appearing for the Alberta government, suggested Alberta meat packers operate wheat he described as a "near monopoly." "Efficiency in the packing industry is associated with large-scale operations," Mr. Halmrast said, "with the result that the bulk of meat processing operations have come to be in the hands of a few concerns. 'Rightly or wrongly, the farmer feels the near-monopoly position of the packer is used against him.' Both Mr. Halmrast and President A. W. Platt of the Farmer's Union told of how some livestock producers, instead of shipping their animals to the public stockyard for auction, sell directly to packers. This tended to interfere with orderly stockyard marketing and set up varying prices. Commission member Howard

AMALGAMATION PASSED

Government Censured By City Council Resolution

Speculators Blamed For Slump In Potato Prices

Prince Edward Island potato dealers report that the market during the past week has been dull with prices to the grower dropping by about 70 cents a bag. "Buyers are watching, waiting and are reluctant to sell at present offerings," they state. While dealers are at a loss to know what has caused the sudden slump, it is generally believed that the market is dominated by future sales of the New York Mercantile Exchange and is in the hands of a few gamblers who manipulate the market in whatever way they see fit. Prices a week ago in Toronto

which were \$2.65 a bag have dropped to \$2.00. Neither dealers or producers are anxious to sell at these offerings. BIG HOLDINGS Potato reports indicate that there are 1,600 more cars of potatoes on the Island at the end of March than at the same time last year. It is believed that between three and four thousand cars remain to be shipped before the end of the season with the majority of these moving within the next two months. The Northern Florida crop, which is about normal yield, is two to three weeks late and is not expected to go on the

market until May 15-20. MAINE GROWERS It is generally figured by the potato trade that there is no surplus in prospect on the North American continent for the near future. The growers in Maine are said to be holding firm for prices in excess of \$5.00 per bbl. (\$1.80 cents a bushel). Principal dealers are receiving inquiries for tablestock potatoes from U.S. points to which stocks have not been shipped for years. It is noted that the volume to these points is small but the trade is hoping for an increase in volume in a few weeks time.

Spring Park To Become Part Of City By Order In Council

Precedent was established last night when the City Council passed a formal motion of censure of the Prince Edward Island Government for its failure to increase per capita grants to municipalities. The motion also took the Government to task for failing to deal with the subject of amalgamation of Spring Park and Charlottetown during the recent session of the Legislature. In addition Council gave third reading to the By-law authorizing the inclusion of the Village of Spring Park within the corporate limits of the City, and followed this up with a resolution asking the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to proclaim this Amalgamation forthwith.

On the advice of City Recorder K.M. Martin the following qualifying rider was attached further to the amalgamation resolution: "Despite the indication of the preamble to the by-law just enacted that the intention of the Council was to delay its passing until assurance of assistance by the Provincial Government should be confirmed, the final passing has been determined upon with full knowledge that the expected confirmation has not been had." Mayor Johnstone said it had never been the policy of the City Council to criticize senior Governments, but when matters of vital concern to 17,000 people are in question, he felt, the Council would be remiss in its duty by not discussing the matter "openly and fearlessly."

Charges Gross Neglect Of Civic Interests By Gov't

Neglect of civic interests on the part of the Provincial Government, of the Charlottetown representatives in the Legislature and of the City's Water and Sewers Commissioners was charged in a strongly worded statement at a regular meeting of the City Council last night by Councillor Gaudet, deputy Mayor and chairman of the finance committee. Following is the full text of Councillor Gaudet's statement: CHARGES GROSS NEGLECT "In view of certain recent developments affecting Charlottetown's Civic financing I feel as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council that I should comment publicly on some of these. "Because of continuing rising costs in every field of Municipal administration, Charlottetown, as well as the other Island Municipalities, today is faced with a most serious financial situation. "Through the years the real estate owner has had to assume more and more of the burden of Municipal financing in Canada, and that same situation has developed within our municipalities in this Province. "With assessment or real property at close to its maximum level here in Charlottetown, and with our current tax rate approaching a figure which we are told, has tended to discourage people from building within the City, and has driven more and more of them to locate outside our boundaries each year, illustrated by the rapid growth of our adjacent villages of Spring Park and Parkdale, Charlottetown and the other Island municipalities would, one might think, turn to other fields of taxation. Unfortunately few, if any, of such sources are available to us. "As will be appreciated, most of the lucrative fields of taxation, as for example the Income Tax, are now controlled directly by the federal Government under the Dominion-Provincial Agreements, and in lieu thereof the Federal Government pays an annual grant to the province. PAYS 43 PER CAPITA "Out of such Federal Grant the Province in turn pays to our municipalities a per capita grant of \$3.00 and while the city's population represents 17.8 per cent of the total provincial population, the per capita share of such federal grant to this Province paid over to the City of Charlottetown works out at a mere 1.21 per cent. "Including all our Island municipalities, namely Charlottetown, Summerside, Souris, Mon-

tagne, Kensington, Alberton, Georgetown and Borden, which account between them for 31 per cent of our Island population, the total per capita grants paid to all our municipalities amounts only to 2.23 per cent. "It will be noted that while such fields of taxation now controlled by the federal government have produced a steadily increasing source of revenue to the Federal Government, and in turn the federal grant to this Province has been increased from time to time since its inception, nevertheless the per capita grant paid by our Provincial Government to our municipalities has remained frozen at \$3.00 for quite some years past. This despite the fact that in this Province the greater proportion of such taxes paid into the federal treasury emanate from our municipalities. "When they ruled out the municipalities entirely, they showed no justice or fairness, and in publicly trying to defend themselves they showed no regard for the truth," he said. "If they continue along those lines Premier Matheson and his colleagues will gain for themselves a place in history comparable to Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," he added.

PLIGHT RECOGNIZED

"However, finally on the federal level, recognition was given to the plight of our municipalities with the announcement in January last of the \$25 millions additional special federal grants to the Atlantic Provinces for the next four years. This amount by agreement between the four Atlantic Provincial Governments to be divided up annually as follows: Nova Scotia \$7 1/2 millions, New Brunswick \$7 1/2 millions, Newfoundland \$7 1/2 millions, and Prince Edward Island \$2 1/2 millions. "Why do I say that provision of such additional grants recognized the plight of our municipalities? — Why? Because Hansard of January 27th last at page 3847 quotes the Minister of Finance, Mr. Fleming, in introducing the legislation covering payment of such special grants as stating: "To this matter the Government attaches very great importance, for it looks upon this measure as one that will bring (Continued on page 2 col. 5)

Referred to the Premier's statement in which he indicated that the municipalities would get increased grants if the Government got more later, Councillor Johnstone said it was not his intention to criticize and blame. He was aware that the City needed more money and as a member of the City Council for the past eight years said he was "all too familiar with financial problems in trying to maintain city services."

JUST CLAIMS

However, Councillor Gormley said the Provincial Government in their presentations at Ottawa had asked for five million which he thought was a justifiable request, and noted that the two and a half million which they received was for the purpose of improving the status of public services, such as increasing teachers' and civil servants' salaries. He felt there were two sides to the argument and the Government was laboring under financial burdens as well as the City Council. "I am perhaps a doubting Thomas, but I have to be shown bread and butter," said Councillor Gormley. Councillors Baker, Hyndman and Boyles spoke briefly, endorsing the remarks of the previous speakers. The resolution of censure was passed unanimously by standing vote.

More Rigid Inspection Seen Need

HALIFAX (CP) — Fisheries Minister MacLean said here Monday more rigid inspection of fish products is needed by both government and the fishing industry. "There is no physical impediment to providing top quality fisheries products to any centre of Canada." He told the Fisheries Council of Canada annual meeting a major difficulty was the product passing from producer to consumer through many hands, and because it was fish it was questioned. Some of the best known fisheries firms were tempted to lower the standards of their product rather than remove it from the market.

ANSWER TO PROBLEM

The answer to the problem was more rigid inspection, he said. Jack Levine of Steinberg's Limited, Montreal, told a marketing session of the meeting the industry should go under compulsory inspection. "In feel that such inspection would give the industry a 10 to 15 year shove in the right direction." He urged the council to devote a full day in future meetings to the subject of marketing.

EXPRESSIONS SURPRISE

Coun. Foster expressed surprise that the two Provincial representatives of the City did not put forth any effort in the Legislature on behalf of the people they represent. "I am not afraid to challenge these two honorable gentlemen to justify their action or lack of action in public debate at any time," he declared. Quoting from a letter of Premier Matheson to the Council, in which the Premier gave assurance that amalgamation and per capita grants would be brought before the Legislature, Coun. Foster said, "How can we now depend upon any assurance of assistance from this parent body?" "The whole blame can be attributed to faulty and poor representation and lousy administration," the Ward Five representative concluded.

QUERIES TREASURER

Mayor Johnstone reported that he had asked the Provincial Treasurer why the per capita grants and the grant for the purpose of amalgamation had not been included in the estimates. He was told that the budget had been prepared in December and no change could possibly be made in it after that date. Observing that the 2 1/2 million dollar grant which had not been agreed to in the House of Commons until January was included in the budget prepared in December, Mayor Johnstone said, "I resent very much being given that type of answer."

TEXT OF MOTION

Resolved: That the City Council of the City of Charlottetown hereby goes on record as recording its extreme displeasure, disappointment, and concern that the subject of the amalgamation of Charlottetown and Spring Park, a matter of the utmost importance to this Community, was not dealt with at the recent session of the Provincial Legislature although Premier A. W. Matheson by correspondence to the City under date of January 10, 1958 had promised that it would. Likewise that no provision was made at such session for any increased assistance by way of per capita grants to Charlottetown and the other Island Municipalities by reason of the additional 2 1/2 Million annual Federal Grant to this Province despite the fact that Hansard of January 27th last reports the Minister of Finance, Mr. Fleming, in introducing the legislation providing for same, as stating that such additional Federal Grants were to bring aid not only to the Provinces but to the Municipalities as well. Coun. G. R. Foster said he was in civic politics because he had chosen Charlottetown as his home and desired to render some service to his native city. He felt it had definitely been the Federal Government's intention to have part of the \$2,500,000 grant shared with the municipalities but noted that the local government had taken full advantage of the fact that they were

GETS NEW JOB

WINNIPEG (CP)—B. R. Curson, 44, who for the last 13 months has been handling the Colombo Plan affairs at the Commonwealth relations office in London, has arrived to take charge of a United Kingdom information office being established in Winnipeg.

West Approves General Plan For Preliminary Summit Talks

PARIS (Reuters)—The Western powers will tell Russia this week they are ready for immediate ambassadorial talks on an eventual East-West summit conference, provided Moscow agrees not to restrict the discussions to procedural questions. Sources close to NATO said Monday night the British, American and French ambassadors to Moscow are expected to "try out the ground" on the Soviet attitude Thursday—the day Russia proposed talks at ambassadorial level should open. If the Russians agree with the

Western viewpoint, the ambassadorial talks generally are expected to start early next week or even earlier. The broad lines of the West's response to Russia's proposal of last Friday were agreed on Monday in the 15-nation permanent council of NATO. LEAVE NO DOUBTS The sources said the replies were drafted to leave no doubt that the West maintains there should be thorough preparation of any summit conference, whether through ambassadorial or foreign ministers discussions.