

Weep on, and as thy sorrow  
flow, taste the luxuries of woe.

As death approaches nearer, the  
joys of life are sweeter, dearer.

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# MORE THAN 2,000 LEFT HOMELESS BY FIRE IN RIMOUSKI

## Serious Flood Situation Reported In Winnipeg

### Secretaryship Of State May Go To Mr. MacNaught In New Cabinet Shuffle

OTTAWA, May 7.—(Special)—Reports of a shuffle and a new deal in the Federal Cabinet this coming summer have become persistent around the corridors of Parliament buildings here within the past few days. Prime Minister St. Laurent, it is said by those close to him, is already planning the foundations of continued power a decade in advance. In the planning, he will weed out a number of senior members of his administration and replace them by promising younger men in the Liberal ranks who have shown their mettle on the hustings, at their jobs and on the

### 24 Scholarships Awarded At Music Festival Finale

#### Coming Events

- \*\*Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*\*Show, Morell, every Tuesday, Friday, Saturday. Show starts 8:30
- \*\*Come to the Cornwall Concert Tuesday, May 9th. You'll enjoy it.
- \*\*Pantry Sale at Rogers Friday, May 12 at 2 p.m. New Haven Institute.
- \*\*Dance Pleasant Grove Hall, Friday, May 12. McKearney's Orchestra.
- \*\*See Tracadio 3 Act Play at St. Margaret's Hall, Wednesday, May 10th, starting at 8:30 P. M.
- \*\*Dance in Cardigan Hall, Wednesday, May 10. Webster's orchestra.
- \*\*Kinkora Hall, three Junior Drama Festival plays, Friday, May 12 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- \*\*Come to the regular Dance at the Bonshaw Inn Tuesday night. McNeill's Orchestra.
- \*\*Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night, 9:30 to 1:00. Cliff Peters' orchestra.
- \*\*King William L.O.L. Kingston Monday, May 8th. Members please attend.
- \*\*Dance Tuesday night in Wiltshire Hall in aid of Wiltshire Ritz. Sale of lunches.
- \*\*Farmers, now booking Clover Seeds. Rush order. McGuigan & Boyle
- \*\*Dance, Fanningbrook School, Monday, May 8th. Burkes Orchestra.
- \*\*The Sale of the estate of the late Joseph J. Doucette will be cancelled until further notice.
- \*\*See North Rustico Variety Concert in South Rustico Hall, Monday night, May 8th, at 8:15.
- \*\*All arrears must be paid to the North Wiltshire Telephone Company by May 15th to Mrs. William Easter.
- \*\*De Sable Variety Concert, including two one act plays, Hampton Hall, May 9th. Sponsored by Women's Institute.
- \*\*Reserve Thursday, May 11th, Brackley W. I. present their two one act plays and specialties in Harrington Hall. Curtain 8:45 P.M.
- \*\*Meeting Mr. Stewart Legion Hall, Queens County Branch P. E. I. Fish and Game Protection Association, Wednesday, May 10th, 8 P. M.
- \*\*See View Hall, May 9th. Malpeque repeat their two one act plays. If not fine, Thursday, May 11th.
- \*\*Cherry Valley Y. P. U. presents "The Girl Who Forgot" at Cherry Valley Hall Tuesday, May 9th, 8:15.
- \*\*Come to New Glasgow Hall on Monday evening, May 8 and enjoy a good variety concert. Sale of candy.
- \*\*Don't miss seeing Mayfield concert in Wheatley River Hall, Tuesday, May 9th. Sponsored by Wheatley River Institute.
- \*\*Kinkora Hall, seven Mile Bay will present their 3 act comedy in Kinkora Hall, Monday, May 8th. Curtain 8:30. Lottery of quill.

floor of the House itself. When the new deal in the cabinet materializes, one of the likely appointees to the cabinet council is said to be J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince and parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Fisheries. Of this prospective promotion, the Ottawa Journal writes this week-end: "W. MacNaught, Fisheries Minister Mayhew's parliamentary assistant has been taking more and more of the chamber work for his Minister. The Prince, P. E. I. member is seen either as Mr. Mayhew's hustings, at their jobs and on the

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### Fear Dikes Will Break To Flood Large Area

By John Dauphinee  
WINNIPEG, May 7.—(CP)—The army tonight warned 1,450 residents in low-lying sections of Norwood and East Kildonan municipalities to leave at once because dikes holding back the storming Red River might break at any time. Brig. R. W. A. Morton, controller of flood relief in the Red River Valley, said water might pour over the two sections of greater Winnipeg. "The danger is real," he said. "Everything is continuing to be done to prevent a calamity." The break of dikes, if it came, could be a "deluge." A shocked city got the word after a sunny day during which muddy dike-breakers had held the Red River in check almost everywhere in the city area. The army said 1,300 persons lived in the Norwood danger area and 150 in the East Kildonan section affected.

Even before Brig. Morton issued his proclamation to press and radio, at least 4,000 Winnipeggers had been driven from their homes by the flood. Another 4,500 had been evacuated farther south, between Winnipeg and the international border. The flood controller said the areas in most danger are along Lyndale Drive, St. Boniface Hospital and the English Crescent areas of the St. Boniface side of the river just opposite Winnipeg; and in a narrow strip of East Kildonan, along Kildonan Drive and Glenwood Crescent. The Red River continued its gradual rise during the day. Brig. Morton said bad weather was brewing north of the city that will take him to "may have further damage" before the spring floods subside. He said the Red—already more than nine feet above the level at which first flooding occurs in Winnipeg—is certain to rise still further.

### Mr. W. R. Shaw Leaves Wednesday For Sweden

Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture will leave here Wednesday for Montreal on the first leg of a trip that will take him to Soljabaden, a town near Stockholm in Sweden, where he will attend the fourth annual conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Mr. Shaw will sail from Montreal on Friday, May 12. Prior to the conference, Mr. Shaw, as one of the delegates, has been invited to take a three day tour in Denmark and to spend four days in southern Sweden. Following the conference arrangements have been made for a tour of northern Sweden and Norway or a tour of Finland to return by way of Sweden and Norway. It is believed that Mr. O. S. Longman, Deputy Minister for Alberta will also attend the Swedish conference which commences on May 29 and concludes on June 8.

### To Give Tidal Power Project Further Study

MONCTON, N.B., May 7.—(CP)—Further study will have to be given the St. Mary's tidal power project before a definite answer is given to its feasibility. K. G. Chisholm, chief engineer of the Water Resources Division of the Dominion Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa, said here Saturday. The project was advanced by W. A. S. Melanson of Moncton, retired district highways engineer and was presented to the House of Commons by E. W. George, member for Westmoreland County. Mr. Melanson's plan is to dam Shepody Bay, across St. Mary's Ledge and Jones Ledge, using them as a base for the foundation of the dam, the engineer said. The dam would extend across approximately

### Valuable Ayrshire Herd Lost By Fire At Primrose

About \$10,000 damage was caused by a fire which destroyed a large barn, granary and other buildings, with fifteen head of purebred Ayrshire cattle, on the farm of Messrs. J. A. MacLeod and son, Howard, at Primrose, five miles from Cardigan, yesterday. The fire started about noon, destroying the barn, granary and combined workshop and shed, about ten feet from the farmhouse. The house itself caught fire but was saved without damage. Access could not be obtained to the pump, which was located in the burning barn, but an old well in use about sixty years ago proved serviceable and it was with water from this source that the fire was prevented from doing further damage. Of seventeen head of purebred Ayrshire, show cattle in the barn,

### Dominion Travel Bureau Director Visits Island

Mr. D. Leo Dolan, Director of the Dominion Government Travel Bureau and fittingly described on one occasion by Mr. Justice Arsenault as "Canada's main Ambassador of Goodwill," arrived in Charlottetown last evening. He will be the guest speaker at the tourist promotion dinner to be held this evening at the Charlottetown under the auspices of the P. E. I. Travel Bureau. During the past week Mr. Dolan has spoken at meetings in five different Canadian centres, including Windsor, Toronto and Ottawa, and is scheduled to speak in Moncton on Tuesday. He will also be guest speaker today at the Charlottetown Rotary Club. He will address the Summerside Rotary Club on Tuesday at noon. At this evening's function Premier Jones will preside, and Mr. Dolan will be introduced by the Hon. Harold Connolly, Minister of Trade and Industry for the Province of Nova Scotia. The thanks of the meeting will be tendered Mr. Dolan at the conclusion of his address by his old friend Judge Arsenault. Formerly a newspaperman, Mr. Dolan started his public career as a Canadian writer. Excellent travel films are being distributed throughout the North American continent and new booklets and travel exhibits have been completed. Every move in this big campaign receives Mr. Dolan's personal attention, and he is also travelling across the continent as an inspiring speaker. In one year he travelled 50,000 miles—mostly by air. On one occasion he left a

### Expanded Activities

Since 1947 the Bureau, under Mr. Dolan's guidance, has widely expanded its activities. Up-to-date machinery has been installed to handle the thousands of letters flooding his office. Travel representatives have been stationed in Chicago and New York. A new publicity branch has been added to assure a continuous flow of news items, press releases, stories and pictures to United States and Canadian writers. Excellent travel films are being distributed throughout the North American continent and new booklets and travel exhibits have been completed. Every move in this big campaign receives Mr. Dolan's personal attention, and he is also travelling across the continent as an inspiring speaker. In one year he travelled 50,000 miles—mostly by air. On one occasion he left a

### Heavy Gale In New York Area

NEW YORK, May 7.—(CP)—Winds of gale velocity swept Upper New York State and the metropolitan area Saturday and Sunday, causing more than 15 deaths, mostly by drowning. The strong northwest winds continued unabated throughout the second day, but were expected to diminish during Sunday night. In the metropolitan area, strong winds whipped-lashed Long Island Sound Sunday afternoon, trapping and capsizing many a small craft. One youth, Jerry Cohen, 17, was missing after a rowboat overturned. The Coast Guard started searching for others thrown from boats, but no other casualties were reported immediately. Dozens were rescued by private boatmen, the Coast Guard and the police harbor squad. At La Guardia Field, winds with gusts up to 40 miles an hour forced attendants to the down small planes. The Weather Bureau said today's winds were caused by the same low-pressure area, centring in Labrador, which caused considerable damage in the midwest states several days ago.

### Rimouski Resident Gives Story of Fire

Written For The Canadian Press  
By JEAN YVES MAROIS  
RIMOUSKI, Que., May 7.—(CP)—I was having supper about 6:30 P. M. Saturday when I heard the howl of sirens near my home in this industrial town on the lower St. Lawrence. I ran to the dining room window and saw fire-reels racing to the western part of the city. The whole family seemed to fear something extraordinary had happened. Then I dashed on my bicycle in the direction of the big Price Brothers' lumber yard. The whole yard was on fire. You have to understand how that lumber yard is spread with such speed and grew so violent. In the lumber yard the wood is piled in what we call wood-cages. It's like when you build a fire. You place one log one way and another on top in such a way as to leave good air flowing between the logs. That's the way the whole yard was arranged. I went home to give some news of the fire and then returned. Then I saw the mill was on fire. My father, who worked at Price, came and rescued one of his tool boxes. He carried the 150-pound box home on his shoulder and then we all went to fight the fire. When we arrived clouds of embers were blowing into the street—pouring into St. Germain Street at the corner of Laviolette. Our house was just there so we put ourselves to work with the pails and poured water on the grounds. We thought we were quite safe. But when the fire came, it took only five minutes to burn our house. We lost \$25,000, including the house, furniture and clothes. We—my father, mother, five sisters and brothers—now are all in the house of an uncle. Two tenants in the upper part of our house are also living elsewhere though I don't quite know where one of them is. I haven't slept for 40 hours. Look at my raincoat, it's full of black holes. Those were made by embers. I saw peculiar scenes. I saw a woman sitting on a balcony with a hose in her hand filling up pails of water. Her son came to get them to throw them on embers that were falling like rain on the house. Of course it was useless and sort of pathetic. The whole house burned. At one point during the night we went on the hill to see the whole fire. The whole town was red. There was a low howl caused by the flames quite apart from the wind itself. We were sure the whole town would burn. If you ask me what I'm going to do—I'm going to sleep now. You know that sounds funny. I really don't know what to do. I guess I should, though.

### Results Of Final Competitions At Musical Festival

The final competitions in the Fifth Annual Festival of Music were held Saturday morning at the P. W. C. auditorium and St. Paul's Hall. First winner of the day at P. W. C. was Betty Lou Trednick of Summerside who was awarded 84 marks in class 84, piano solo for 15 years and under. Second place was won by Maureen Bohaker, Charlottetown, with 83 marks, and third by Laura Doreen Wood of Mt. Herbert with 82 points. In class 46, girl's solo for 12 years and under, first place was awarded to Margaret Shaw of Summerside, who received 83 marks. Laura Doreen Wood of Mt. Herbert was again in the first three when she placed second with 82 points. Third place was taken by Madge Elisabeth Muford, Charlottetown, with 81 marks. Muriel Hurst and Nancy MacNevin, Charlottetown, were awarded 82 marks, and first place in class 31, girl's duet for 16 years and under. Second place was won by Merle and Garg Elderkin of Summerside with 80 marks, and third by Wilma and Janet Wood of Central Rustico with 79 points. At St. Paul's Hall the first class was No. 47, girl's solo, 11 years and under. First place was awarded to Fernie Herman of Parkdale with 83 marks, second to Patricia Leightizer, Charlottetown, with 82 marks, and third to Heather D. Rodd, Harrington, with 81. June Geddes of Summerside was the winner of class 83, piano solo, 14 years and under, with 85 marks. Tied for second were Gordon White, and Sylvia Lund both of Charlottetown, with 84 marks, and third place was won by Frederick B. Seller, Charlottetown, with 83.

### Schooner Designer Dies At Lunenburg

LUNENBURG, N.S., May 7.—(CP)—George A. Rhuland, veteran shipbuilder who constructed the world-famed schooner Bluenose, died at his home here Saturday, He was 83. Before his retirement in 1943 from the firm of Smith and Rhuland, Mr. Rhuland built more than 200 craft of various types and dimensions. Many were schooners for the fishing banks, similar to the Bluenose, undefeated deep-sea sailing ship. He served on the Lunenburg Town Council for 27 years.

### Report Fire Under Control 30 Hours After Outbreak

MONTREAL, May 8.—(Monday)—(CP) Army headquarters here announced early today that the fire at Rimouski, Que., which has been burning for more than 30 hours "was under control" at 1:20 A.M. EDT, today. Major Allan Duckett, public relations officer for Quebec Army Command, said that he had received a radio message from an emergency headquarters at Rimouski saying that the fire had been brought under control. The message said army troops had joined with civilian police in protecting property and keeping order in the fire-blackened city. Major Duckett said that Maj.-Gen. R. O. G. Morton, officer commanding the Army's Quebec Command, had checked the area early today and reported the fire under control. Strong winds continued to hamper army fire-fighters still trying to extinguish small outbreaks in homes in residential areas but no serious outbreaks were threatened. Latest official word from army and Red Cross authorities on emergency duty in Rimouski is that careful investigations have resulted in no confirmation of any deaths due to the fire.

RIMOUSKI, Que., May 7.—(CP)—An immense, nightmarish fire, abating after 30 hours, tonight left this St. Lawrence south shore town of 15,000 people with more than 2,000 homeless and damage estimated as high as \$26,000,000. The conflagration blazed on a high-tension power line that broke under the force of a fierce gale and fell into a lumber yard, setting it ablaze, pushed through the entire western part of the town. Because of confusion resulting from the size of the disaster, the biggest within memory in the Lower St. Lawrence district—extent of the destruction was the subject of conflicting reports. A report that former Sheriff Charles Danjou died of a heart attack was described as resulting from confusion and inaccurate reports.

### 312 Homes Destroyed

Army and city officials said pulled information from refugees indicated 312 homes had been destroyed and damaged. The officials said that more than 2,000 persons have been left homeless, but are being accommodated tonight in army tents and in the homes of friends. Several dozen more homes were reported damaged and more than a dozen large commercial buildings either razed or damaged by the fierce fire which swept through the heart of this gateway city to the Gaspé Peninsula. The city was swept by gale-proportion winds that turned a Price Lumber Company yard fire into an estimated \$20,000,000 disaster. Volunteer workers late tonight attempted to account for members of separated families.

### Night Schools Proposed At Conference Sponsored By Teachers Federation

A plan whereby from ten to twenty night schools might be conducted in rural areas of the Province during the most opportune time of the fall and winter months was suggested at an educational conference arranged by the Teachers Federation with the Federation of Agriculture, the Women's Institutes and the Canadian Legion, and held last Friday evening. The plan, if carried out, will be under the leadership of the farmers' organizations, in cooperation with the Institutes, the Legion and the Teachers Federation. The whole question will be fully discussed at a meeting to be held sometime in the future. The conference was held in the Federation of Agriculture office, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. R. Murphy, president of the Teachers Federation, and was called for the primary purpose of discussing informally together the Island educational system, its weaknesses and its strong features. Because of the fact that the farmers had another meeting following, the whole program as scheduled could not be carried out, but the unanimity of opinion is that such educational meetings should be continued. Education after Grade VIII took up most of the discussion. On the question whether the educational system of the Province is adequate beyond this grade, the conclusion was reached that it is educating away from the farm, as the present system does not offer much for the boy or girl on the farm. At the end of Grade VIII, it is felt that there should be a divergence away from the purely academic, and that a choice of subject matter should then be available to the student. At some considerable length Regional and Composite high

sleep. A cold westerly wind continued to howl through the ravaged part of the city, blowing dust and cinders freely about the littered streets. During the conflagration Mrs. Edouard Portugals gave birth to a child. Workers had to move her from threatened buildings three times before the delivery was completed. She was reported as resting in good condition. The city now has taken on a ghost-like appearance with hundreds of chimneys arising alone out of the rubble. Army demolition squads late tonight were preparing to dynamite the walls of the Rimouski Hospital to prevent possible injury to rescue workers. The patients in the gutted hospital are all believed to have been evacuated safely. The disaster was the biggest within memory in the Lower St. Lawrence district. Responsible citizens said a total of 200 to 250 buildings were destroyed. Lt.-Col. Alex Gagnon, Quebec director of disaster relief for the Red Cross, estimated at first that 100 buildings had burned but later raised his estimate to approximately 300.

Report 10 Deaths  
Col. Gagnon said there were reports difficult to confirm at the moment that 10 persons died as a result of the fire. They were listed as follows: Four children drowned in the Rimouski River; four women killed in two automobile explosions due to the fire; one man dead of a heart attack (former Sheriff Charles Danjou) and one man burned in his house. The \$20,000,000 damage estimate was given by former Mayor Elzéar Côté who said the western part of town was deluged by a "rain of fire" when the yards containing 15,000,000 feet of drying lumber were ablaze Saturday afternoon.

### Blame Power Line

A power line broken by wind that at times reached a velocity of 95 miles an hour fell into the yards of Price Brothers and Company (Continued on Page 5 Col. 1)

### 'THE LAST FELLOW A MAN BLAMES FOR HIS FAILURES IS HIMSELF!'

HALIFAX, May 7.—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax. Synopsis: Sunday was a fine windy day over the Maritime, but in the evening there were showers in parts of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Temperatures rose to the low 70s over Nova Scotia, the 60s over Prince Edward Island and Southern New Brunswick. Over Northern New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec temperatures were much lower, being in the 50s and 40s. Temperatures will be much more reasonable Monday. Present indications are that the weather will be generally fine on Tuesday as well as Monday. Regional forecasts valid until midnight Monday: Prince Edward Island—Monday sunny and much cooler. Northwest winds 20. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 35 and 50. High tide today at 3:57 A. M. and 2:51 P. M. Sun rises at 4:54 A. M. and sets at 7:26 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. BORDEN — TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS Leave Borden at 9:10 a. m., 1:00 p. m. and 4:30 p. m. and Cape Tormentine pier at 10:35 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 7:30 p. m. SUNDAYS Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 6:45 P.M. 8:00 P.M. One sailing on Sunday. All times are Atlantic Standard.