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MUNICIPAL NEEDS STRESSED

Special Grants Continuity Is Urged In Island's Brief

Incorporation of tax rentals and special assistance grants insuring continuity of income for the years to come was strongly urged by Provincial Treasurer, B. Earle MacDonald in presenting his brief to Finance Minister Fleming in Ottawa where a meeting of provincial treasurers and other officials opened yesterday.

Continuing the Provincial Treasurer said the cost of providing essential provincial and municipal services in a primary producing area is excessively high in relation to the revenue produced by any given level of taxation.

charging our provincial responsibilities of government. We are more interested in having adequate revenues to perform these functions than in taxes for their own sake" said Mr. MacDonald. He stated that a province's ability to discharge its constitutional obligations incidental to responsible government is largely dependent on the relative capacity which to pay the cost of dis-

Premier Matheson and Deputy Provincial Treasurer, W. E. Massey are attending the meeting with Mr. MacDonald.

"We do not tax for the mere sake of taxing, we tax only in order to get the revenue which to pay the cost of dis-

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More Ottawa Money Is Cry At Conference

By ALAN DONNELLY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP) — A series of provincial spokesmen using a federal-provincial meeting of finance ministers Monday as a springboard to call for a better financial deal from Ottawa.

one which has not signed such an agreement, made it clear to reporters afterwards that his position has not changed: He wants the provinces given back what he called their "constitutional right" of priority in those tax fields.

At least half of the provinces at the closed conference—start of a two-day meeting—said they need more money from existing agreements under which they receive a share of income taxes and inheritance duties.

Finance Minister Fleming, who spoke for some 25 minutes after the provinces had their say, indicated afterwards that he made no specific replies to the demands.

And Quebec's Premier Duplessis, whose province is the only

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TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRIES

Sister Provinces Demand Special Tax Concessions

OTTAWA (CP)—Spokesmen for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Monday proposed special tax concessions to encourage development of manufacturing industries

in the Atlantic provinces.

Mr. MacDonald said he agreed with the suggestions made by some of the provinces at the last conference that municipalities should be exempted from payment of federal excise and sales taxes.

He said his government has been helping a number of municipalities by securing their loans but he felt that money should be made available to municipalities on a far less costly basis than is currently possible to obtain.

Another provision in the amending bill, said Justice Minister Fulton, would prohibit newspaper or broadcast reports about any admission or confession by an accused person at a preliminary hearing.

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Fire Destroys Souris Home

SOURIS — The home and all contents of Jack Gillan, lighthouse keeper, Souris was completely destroyed by fire last night about 10. Mr. Gillan, who lives alone was not at home at the time. The fire of unknown origin was noticed by a neighbor. There was no insurance.

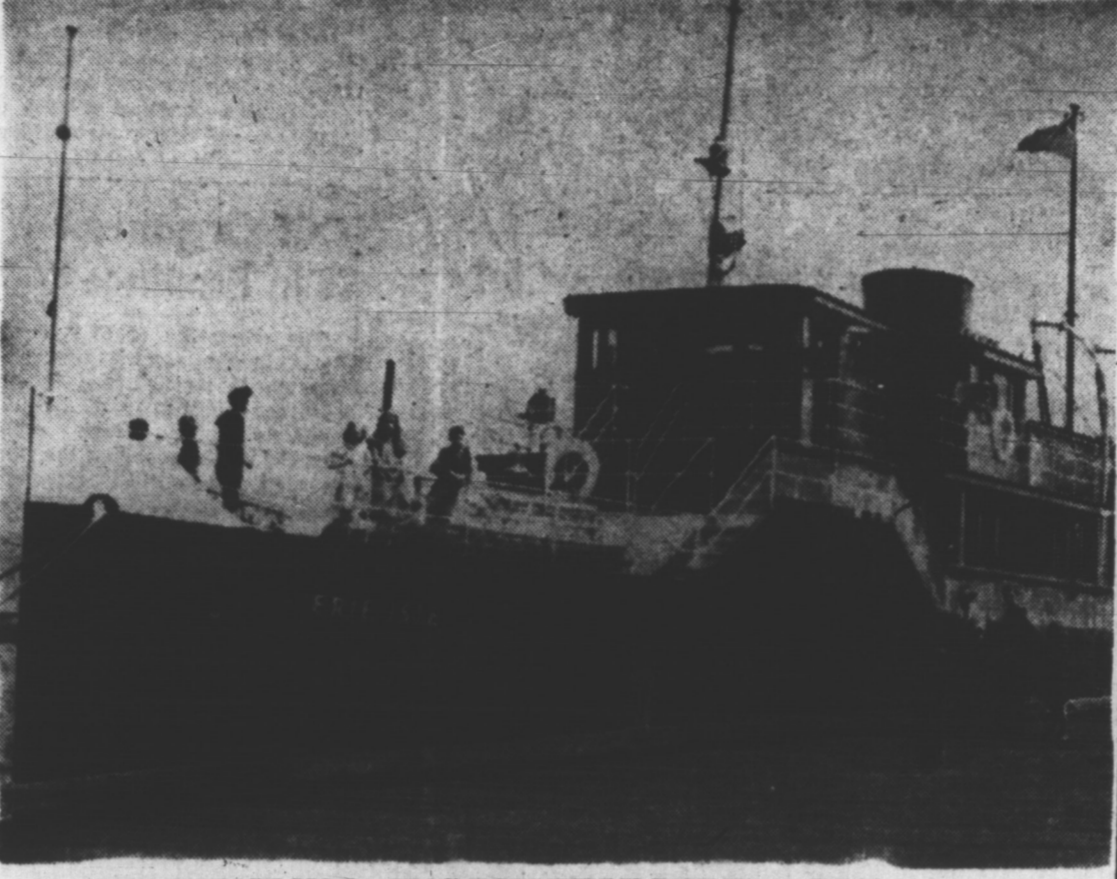
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'Prince Nova' Destroyed In \$4 Million Pictou Fire



THE PRINCE NOVA WAS FORMERLY THE ERIE ISLE

50-Year Old Ferry Boat Started Island's Service

The venerable ferry "Prince Nova" which in 1941 inaugurated the Northumberland Ferries Wood Islands-Charlottetown service was destroyed in the multi-million dollar blaze that swept the Pictou waterfront yesterday. Damage was estimated at \$4 million.



C. R. HUNTER

The federal public works department dredge, No. 12, which operates in Island waters, tied up at Pictou's Pier E when the fast-spreading fire broke out, escaped with only a burnt-off deck, when the lines burnt off and the wind carried her out in the stream, Ewen Anderson, Charlottetown, in charge of dredges for the district office said last night.

The 50-year-old, 451-ton craft burned and sank at the dock where she was being readied for possible service on Nova Scotia's Minas Basin between Parrsboro and Cape Blomidon.

Also destroyed was PWD boiler, a motor-boat, and some equipment belonging to the dredge, all of which was stored ashore, Mr. Anderson stated.

Retired from the Northumberland Strait service in 1958 following the commissioning of the new "Lord Selkirk", the Prince Nova was sold in May of this year to Stewart G. MacDonald of Sydney, N.S. Her present value was estimated at \$60,000.

PHONED ISLAND
Captain of the dredge, P.A. MacNally of Summerside, who was living in temporary quarters erected on the dock, scrambled ashore through the smoke and flame and telephoned the Island for help. He lost all his clothing.

The Island office immediately dispatched the PWD tug "Glenleavitt" from Wood Islands. Ten minutes after arrival her powerful pumps quenched the flames that were threatening the 15-inch hydraulic dredge, Mr. Anderson said.

BUILT IN ONTARIO
Previous to serving on the P.E.I.-N.S. run, the ferry, built at Collingwood, Ontario, and originally christened "Erie Isle", plied between Pelee Island, Ont., and Sandusky, Ohio. Besides passengers, the ship had space for 17 automobiles.

The 142-foot ferry made her first Island appearance when she docked in Charlottetown on May 24, 1951, following a four-day wartime voyage from Montreal under command of Captain C.O. MacGuire.

Also feared destroyed in the big fire was a stock of spare parts for the "Lord Selkirk".

Noted by this newspaper last night Captain Claude R. Hunter of Charlottetown, president of Northumberland Ferries Ltd., stated that the Company

as yet had not been officially informed regarding any loss of this nature that might have occurred.

In any case, operations would not be seriously affected since a stock of spares was also carried aboard the ferry, he added.

Wind-Driven Flames Sweep Piers, Seawall

By JOE DUPUIS
Canadian Press Staff Writer
PICTOU, N.S. (CP) — A \$4,000,000 fire that all but wiped out this northern Nova Scotia town's waterfront was still burning, but under control Monday night.

The wind-driven flames had swept out of control along a half-mile stretch of piers and a seawall for more than two hours. Firemen from six departments managed to stop the fire short of the marine slip at Ferguson Industries Limited shipyard where two vessels were being repaired. One was the United States Army tug L. T. 1947, from Stephenville, Nfld.

By Monday night, smoke was the biggest problem. Dense clouds of acrid smoke billowed from crooked pilings under the wharfs. Firemen cut holes through the floors of the wharfs to admit fumes.

BEGRIMED GHOSTS
A dozen firemen were taken to hospital to have their eyes washed out. The weary firefighters moved like begrimed ghosts through the dusk, amid the shambles of the waterfront.

The harbor front took on the appearance of a bombed-out port. Tongues of flames flickered in the twilight, and smoke spiralled

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Wind Saved Town Observers State

(EDS Note: CNR freight agent Hugh S. McKenna, 50, and freight checker George

English, 46, were in their offices Monday when the disastrous fire at Pictou, N.S. broke out 50 yards away.)
Written For The Canadian Press

By HUGH S. MCKENNA AND GEORGE ENGLISH
PICTOU, N.S. (CP) — The wind is what really saved us and the while town. If it had changed its direction, we all would have been wiped out.

Two or three minutes after the fire started, the smoke was so dense you could cut with a knife. It was just a billowing, black mass, just like tar.

It was about 2.15 p.m. when we saw from our window the black smoke pouring out from about the centre of the wharf. We ran out and couldn't believe our eyes. A wall of flame shot up the wharf for about 500 feet like a fast freight. It just about blinded us.

The fire quickly enveloped the whole dock and the department of transport shed which housed the Magdalen Transportation Company office and warehouse. R then struck the ferry Prince Nova, burning off her lines and letting her drift over to pier E.

WOOD PILING
On the pier were about 10 car loads of crooked-wooden pilings bound for Newfoundland, and a car of coal and a coal loader owned by Pictou Mayor James H. Bailie.

Those flames followed the frame work of the dock, gulping up two motorboats owned by a local lobster fisherman in minutes. It followed along the seawall, destroyed the federal hydrographic survey offices and warehouse, then into Ferguson Industries Limited where it burned their carpenter shop, electrical shop, pipe-fitting shop and compressor room. We heard it also destroyed Ferguson's new pipe-fitting machine which they had installed Monday.

GENERAL DAD FINDS PANTS

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP)—It's all a question of who wears the pants in the family. Billado, Airman Francis W. Billado Jr. of the Vermont Air National Guard, unable to find his uniform pants, slipped into his father's trousers for an inspection recently.

Convicts Try For Freedom

MONROE, Wash. (AP)—Four desperate young prisoners, brandishing butcher knives, seized some 24 men, women and children visitors and three guards as hostage Monday in an attempt to break out of the Washington State Reformatory.

He stood stiffly at attention as the inspecting officer—Major Gen. Francis W. Billado—toured the ranks.

The hostages were held in the visiting room on the second floor of the main reformatory building.

Gen. Billado, Vermont's adjutant general, notices something wrong when he came to Francis Jr. "Where did you get those pants?" he asked. "They're yours, sir," replied the younger Billado.

Nearly three hours after the desperados made their bold-bid for freedom about 2:45 p.m. PST the situation appeared to be developing into a waiting game.

Nutrition 'Study' Is Institute Policy

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada will sponsor a study of the Canadian nutrition under the caption "Eat to Live". The project will consider all age groups.

None of the visitors had been harmed but one guard may have been injured slightly, said Supt. Ernest Tampani.

Decision to undertake this new national project was made yesterday, first day of the week-long 21st biennial board meeting which is being held at St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown.

One of the prisoners shouted once to sheriff Bob Twitchell "Your time is almost up. I'm giving you just a few more minutes."

He also said a future conference to negotiate a new tax-sharing arrangement is "absolutely essential . . . in the very near future."

Reformatory guards, state patrolmen and sheriff's officers ringed the main building and blocked all exits.

Mr. Patterson said economic studies have shown that the basic resources industries of the Atlantic provinces will provide little scope for an expanding labor force in the years ahead.

POST GUARDS
In Olympia, state director of institutions, Garrett Heyns, said he had instructed reformatory officials to get the situation under control by posting armed guards at windows of the visiting room to cover the rebellious convicts.

Forecasters were for a greater degree of manufacturing concentration in Quebec and Ontario.

Lawrence Delmore, state supervisor of adult correction, started for the scene under police escort.

"Surely it should be possible to divert a larger share of the future growth of secondary manufacturing into the Atlantic provinces."

Nearly all prisoners of the reformatory are young first offenders.

Mr. Patterson proposed a full study of the feasibility of using tax concessions to do this, through allowing accelerated depreciation or by reducing or eliminating income taxes on corporate profits which are plowed back into development of manufacturing industry.

It was also revealed at one of yesterday's sessions that FWIC had been accepting as a co-operating body of UNESCO.

With these words Monsignor J. A. Sullivan, Rector—St. Dunstan's University, welcomed the members of the Board, at the opening session, held in the Women's Residence of this University.

Accident Toll Is 73 Victims

Seventy-three persons died in accidents in Canada during the weekend.

Reports were also presented yesterday by Mrs. Keith Rand, Port Williams, N.S., the national president; Mrs. H. G. Taylor, Ottawa, the national secretary; Mrs. W. L. Clark, Concord, Sask., the following committee conveners: Mrs. Grant Floyd, Sussex, N.B. (agriculture and Canadian industries); Mrs. R. Partridge, Francois Lake, B.C. (cultural activities and historical research); Mrs. John MacLean, Eureka, N.S. (citizenship and education); and Mrs. Grant LeBaron, North Hatley, P.Q. (United Nations).

A total of 27 persons were killed in traffic, drownings took 33 lives and miscellaneous mishaps 13.

WELCOMED TO ISLAND
Ninety-five years ago, leaders from all over Canada came to Prince Edward Island to plan for the future of their country.

Quebec had 24 fatalities, nine traffic deaths, 11 drownings and four miscellaneous.

Again, leaders from all across Canada have come to our island to make plans for the future of Canada.

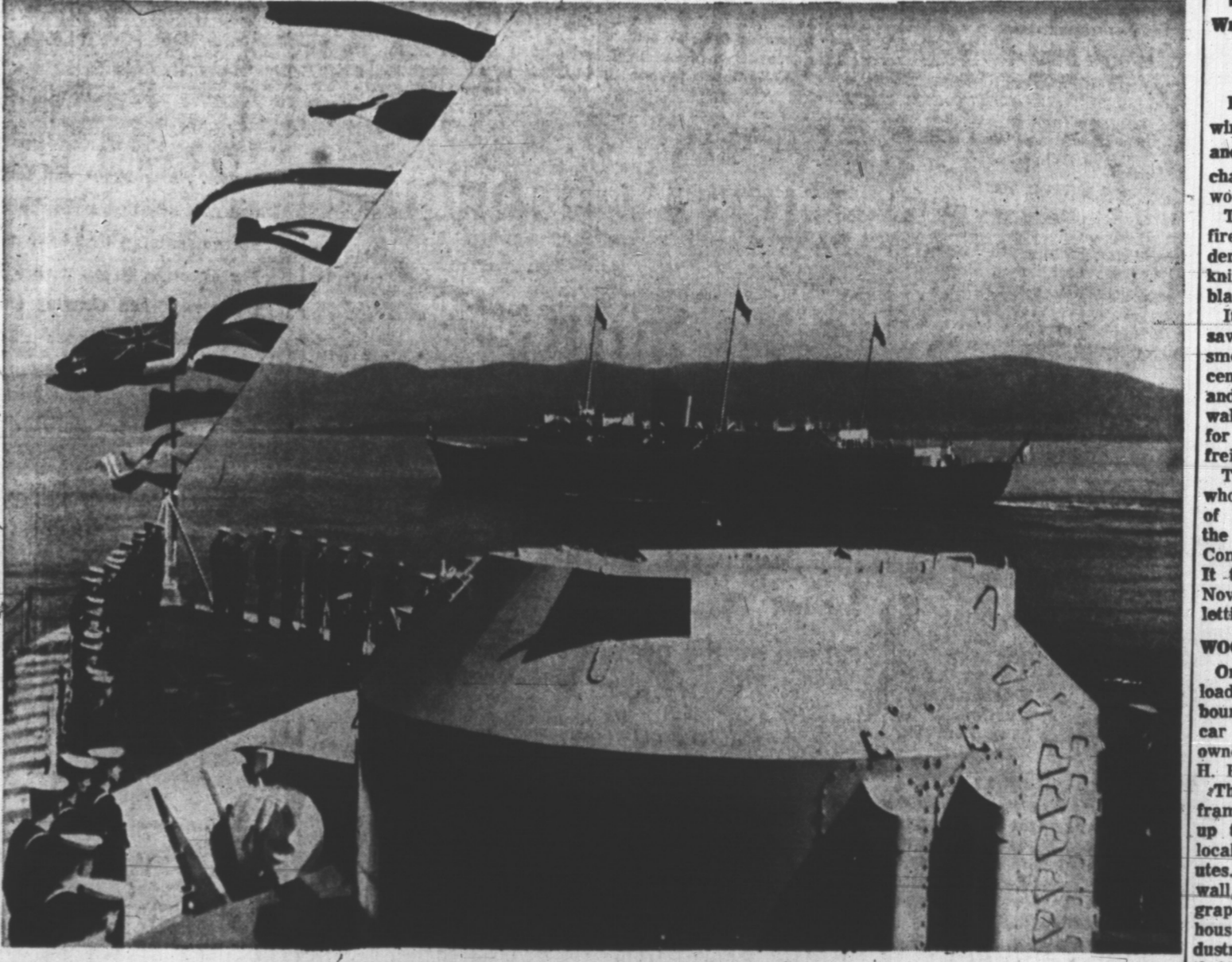
Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island were the only provinces which went through the weekend without reporting a fatality.

Coal Industry Asks For Aid

OTTAWA (CP) — Measures must be adopted to protect the Nova Scotia coal industry. Premier Stanfield said Monday before the federal-provincial conference of finance ministers.

"Our coal industry is going through difficult times," he said. "Competition from other energy sources has cut into our markets, and most of our coal mines have been on part-time."

Provincial assistance, federal subsidies and loans to the industry have prevented its total collapse and, according to the estimates of the dominion coal board, the industry will stabilize within the next few years.



ALUTE TO THEIR QUEEN
The ship's company of HMCS Gattineau "Man Ship" ready to cheer as the Royal Yacht Britannia steams by, framed by the forward gun turret, flags, and pennants during St. Lawrence Sea-view of the ships by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Lake St. Louis during St. Lawrence Sea-view celebrations. (National Defence Photo)

'Obscenity' Definition Aimed At Dirty Books

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons Monday night gave final approval to a number of Criminal Code amendments, including a new legal definition of obscenity aimed at keeping filthy publications out of Canadian newsstands.

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Roman Catholics Look At French Radio And TV

MONTREAL (CP)—Ten Roman Catholic lay groups are to take a searching look at French-language radio and television during a day-long conference here Tuesday.

First of its kind in Quebec, the church-backed forum is expected to produce some outspoken resolutions on radio and TV shows over the CBC and from private stations.

At the end, Paul - Emile Cardinal Leger will sum up the conference's decisions.

And he has indicated he may disclose his views on a recent CBC program that provoked a storm of protest in Quebec. The French-language television show dealt with the life of Mother Marguerite d'Youville, founder of the Grey Nuns order at Montreal. She was recently beatified by the Roman Catholic Church.

The CBC publicly apologized for the program after the protests.

About 200 delegates, representing 10 lay groups with a membership of about 1,500,000, are to participate in the forum, organized by the Sacred Heart Leagues of Quebec.

To be held at the University of Montreal, it is called the National Congress of Catholic Radio Listeners and Television Viewers.

"The goal of this congress is not to pronounce sentence but to express the wishes of the people," said Cardinal Leger when he announced the conference.

"The Church has much interest in this. Since radio and television broadcasts go into every home . . . each person has a right to pass judgment on the content of the programs."

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