

Premier Matheson Speaks On Tax Rental Agreements

OTTAWA, (Special). — Great flexibility in the operation of dominion-provincial tax rental agreements, a review of certain federal grants in aid made to the provinces, and the highways problem arising from expected cancellation of railway passenger service in Prince Edward Island were brought to the attention of the Federal-Provincial conference here today by P.E.I. Premier A. W. Matheson, in the matter of tax rental agreements.

Mr. Matheson said he felt a longer term than five years could be fixed for federal grants in lieu of taxation, provided always there could be an equalization grant to those provinces now finding it difficult to provide funds for minimum requirements for carrying on government.

The premier said he was "definitely opposed" to long term rigid tax-rental agreements, and that these agreements should be sufficiently flexible to meet changing times and conditions. He expressed apprehension lest the grants made under tax-rental agreements might be withdrawn after another 10 years.

SHOULD BE ELASTIC

He favored some "more permanent agreement" which would be elastic enough to conform to changing needs. The premier recalled that the federal grant for physical education had been withdrawn after it had been initiated. He understood that similar fate would befall the federal grant for vocational training. If the latter were terminated, he told the conference, it would have a very serious effect on the training program of his province. On the score of health grants from Ottawa, Mr. Matheson said that his province had been forced to turn down one of these grants last year on account of the heavy expense which the province would incur by accepting it.

On the subject of P.E.I. railways, the premier said that the Canadian National Railways has an application before the Board of Transport Commissioners, which if granted would permit the withdrawal of almost all passenger trains in the Province. This would mean more and heavier transport on roads built and maintained at provincial expense. Today, he said, the Province finds maintenance of existing highways a heavy burden. With much heavier traffic which would be occasioned by cessation of rail passenger service, the highways problem would become more aggravated.

The Island Premier presented a telling argument for assistance to the province for education. "We find that we educate young people in our Province who find it necessary to leave home to earn a living elsewhere. Our Province cannot absorb all college and high school graduates. We give them an education, but other parts of Canada reap the benefits of the education which we provide. Surely we can work out some way whereby those parts of our country can repay the debt they owe to the small Province of Prince Edward Island."

POTATO SITUATION

Touching on the potato situation (Continued on page 2 col. 4)

FEDERAL GOV'T STANDS PAT ON PRESENT TAX DEAL; MAY BOOST UNEMPLOYMENT AID

Saurel To Try Again

Bell Island Still Isolated By Ice

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — The squat icebreaker that failed to lead a supply-laden motor vessel through a creaking ice jam Tuesday will pack the supplies into her own hold and try to bash her way to isolated Bell Island today.

The Saurel tried to clear a path for the motor vessel Trepassy Tuesday but ice closed in on the narrow wake and the two ships gave up the battle less than a mile from the port. But officials feel the powerful icebreaker can squeeze her own way through the 45-mile ice packed route and bring badly needed supplies to the island mining community, cut off for several weeks by the shifting ice jam.

Meanwhile, outside this narrow harbor entrance and behind the raft of ice that seals the port, some 15 ships are riding back and forth waiting for a break that will allow them to slip into the harbor. Most of the vessels are coastal boats and fishing vessels.

On the rocky shore of Bell Island and the mainland terminal point three miles away, two ferries are held by the powerful ice mass that

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tuesday
The Commons defeated 119 to 78 a bill which would have made pollution of interprovincial rivers a criminal offence.

Jean Francois Pouliot (L-Tremouctou) said Donald Gordon shouldn't be the sole boss of the CNR.

C. Owen Trainor (PC-Winnipeg South) criticized the way four CNR hotel properties were sold, saying much more money could have been realized.

The Commons passed, after day-long debate, a resolution proposing consolidation into one act all statutes respecting the CNR.

Wednesday
The Commons resumes the budget debate. The Senate is adjourned until May 3.

Halifax Civic Election Today

HALIFAX, (CP)—Five veteran civic politicians Tuesday wound up intensive newspaper and radio campaigns to woo the majority of Halifax from the city's 31,000 eligible voters in today's civic elections.

Richard Donahoe, retiring mayor, was elected to the Nova Scotia legislature as a Progressive Conservative in a by-election in Halifax south last fall.

Two candidates, Gordon S. Kinley and John E. Lloyd, are former mayors. The others, Cyril Abbott, Leonard Katz, and Herman MacMillan have been councillors.

Twelve candidates will contest aldermanic seats in four wards.

Queens Member Uraes Better Veterans Deal

OTTAWA (CP)—A Progressive Conservative said Tuesday that veterans applying for disability pensions are not given the benefit of the doubt often enough in decisions as to whether their disability is the result of military service.

Le. Col. Gordon Churchill, Winnipeg South Centre, told the Commons estimates committee, considering the veterans affairs department's expenditures for 1955-56, he is not convinced the "doubt" clause in veterans legislation is applied as often as it should be.

Angus McLean (PC—Queens) said that veterans dying of cancer should be given the benefit of the doubt and their dependents pensioned. He did not see how the commission could establish that the cancer did not result from war service.

Dwelling At Maplewood Lost In Fire

—On Monday morning a disastrous fire took place at Maplewood near Kelly's Cross in which the dwelling house of Mr. Matthias Malone was completely destroyed.

Mr. Malone stated that he had lit the kitchen stove and then had gone out to the barn to feed his livestock, when he noticed flames breaking through the roof of his home. Mrs. Malone and her two children were still in bed and it was with some difficulty that they were got out to safety.

Neighbors quickly gathered on the scene but there was very little that could be done to save the house but they managed to save a small quantity of furniture in the lower part of the house. It was believed that the fire had started from the chimney in the attic. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Farm Buildings Wiped Out By Fire At Crapaud; Was Second Loss Within Year

—Striking twice in less than a year, fire early yesterday morning destroyed the farm home and buildings of Fenton Fall, of Crapaud, together with all household furniture and clothing. About 10 head of cattle and three horses were lost with the barn, together with farm machinery and equipment.

The fire, which started in the barn, was discovered by Mrs. Fall who was awakened about 1 a.m. by the sound of burning shingles from the barn which were falling on the roof of the house which was itself on fire at the time.

The fire at the barn was too far advanced to save anything, and the prevailing wind carried sparks and flaming particles of wood and shingles onto the house in a continuous stream of fire which resulted in the quick destruction of the house and contents, allowing only time enough for Mr. and Mrs. Fall and their two sons, about 6 and 9 years of age, to escape from the house.

The complete loss of buildings, livestock, farm equipment, furniture and clothing is most severe under any circumstances, but the Fall family have experienced the ravages of fire twice within a year, their home having been destroyed by a fire last August, which also did damage to farm buildings adjoining the barn before being extinguished by the fire departments of Crapaud and Victoria.

At the time of the fire in August Mr. Fall had just completed renovating the house, and after its destruction by fire, bought and moved another house to his farm, and had been making continuous improvements to this new home which was located about three miles from Crapaud on the highway leading to Kelly's Cross.

Canada Loses Great Legal Mind In Death Of Former Chief Justice Lyman Duff

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada lost one of the greatest legal minds of its history Tuesday with the death of Sir Lyman Duff who served as chief justice for 11 years and was instrumental in making the Supreme Court the highest in the land.

Sir Lyman was 90. His death in hospital where he had been confined for some two months, was not unexpected.

In all, he was a member of the Supreme Court of Canada for 38 years, serving as chief justice from 1932 to January, 1944, when he retired after the government twice extended his term beyond the normal retirement age of 75.

Many celebrated cases came under his judgment, including the Supreme Court ruling of the unconstitutionality of Alberta Social Credit government legislation relating to credit regulation, bank taxation and newspaper control.

PRACTICED IN WEST

He practised law at Fergus, Ont., then went west and entered law practice in Victoria. In 1904 Sir Lyman was appointed to the B. C. Supreme Court and two years later was appointed by the Laurier government to the Supreme Court of Canada. He was only 41 at the time.

He headed the Duff commission in 1932 which studied Canada's transportation systems and recommended major reforms, and led an inquiry into Canada's expedition to Hong Kong where many Canadian troops died in the Japanese invasion of 1941.

KNIGHTED IN 1934

Going outside the terms of reference on that occasion, Sir Lyman teamed with Mr. Justice H. H. Davis to give an opinion that the Alberta Social Credit Act, key legislation in the late premier Aherhart's efforts to introduce Social Credit theories into Alberta, was ultra vires of the Alberta legislature.

Sir Lyman himself considered his greatest judgment the one he delivered when the Supreme Court of Canada advised in 1940 that Parliament should enact legislation to abolish appeals to the Privy Council. Parliament subsequently did act and the Supreme Court became the final Canadian court of appeal in 1949.

Sir Lyman was knighted by King George V in 1934. He had been appointed to the Imperial Privy Council in 1919, a recognition afforded only a few Canadians.

He is survived by one sister, Anne Isabella Duff of Ottawa who had been his constant companion for many years. Funeral services will be held Thursday.

PAY TRIBUTE

One of the first tributes to Sir Lyman came from Prime Minister St. Laurent who described his as one of the most eminent jurists in Canadian history.

Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin, in a statement on behalf of the nine-member Supreme Court, said Sir Lyman was a great Canadian to

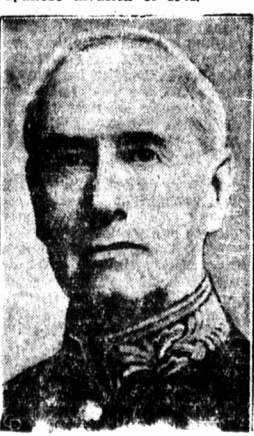
whom the legal profession and all Canadians owe a debt.

Sir Lyman Duff was born at Meaford, Ont., Jan. 7, 1865, the son of Rev. Charles Duff, a congregational minister, and Isabella (Johnstone) Duff. In 1888 he married the former Elizabeth Eleanor Bird of Barrie, Ont., who died in 1926. They had no children.

He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1887 and put himself through Osgoode Hall, Toronto, by teaching mathematics at Barrie Collegiate Institute.

NEW QUAKES STRIKE ATHENS, Greece (Reuters)

Three more tremors early Tuesday shook the Volos area, already nine-tenths destroyed by a series of earthquake shocks last week. The death toll increased from six to eight when two of the seriously wounded victims died.



The Late Sir Lyman

(By John LeBlanc, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
OTTAWA, (CP)—The federal government Tuesday offered to pay part of unemployment relief but stood pat on the general level of its present payments to provinces for tax rentals.

As Prime Minister St. Laurent joined the 10 premiers around a table in a federal-provincial fiscal conference, he put these points before them and then listened to a host of plans from almost every corner of the country for rewriting the Canadian tax structure and the economy.

After the prime minister and the provincial heads had outlined preliminary views in about five hours of discussion open to the press, they adjourned to meet today behind closed doors to draft an agenda for a full-scale fall conference and perhaps take earlier action on unemployment.

Most premiers dwelt heavily on unemployment and urgency of action on it. None, however, expressed views relating fully with those of the prime minister on relief.

DRAW UP PLAN
Mr. St. Laurent, in proposing a formula for increasing help to employed, suggested federal-provincial experts get to work right away in drawing up a plan in advance of the fall meeting.

The federal scheme would provide an upward-sliding scale of treasury aid as unemployment rose.

It calls, in effect, for the federal government assuming between 30 and 50 per cent of the cost of caring for able-bodied unemployed not receiving unemployment insurance, though streamlined administratively to include the "unemployable" unemployed.

Mr. St. Laurent gave no estimate of the cost of the plan, which would have as its basis level of normal unemployment in each province. As unemployment in any month rose over this figure in a province, the federal government would start paying 30 per cent of the cost of relief. The percentage would rise by stages to 40 and then 50 as unemployment went up.

The prime minister said he has no tough opposition to counter-suggestion from some quarters of a flat 40-50 split of relief costs among federal, provincial and municipal governments. But he was firm on wrapping employables and unemployables together.

DEAL WITH PROVINCES

His plan would have the central government deal directly with the provinces, who could make their own arrangements with the municipalities.

In his only other positive proposal to the conference—he said it should keep the agenda-setting discussions simple—he made it clear the federal government would be receptive to a shuffling (Continued on page 2 col. 4)

Actress Susan Hayward Survives Suicide Attempt

By James Bacon
HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—Susan Hayward, one movie star who always seemed to have control of herself, attempted suicide Tuesday and almost succeeded.

A recent rift with her former husband over the upbringing of their twin sons apparently had much to do with the red-haired actress' despondency. Actor Jess Barker, in New Orleans when he heard his former wife had taken too many sleeping pills, collapsed.

"Oh, my God, I love her. I love her," he was quoted as saying, before he broke down.

Had it not been for two fast thinking detectives and a stomach pump, Hollywood might have lost one of its top money-making stars in the pre-dawn hours.

MOTHER CALLED POLICE

In a hysterical call to her mother, the one time Brooklyn schoolgirl told of her intent to end her life. The mother excitedly called police.

Detectives G. W. Wilkerson and Ken Brondell raced through the San Fernando valley 75 miles an hour to the actress' Sherman Oaks mansion.

They kicked in a patio door. Sprawled on a living room floor was the pyjama-clad actress. Nearby were two empty sedative bottles. The officers raced her to hospital where a doctor used a stomach pump.

Three hours later, she awakened from the coma and her condition was pronounced satisfactory. At about the same time, the 20th Century-Fox publicity department issued a statement over the name of Dr. Stanley Imerman. It read: "Miss Hayward has been dependent for sometime because of marital problems. She took some sedatives and I'm sure the overdose was mainly accidental. Her condition is satisfactory and she should be home in a couple of days."

CALL IT SUICIDE

But the police blotter and the receiving hospital records listed it as suicide attempt.

Last August, Miss Hayward and Barker engaged in one of the most bitter divorce trials in recent Hollywood history. She was called an "icy woman" by Barker's lawyer but a superior court judge awarded her the divorce, custody of the twins and \$1,293,319 in assets.

Barker got the family station wagon. Feeling has been bitter between the two since.

Her mother and brother both told reporters that the hassle with Barker had unnerved the actress. It came at a time when she was finishing work on one picture and starting work simultaneously on another.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	25	40
Vancouver	42	52
Victoria	41	49
Edmonton	30	50
Calgary	27	34
Regina	32	51
Winnipeg	42	65
Toronto	45	51
Ottawa	41	46
Montreal	41	50
Quebec	41	50
Fredericton	36	52
St. John	38	47
Moncton	35	49
Halifax	34	49
Charlottetown	33	47
Sydney	30	43
Yarmouth	38	42
St. Johns, Nfld.	27	39

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office says it will be fine again Wednesday in the northern regions; in the southern regions it will become brighter.

Forecasts:
Northern Nova Scotia: Cloudy with a few showers; a little milder winds north 15. Low-high at New Glasgow 32 and 45.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Cloudy with a few sunny intervals; little change in temperature; northeast winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 32 and 45, Moncton 32 and 48, Fredericton 35 and 50, Saint John 37 and 50.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; little change in temperature; winds northeast 15. Low-high at Edmundston and Campbellton 32 and 50.

Bay of Fundy: Winds north 15; cloudy with widely scattered showers; visibility 10 miles; lowering in showers to three miles; little change in temperature.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2.52 a. m. and 1.52 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 5.30 a. m. and sets at 7.13 p. m.

Coming Events

- Card Party, Mt. Albion tonight.
- Dance in Millview Hall every Friday night.
- Regular Dance, Mt. Ryan Hall, every Thursday.
- Bonshaw hall Saturday, April 30, dance.
- Reserve Wednesday, August 2nd for St. Teresa's Picnic.
- MacMillan's Seed Cleaning Plant at Cornwall now operating.
- Unloading car of Co-op Feeds Thursday. Special offer car. Vernon River Co-op.
- Book orders for lime. Will be unloading last of week. George Lawton, Pownal.
- Dance at Oyster Bed Bridge school Thursday, April 28. Music by Doiron brothers.
- B. C. Red Cedar Shingles, car arriving soon. Please get our prices. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- Annual Home and School Meeting, Emerald School, Wednesday, April 27th. Guest speaker.
- Imported Cedar Posts on hand. Seasoned and peeled. All sizes. Priced right. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- Dance, West Royalty Hall Wednesday. Rolie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service. 9.30 to 12.30.
- Cement—Car to arrive this week. Our prices always right. Please book. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- See West Covehead Y. A. 2 one act plays with Specialties, in Whiskey River, Thursday, May 5th. 8.30 p. m.
- Kinkora Hall, Wednesday, April 27th. Kinkora Players will present their three act play. Curtain 8.30.
- Three one act plays and specialties, Thursday, April 28th, 8 o'clock. North Rustico. Admission 50c and 25c.
- Bingo Wednesday, 8 p. m. North Rustico. Jackpot \$75.00. Door prize and freezeout \$5.00 each.
- Community Bingo at Morell tonight. Wednesday, 8.30 p. m. Twenty cash prizes of \$1.00 each, plus Jackpot now worth \$40.00.
- North River Hall, Friday, April 29th, Charlottetown B.Y.P.U. will present their 3 act comedy, "Dimples". Curtain 8.45. Proceeds for church repairs. Sale of candy.
- Plan to attend "Jeany Kissed Me" at Victoria, Friday, April 29. The greatest comedy of the year. Proceeds in aid of Victoria Community Hall.
- North River Hall Friday, April 29, Charlottetown B.Y.P.U. will present their 3-act comedy "Dimples". Curtain 8.45. Proceeds for church repairs. Sale of candy.
- Try Swift's Gro-Mor feeds, extra quality Chick Starter, Growing Mash, Laying Mash, Hog Grower, Finisher and Starter. Fresh ground Barley Meal, Oil-cake, Fishmeal, Millfeeds. Not Northern grown Cloverseeds, Timothy, Turnip Mangledseed. Special price for ton quantities. Assorted Feeds cash. Terms may be arranged for approved accounts, for any of above. Custom Grinding and Mixing, Swift's Best Concentrates all kinds and mineral salt. C. C. Pratt and Sons, St. Peters.

S'ide Man Injured In Highway Accident



With hood flattened, fenders and doors bent and twisted, the car in which Jim MacLean of Summerside was injured is seen above after being pulled from the marsh into which it plunged at the Dunk River near Ross' Corner. (Photo by Wotton).



Caroming off the bridge railing (right) while proceeding towards Summerside early yesterday morning, the car driven by Jim MacLean skidded sideways diagonally across the pavement, crashing through three guard rails (left) and over the embankment coming to rest upside down on the marsh below. (Photo by Wotton)

—Mr. J. H. "Jim" MacLean, proprietor of the B.A. service station, Summerside East, was taken to Prince County Hospital early yesterday morning after he was found lying in a semi-conscious condition on the wet marsh on the bank of the Dunk River a short distance from his wrecked car. His injuries include broken ribs, a partially collapsed lung, and other internal chest injuries. His condition last night was reported as fairly satisfactory.

Mr. MacLean had been proceeding towards Summerside some time after midnight when his late model Dodge sedan caromed off the right hand side of the new bridge over the Dunk River near Ross' Corner, skidded sideways to the left hand side of the pavement and knocked down three or four guard posts before going over the embankment and coming to rest upside down in the marsh.

In a semi-conscious condition, and with his clothing dripping wet from lying in the water-soaked marsh he was found several yards from the damaged car about 4:30 a.m. by Messrs. Doug Webster and Wilfred Waugh who happened by in a truck on their way to haul cattle.

These men went immediately to the nearby home of Norman Reeves to summon medical aid, and an ambulance in which the injured man was removed to hospital at Summerside.

Russian-Chinese Moves Assessed

May Plan Wall Of Neutral States

By ARTHUR GAVSHON
LONDON (AP)—A Russian-Chinese plan to build a great wall of neutral states across Europe and Asia separating the Communist and anti-Communist worlds was reported in the making Tuesday night.

The reported Communist aim will be assessed by British, American and French diplomats who meet here today to plan an early conference with Russia. The outcome of their ponderings will shape future Allied dealings with Red leaders.

These experts' proposals go before Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan of Britain, State Secretary Dulles of the United States and Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay of France in Paris May 8.

The three foreign ministers intend to decide finally on the how and where of their planned approach to Russia for talks intended to guard world peace.

FULL-TILT DRIVE
Several European and Asian officials in this diplomatic crossroads suggest, however, Russian-Chinese diplomatic activity may signal the start of a full-tilt Red drive towards their goal of neutralizing the main areas where East and West meet.

They cite these developments in Europe:

1. Russia's turnabout over an Austrian independence treaty. The Russians have stipulated Austria must stay out of the East-West cold war and have tossed in several economic concessions to sugar the pill.

2. A flow of Russian soft words

to Yugoslavia, for years deep in the Communist doghouse because her leaders allegedly stepped off the Moscow party line.

3. A reported switch by Russia over the idea of a Scandinavian union between already-neutral Sweden and Finland and Allied Norway and Denmark. Soviet deputy foreign ministry Andrei Gromyko was said to have withdrawn some old Russian objections to the plan during his recent visit to Stockholm.

The Kremlin evidently hopes that in time a belt of neutral states will arise in Europe from the Arctic to the Aegean that will include the Scandinavian countries, all or part of Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia.

SAME GOAL
In Asia, the informants say, Red China seems to be following the same goal. They say that appears to be the whole meaning of Red China Premier Chou En-lai's role at the Asian-African conference which ended last week in Bandung, Indonesia.

The Allied diplomats meeting today will take all these Soviet and Red Chinese moves into account in their preparations for an approach to Russia.

They have orders from their governments to co-ordinate Allied policies on the future of Germany, on some sort of East-West security system in Europe that might serve to allay what are considered to be genuine Russian fears of a revived and rearmaged Germany and possibly a new approach to a world disarmament program.