

Approaches In Estimates

Hillsboro Bridge Will Be Built At Present Location

It has been definitely established that a bridge will be built across the Hillsboro River on the same site of the present bridge. This was the Legislature last evening by Hon. J. George MacKay, Minister of Highways who said money for the approaches at either end has been included in this year's estimates.

The Minister said that it was the original plan to build a causeway but it appeared that pressure had been brought to bear on Ottawa and a bridge will be built. When questioned by William A. Acorn (Liberal) First Kings, MacKay declined to estimate the cost of the new bridge which he said was in the designing stage at the Federal Department of Public Works office in Ottawa.

Mr. MacKay said the reason given for insisting on a bridge was that a causeway had already been built across one of the rivers emptying into the harbour and it was thought that silt might accumulate and become a danger to navigation.

WEST RIVER BRIDGE
Mr. MacKay told the House that the idea of building a bridge across the West River had been abandoned when it was found that 75 foot piles would not reach solid bottom. Some thought had been given to lengthening the piles but engineers felt that a pile in excess of 75 feet would not be practical for the purpose.

The Minister said the piles which have been driven can be removed and with the cost of creosoted piles having risen in the meantime and price received for them would offset the cost of driving the piles in the first place. He emphasized the fact that the approach which has been constructed for the bridge will now form a part of the causeway.

He said the error could not be blamed on the engineers since borings taken were not always accurate. As an example he cited the instance of the Montague bridge where the piles were found to be too long and had to be cut after the bridge was driven to bed rock. Noting that \$80,000 was included in the estimates for new road machinery the Minister said this was little enough because of the fact that a lot of the present equipment had become obsolete.

"I quite agree with him," said Mr. MacKay "but he didn't tell quite far enough — he didn't tell

the approaches to villages: "This has added very much to the convenience of the citizens by eliminating the dust nuisance," Mr. Large said.

WORKABLE MACHINERY
"In order to render the service of road building in summer and of snow removal in winter we must have machinery that is in good working order," said Mr. Large, "I would suggest that some

of our machines are kept too long before trading in and are allowed to run too long without servicing with the result they are often tied up for considerable periods of time receiving repairs."

In order to take advantage of the best months of the year for road work, Mr. Large suggested that road machines be worked on a double shift. He agreed that it would cost more money but that it would pay dividends in the long run in getting a maximum amount of work done at the most advantageous time of the year.

As a suggestion to keeping machine operators up to date in the latest methods of road building Mr. Large said it would be a good idea to have those who are laid off in the winter come to town for a refresher course where they could see films, hear lectures and be given up to the minute advice from road machine manufacturers etc.

ROAD MARKING
He urged the Department to follow a uniform system in the marking of roads. He felt that the same signs for road curves, etc. should be the same as those used throughout the continent so that tourists would not be confused in any way. He felt that the mileage should be indicated showing the distance to the nearest village or town.

The speaker said the Minister of Agriculture was doing a good job. "We have a great dependence upon United States markets and when there is a recession in that country it is bound to show its effects here. The Americans are working their way out of this situation and at present we are seeing a difference."

Improvement in quality and efficiency along with a sound program of advertising, thought Mr. Large, would go a long way in solving the agricultural problems of the Island. "Perhaps the tourist industry could help in this promotion of Island products," he said.

"We are in the centre of a conurbation," he said, "and we are seeing a difference."

Officials have said that if Mr. Eisenhower had had any purely Canadian - U.S. problem he had wanted to discuss the invitation would not have been extended to Mr. Cortines at the same time. And Canada has few, if any, matters of common concern to talk over with Mexico, at least on the top level.

Mr. Eisenhower visited Ottawa in November, 1955, and addressed a joint sitting of the Senate and the Commons. Mr. St. Laurent has not made an official visit to the U.S. since then but he and Mr. Pearson were in Washington May 24, 1955.



HON. J. GEORGE MACKAY

Cradle Of Confederation

Suggests Provincial Bldg. Become National Shrine

The conversion of the Provincial Building into a National shrine to preserve in the minds of Canadians that Charlottetown is the birth place of Confederation was suggested by Mr. Frederick A. Large (Liberal), First Queens speaking in the Budget debate yesterday.

"With the opening of the Federal Building and the availability of such buildings as the old Y.M.C.A. and the Post office, Government offices might well be moved to these buildings leaving the whole building as a museum, with the exception of course of the Premier's office. I believe the Premier should remain in the Provincial Building," he said.

"What a grand chance the Minister of Public Works will have to use his imagination and initiative in this direction. The ground floor could be one complete museum with inter connecting chambers. It would be a lasting monument to his labors."

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
"I was pleased to hear the Premier's remarks regarding the rural electrification program especially as it pertained to the District of First Queens. I know of nothing that has met with such unqualified approval and has benefited so many people as this program," said Mr. Large.

Mr. Large felt that the tourist attractions of First Prince County has not been stressed as much as they should. He said that the beauty of such areas as New London, Clifton and Long River were without equal. He also said that the District stretched from the North Shore to the shores of Northumberland Strait making it ideal for promotion of the industry.

The speaker said the Minister of Highways had been very generous in the amount of road construction he had given the District. He made special mention of the Stanchel Road which he said had been completed to the satisfaction of all the people in that area. The work entailed in this project was one of a very difficult nature and was, he thought wisely given to a contractor to complete.

Mr. Large agreed with the policy of the department in giving difficult projects to contractors. "It leaves the Government equipment free to work in other areas less difficult to construct," he said. He expressed his appreciation of the Department's policy in paving

scheduled to leave White Sulphur Springs about 11 a.m. AST Wednesday morning, arriving back here at 3 p.m. AST. SEE NO PROBLEMS
No particular problem prompted the meeting, James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, said Mr. Eisenhower had long had in mind a meeting of the leaders of the three North American neighbors.

Mr. Eisenhower is scheduled to leave here at 10 p.m. AST Monday by RCAF plane for his talks with Mr. Eisenhower and President Ruiz Cortines of Mexico at White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. He will be accompanied by External Affairs Minister Pearson.

The prime minister will arrive at the resort southwest of Washington about mid-afternoon and the first dinner for him and Mr. Cortines will be given that night by Mr. Eisenhower.

The three leaders will sit for photographs and television and newsreel cameramen Tuesday morning before they begin their talks on world affairs in general. The talks will continue after lunch. Mr. Eisenhower will give the second dinner for his two guests Tuesday night. Mr. St. Laurent is

Potato Market Off A Bit After Sharply Rising

The Potato market has taken a sudden upsurge, rising sharply early this week and now seems to be on the downward trend again, reports the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board.

The reason for the sharp rise was due to the fact that there was a limited supply of cars in Canada and then followed by stormy weather over the week-end. Most of the trade found themselves temporarily short of potatoes and at the same time Maine was moving potatoes at a good pace with a wide demand and their picture was strengthened greatly by the consumption of a deal with Spain which took 850 cars of the market at the time when the demand was already equal to the supply.

Now it is true that Monday in Maine, there was a rise of 50 cents per barrel due to the above facts and a very strong feeling prevailed. However, the trade in Canada, after three days buying, found enough potatoes in sight at the higher price and a widespread resistance at buying at these prices developed at noon Thursday all over Eastern Canada and United States.

There is reluctance at buying even at lower prices. While on Wednesday the growers were receiving \$1.55 to \$1.68 per 75 pounds bulk, yesterday the price was more like \$1.40 to \$1.50.

Provided there is no rush to market potatoes at this time there is every prospect that prices will remain firm.

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CHILWELL, England (AP)—Pte. Roy Dillon told a British army court-martial he failed to return from leave last October because his wife wouldn't let him.

"She locked me in a bedroom," the 20-year-old soldier testified. "She said she would keep me there until I promised not to return to camp ..."

"I pleaded with her every day but she wouldn't let me go. Finally I got my mother to phone the police and they took me back."

His return was 90 days overdue. Dillon, described by defence counsel as a "somewhat weak character," was sentenced to 112 days detention on a charge of being absent without leave.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Western Air Lines resumed partial operation Wednesday after settlement of a strike called by the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks 74 days ago. Resumption of full operations to 45 cities in 12 states and Canada is scheduled by April 1.

LONDON (AP) — Ivan Serov, boss of Russia's secret police, flew here Thursday in a fast new jet airliner to check security arrangements for the forthcoming Bulganin-Khrushchev visit.

Indignant editorials in London newspapers called him a "Thug" and "Jackal."

But the stocky, tanned Serov appeared blithely unaware of the editorial outcry.

Successor to the executed Lavrenty Beria as Soviet security chief, Serov last month was promoted to the rank of general of the army.

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Second Queens Member Tells Of Fine Cattle Record

A proud record for Second Queens was told to the Legislature by Mr. George Kitson who spoke in the budget debate yesterday.

Mr. Kitson told the House that at the recent Fat Stock Show and sale out of 83 cattle sold, 34 were from Second Queens. The grand champion of the show which sold for 81 cents per pound and netted its owner \$850 along with a \$100 prize was from Second Queens.

In addition to this the District had the reserve grand champion, the reserve champion Hereford, the champion Shorthorn, the reserve champion Shorthorn and the reserve champion Angus. "Quite a record," said Mr. Kitson.

Mr. Kitson who claims that he represents the best District on the Island noted that the district has no representation on the cabinet. "Our district has never held a portfolio for fifty years," he said.

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Sailor's Illness Halts Tow Of Crippled Ship

HALIFAX (CP)—A naval helicopter landed here Thursday which forced the United States Coast Guard cutter Castle Rock to abandon a crippled Swedish freighter in the Atlantic 120 miles off the Nova Scotia coast.

The Castle Rock dropped her tow line to the 1,999-ton Sunnauvik early Thursday to rush seaman James F. Reed, Jr., of Paragon Ind., to Halifax for an emergency appendectomy. The helicopter, piloted by Lt.-Cmdr. E. A. Fallon of Port Williams, N.S., met the cutter 30 miles from the harbor entrance.

The Castle Rock later turned back to pick up the Sunnauvik again. The 268-foot vessel, en route to Wilmington, Del., from St. Lawrence, Nfld., with a load of flour-spar, broke down Tuesday about 600 miles southeast of Halifax. The cutter got a tow line aboard the stricken vessel Wednesday.

A navy spokesman said Reed was operated on at Stadacona naval hospital as soon as he arrived here but it was too early to know if the operation was a success.

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C.F.A. Head Says Move Good News

OTTAWA (CP) — Federal price supports on butter due to expire April 30 will be extended two more years, meeting repeated requests by farm organizations.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner, announcing the price floor continuation in the Commons, said the present government purchase price of 58 cents a pound will be unchanged.

The government butter-buying program was begun in 1949 with the aim of stabilizing dairy farmers' returns during the season of heavy production. The butter is sold during the winter, when consumption exceeds production, to prevent sharp rises in consumer prices.

H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, said the announcement is "good news."

He welcomed the two-year extension—a request made by the C.F.A. Last year the price support was extended for only one year.

"The assurance of stable returns for two years ahead gives producers the kind of minimum security so urgently needed in carrying on farming operations," Mr. Hannam said.

N. S. Apple Sales Overseas Slow

KENTVILLE, N.S. (CP)—Nova Scotia fruit exporters sold about 240,000 bushels of Annapolis valley apples in the United Kingdom this season and 2,500 bushels in Germany. It was learned here Thursday.

Shipments were larger than preceding years but much smaller than expected a few months ago. Shippers had hoped to sell about 500,000 bushels in both Britain and Germany. Buyers' restrictions on sizes and varieties were blamed for the reduction.

Autherine Lucy To Wed In April

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—A Dallas Austin told Thursday Miss Autherine Lucy Negro girl whose admission to the University of Alabama was met by campus riots, will be married here April 22.

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