

apart in the church basement. The remaining fires were minor, most in rubbish piles or under verandas, behind shops and homes. They burned themselves out or were discovered on time to prevent serious damage. The search for an arsonist began Dec. 22 after the \$160,000 fire at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic school, a block from Sacred Heart church.

### Two Small Brothers, Sister Charged In Series Of Fires

OTTAWA (CP) — Police Monday charged two brothers and a sister between the ages of nine and 12 in connection with a three-months-long series of fires which Sunday reached its peak with 11 blazes, three of them in churches. Seventeen charges in all have been laid against the brothers, eight each of arson and attempted arson and one of theft. The sister was charged only with trespassing. Police investigators said another juvenile boy, not related to the three, has been identified and will be picked up today and charged along with the brothers.

The two brothers appeared in juvenile court Monday on one arson charge. They were remanded until 2 p.m. EST today when they will face all 17 charges. Investigators said all 17 offences were committed within an eight-block-square area of east-central Ottawa. They estimated total fire loss at \$214,525. LAUNCH INTENSE SEARCH

The brothers and sister were arrested after Sunday's 11 fires had touched off one of the most intense hunts in Ottawa's history. Off-duty police and firemen were called in to help in a blanket search of the affected area.

Eleven charges were laid against the juveniles at noon, 10 involving Sunday fires and the other a \$160,000 blaze Dec. 22 that destroyed a school. Later, six additional charges were laid, the earliest involving a fire Oct. 3 at a flour mill where damage was estimated at \$20,000. Another was a Dec. 29 fire at a Salvation Army citadel.

Among the later charges was one of attempted arson Sunday at St. Brigid's Church, raising to 11 the number of fires the youngsters are charged with setting in the one day.

St. Brigid's was the third Roman Catholic church affected during the day. Another was the Basilica three blocks away on Sussex Drive at St. Patrick Street, seat of the church in Ottawa, where arson was attempted.

Most serious fire of the day was at historic Sacred Heart Church, eight blocks south of the Basilica, where damage was estimated at \$10,000. Two fires were set 4 feet



"FEELING GREAT"

TORONTO — Prime Minister Mrs. Diefenbaker on a brief stop in Toronto, said he was feeling great after a nine-day vacation in the Bahamas. The Diefenbakers are holding a hat picked up during their vacation.

## Praise Efforts To Have New Paper Mill In Nfld.

By IAN MACDONALD

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The general managers of Newfoundland's two paper mills Thursday praised efforts by Premier Joseph Smallwood to interest Crown Zellerbach Corporation in building a third mill in this province. General Manager Albert Martin of the huge Bowater plant at Corner Brook said it would be "a grand thing for Newfoundland" if a "fine company" like Crown Zellerbach established a mill. "We will pass along whatever information we have at our disposal."

T. R. Moore, vice-president and general manager of the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company in Grand Falls, said the firm is "an excellent company, highly diversified in the pulp and paper field."

"The establishment of a third mill... is quite feasible providing that use is made of Labrador wood to supplement the wood a third mill would consume from local Crown lands."

The mill would be a tremendous shot in the arm to the general economy of the whole island and Labrador.

### Commission Will Sit Here If Provincial Gov't Asks

By ALAN DONNELLY

OTTAWA (CP) — A new royal commission on food price spreads is planning hearings over a year to discover why food prices behave as they do. Dr. Andrew Stewart of Edmonton, chairman of the seven-member commission, said Monday his inquiry will cover any aspect of market behavior between food producers and consumers.

At a press conference following the first meeting, Dr. Stewart was asked whether he hopes the investigation will result in lower prices to consumers or higher prices for producers.

"We're going in to look at this thing and the chips will fall where they may," he replied.

Dr. Stewart, 53-year-old Edinburgh-born president of the University of Alberta, said the commission wants to hear from farmers, fishermen, consumers, processors, distributors, transporters and labor.

It would get down to details like loss leaders and premium stamps, freight rates, advertising costs, tariffs on imported food and profit margins.

SET UP DEC. 10 The commission was set up Dec. 10 to inquire into "the extent and the causes" of price spreads, to determine whether the spreads are "fair and reasonable" and to make recommendations if they are excessive.

Dr. Stewart said the report on the difference between the price paid food producers and that charged consumers will require more than a year to produce.

The inquiry will be the first into food price spreads since 1934. Dr. Stewart indicated he doesn't expect to find anything seriously improper.

The commission tentatively scheduled springtime dates for public hearings in the West and the Maritimes. It will adjourn during the summer and wind up in Ontario and Quebec in the fall.

Currently proposed dates: Vancouver, March 19-21; Edmonton, March 24-25; Regina, March

### Report Revolt Leader Executed

BELGRADE (AP)—Radio Belgrade reported Thursday night that Laszlo Kovacy, a leader of the 1956 Hungarian anti-Soviet uprising, was executed in Budapest.

The radio said Kovacy was accused of being the leader of the revolt inside Budapest, of abducting Communists from their apartments during the revolt and of forming a group to fight against the government.

The radio did not say when Kovacy was arrested or sentenced.

### WOULD LAUNCH STUDY

If the Newfoundland legislature grants its approval, the parent United States Crown Zellerbach firm in San Francisco will begin early this year to study the possibility of establishing a paper mill and a plant to turn out a special chemical pulp.

Premier Smallwood and the company's Canadian head, P. T. Sinclair, said Wednesday night the mills would eventually produce 400 tons of newsprint and up to 2,000 tons of pulp a day. Mr. Sinclair is also a vice-president of the U.S. company. They would use 1,250,000 cords of wood each year and the company would pay the government \$1 a cord. In addition the government would receive \$2 for each square mile of ground rented. This would amount to about \$100,000 annually.

Timber would be supplied to the company under 99-year renewable leases. They will cover Crown land in Newfoundland, mostly in the southern region, and the southeastern region of Labrador.

If the plants are built, Premier Smallwood said, they would employ about 4,000 men. Another

### Old C. P. S. Liner May Be Sold

LONDON (Reuters)—A German shipping group was reported Wednesday to be planning to buy the 26,313-ton liner Empress of Scotland owned by Canadian Pacific Steamships and now laid up in the Clyde.

If the deal is concluded, the ship will operate under the German flag on the Hamburg-New York run. About £2,500,000 would be spent to modernize the ship.

A spokesman for the owners declined comment. The liner, completed in 1930, was offered for sale in September. It was in service between Liverpool and Canada.

home of Mrs. Gerard Allan with a good attendance of members responding to the roll call.

The director, Rev. Eugene Murray was present and opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mrs. John Cash.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Loyola Deighan, and were approved.

Correspondence was received from P. E. I. Tuberculosis League Mrs. Earl Knope, National Convener, Mrs. John A. MacDonald, Provincial Diocesan Convener of press and expression of thanks from Mrs. Alf Curley, for sympathy card received.

The treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Croken gave the financial report, showing a substantial balance on hand.

The conveners read their reports: Membership convener reported three new members. Magazine convener reported five bund-

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### GLEN VALLEY W. I.

The annual meeting of the Glen Valley W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Norman MacDonald in December.

The meeting opened with "Jingle Bells" followed by the creed in unison. Ten members answered the roll call with an exchange of Christmas gifts.

The minutes of the last regular and annual meetings were read, approved and signed. The treasurer reported a balance of \$48.44.

The committees gave their reports and new ones were appointed as follows: Sick, Mrs. Sterling MacLean, Mrs. Eldon Hickox; School, Mrs. Edward MacDonald; Programme, Mrs. Sterling MacLean, Mrs. Cyrus Martin.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Allan MacDowell; Vice-President, Mrs. Alton MacLean; Secretary, Mrs. Edward MacDonald; Treasurer, Mrs. Ray Frizzell; Auditors, Mrs. Sterling MacLean and Mrs. Cyrus Martin; Directors, Mrs. Norman MacDonald, Mrs. Eldon Hickox, and Mrs. Ivan Frizzell; Conveners, Mrs. John Nicholson, Mrs. Arthur MacLean, Mrs. Vernon Gillis and Mrs. Hensley Higgins; Press Secret-

aries of literature being sent to Foreign Missions. Social service and condolence reported three cards sent.

It was moved and seconded that a \$5.00 bond be purchased and sent to the P. E. I. Tuberculosis League.

It was moved by Mrs. Spencer Hughes and seconded by Mrs. Clayton Greene that \$7.10 be taken from funds and paid for all members as subscribers for "The Canadian League."

It was moved by Mrs. Clayton Greene and seconded by Mrs. Emmett Clow that one mass be offered for the deceased C. W. L. members of the parish, one for the living members, and one for the increase of religious vocations.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned and prayer repeated.

Mrs. Spencer Hughes invited the members to her home for the next meeting.

A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, after which Father Murray showed many interesting slides, which were much enjoyed by all present.

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### SPRINGHILL W.I.

Springhill W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Albert MacArthur on December 14th. Meeting opened by singing "O Come All Ye Faithful" followed by Mary Stewart collect.

Fourteen members answered roll call with exchange of Christmas gifts. It was decided to pay a membership fee of \$3.00 to Prince County Hospital.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Ford with the following lunch committee in charge, Mrs. Thomas MacArthur, Mrs. Claude MacArthur, Mrs. Margaret Green.

Treats were to be bought for school children and each member to make 3 lbs of candy for Christmas concert. Meeting closed by Silent Night.

### HAMPSHIRE W.I.

The regular meeting of the Hampshire W.I. was held on December 10th at the home of Mrs. Raymond Tremere. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and repeating the creed in unison.

The minutes of the November meeting were read, approved and signed. Roll call was answered by eleven members exchanging gifts with their secret pal. There was one visitor present. Four members paid their dues for the coming year. It was moved and seconded that \$1.50 be paid for score cards and advertising and \$2.80 for hall and school.

It was decided to hold a card party every second week for the winter months.

It was decided that the W.I. treat the children at the Christmas concert with chocolate bars. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. George Kitson and Mrs. Hibbert Tremere pack boxes for shut-ins at Christmas and Mrs. Ralph Younker send Christmas cards.

Collection was taken amounting to 75 cents and 45 for gift fund. Proceeds from a fish pond amounted to \$2.95. Secret pals for the coming year were drawn for.

Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Larter, with Mrs. Ralph Younker in charge of the programme and Mrs. John (Watts) Mrs. George Kitson and Mrs. Ralph Younker on the lunch committee.

The meeting was then adjourned followed by repeating "The Lord's Prayer".

### Mouse Visits N. Y. Cat Show

NEW YORK (AP) — A mouse showed up at a cat show Thursday — and stayed for refreshments.

The courageous little mouse received a cool reception from the scores of cats at the Empire Club's annual championship show here.

But he didn't seem to mind. He was protected by a Russian Blue cat named Prince Mickey, a double champion at the show.

Mrs. Evelyn Adams of the Bronx, who reared them both, said the two have been inseparable friends since birth.

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