INTER-SERVICE CLUB 'SPIEL OPENS

Skips of six of the twelve rinks participating in the first annual Summerside inter-service club bonspiel for the P.E.I. Bag Company trophy are seen with Mayor W. A. Currie who threw the first stone to inaugurate the competition at Summerside Curling Club yesterday.

Kneeling in front are Parker Crockett, of the Y's Men's Club; Mayor W. A. Currie; Sydney Forbes, Lions Club; standing and Harry Dickie, Canadian Legion; Jim Harris, Kinsmen Club; Claude Ives, Rotary Club and Roy Johnston, RCAF Wing Association.

IWA Places Strong Guard On Bishop's Falls Office

By IAN MACDONALD
Canadian Press Staff Writer

GRAND FALLS, Nfld. (CP)—International Wood workers of America (CLC) has assigned "a large group of men" to guard its office at nearby Bishop's Falls, damaged by unidentified raiders early Wednesday.

The Bishop's Falls office was opened Tuesday to replace the union office at Windsor, 20 miles from here. The Windsor office was closed after it was stoned last Thursday by a crowd accompanying the body of Const. William Moss of the Newfoundland constabulary to the railroad station. The 24-year-old constable died from injuries received in a clash between police and pickets at Badger.

Early Wednesday a group of men pulled up outside the Bishop's Falls office, smashed the windows in the one-storey building, and chopped through the front door. A typewriter was axed, and a union spokesman said an adding machine was stolen. Nothing else was touched. The building which was once a grocery store and restaurant still sports metal soft drink signs on its white facade.

Five IWA men fled through a back door as the raiders were hacking at the front. RCMP arrived after the crowd dispersed. The ruckus was short-lived and there were no injuries.

INVESTIGATING RAID

An RCMP spokesman said the raid is under investigation. No arrests had been made.

One of the IWA men said he recognized one of the estimated 20 raiders as a Grand Falls resident.

The group was also reported to have gone to the neighboring home of Ed Glavine, son of the woman who rented the office building to the IWA.

Mr. Glavine said in an interview he did not hear the men because he was asleep. "But I'll be ready for them the next time. I've had to shoot ds before."

"I'm worried about my wife and family," he said. "My mother is 88. We have six children, the youngest six months and the oldest nine years. I imagine we'll have another one in a few months. I'm going to protect my family."

DECERTIFY UNION

The Newfoundland Legislature passed a law two weeks ago decertifying the IWA following its strike against the Anglo - Newfoundland Development Company here. The IWA claims 6,000 members in this area and 5,000 more in western Newfoundland. Mr. Smallwood promoted a new union, the Newfoundland Brotherhood of Woods-Workers (Ind.), which recently signed a working agreement with Anglo-Newfoundland.

About 1,200 IWA loggers struck Dec. 31 to back demands for a five-cent increase in the basic hourly rate of $1.05 plus a six-hour cut in the 60-hour work week with no loss in pay. The company rejected the demands, unanimously recommended by a conciliation board. The package would have raised the basic rate to $1.22.

The one-year NBWW contract calls for a five-cent hourly raise with no change in working hours, and a nine-cent increase in the piecework rate of $7.13 a cord.

Max Lane, temporary president of the NBWW and a Liberal member of the legislature, said last week the new union had 5,000 members.

The premier claims he has the support of 98 per cent.of the population in his fight with the IWA.

"HE'LL FIND OUT"

"Let him call an election, he'll find out," said Mr. Glavine.

"I don't know if the IWA will win this strike. I'm not even an IWA man myself. We may not win this thing, but we won't quit."

Meanwhile, an IWA spokesman announced Wednesday that "the IWA has no intention whatever of being forced out of its new headquarters by threats of violence and property damage."

It was learned that the IWA moved out of the Windsor office because the landlord was receiving threatening telephone calls. Mr. Glavine said he has also received threatening calls.

The union spokesman said "a large group of men will be placed on watch every evening to prevent any further attacks." The number of guards was not disclosed.

Bishop's Falls is largely a railway and logging town. The railway unions support the IWA and the union claims the vast majority of the loggers in the town of 2,500 are IWA members. The union expects no trouble fron townspeople.

"A number of residents not connected in any way with the IWA dropped in the office during the night to express their disgust with the attack made by persons believed to have come from Grand Falls" The IWA spokesman said.

OFFER HELP

Several of these residents (of Bishop's Falls) have offered to join the loggers of Bishop's Falls in protecting the right of the union to establish its office in th town," the IWA spokesman said.

He said the office was open for business Wednesday.

It is believed some of the raiders may have over-celebrated St. Patrick's Day, a traditional day of merry - making in this area. Bars were closed for several days last week while tension was high. They re-opened Monday.

The tension seems to have shifted from central Newfoundland to Deer Lake, the Bowater's Newfoundland Pulp and Paper Mills Limited's woods division on the west coast.

President H. Landon Ladd of IWA's District 2, and other union officials, were reported to be gathering at Deer Lake. Mr. Ladd landed at Stephenville, Nfld. Wednesday from Ottawa where he talked with union officials.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

"CARD PARTY in Sea View Hall Thursday night, March 19th Sponsored by the W.I. Door prize and drawing for quilt."

DUE TO A DEATH in community, Freetown Variety Concert is postponed until Saturday March 21st.

KENSINGTON Rink tonight Thursday 7:45 Kelvin married men vs. Kelvin Single men 9:00 Springfield vs. Stanley Bridge. Admission 25 cents to all. Skate after.

BEDEQUE Rink program for remainder of this week. Tonight Junior Hockey 3rd game in finals; Freetown vs. Fernwood 7:30; Middleton vs. North Carleton 8:45. Friday night Moonlight skate 8-10. Saturday night second game South Shore finals, Lot 16 Rangers vs. Cape Traverse Rangers. Gametime 8 p.m. Skate after.

COME TO THE Shur - Gain Amateur Cavalcade in the Presbyterian Church hall. Summerside Friday, March 20th at 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Travellers Rest W.I.

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Culvert Thawing Operation Leads To Fire Alarm

SUMMERSIDE — The Summerside Fire Department answered a needless call yesterday afternoon to a small blaze that had been deliberately set to attempt to thaw out the ice in a culvert to prevent the water from backing up and flooding the street.

The scene was Myrtle Street where three town employees had lit several used tires and spread them across the top of the culvert to thaw out the ice underneath. However the tires caused a lot of black smoke which was blowing on a nearby residence and resulted in the alarm being sent in to which the three fire trucks responded.

St. Paul Players Present Play

SUMMERSIDE — A large and enthusiastic audience witnessed performances of the three-act play "Aunt Abby Answers An Ad" presented at Civic Auditorium Tuesday and Wednesday night.

In the cast were Georgie Green, Lorraine Pineau, Don McDougall, Pat Murphy, Joan Hagen, Urban Cameron, Paul Murphy, Paula McIvor, Edgar Sherry and Paula Noonan.

Enjoyable specialities between acts included vocal solos by Reg MacLellan and selection by pupils of St. Mary's Convent.

The play was presented by the St. Paul Players.

Dairy Instruction

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tablished by the Milk Control Board.

That the Province Department be asked to sponsor a quality milk production program on the dairy farms of this Province. that the support price of cheese be maintained at 35 cents per pound.

MORE BUTTER

"There is room for more butter production on the Island," stated Dairy Superintendent, H. J. MacDonald, in presenting his annual report at the morning session of the meeting.

Mr. MacDonald stated that if the Island could produce enough butter and keep the quality up, it could sell another 5,000,000 pounds to our Maritime markets, and bring extra revenue into the province that it is not now getting.

"From the beginning of the year to the end of May, the manufacture of butter in the Province showed a decrease of eight percent. During the month of June, an increase of 12 per cent was reported and at the end of July, the total manufacture for the first seven months was the same as that of last year. From August 1st to the end of the year, an increase in production was reported every month."

The dairy superintendent noted that the total pounds of butter manufactured for the year amounted to 6,044,690 compared with 5,662,427 pounds in 1957. An increase of 382,263 pounds or about 6.7 percent.

The total manufacture of cheese for 1958 was less than last year. This, he said, was no doubt due to the closing of Dundas Dairying Company and to the greatly decreased production at Tignish.

"Although Amalgamated Dairies, Summerside and the Pure Milk Company, Charlottetown show an increase over last year, it was not sufficient to overcome the loss sustained in the manufacture from the other two plants."

He said that the total pounds of cheese made was 800,268 compared with 839,494 for 1957. This is a decrease of 39,226 pounds or 4.6 per cent.

The sale of pasteurized milk and cream in 1958 was greater than that of the previous year. Nearly all the plants in the province reported increased sales, except three in the area of Charlottetown.

"It is pleasing to note that the sale of pasteurized milk, is gradually increasing in this province as well as in other provinces of Canada."

The total pounds of milk pasteurized in 1958 amounted to 11,700,033 compared with 11,180,490 for 1957. An increase of 419,543 pounds. The total pounds of cream pasteurized and sold in 1958 amounted to 182,919 compared with 182,370 pounds in 1957. An increase of only 549 pounds.

There was also an increased sale of ice cream in the province in 1958. A total of 889,143 quarts were manufactured and sold compared with 811,900 quarts in 1957. An increase of 77,243 quarts.

The quality of butter was well maintained throughout the year 1958. Although there is a slight decrease in the percentage of Canada First Grade below that of last year, we compare favourably with other provinces of Canada.

According to this years annual report 5,719,000 pounds of butter were graded between December 30, 1957 and December 29, 1958.

IMPROVEMENT NOTED

In regard to sanitation, Mr. MacDonald stated that the yeast and mold schedule for 1958 shows considerable improvement in the excellent category over the previous year.

During the year, 1958, there were 3,971 samples tested with 73.89 percent excellent; 13.04 percent fair, and 9.12 percent poor.

In 1957 there were 4,260 churnings tested, showing 63.74 percent excellent; 20.82 percent good; 6.17 percent fair, and 9.27 percent poor.

Mr. MacDonald also noted that two Island men were now attending the butter and cheese making course at the Quelph Dairy School. They are J. Frank Gallant of Central Creameries, Charlottetown and Harold Larsen of the Federal Dairy, Eldon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

In delivering his secretary's report, J. Lincoln Dewar, noted that the Assessment of $4,000 voted at the last annual meeting has been fully paid. "An achievement which reflects very considerable credit on the management of every plant in the Province."

Mr. Dewar also noted that a contribution of $100 was made to CARE and earmarked to pay transportation costs on milk powder from relief agencies; bursaries for three young men taking dairy courses have been provided through the year, these courses given at the Ontario Agricultural College serve to train complete personnel for plants of the province. At the time of the Springhill Disaster a contribution of butter was made.

He stated that prizes were made available for hay silage exhibits at the Harvest Fair. The Association also provided the prizes for public speaking at 4-H Club rallies held in each of the three counties.

"With this meeting the Association completed sixty years of service to the industry. There is much to give cause for satisfaction of fine achievments and it is well that recognition is being made of your history. Nations which are disinterested in or unmindful of their history are dead at the roots.

"Dairying has and will likely continue to be the most important stiffener of the economic back bone of this province. There are opportunities for increased production, for improved efficiency and improved quality.

"These are all challenges to both the farmer and the plant operator, both with the assistance of our dairy officials can make possible a greater dairy industry in this province and the next sixty years one of increased accomplishments."

PRESIDENT SPEAKS

In presenting his report, the president, Max Thompson gave an outline of the annual meeting in Calgary which he recently attended.

Mr. Thompson also thanked the directors and the secretary for their support during the year, and hoped that the association would continue in the efficient manner as it has in the past.

The financial statement was given by the secretary, Mr. Dewar, who also read the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr. Frank Lutes, vice president of the dairy farmers of Canada gave an outline of national advertizing and public relations.

TORONTO

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LL Lac	410	216	215	216	—1
Lorado	2900	35	34	34	
Lorado wts	550	16	16	16	
Louviet	500	10	10	10	
Lyndhst	12100	26	23	23	—1½
Lynx	9000	16	14½	14½	—1½
Macassa	650	275	260	275	—5
Macdon	7600	44	40	40	—3
Macfie	2500	11½	11	11	— ½
MacLeod	700	123	123	123	
Madsen	1350	292	290	292	—3
Magnet	3040	9	9	9	—1
Malartic	3000	109	105	109	+4
Maneast U	3900	8½	8	8½	—1
Maralgo	37520	37	30	33	—2½
Marcon	1125	11½	11½	11½	— ½
Maritime	80750	180	16	16	—4
Martin	34500	30	29	30	+ ½
Matatch	2000	19	18½	18½	— ½
Maybrun	12700	23½	22	22	—2
McKen	7500	33	33	33	
McMar	5110	9	9	9	—1
McWat	4000	32	32	32	
Merrill	11725	170	148	148	—15
Meta Uran	3000	10	10	10	
Midrim	1500	70	68	70	
Milliken	5960	218	210	210	—8
Min Corp	765	$16½	16	16	—
Min-Ore	6572	22	18	18	—3
Moneta	9000	95	88	94	+8
Mt Wright	55650	77	67	67	—7
Multi-M	2400	49	47	47	—1
Nama Cr	12100	30½	29	28	—2
Nat Expl	1500	10	10	10	
Nealon	7500	12½	11½	12½	— ½
Nes Lab	3200	25½	25½	25½	
New Alger	10500	11	9	10½	— ½
New Ath	109550	69	52	53	—12
New Bid	1000	6½	6½	6½	
New Cal	4700	38	37½	38	
New Delhi	11000	33	30	30	—3
N Dicken	1350	245	240	241	—4
N Harri	3000	14	13	14	+1
New Hosco	20100	142	130	130	—10
New Jason	4500	10½	10	10½	
N Kelore	33700	19	17	18½	
Newlund	18700	35	33	34	—1
N Man	1000	54	52	52	—2
N Mylama	97675	212	190	195	—19
New Rouyn	10500	14	13	14	+ ½
N Senator	3000	7	7	7	— ½
Nickel MS	1024	98	96	96	
Nick Rim	950	110	110	110	+8
Nipissing	5200	265	250	250	—10
Nisto	1500	7½	7½	7½	— ½
Nor-Acme	4000	25	25	5	
Noranda	1352	857	56½	57	
Norgold	1500	10	10	10	—2
Norlartic	30500	37	34	34	—1
Normetal	2870	445	425	425	—20
Norpax	6300	24	23	23	—1
Norsync	109000	22	16	16	—1
N Gate	14137	72	6	66	—4
N Goldcrt	5022	50	46	46	+2
N Rank	29700	188	180	182	—4
Northsp	3092	177	172	173	
Norsp A wts	800	106	101	105	+2
North Can	1800	140	130	130	—5
Norvalie	464620	30	21	23	+3
Obaska	8500	12	11	11	—1
O'Brien	3000	74	73	74	—1
Ogama	4000	7½	6½	6½	— ½
O'Leary	4700	20	19	20	
Opem	8435	$11¾	11	11½	— ½
Ormsby	43040	64	49	55	—10
Osisko	500	36	36	36	—2
Paramaq	7500	8½	8	8	
Parbec	14100	5½	5½	5½	— ½
Pardee	226	44	44	44	+3
Pater	500	52	52	52	—1
Patino M	975	515	500	515	+20
Patino wts	720	195	195	195	
Pato	2100	350	335	350	+10
Paymast	2400	20	19	19	
Pce Expl	2000	20	20	20	
Peerless	5600	29	26	26	—1
Perron	1300	24	23½	24	+1½
Pitch Ore	20500	11	10	10	
Placer	725	$11½	11⅛	11	
Pr Bord	1000	10	9½	10	+1
Preston	3360	690	675	690	
Pronto	1310	450	440	450	+10
Purdex	9300	9½	9	9	—½
Que Ascot	6005	69	6	67	—2
Que Chib	16320	75	69	69	—5
Que Cop	19200	42	37	38	—3
Que Lab	8300	7	7	7	
Que Lith	1507	675	655	60	
Q Metal	4100	89	87	87	
Quinton	8000	18	18	18	— ½
Quemont	620	$14⅜	14¼	14¼	— ⅛
Radiore	610775	175	125	130	—20
Rainville	3300	51	50	50	—5
Rayrock	14700	60	54	58	+4
Rexspar	1000	30	30	30	
Rio Rup	1433	10½	10½	10½	
Rix Athab	2800	60	57	58	—1
Roche	67700	22	20	20½	+3½
Rockwin	21100	39	36	38	+2
San And	623	56	56	56	
Sand Riv	8500	14	13½	14	+ ½
Satellite xd	2500	68	65	68	—2
Sheep Cr	4900	175	165	175	+10
Sherritt	11715	415	405	405	—10
Siscoe	1925	72	72	72	+2
Slocan VR	9000	20	17	19	—1
Stanleigh	4490	86	85	85	
Stanlgh wts	120	40	35	35	—3
Stanrck	1485	154	150	154	+1
Starratt	9800	7½	7	7	
Steep R	5585	815	14¾	14⅞	— ⅛
Sturgeon	3700	19	17	17	—2
Sud Cont	2000	10½	10½	10½	
Sullivan	2750	265	260	260	—5
Surf Inlet	3000	4½	4½	4½	— ½
Sylvanite	2450	110	107	107	
Teck-H	4950	210	215	215	—10
Tenag	7000	315	290	290	—20
Tiara	58600	14	11	11	—1½
Tombill	11500	54	46	50	—2
Torbit	500	37	37	37	—2
Trans Res	4000	27	23	24	
Tribag	1825	48	48	48	—2
Trin Chib	1000	25	25	25	+1
Ult-Shaw	5400	18	17	18	+1
U Asbestos	250	590	590	590	—10
Un Keno xd	675	420	415	415	+5
Un Fort	38900	51	46	50	+5
Upp Can	5800	104	100	102	+1
Vandoo	1700	9½	9	9½	+ ½
Ventures	910	$33¾	33	33¾	
Violam	17575	218	183	218	+31
Waite Am	725	770	755	765	+5
Weedon	23000	30	28	28	—1
Werner	5500	18	18	18	
W Malar	2000	6¼	6¼	6¼	
Willroy	7625	210	200	200	—10
Will wts	800	152	150	150	—10
Wiltsey	2900	17	16	16	— ½
Wr Harg	10300	155	150	150	
Yale Lead	15000	35	33	34	
Yellorex	2000	8½	8½	8½	—1
Yk Bear	21200	144	133	139	—6
Young HG	3900	79	77	78	—1
Yukeno	1500	7	7	7	
Zenmae	2700	31	30	31	
Zulapa	700	27	2	27	—1½
Curb					
Bulolo	100	410	410	410	—10
Coast Cop	200	350	350	350	+25
Gaspe Cop	10	$34¼	35¼	35¼	
Pend Ore	440	216	216	216	+1
Yukon Con	2000	70	68	70	
Curb					
Dalhousie	500	18	18	18	
BANKS					
Montreal	795	$57⅞	57⅝	57⅞	+ ⅛
Nova Scotia	398	$73½	72½	73½	+2
Commerce	606	$59½	59⅛	59½	+ ⅛
Imperial	5	$70	69½	70	+1
Tor-Dom	430	$57	56¼	57	+1
INDUSTRIALS					
Alumini	3015	$29⅝	29	29⅛	+ ⅛
Anglo Nfld	225	$7	7	7	— ⅛
C Brew	1710	$39	38¾	39	+ ¼
Dosco	230	$21½	21¼	21¼	+ ¼
Inland	1075	$57⅛	5¾	57⅛	+ ⅛
Nor Star	327	$13¼	13¼	13¼	+ ¼
Pembina n	1440	$10⅛	10	10⅛	+
Simpsons	1418	$38	37¾	38	+ ⅛
Wainwright	300	210	210	210	
Walkers	1605	$34¾	34½	34¾	+ ½
Weston B	840	$41½	40¾	41½	+1

Total sales: 6,212,000.

MOST ACTIVE TORONTO STOCKS
By The Canadian Press

Stock	Sales	High	Low	Close	Ch'ge
INDUSTRIALS					
Mass-F	41435	$14¼	13⅞	13⅞	— ⅛
Trans Mtn	13395	$12¼	11⅝	11¾	+1
Dom Tar	10830	$17¾	17⅜	17½	
Roe AV Can	7028	$9⅝	9⅛	9⅛	— ⅛
Brazil	6486	$6¼	6⅛	6¼	+ ⅛
OILS					
Petrol	106175	205	177	185	—12
Lt Pete	59750	22	18	18	
South U	41000	41	36	36½	—3½
Un Oils	13850	235	220	235	+10
Rocky Pete	13041	11	10½	10½	
MINES					
Radiore	610775	175	125	130	—20
Norvalie	464620	30	20	23	+3
Can-Erin	352456	144	123	126	—19
Coldstrm	181500	79	70	70	—8
Bibis	135900	19½	17½	19	

MUTUAL FUNDS
By The Canadian Press

	Bid	Asked
American Growth	14.61	15.92
Beaubran	29.93	32.52
Canadian Investment	9.35	10.26
Canafund	38.50	40.43
Champion Mutual	5.67	6.23
Commonwealth Inter	8.29	9.11
Corporate Investors	9.35	10.35
Dom Equity Inv	15.75	16.16
58 Exec Fund	5.77	6.62
Fond Collectif	5.60	6.15
Grouped Income	4.50	4.37
Grouped Income Accum	5.79	6.11
Growth Oil and Gas	7.58	7.97
Investors Growth Fund	6.42	6.94
Investors Mutual	11.6	12.60
Keystone	13.23	14.31
Leverage Fund	6.69	7.35
Mutual Accumulating Fund	7.72	8.44
Mutual Income Fund	5.44	5.95
North Amer Fund of Cda	9.17	9.97
Radiason	4.98	5.47
Regent Fund	5.70	6.26
Sav and Inv	5.56	6.07
Supervised Amer Fund	7.21	7.74
Supervised Exec 55	30.55	
Supervised Exec 56	31.62	
Supervised Exec 57	5.42	
Supervised Income Fund	4.10	4.49
x—TV Electronic	15.53	16.93
Timed Investment Fund	a6.00	b6.60
United Accumulative Fund	13.05	16.36

a—Less and b—Plus stock exchange commission.
x—U.S. Fund

Island Potatoes

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in order to germinate and if this were true, a farmer might be turning up mustard seeds for years.

Mr. MacNutt said he did not think combines could be blamed for spreading weed seeds. It was in cases where grain was left a long time before it was threshed that weeds spread most rapidly, he said.

HERE TO STAY

R.R. Bell said mustard was here to stay. He said it could be easily controlled by spraying but pointed out that most weeds are spread by neglectful farmers who make little or no effort to control them.

Mr. Cullen said weed spraying can be accomplished with about one fifth the amount of spray required for potatoes. He said the use of potato sprayers was an extravagant way of killing weeds.

C.C. Baker felt it would be a good idea if the department would see fit to subsidibe private individuals with the equipment for spraying weeds. He said there were operators in his district who were doing a good job for $1.50 per acre and supplying the material.

DISCOURAGING RESULTS

One section of the report indicated that in the seed drill survey conducted on Island farms last year it was found 50 per cent of the samples taken were graded "reject" and only 43 percent graded no. 1 seed.

H.P. Smith felt that this was an alarming situation, whether farmers realized it or not. He noted that there were more weeds today than there were some years ago. Some people blamed the combines for it, although he would not be prepared to offer an opinion on this matter.

Harvey Douglas said the improper cleaning of grain could not be blamed on the cleaner operators. Farmers usually left cleaning until late in the spring with the result there was a big rush at the last minute.

He stated that the operators were told by the farmers what sieves to use in the cleaner and if all the weed seeds were not removed it could not be blamed on them.

"Some farmers claim they have good crops without cleaning their seed", Mr. Douglas asserted. He felt the Department of Agriculture might provide a sprayer for wood killing.

WANTS ACTION

Mr. Douglas felt it was time something was being done in the way of having a potato association. He recalled that a committee had been appointed last Spring and were supposed to bring in a report. He suggested, if no action were forthcoming from this body, that they be replaced.

Fred Ramsay agreed. He said potatoes were most important to all the people of the province. He felt the Legislature should take some action in the matter.

Mr. Ramsay said that with conditions as they now are the province was suffering a terrific loss. He pointed out that potatoes account for 50 percent of the gross farm income in P.E.I. and with farmers receiving 50 percent below the cost of production, many farmers are wondering whether they will plant any potato crop next year. At the same time he said a number of them had no alternative since it was not easy to get into any other phase of agriculture quickly.

WESTERN GRAIN

Mr. Ramsay also complained regarding the increase in western feed grain and wheat, he felt that when the St. Lawrence Seaway was opened the price would be reduced but instead it went higher.

Premier Matheson informed the House that the four Atlantic Provinces premiers have written the Minister of Trade and Commerce regarding the matter and the only explanation they have received is to the effect "that it has helped the western farmers but it hasn't effected the east.

The Premier said that is not the way it has worked out though. He said flour has gone up $1.00 a barrel. "However the governments of the four provinces are doing all they can," he stated.

Dr. Dewar felt it was rather unfair that the reduction in rates between rail and water had not been passed on to the Maritimes instead of being given to the west. He understood the wheat board took this action of increased prices on their own.

LIMESTONE

The question of limestone came under review when Mr. Cullen announced that the subsidy as it now stands is $3.00 per ton. He felt sure that the federal government would give favorable consideration to absorbing the 60 cents per ton freight increase. He said he had no specific information to this effect, though.

Mr. Douglas wondered why the price of pulpwood had dropped $2.00 per cord during the last few days. He said this was hard to understand in view of the fact that newsprint has taken a jump in price recently. Many people believe the price of pulpwood on the Island is controlled by one company, he said.

TRUCK HAULING

Hon. Dougald MacKinnon felt that the subsidy on limestone should be paid for truck hauling as well as that taken to the Island by railroad. He said many truckers are hauling potatoes to Nova Scotia and would be pleased to have a load of lime coming back. They could deliver it right to the farm instead of to the railway siding, he observed.

Mr. Cullen said 2,000 tons of lime had come to the Island last year by truck from the Moncton area and the subsidy was paid on these shipments. In answer to a question from George Kelson, Mr. Cullen said the subsidy on lime from Quebec was the same as that from Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

Australia's population, 10,000,000 in 1958, is estimated to become 15,000,000 in 1982.

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said, "the wisest thing we can do is pass the bill." He felt the bill may not be perfect but said it could be amended, perhaps many times before it is what the people really want.

Mr. Saville felt that a number of people who were living far from any hospital, were under the impression that instead of going to the hospital, they could lay up at home and have the doctor call on them and that the doctor's bill would be paid.

OLD TIME REMEDIES

"I guess they will have to rely on the old fashioned remedies of baking soda and Minard's liniment" he said.

Speaking of a sales tax, Mr. Saville said, "A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet" and whether the plan was to be paid by a premium or by a sales tax, it had to be paid.

However, he felt that a sales tax would work unwarranted hardship on the large family who would in the end be paying more than $4.00 a month for coverage.

Dr. Dewar declared the matter had become ridiculous. He said all the Premier's letters to Ottawa had emphasized the voluntary feature of the plan; then when the bill is introduced it is made mandatory and now the government has reverted to its voluntary stand once more—"If it passes under these circumstances it will make this whole legislature look ridiculous" he added.

DIDN'T HAVE HEART

S. S. Hessian said he had stated on the first day of the resolution discussion that he would support the bill if it was on a voluntary basis. He said he did not have the heart to vote against the motion of his good friend the doctor on the previous day but on thinking over the matter would have moved the same motion as Mr. Douglas if the 2nd Kings member had not done so.

"I am voicing the sentiments of the people, I was consistent in the beginning and I am consistent now. I would never stand in this House and compel people to do something against their will", said Mr. Hessian.

"To make the bill compulsory at $4.00 a month or four cents a month makes no difference if the people have not been consulted", continued the Montague lawyer, "This is an issue that is important to the people and important to our hospitals."

INDIVIDUAL DECISION

"The people will pay in their money by themselves," said Mr. Hessian, "I said it before and I'll say it again—farmers are a group that you cannot do anything for and you can't do anything against them. This is something they must decide for themselves."

Dr. Bonnell thanked Mr. Hessian for his kind concern. At the same time he assured him that he need have no cause for alarm because the government never had any intention of making the plan compulsory.

The only purpose in putting the clause in the act was in case the federal government wanted it, "or perhaps the people of the Island themselves might want it," he added.

Premier Matheson who had a copy of the Nova Scotia statutes in the House said he would like to refer to the Opposition Leader's statement that Nova Scotia was paying for their plan out of general revenue.

A HOSPITAL TAX

Quoting from the NS statutes, Mr. Matheson pointed out that the legislation relating to Hospital care is called 'The Hospital Tax Act" of Nova Scotia which goes on to say that every person shall pay to Her Majesty etc. etc.

Dr. Bonnell said there was a possibility that the federal govment might see fit to include TB and mental care within the next few years. Or perhaps the province would do this on its own.

Dr. Dewar: "I might point out tha mental and TB patients are being looked after now."

Premier: "I might point out that the present government when it was in opposition hammered day and night to have TB and mental care included in the plan."

Dr. Dewar: "They acted on the advice of former Health Minister Martin."

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