

Says 27 Per Cent Charged

Scorns High Interest Rates Asks Borrower Protection

The high interest rates being charged by loan companies on small loans was the object of an attack by C. C. Baker, Liberal... Mr. Baker said "something should be done to control the amount of interest such companies can charge. Our people are entitled to some form of protection against such things."

Mr. Baker felt that it would be better for the Federal Government to subsidize products going to the Old Country than to keep paying support prices in Canada which tended to pile up large surpluses of the commodity.

He hoped that the Government would reiterate its demands to the Ottawa Government regarding tariffs. "We don't want them to think that we have folded up or have no hope left", he said.

"If we had free trade in potatoes, even with our high transportation costs and if we didn't have to compete with the United States for the Canadian Market we would not have to be making representations to Ottawa every year concerning the potato industry", said Mr. Baker.

MR. C. C. BAKER

DAYLIGHT TIME

Making reference to the speech of Hon. B. Earle MacDonald in which he quoted the Minister as saying "it would not be practical for a business man to open his store an hour earlier, Mr. Baker said he could see no inconvenience in a man starting his day at eight o'clock instead of nine and closing at four instead of five."

OTTAWA, (Special) — Construction of the new Ocean View Highway from Covehead Inlet to Brackley Beach will begin late this spring as soon as road-building conditions are suitable, the Guardian learned yesterday.

Indicating the Government's intention to carry out this project without delay, tenders are being called by the Federal Public Works Department for the grading, provision of culverts, sand-mixed base course and prime coat on the Covehead-Brackley stretch.

CAUSEWAY "We all admire the clear ex-

Coming Events

- Horse race New Glasgow today. St. Patrick's Concert, Monday, March 19th, in Morell Hall. Crokinole Party, Hazelbrook School Monday night at 8 p. m. Regular skate Crapaud rink tonight, 8 to 10. There will be horse racing at Stanley Bridge Monday, March 12, at 2 p.m. if not fine Tuesday. Cleaning timothy seed during the month of March, Elmer MacDonald, Crapaud. Poker, Legion Hall, Mt. Albion, Tuesday, March 13th. Members please attend. Showing at Mt. Stewart, Friday and Saturday, Great Diamond Robbery, Comedy. Unloading car of Co-op feeds Tuesday, March 13th, 15 cents off regular price. Vernon River Co-op. Meeting Crapaud - Victoria Board of Trade Creamery Board Room Saturday, March 10th, 8.30 p. m. Dance, West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service 9.30 to 12.30. Grand Bingo St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart, Monday, March 12th, 8 p. m. 20 games, Jackpot \$50.00. Door prize. St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Charlottetown Little Theatre Guild present "My Three Angels", St. Patrick's Night, March 17th. Reserve Tuesday, March 13 for Salvation Army variety concert, featuring the Home League picnic and the Old Family Album. A Special Meeting of Ratepayers from Union Road and East Royalty will be held in the School at 8 p. m. Saturday the 10th March. If not fine, Monday, 12th. Hockey at North River Rink tonight, Milton Hornets vs. Albany Saint Pats. Third game in intermediate "B" Finals for Island title. Game time 8.30, Adm. 25 cents and 50 cents, Skate after. Starting today at Morris' clearance Sale in Kinkora you'll find real bargains coming to the front. Our grocery stock is still almost complete. A liberal discount is allowed - call in and browse around.

Draft Address Ended Yesterday

The Draft Address in the Legislature was concluded yesterday after 23 members had addressed the House for 13 days.

Those speaking to the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne were Premier A.W. Matheson, R.R. Bell, Leader of the Opposition; Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources; Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Provincial Treasurer and Provincial Secretary; Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education; Hon. J. George MacKay, Minister of Highways; Hon. M.L. Bonnell, M.D., Minister of Health; Mr. Prosper A. Arsenault (Liberal), First Prince; Mr. Fred Ramsay (Liberal), First Prince; Mr. Forrest Phillips (Liberal) Second Prince; Mr. Frank MacNutt (Liberal), Third Prince; Mr. C.C. Baker (Liberal), Fourth Prince; Mr. Morley M. Bell, (Liberal), Fifth Prince; Mr. Harold Smith (Liberal), Fourth Queens; Mr. A.A. MacIsaac (Liberal), Fifth Queens; J. Brenton St. John (Liberal), First Kings; William A. Acorn (Liberal), First Kings; Harvey Douglas (Liberal), Second Kings; Leo Rossiter (P.C.) Second Kings; Joseph Campbell, (Liberal) Third Kings; G.E. Saville (Liberal), Fifth Kings and L.G. Dewar, M.D. Second Prince.

Reviews Policies

In reviewing some of the Department's activities over the past four years, Mr. Baker spoke of the veterinary services which had been established. He took note of the remarks of the senior member from Second Prince when he complained of the lack of veterinary services in Western Prince County.

"I was opposed to two men doubling up at Kensington", he continued, "but it was either a case of having two men there or the Province would have one less veterinarian. As a matter of fact the man at Kensington was threatening to leave if he did not get some assistance."

Mr. Baker said he believed that there was a good chance of securing a replacement within a short period of time. He could be stationed at either O'Leary or Alberton. He noted that Prince Edward Island was paying as high a subsidy as any other Province in Canada.

Angus MacLean Takes Training At Upton Station

OTTAWA, (Special) — Wing-Commander J. Angus MacLean, Conservative M.P. for Queens is back in uniform again.

Although a farmer, a scholar and a parliamentarian, the stocky black-haired MP finds that aviation has an irresistible draw. In recent years, J. Angus has taken a number of refresher courses at Summerside in his home Province. This year, he is taking a new type of refresher course at the huge R.C.A.F. Station at Uplands on the outskirts of Ottawa.

Under Federal Government regulations, a Member of Parliament who is also a member of the Reserve is entitled to be absent from his seat when taking a course to bring him up to date on Naval, Army or Air Force practice and methods. Mr. MacLean does not altogether take advantage of this right. At Uplands airport during the day, he dons his "Civvies" and shows up at all night sittings of the House.

Among other establishments at Uplands are two squadrons of the CP-100 long-range fighter planes and a squadron of transport machines. While the Queens Member takes an occasional flight in both the speedy jets and the transports, his principal job is under study to the station commander in administration of the establishment.

Mr. MacLean is not the only MP who is bringing himself up to date on R.C.A.F. equipment, methods and practice. A fellow member, "alter Dinsdale, Conservative MP for Brandon-Souris, and like Mr. MacLean a winner of the DFC has enrolled in the Assignment Training Course at Uplands. Mr. Dinsdale served overseas in World War II as a Flight Lieutenant in No. 410 Squadron. His training job is air-fighter control work at a Pine Tree Line Radar Station in the Sudbury district.

The training of Reserve officers of the services is recognized as one of the most effective plans yet devised by the Department of National Defence. In training they learn the ins and outs of highly technical posts and in event of war could step into a similar post with full knowledge of what is involved and a minimum of delay.

No Further Concessions

Provincial Premiers Are Frustrated In Tax Talks

OTTAWA (CP) — Stanley Knowles says he has heard the next federal general election may be either June 17 or June 24, 1957.

The CCF member for Winnipeg North Centre said in the Commons Friday he understands persons like Trade Minister Howe, "who like to look into crystal balls," are already mentioning those dates as possibilities.

The last federal general election was Aug. 10, 1953.

Election Date?

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The fourth Atlantic province—Newfoundland—did not join in the demand, evidently because of a commitment that the federal government by royal commission will review its fiscal relations with the provincial government in the next two years.

Favored Royal Commission On Fiscal Problems

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Plante Heads Montreal Police

MONTREAL (CP) — Pacific (Pax) Plante took over Friday as head of the 2,400-man Montreal police, a member of "anarchy" in the department.

The 48-year-old vice-buster was authorized to take temporary command by acting director T. O. Leggett, who is unwell and has resigned, effective May 22.

Plante, meanwhile, faces two warrant proceedings taken in superior court Thursday on the ground that his appointment as assistant director as well as that of Mr. Leggett himself, was illegal. The whole matter is scheduled to be threshed out Monday in practice court.

N.B. Man Pleads Guilty To Robbery

WINNIPEG (CP) — A 30-year-old Edmundston, N. B., man pleaded guilty Friday to the \$1,900 robbery Wednesday of a downtown Winnipeg branch of the Toronto-Dominion bank.

Louis Yvon Ouellet was arrested with his wife, Patricia, 22, in a St. Boniface hotel Thursday night. Their three-year-old child has been turned over to the Children's Aid Society.

The main branch of the Toronto-Dominion bank was held up Wednesday afternoon by a man with a starting pistol. He escaped with the money after teller Patricia Neilson fainted when the gun was fired at her.

Dry Cleaning Plant At S'ide Destroyed By Fire

A wind-fanned blaze, discovered about 11 p.m. last evening, completely destroyed the MacQuarrie Dry Cleaning Plant and an apartment attached to this building, and threatened to spread to several adjoining buildings before Summerside and R. C. A. F. firemen brought the flames under control after fighting relentlessly for several hours early this morning in bitter cold weather.

Loss is estimated at \$50,000. Firemen, at first, appeared to have the blaze under control after a two hour battle during which they contained the flames to the rear of the building, but strong winds fanned the flames into an inferno which soon spread throughout the wooden structure, destroying a large quantity of clothing and all the contents of the plant, including dry-cleaning equipment.

The fire which originated around a chimney located at the rear of the dry-cleaning plant, owned and operated by Mr. Ernest N. MacQuarrie, was first observed around 11 o'clock as flames were seen shooting out of a roof vent between the plant and an annex at the back of the building which contained an apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Godfrey.

Their clothing and household effects were also a complete loss. By pouring thousands of gallons of water on and into the building firemen, for quite some time, were able to contain the blaze in the area it was discovered, but strong winds fanned the sparks into flames as quickly as water was directed elsewhere and soon the building was a mass of flames.

Several hoses were then directed on a building belonging to the W. B. McNeill Estate which is presently being used for storage of farm machinery, and which is located only a few feet east of the dry cleaning plant, and although it appeared for some time that the large wooden building would go up in flames, firemen managed to save it.

Five families were removed to safety from the McNeill Apartment building located next to the structure which housed the farm machinery.

Mr. MacQuarrie's car was pulled to safety from the garage which formed part of the dry-cleaning building after firemen attached a rope to the rear bumper.

Firemen were still fighting the blaze at 3.15 this morning in an effort to keep it from spreading.

Mr. Lemuel Hicken, aged Oak Valley resident, was missing and feared dead in a fire which destroyed his dwelling late last night. The man, more than 80 years old, lived alone. Fire broke out in his home shortly before midnight and destroyed the building. There was no trace of the man, neighbors said, and it was feared he was in the house.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Montague, some eight miles away, were notified and early today two members of the R.C.M.P. and Coroner Dr. G. S. A. Inman left for the scene. It was reported the road was not plowed within three-quarters of a mile of the Hicken residence and there was no telephone nearby. The information about the fire came to the authorities from a resident of Murray Harbour North, a few miles away.

Mr. Hicken's wife is dead.

Mrs. R. E. Mutch Passes In P.E.I. Hospital

The death of Mrs. R. E. Mutch occurred in the Prince Edward Island Hospital on the afternoon of March 8, 1956 following a sudden illness which necessitated hospitalization on Feb. 29. Born on March 19, 1876, she would have been 80 years old next Tuesday.

Mrs. Mutch was born at North Milton, a daughter of the late Joseph Wise and Jane Essery Wise. She was married in 1904. Educated at Prince of Wales College, Mrs. Mutch was a classmate of the late Lucy MacLeod Montgomery with whom she contacted a close friendship which continued until the death of that celebrated authoress. Following graduation she taught school for several years at Cavendish, and later, previous to her marriage she was a member of the staff of Carter's Bookstore in Charlottetown.

Mrs. Mutch was a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society of Trinity United Church, being a Past President and Treasurer of the organization for many years. Previous to the union of the two Methodist Churches in the city, she was an active member of Grace Methodist Church.

In addition to her activities in church work, Mrs. Mutch was keenly alive to the worthiness of several community projects which she gave unstinted support. She was a member of the Charlottetown Art Society and for many years actively supported the Community Concert Association. Mrs. Mutch is credited to a great extent for the observance of Boxing Day in the City.

Surviving relatives in addition to her husband R. E. Mutch, are three daughters, Mrs. H. V. Acland, (Inez), Mrs. W. R. MacNeill, (Marie) and Mrs. W. H. Worth, (Margaret). Also four grandchildren, the late Harold MacLeod, Fredrick Everett MacLeod, Frances Dianne MacNeill and Karen Marie MacNeill.

Three brothers and two sisters predeceased her and also one son Frank Wise Mutch and one daughter, Dora Louise MacLeod.

Disabled Sealer Reaches Sydney

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. (CP) — The disabled Halifax sealer Peary, with a crew of 25 Newfoundlanders, arrived here Friday in two of the government ice-breaker N.B. MacLean.

The Peary's propeller was damaged by ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The ice was disabled in the seal chase last year and spent considerable time undergoing repairs here.

Three Fredericton Families Homeless

FREDERICTON (CP) — Three families were driven out Friday by a fire that gutted three apartments in a building on downtown Carleton street.

Firemen kept the flames from spreading to the Imperial restaurant and other apartments in the three-story building.

Slam Door On Further Negotiations

OTTAWA (CP)—Frustrated provincial premiers came away from a one-day federal-provincial tax conference Friday without any gains and the central administration slammed the door on further negotiations on the basic tax-splitting issue.

Prime Minister St. Laurent told reporters he is under the impression there will be no further conferences on the basic terms of the federal tax formula which goes into effect next year.

The decision was a blow to some of the provinces. Premier Frost of Ontario, who had been seeking increased concessions, said the federal government is "archaic" and is "living in the past."

ALL WILL SUFFER The current proposals, he said, will not allow Ontario sufficient revenues to provide for the needs of schools and municipalities in the years ahead.

He told reporters he could not say whether Ontario will have to consider double taxation. But he warned the conference earlier that all Canada will suffer if Ontario has to resort to "regressive" taxes to pay her bills.

Premier Bennett of British Columbia also severely criticized the federal formula, left the conference without comment.

In his remarks to the conference he said the central government's formula, covering fixed federal direct tax deductions and share-the-wealth equalization payments to the less wealthy provinces, effectively "subverts the exercise by the provinces of their constitutional rights over these tax fields."

Both he and Mr. Frost intimated that the needs of Quebec seemed to have obtained better attention than other provinces.

DUPLIQUES PLEASED Premier Duplessis, at odds with Ottawa over tax matters for many years, said the federal proposals were an important step in the right direction.

"The proposals are a partial restitution . . . of tax fields which belong to the provinces."

In 1957-58, Quebec will get a federal payment of some \$48,645,000 with no strings attached. This is the share-the-wealth equalization payment which also goes to all other provinces except Ontario.

The equalization payment is due (Continued on page 2 col. 6)

Heavy Snow In Northern N.B., 93 M.P.H. Winds At Sydney

HALIFAX (CP)—Westerly gales swept the Atlantic provinces Friday in the wake of a storm that brought snow, hail, sleet, rain, thunder and dense fog to the area Thursday.

Sydney reported winds up to 93 miles an hour, St. John's, Nfld., had gusts of 70. Ships hove to off the coast and those in port ran extra lines to their piers.

In northern New Brunswick the town of Campbellton was buried under 21 inches of new snow, which piled into mountainous drifts.

The New Brunswick highways department managed to keep a narrow passage open on main roads but all secondary roads in Restigouche and Madawaska counties were blocked.

BRIDGE WRECKED

Farther south less snow fell but a mixture of hail, sleet and rain followed. A thunder storm crackled along the Nova Scotia coast during the night, accompanied by a torrential downpour. Dense fog

blew in from the Atlantic. Highways became rivers of slush and water. A truck transport crashed into a bridge at Southampton, N.S., on Route 2, the main highway between Halifax and Moncton, wrecking the 80-foot span. Blocked side roads stopped all traffic for a time but a detour was opened.

Snow squalls alternated with sunshine in most of the Maritimes late Friday as winds began to diminish.

Unemployment Figures For Charlottetown Same As 1955

Figures released by the National Employment Office in Charlottetown show 87 more people drawing Unemployment Insurance Benefits than was the case one year ago. The office which normally has a staff of 14, has had eight extra people on its staff since early winter, and in addition, most members of the Insurance Branch of the Office have worked many hours of overtime in the evenings.

The total number of people unemployed in the office area, is slightly higher than the total number of people drawing benefits. It is pointed out by the office, that not all of the unemployed are eligible to draw Unemployment Insurance, and thus, the difference in the totals arises. The employment situation is very much the same as in previous years, and is almost entirely due to seasonal conditions.

ORDER STREET PATROLS

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP) — Street patrols have been ordered here and in nearby West Ferris and Widdifield townships in an all-out effort to stamp out rabies among domestic animals. The order follows the biting of four persons in the last 24 hours. A total of 77 dogs have been picked up in North Bay alone since the beginning of January.

CALL CODFISH "ENCHANTING"

OTTAWA (CP) — Codfish? Enchanting, say French children who tasted it for the first time.

The Unitarian Service Committee, which last year shipped 350,000 pounds to Korean children in its "operation codfish," this year tried out 1,000 pounds on boys and girls at a USC-sponsored home in Severes, France.

Back came a special note of thanks signed by 50 children. Canadian codfish is "enchanting."

Third Time Flooded In 17 Months

Mrs. Allan Cunningham stands in 10 inches of water flooding basement quarters of her house in Toronto during the severe rainstorm that swept southern Ontario. One Toronto paper (The Telegram) estimated damage at \$1,500,000 and scores of families were forced to evacuate their houses. This is the third time Mrs. Cunningham's house has been flooded in 17 months. Flood conditions around Toronto were said to be the worst since the Hurricane Hazel disaster in October, 1954. (CP Photo).



INSTALLMENT PAYING MAKES THE MONTHS SHORTER AND THE YEARS LONGER!

Table with 3 columns: City, Min, Max. Lists temperatures for various cities including Dawson, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, St. John's, Moncton, Halifax, and Charlottetown.

Forecast: Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Sunny; not much change in temperature; west winds 15, Low high at West Glasgow 15 and 39, Charlottetown, Moncton and Fredericton 10 and 25, Saint John 10 and 28, Edmundston and Campbellton 10 and 25. Sunday: Sunny.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:54 a.m. and 9:28 p.m. on Sunday at 10:29 a.m. and 10:22 p.m. Summerside tides eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:35 a.m. and sets at 6:12 p.m. rises Sunday at 6:33 a.m. and sets at 6:14 p.m.