

# Low Tax Boost Expected For '63

## NEW JOB AT BORDEN

## MacNamara Construction Has Low Bid On Terminal

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN  
The MacNamara Construction Co. of Toronto and Halifax is the apparent low bidder on the Borden ferry terminal. The announcement was made last night by G. Lorne Monkley, Progressive Conservative party candidate in Prince County.



G.L. MONKLEY

The area of fill extends for a distance of about 400 feet, beginning 127 feet on the shore side of the comfort station, and has an average width of 150 feet.

Further contracts will be called for additional items such as paving to complete the new wharf which will be used particularly by the MV Confederation. When the wharf is completed it will provide a more rapid loading and unloading of the "Confederation," and will expedite traffic during the 1964 centennial observances.

Both Mr. Monkley and Senator Deville H. Phillips expressed satisfaction with the plans and were quick to point out that this is further evidence of the interest shown in Prince Edward Island "by the Dieffenbaker government." Both expressed appreciation for the co-operation shown in the implementation of this project by Sen. Angus MacLean, Heath MacQuarrie and Mrs. Margaret MacQuarrie.

Construction of the new terminal is expected to commence as soon as seasonal conditions permit.

In addition, a lift bridge will be constructed, complete with gantry. The contract also calls for extensive wood and rubber facing on the new berth.

## Aid Is Rushed To Sinking Ship

ARGENTINA, Nfld. (CP)—The United States Coast Guard reported Thursday night a freighter was out of immediate danger in mid-Atlantic.

The coast guard cutter Castle Rock reported she was in contact with the ship and was told there was no immediate danger of having to abandon ship. However, the cutter reported the situation could change rapidly.

A coast guard spokesman here said the 448-foot Adele Oltrogge was taking water in her No. 2 hold but the crew was reported keeping ahead of the flooding.

The coast guard ocean station Echo, 300 miles east of the stricken freighter, was the closest known vessel. A call has gone out to all ships in the hope that other vessels may be closer. A C-130 aircraft left at 7:30 p.m. to pin point the freighter's position.

The Oltrogge's crew was trying desperately to turn the ship back on westerly course. She was heading east on a trip from New York to Algeria and was 1,500 miles east of New York.

If her course was reversed it would shorten the time in which it takes ocean station Echo to reach her. The coast guard said their cutter could take up to 24 hours to rendezvous because of stormy seas.

## New Treaty On Test Ban Is Planned

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is drawing up a new treaty to ban nuclear weapons tests which contains lowered demands being offered to Russia for inspections on her territory.

This announcement was coupled Thursday with a U.S. administration spokesman's statement that the chances of a sneak Soviet atomic test are vanishingly small.

Jacob Beam, assistant director of the U.S. disarmament agency, spelled out the Kennedy administration's defence of its test-ban effort in a speech in Rochester, N.Y.

Beam described reduced inspection demands as "a concession," to scientific progress, not to the Soviet Union.

Earliest ship expected directly from overseas is the Thor Dan, also Danish, due from Hamburg March 11.

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## RCAF WINS BOMBING TROPHY

Mrs. G. Aird Whyte presents Pinnacle Trophy to Wing Cmdr. A.J. Fremond, commanding officer of RCAF 404 Maritime Patrol Squadron, in a ceremony in London, England. The award was won by the RCAF in a recent anti-submarine bombing competition in Britain between maritime crews of air forces from Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Britain.

## Pearson Has Coffee Rally At Camp Gagetown Visit

OTMOWCTO, N.B. (CP)—Liberal Leader Pearson did some coffee party campaigning Thursday, chatting to about 100 women—mostly women on his first visit to this townsite for Canada's biggest military camp—over the coffee cups he spoke briefly of the need for keeping defence strong and relations with allies friendly.

Regarding relations with the United States, Mr. Pearson drew a laugh with this analogy: "Relations with the U.S.—and I hope I won't be misunderstood by saying this—are something like living with your wife. At times it is difficult in life with her. At all times it is impossible to live without her."

On leaving Fredericton where he spent Wednesday night, Mr. Pearson stopped at the law faculty of the University of New Brunswick to answer questions from a small group of students. He was asked whether the liberals would form a coalition with another party if they failed to win a majority in the April 8 election.

CONSIDER STABILITY  
Mr. Pearson replied this was purely hypothetical, but if no party secured a majority all parties "will have to consider very carefully the stability of government by some kind of arrangement. I won't go any further than that."

After speaking here, Mr. Pearson toured nearby Camp Gagetown at the invitation of the camp commandant, Col. G. D. Dalley, stopping briefly at the officers' mess and driving through parts of the vast campsite.

While Mr. Pearson was at the university law faculty, Miss Pearson visited the new Fredericton art gallery and joined her husband here for the coffee party. He then flew to Moncton and resumed his train journey into Nova Scotia stopping at Amherst and Truro.

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Macmillan said Thursday the disarmament negotiations at Geneva take precedence over the Communist proposal for a non-aggression treaty between NATO and the Warsaw pact countries.

Answering a House of Commons question by Opposition leader Harold Wilson, Macmillan said he would welcome a non-aggression pact between the Communist Party and its Communist counterparts, "if it is of general use."

But much more important, he said, are the disarmament negotiations now in progress in Switzerland and work toward a nuclear test-ban agreement.

## Diefenbaker Is Given Clean Bill Of Health

POLEYET, Ont. (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker has received a clean medical report after an exhaustive examination, he told reporters Thursday aboard his campaign train.

He said the report certifying that he has no symptoms of any chronic illness and has had none since the doctors first examined him in 1948 was signed by Dr. Keith Welsh and Dr. Albert Crowthers, both of Toronto.

"I am greatly pleased, for it is a relief to me," he said.

## Strike-Closed N.Y. Paper Plans To Re-Open Monday

NEW YORK (AP)—Publisher Dorothy Schiff announced Thursday that the New York Post will resume publication Monday. It has been closed throughout the New York newspaper blackout, now in its 83rd day as a result of a strike.

Mrs. Schiff, sole owner of the strike-closed, said she had given up the idea of the strike going on long enough. I see no evidence of a settlement."

The Post will be the first of nine closed newspapers to resume publication. Four of the papers were given a strike Dec. 8 by Local 6, A.F.I.C.I.O. International Typographers Union. The Post was one of five newspapers that closed voluntarily.

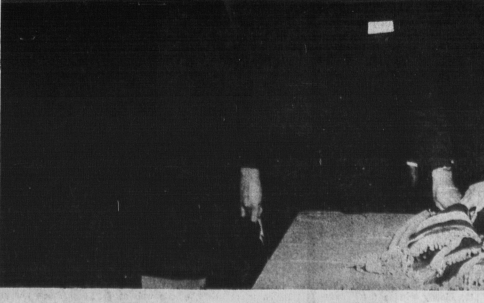
Mrs. Schiff said she had resigned from the Post Association of New York City in order to gain freedom to re-open the paper.

The New York Post is the city's oldest continuously published newspaper, founded by Alexander Hamilton in 1801. At the time is suspended publication, it employed 1,163 persons.

The Post's circulation reached 325,000 last September, a gain of 21,000 over the same month of 1962. It has the smallest circulation of any of the city's three evening newspapers.

Standing beside Mrs. Schiff as she made her announcement to the press, the Publishers Association president of striking Local 6, I.T.U. Dorothy Schiff, publisher of the New York Post, to resign from the Publishers Association of New York and to resume publication, does not alter the firm determination of the other publishers to continue to press for a satisfactory agreement to end the current strike.

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KINGSTON LEGION COLORS ARE DEDICATED

In an impressive ceremony the Kingston Branch, Royal Canadian Legion last night gained the distinction of being the first branch in the province to conduct the legion's official service of dedication of the branch colors. Here the colors lie in position while Rev. Richard Macdonald, seven Mile Bay, right, and Kenzie, Canoe Cove, while behind the chaplains is Lester MacRae, Eldon, Queens County vice commander. (See story on page 3.)

## Modest Surplus Being Forecast

By RALPH CAMERON

Guardian - Patrick Shea, writer of the budget for the coming year, announced there would be an increase in city taxes in 1963 and estimating a "modest surplus" of \$2,183,260, finance chairman H.E. Hyndman yesterday presented City Council with the budget for the coming year.

Mr. Hyndman told Council the present tax rate of \$3.35 per \$100 would be maintained. It provides an estimated revenue of 1963 of \$1,781,252.37 to take care of estimated expenditures of \$1,779,069.61.

The chairman of the finance committee said past practice had been to present the budget late in April or early May and he felt this created an unfair burden on the taxpayer.

He thanked other committee chairmen for the co-operation received which enabled him to bring the budget down early enough to give citizens a longer period in which to pay their taxes.

He was congratulated by Mayor A. Wallen Gaudet for being able to present the budget at this time. He said he has no record of it being given this early before, he noted.

BIGGEST ITEM  
Servicing the debt is the biggest single item on the list of expenditures, as in most of government, with the cost to the city of \$385,609 for interest on debentures. Next highest item is edu-

cation, with a total of \$225,000 and on females of \$12.

The second by-law due for third reading allows for installment paying of taxes on real property, with all others to be read and payable March 29, 1963.

Picture Of Old Ch'own May Appear On Calendar  
A picture of old Charlottetown picture made to be sent to every school in Canada.

Mayor Gaudet pointed out to Councilors the tremendous publicity which the city of having the picture distributed all across the country.

Mr. Gaudet readily acceded to the request.

Wrong Slant Reported Held On Proposed Vehicle Tax  
"People who proposed the right slant on the proposed 330 tax on cars," finance chairman H.E. Hyndman told City Council last evening as he insisted that figure was a maximum used on the city hall staff in sending tax bills.

There is and was no intention of changing \$30 in the provincial government's bill to the Legislature. For the present, he said, we are looking for about \$25, but if and when it goes through the Legislature it might be any figure from \$15 to \$25.

WAS BREAKEVEN  
He said that by 1964 when the new tax could be made applicable to the provincial government property tax on furniture will have been abolished "so the average citizen will break about even anyway on his taxes."

Mr. Hyndman specifically asked representatives to make it clear to the public that the city was not going to impose a \$30 tax, as he was just going to ask the government for the authority.

Councillor John Nicholson proposed what he termed an "ingenious solution" to the vexatious problem. He said it was noted last evening as he insisted that figure was a maximum used on the city hall staff in sending tax bills.

He suggested the city simply use the same system as the provincial government in licensing cars or trucks and charge the same amount for city tax as for the license.

He said the government charged by weight as the heavier cars caused more wear on streets and roads and expressed doubt about the system if the city would notify motorists.

FIGURES QUOTED  
Mr. Hyndman quoted tax figures from other Maritime cities which he said had received yesterday. These showed:

Operating Schools	1963	1963
Operating Schools	\$1,180,128.41	\$1,180,128.41
Sinking Fund Req.	2,625.72	2,625.72
Loan requirement	2,670.00	2,670.00
Serial issue		27,000.00
Investment		116,675.90
Total cost of education	185,422.13	185,422.13
Per capita cost	11.67	\$12,701.16
Total enrollment	2540	27,000
Cost per pupil	73.00	144.75
Cost City per hr.	21.17	21.17
Cost per day	906.08	1,404.79