



HIS HONOUR, Lieutenant Governor Prowse accompanied by the Guard Commander, Captain W.B. LePage inspects the Guard of Honor present at the prorogation

of the Legislature on Thursday. Immediately preceding the Governor are his aides, Lieut. Col. A.W. Rogers, E.D. (left) and Wing Commander Alan Macmillan. The

Guard which made a very smart appearance was drawn from the various Island squadrons of the Prince Edward Island Regiment (17 Recce). The Regimental Band

preceded the Guard to the Provincial Building and played appropriate music during the inspection. *Guardian Photo*

French Shipping To Avoid Suez

PARIS (AP)—France has virtually ordered French-flag shipping to boycott the reopened Suez Canal, informed sources said Friday. The boycott is likely to continue for an indefinite period. French ships, these sources said, are most unlikely to follow British and U.S. vessels into the waterway. French government financial pressure, wielded in the form of subsidies and control of foreign exchange, will see to that.

Island Legislature Prorogued; Governor Assents To 53 Bills

The Second Session of the 48th General Assembly of the Prince Edward Island Legislature was prorogued Thursday morning by Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse. Prior to the prorogation ceremony His Honor gave assent to seven additional Bills. The House opened on February 26. On April 5, His Honor had given assent to 46 Bills, before Premier Matheson had moved the 11-day adjournment. At the prorogation the Guard of Honor from the Prince Edward Island Regiment (17th Recce) was under command of Capt. W. B. LePage. Other officers in attendance were Lt. E.G. Kerr, and Lt. W.W.S. Veale. Guard Sergeant-Major was W.O. C. Ryan. The P.E.I. Regiment Band was in charge of W.O. H. Charles MacGregor.

A 15-gun salute was fired at Victoria Park. In charge of the party was Major D.J. McCormack. Lt. Col. R.D. MacNeill was the medical officer in attendance. Accompanying the Lieutenant-Governor, were his aides Lt. Col. A.W. Rogers, E.D. Wing Commander A.G. MacMillan and J.H. Connolly, V.R.D. Bills receiving Royal Assent were: "An Act to Amend the Gas Tax Act," "The Prince Edward Island Veterinary Medical Association Act," "An Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the Consolidated Fund," "An Act to Suspend Temporarily the Imposition of Income Taxes, Succession Duties and Certain Corporation Taxes," "An Act to Amend the Premium Tax Act," "The Municipalities Extension Act, 1957," "An Act for Appropriating Certain Monies Therein Mentioned for the Public Service for the Fiscal Year Ending 31st March 1958, and for the First Part of the Year ending 31st March, 1959."

Two Boys Drowned Near Dartmouth, N.S.

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Two boys were drowned and a third swam safely to shore Friday when their dory capsized about 50 feet from shore in nearby Albro Lake. Dead are George Merrick and Phillip Power, both 11. Davie McGough swam to shore. All were from Dartmouth. The bodies were recovered.

Prominent Y.M.C.A. Layman Addresses Local Group

Mr. C. F. Basil Tippett, prominent Canadian business executive, former Maritime, and President of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s delivered a forceful and inspiring address Thursday evening at a largely attended supper meeting of the Alpha and Centennial Y's Men's Club. Presidents of various 'Y' groups including the Hi-Y, Phi-Six and Women's Auxiliary were special guests. Other special guests were Mrs. Tippett, wife of the guest speaker and Mr. David Smith, Maritime Vice-president of the National Council. Mr. Neil D. MacLean presided and Mr. Arthur Duvar, President of the Y.M.C.A. introduced the speaker. "My main purpose in coming to Charlottetown," said Mr. Tippett, "is to create in you a sense of belonging—to a Christ-centred movement, working with young people for a better world. The Young Men's Christian Association."

FROM CHINA TO ROTTERDAM

First British Ship Passes Through Suez Since Nov.

POTATO GROWERS MEETING

Reports Rates Subvention Effective Dominion Day

The new 30 percent subvention on traffic moving from the Atlantic Provinces to Central Canada announced by Finance Minister Harris in his Ottawa budget March 14 will become effective July 1 - just 30 years to the day since the Maritime Freight Rates Act came into force. Announcement of the effective date was made here Thursday afternoon by Mr. Howard Mann, Executive Director of the Maritime Transportation Commission, in an address to the P.E.I. Potato Producers at a meeting in the Clover Club. Mr. Mann stated he had just received a telegram from Ottawa to this effect and believed his statement was the first public announcement of the effective date.

Queen Observes Birthday Sunday

LONDON (Reuters) — Queen Elizabeth will quietly celebrate her 31st birthday Sunday with her family at Windsor Castle.

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WEATHER TOO PERFECT

Mayflower Ready To Sail

PLYMOUTH, England (AP) — Mayflower II has her hold full of cargo and is ready to start today on a history-repeating voyage. The 180-ton sailing vessel, oaken replica of the ship in which the Pilgrim Fathers went to America in 1620, was at the starting line at last after delays in the building yard at Brixham. She is about to sail from Plymouth, England, to Plymouth, Mass. The original pilgrims needed 65 days to make the extremely hazardous journey to the west. The 32 men in the modern Mayflower, knowing much more about weather and currents than was known in 1620, think they can make the crossing in about six weeks. These modern pilgrims, with a few concessions to comfort, will travel as their forefathers did—with sail only. Mayflower II dozed Thursday night a few hundred yards from Drake Island, which bears the name of the intrepid explorer (Sir Francis), who used this old port as a base. "TOO DAMNED PERFECT" "The weather—it is too damned perfect," said Cmdr. Alan Villers, Australian sailor who will be skipper of the vessel. "What we need is some wind—not a hurricane but a fresh easterly blow. Today's wind is just about zero. But in this part of the world we expect swift changes, and tomorrow may be an altogether different story."

Mayflower II came from Dartmouth Thursday, being towed by 32 miles by a tug. It was an uneventful journey except that a number of the modern pilgrims in the crew had to bail out a lot of sea water which spilled in. There was nothing alarming, but Mayflower II is not built for towing. Her high bow is supposed to rise up with the waves which strike it. But the powerful tug pulled Mayflower's nose down. When a wave came she couldn't rise. So water poured into the hawse pipes, tubular openings through which the anchor chains pass, scooped up the water and poured it back into the English Channel. "DELIGHTFUL JOURNEY" "It was a delightful journey, and I didn't sleep a wink," said Warwick Charlton, originator of

the Mayflower project who will ride his dream boat to America. "I really think I'll have a pleasant journey but of course Mayflower, 26 feet at the waist, is a narrow lady. We expect to be rolled." All responsibility has at last been turned over to Villiers. He decides the moment of sailing and, while he is in a hurry, it might not necessarily be today. "Old sea captains didn't set a definite hour for sailing, and I'm not going to," he said, "but we'll be off the moment conditions give the sails half a chance." One snag, the accidental puncture of one of the ship's inflatable life rafts, could delay sailing. The vessel has five life rafts each capable of supporting 10 to 12 persons. Four would be more than ample, but the ministry of transport insists on a wide margin of safety. "We are trying to get a raft from the navy or air force, and are trying to buy one, but it's hard to pick up a life raft on Good Friday," Charlton said. "If we get the raft in time we plan to sail soon after the civic ceremony tomorrow morning."

DESERT MINERALS

Huge deposits of iron ore have been discovered in Mauritania, French North African colony, between Morocco and Senegal.

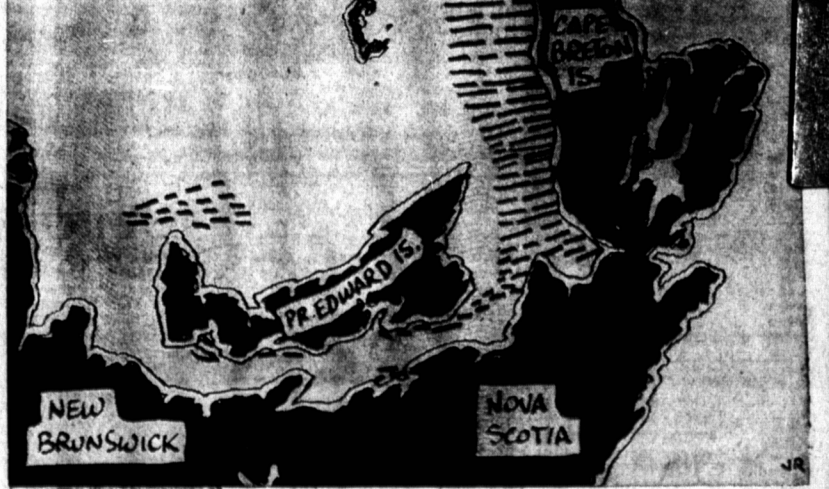
Fishing Industry Making Good Progress Says Mr. MacKinnon

"I am satisfied with the progress the Fishing Industry is making in this Province," said Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Fisheries during the passing of the estimates in the Legislature. Mr. MacKinnon was replying to the Opposition leader's criticism that the Department was allowing the oyster beds of the Province to become depleted by selling oysters to replenish New Brunswick beds. The Minister said the oysters being sold to New Brunswick were of the unmarketable type and the fishermen were getting paid for them when they otherwise would be unable to sell them. Mr. MacKinnon recalled that the Federal Government some years ago had established a biological station on Prince Edward Island and had been successful in ridding the Island shell fish of disease.

THE ICE FIELDS THURSDAY

Slight Improvement In Ice Conditions Noted

A slight improvement in ice conditions in coastal waters bordering the North Shore of Prince Edward Island and the East Coast of New Brunswick was reported by Captain Angus Brown, Wood Islands, on his return here Thursday from a six and one-half hour flight over the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Most of P.E.I.'s bays are still frozen solid the Captain stated, with board ice clinging to most sections of the Island coast-line and present in heavier concentrations in the Point Prim to Wood Islands, and St. Peter's to East Point areas. Charlottetown is the only Island Harbor open for navigation the Captain declared. Souris and Georgetown are still blocked with ice, while Summerside still has an ice barrier at the entrance. Nova Scotia's Pictou Harbor was also seen as open to navigation.



Y.M.C.A. OFFICERS VISIT GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Local Y's Men and visiting dignitaries paid an official call at Government House Thursday afternoon. LEFT TO RIGHT, Lorán MacLennan, David Smith, National Council Vice-President for N.B. and P.E.I., Mrs. Prowse, Mr. Basil Tippett, Present of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.; His Honor, T. W. L. Prowse, Lt. Governor of P.E.I.; Mrs. Tippett; Arthur Duvar, K. M. Martin, Q.C.

NEW ICE FIELD

A new ice-field was spotted on Thursday's flight. It lies North-East of P.E.I.'s North Point and extends for 40 miles. It is 20 miles across at its greatest width. This field probably drifted to its present location from somewhere off the North-East coast of New Brunswick, the Captain stated, adding that in his opinion, it would probably move on to join the main pack off Cape Breton. The southern section of this main ice pack is still locked tight against Cape Breton's western and northern seaboard, and extends seaward many miles, Captain Brown asserted. The northern section was also in the same approximate position as noted on earlier surveys—extending from Newfoundland's East Coast westwardly, but leaving a narrow ice-free passage around the eastern shore of Anticosti Island. SHIPS OPENED A large number of ships were observed Thursday steaming each way through the 20-mile wide "steamer track" between the two main ice packs. The freighter "Magdalen", which left Charlottetown early Thursday morning had arrived at a point off Souris, Captain Brown declared, having negotiated safely the narrow, but heavy ice surrounding the southern tip of the Island. Captain Brown foresaw no further difficulty from ice for this ship, once she passes through the narrow "gate" at East Point. "We had the best visibility in my nine years' experience at this work," the Captain stated, adding that at 2,500 feet that Gaspe was plainly visible from the vicinity of Brian Island.