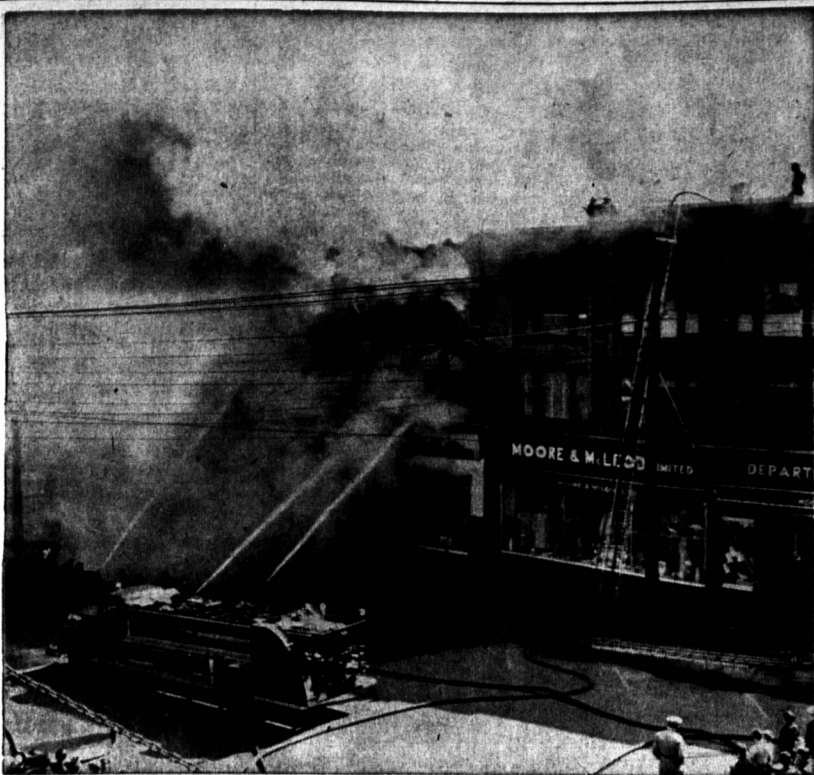


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Showers, clearing during the morning; not much change in temperature. Low-high at Charlottetown 32 and 50.

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"



14 STREAMS OF WATER USED ON FIRE

City firemen are shown above pouring three of the total fourteen streams of water on the burning Co-Op Super Market. Three other truck crews were working on other parts of the building when above photo was taken yesterday afternoon. Guardian Photo

P.M. GIVES KEYNOTE SPEECH

Appeals For Re-election On 22-Year Liberal Record

WINNIPEG (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent urged Canadians Monday night to return the Liberals for a sixth consecutive term if they want to maintain and expand the greatest wave of prosperity in Canadian history. "We all know that these past four years have been, generally, the best ever experienced in Canada," the 75-year-old Liberal leader said as he launched his cross-country election campaign in this Prairie metropolis with a review of the government's stewardship. "Let us be encouraged by our recent advances to tackle with renewed energy the problems we still have to meet. No one who looks around Canada today can fail to be proud of the progress that is everywhere evident." Mr. St. Laurent spoke in the 4,400-seat civic auditorium before a crowd of about 3,000. At one point, deviating from the text, he referred indirectly to the election promises of John Diefenbaker

and suggested they could not be fulfilled. The Progressive Conservative leader said at Toronto last Thursday that if elected, he would reduce taxes and increase social security benefits. "When you are told, as some have been told, that this party or that party can increase public expenditures and reduce taxation, they are telling you something that can't be done," Mr. St. Laurent said. He suggested voters give careful consideration to what political parties say and decide whether the proposals were realistic and could be actually achieved. NO MAJOR PROMISES His keynote speech contained no major election promises. The reelection pitch was based mainly on the Liberal record, a record which Mr. St. Laurent said "gives us solid assurance that a Liberal administration is well qualified to give dynamic direction to Cana-

dian progress in the years immediately ahead." "There are many indications all around us that our prosperity can be continued and extended. Since this is so, there is all the less reason for any part of Canada, for any citizen of Canada, to fail to share in the good life that a kindly Providence has put within reach of our hearts and our hands." In the last Parliament, opposition forces had charged the government with indulging in record spending; over-taxation; gagging of Parliament in the bitter 1956 natural gas pipeline debate; treating the provinces niggardly in the new federal tax-sharing scheme. REJECTED CRITICISM But Mr. St. Laurent, rejecting this criticism, maintained in his 5,000-word opening platform speech that his party's policies were realistic and forward-looking; they had strongly influenced the pat-

National Employment Body To Meet Here Next June

The National Employment Advisory Committee of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, will convene in Charlottetown on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th of this year. It is composed of prominent business and professional men from all parts of Canada, who contribute their services free to the furtherance of employment in Canada. It will meet under the chairmanship of the distinguished Judge Linday of Winnipeg, a legal celebrity with a Dominion-wide reputation. During the sixteen years in which the Unemployment Insurance Commission has been in operation, the National Employment

Commission has only met twice before in the Maritimes; once at St. John, N.B. and once in Halifax. The function of the National Advisory Committee is to suggest ways and means to the government of Canada, whereby employment opportunities will be increased and employment will be maintained at a high level. Since it went into operation the Committee has played a very prominent part in advocating some of the larger projects carried out by the Federal government, including the causeway at the Strait of Canso, and the St. Lawrence River Waterway. Included in its membership are many highly qualified business

and financial experts, whose advice has very often been sought by the Government of Canada. It is highly probable that while the Advisory Board is meeting, here, it will devote sometime to a study of the proposed causeway connecting New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, between Cape Tormentine and Borden. It is known that Mr. Roland MacDonald, chairman of the local Employment Advisory Committee, intends to bring the matter of the Causeway before the national committee when it meets in this city in June. Judge Linday, chairman of the National Body will arrive here on June 2nd, one day before the Convention gets under way.

11 Ships In Ice Field Off Sydney

SYDNEY (CP)—The ferry William Carson plowed through a field of ice 25 miles wide and 20 feet thick Monday to free 11 ships, including the ferry Burgeo which became stranded earlier in the day with an undetermined number of passengers aboard. The Burgeo ran into the ice field while on her regular run between Sydney and Port aux Basques, Nfld. The William Carson, commanded by Capt. Michael Tobin, reached the ferry and other vessels, while on her run from Argentina, Nfld., to North Sydney. The other ships, some of which were trapped up to 72 hours, were the freighters Exploits, Trepassy, Northern Ranger, Random, three smaller vessels, the ferry Cabot Strait and icebreaker Laurel which apparently became stuck while trying to break through the ice field. Earlier in the day an RCAF helicopter picked up a seaman from the ore carrier Wabana which is believed to be still stranded in the same area. The seaman identified only as second cook Mr. Campbell, was rushed to hospital here for treatment of a ruptured appendix. His condition is not immediately known.

13 Nations Sign New Agreement

STRASBOURG, France (Reuters)—Thirteen West European nations solemnly pledged Monday to "guarantee peace" through the amicable settlement of any disputes between them. All the signatory nations are members of the 15-nation Council of Europe, an advisory body of European legislators which is meeting here. The agreement was signed by the foreign ministers or their deputies of Britain, France, West Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Austria and Turkey—the other two council members—promised their governments soon will sign the convention. The council's committee of ministers, in addition to signing the peace-guarantee agreement, discussed in secret a British "grand design" plan for a parliamentary assembly embracing Western Europe.

Eisenhower Back In Capital Today

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—President Eisenhower returns to Washington today from his 10-day work-and-golf stay in Augusta, Ga., faced with possibly the most challenging domestic political situation he has yet experienced. Looming larger and larger is the long-heralded battle with Congress—controlled by the rival Democratic party—over the president's record peacetime budget of \$71,800,000,000. Congress returned to work today after its Eastern recess for the second half of its 1957 session. What happens from now until July, when the session is due to end, could have a lasting effect on the whole American political scene. Skirmishing and manoeuvring will start in September in preparation for the congressional elections in November, 1958.

Three Fishermen Feared Drowned

HALIFAX (CP)—RCMP said late Monday night three fishermen are missing and believed to have drowned at Small East Taylor Lake in Halifax county where their overturned boat and personal effects were found floating. A search for William Carroll, 29, a suburban Fairview, and Leonard King, Dartmouth, N.S., began Monday morning after the men failed to return from a fishing trip. An RCMP spokesman said grappling operations will begin today.

Senator McCarthy Is Seriously Ill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Joseph McCarthy was reported in serious condition Monday in the nearby Bethesda, Md., naval hospital. A hospital spokesman said McCarthy entered the institution Sunday with "acute hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) and his condition is considered serious." The Wisconsin Republican has been treated at Bethesda twice in the last two years for a wartime knee injury. Hepatitis is caused by a virus which attacks the liver, upsetting its normal function. Symptoms include digestive upset and fatigue.

MANGANESE IN ANTARCTICA

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times says a small vein of high-grade manganese ore has been found near a U.S. science outpost on the coast of Antarctica. The base, established earlier this year, is in that part of Antarctica south of the Indian Ocean. Manganese is a strategic metal used in strengthening steel.

CO-OP MANAGEMENT WILL REBUILD

Premises Of Super Market Guttled In \$250,000 Fire

P.C. Leader Defends Rights Of The Maritime Provinces

Equality of opportunity for all provinces was the key note struck by Mr. John Diefenbaker, speaking in Charlottetown last night. "The poverty or misfortune of any province diminishes the birthright of us all," he asserted. "When I say that the Maritimes are in the unequal position of being able to carry out their constitutional duties I call as my witness Premier Matheson who stated following the 1955 Federal-Provincial Conference that no recognition of the provinces' fiscal needs were taken into consideration; it was the same old story of taking the gross national product and population as a means of determining tax rentals," said Mr. Diefenbaker.

INTRODUCED SPEAKER

Mr. Angus MacLean, who introduced Mr. Diefenbaker, referred to the National Leader as one who has led a life dedicated to and filled with great achievements and one with a desire to protect the rights of his fellow Canadians. He said Mr. Diefenbaker was a man, who, in spite of his great achievements, had never lost the common touch. Speaking of agriculture, Mr. Diefenbaker said, "none of us can be prosperous unless the farmer is prosperous." He asserted that with markets gone and with farm prices showing depression in the face of rising costs, the farmers were facing one of the darkest periods in the history of the Country. He pledged his Party to implement a program of price support which would contain a flexible clause to allow for production and demand. "In this way the primary producer will know in advance what he is going to receive and thus place him in a position where he can share more

equitably in the prosperity of the nation," said Mr. Diefenbaker. NOT A CO-INCIDENCE The speaker said it was not just a coincidence that some redress in regard to potato tariffs had taken place in 1957. He claimed that his Party had been fighting this issue for the past five years but were unable to make any impression on the Government. The Conservative Leader said his Party would achieve by conference and negotiation a fairer tax rental agreement for the province and at the same time take into consideration a fairer deal for the municipalities, many of whom, he said were unable to discharge their responsibilities to their citizens. He said it would be the policy of the P.C. Party to process more raw materials at home and in this connection noted that 10 million tons of iron ore are exported annually for processing in the States. He promised to restore commonwealth trade and to investigate by Royal Commission the spread between the producer and consumer. "My policy shall be as it has always been to protect the rights of and see that the average man and woman gets a square deal," he added. "The time has come when the Government has piled up a surplus of \$400,000,000 that we reduce taxes in order to promote industry at home." In reviewing events of the last four years Mr. Diefenbaker recalled that the Government had warned that the high rate of taxation being imposed would

resulted from a stubborn fire which yesterday afternoon gutted and severely damaged the Queen Street property occupied by the Co-Op Super Market, the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture, and a branch of Household Finance. The adjoining premises of Moore and MacLeod Ltd., sustained considerable damage from smoke. Called to the scene about 1:30 p.m., city firemen rushed every available piece of equipment and manpower to the task and fought the stubborn, internal blaze for five hours before mastering it and were still pouring water into the smouldering basement as evening shadows lengthened into night. CO-OP SEVERELY DAMAGED The ground-floor Co-Op Super Market, located at 117 Queen Street, suffered severe damage to both the building and goods, but the rear portion, fronting on Richmond Street, was not appreciably damaged structurally. Fortunately, most of the store's equipment and freezers were housed in the rear, and so may possibly be salvaged. The portion of the spacious store fronting on Queen Street, however, appeared to be a total loss early last evening. WILL RE-BUILD Surveying the shambles all about him, Mr. C.M. MacLean, manager of the Co-Op, told the Guardian last night: "We will start immediate re-construction, and begin operations as soon as possible in the rear section." Regarding the other portion of the store, however, he could only speculate that "we will have to put in a bulldozer and take it to the dump."

PACKED HALL

The Rollaway auditorium where the meeting was held was filled to capacity. Mr. Melvin J. MacQuaid, president of the Prince Edward Island Progressive Conservative Association presided. Mr. and Mrs. Diefenbaker with the platform guests were piped into the Hall by piper Barry MacGillivray. Seated on the platform were the four provincial P.C. candidates: Angus MacLean, M.P., Heath MacQuarrie, Dr. Orville Phillips and John A. MacDonald, Mrs. W.A. Brady, President of the



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Opening Ceremonies Last Night Of Music Festival

"It is not winning or losing that counts, but how hard you try", Hon. A.W. Matheson, Premier of the Province advised contestants taking part in this year's Festival of Music which he declared officially open last night. Chairman of the official opening ceremonies which were held in Prince of Wales College auditorium was Professor Gordon Bennett, President of the P.E.I.'s Music Festival Association. Seated on the stage were His Hon. T.W.L. Prowse, Lt-Governor of Prince Edward Island, Premier Matheson, Mr. Neil A. Matheson, M.P., Hon. Keir Clark, provincial Minister of Education, Dr. L.W. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Education, Mrs. W.M. Brehaut, and adjudicators Dr. Leslie Bell, Toronto, and Dean Collins, Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S. In addition to those seated on the stage, the official party also included Mayor J.D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, Councillor MacCauleand, representing the Mayor of Summerside, and Mrs. MacCauleand, Lt. Col. A.W. Rogers, E.D., aide to the Governor, Mrs. T.W.L. Prowse, Mrs. Neil A. Matheson, Mrs. L.W. Shaw, Mrs. Gordon Bennett, Mrs. Wendell Wood,

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Store A Shambles After Five Hour Conflagration

Damage in excess of \$250,000 placed on the building. By 5:00 p.m., the firefighters had the blaze under control, and had it virtually extinguished by 7:00 p.m. A stand-by crew of firemen remained at the premises throughout the night to prevent a possible flare-up and prevent looting. Red Cross representatives were on hand to supply coffee to the weary and blackened firemen, many of whom sped to the scene from their regular jobs without a change of clothes. The Parkdale and Spring Park Fire Departments were standing by throughout the afternoon in the event of another fire elsewhere in the City or surrounding area. FRONT END A SHAMBLES The portion of the store fronting on Queen Street was almost completely ruined. On either side of the center support, the remaining portions of the floor slanted and curved crazily into the black void of the water-soaked basement. Tons of canned goods, spilled from shelves, rested on the basement floor, the top of the piles almost reaching the first-floor level. Firemen and employees mingled amid the debris, in semi-darkness punctuated only by a stream of fading sunlight entering through the roof's gaping holes replaced letters of wall signs and broken glass was in evidence everywhere. The rear portion of the store, however, appeared to suffer only from smoke and water, all the display cases and freezers remaining, on the surface at least, intact. AGRICULTURE FEDERATION Mr. J.L. Dewar, Secretary of the Federation of Agriculture, reported last night that virtually all office equipment contained in the second-storey quarters was a total loss, many of the filing cabinets plunging through the weakened floor and spewing their contents amid the water. Regarding records of the Federation, Mr. Dewar said he thought a good deal of them were beyond salvage and all were damaged, but held hope that some could be salvaged. In particular, he mentioned a shelf of old books and records, which he feared were burned or soiled. Also, a good number of letters ready to be mailed were lost. MOORE AND MCLEOD LTD. Officials of this company, which occupied the adjoining premises, were of the opinion that damage sustained by them consisted principally of that caused by smoke and water, and were not in a position last night to be more specific. HOUSEHOLD FINANCE Household Finance, the other occupant of the second storey of the damaged premises, reported last night that all records were saved, 90 per cent of them being removed from the building, and the remaining 10 per cent of a fireproof nature and contained in asbestos-lined casing. However, Mr. Walter Wheeler, manager of the Charlottetown branches of the Company, reported that equipment in the recently renovated office was, as far as is known, completely destroyed. The company's business will now be carried on at the Great George Street branch, which Mr. Wheeler "expects to suffice for our needs at present." An official from the company's head office is to arrive next week to make any additional arrangements. The Co-Op Super Market was first opened for business on December 15, 1949, with the store fronting on Queen Street. Recently the rear portion, fronting on Richmond Street, was added.

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INVESTMENTS COVERED

"The management knows that all shareholders investments in the business are adequately covered and that, while many valuable records were lost, they feel certain that they will be able to retrieve at each shareholder's position in relation to the Company," Mr. MacLean stated. The equipment, he said, was mostly saved, but salvage "wouldn't be 20 per cent of the goods." CROWDS GATHER As the total City volunteer fire department (50 men) fought the blaze, hundreds of citizens gathered to watch clouds of smoke pour from virtually every portion of the structure. All four fire engines answered the call, and a maximum of fourteen streams of water

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Predicts Dairy Market Will Be As High As Last Year's

HALIFAX (CP)—President Frederick J. Reynolds of the National Dairy Council of Canada predicted Monday night Canada's 1957 dairy market will be "as high as last year's and, with an assist from the weather, might be a good bit better." Mr. Reynolds told the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Dairy-men's Association "the demand for fluid milk in the cities will continue" and the amount of milk used for other products "will depend somewhat on the cheese market and influence of the support prices now placed under skim milk powder as well as butter." He reported a substantial increase last year over 1955 in the consumption of milk in its natural state as well as concentrated products and less cream. However, butter production dropped about 15,000,000 pounds in the same period. And "we had in Canada an April 1 about 21,000,000 pounds less creamery butter than a year ago."

Canada's annual milk production advanced about 10 per cent from 1952 to 1956 while Nova Scotia's output increased 12 per cent. Dairy farming represents about 27 per cent of a Nova Scotia farmer's income. R. J. Peters of Wolfville, N.S., was elected president of the dairy-men's association; T. C. MacConnell, Scotsburn, vice-president; and T. A. Murray, Truro, secretary. "The session winds up today." No Injuries In Derailment MONCTON (CP)—A derailment-blocked line in the Grand Falls subdivision was cleared Monday night. The CNR reported here. Twenty-four cars of an 80-car westbound freight train were derailed Sunday night 37 miles west of Napadogan.



ADJUDICATORS

Two of the adjudicators at this year's Musical Festival are LEFT Dr. Leslie Bell, M.A., Mus. D. and Edwin A. Collins, M.A., Mus., Charlottetown, P.E.I. Dr. Bell is well known as a director of outstanding bands, orchestras, choirs and other groups. Mr. Collins was senior assistant organist at Holy Cathedral at 18, served in France and Italy in the First World War, later being in charge of military bands in the Near East. He received recognition in 1956 for his opera, "The God at Grand Pre." He is dean of music at Acadia University. Guardian Photo