

National Electrical Week Observed In Canada, U.S.

Throughout Canada and the United States this week, Feb. 11 to 17, is being observed as National Electrical Week with all fields of the electrical industry combining their efforts to focus attention of the public on the safety and convenience of complete electrical wiring.

In Prince Edward Island, as in eight other Canadian Provinces, all segments of the electrical industry have united to form an Electric Service League which holds its annual meeting during the week.

Incorporated in 1957 by the provincial government, the league, in its by-laws, names as one of its objects, "To carry out promotional and educational activities in the province of Prince Edward Island to increase the public's knowledge and acceptance of adequate wiring."

PRIMARY PURPOSE

The ESL has taken this as its primary purpose, and offers informative literature to the home owner or home buyer, free of charge, and has a list of speakers who will speak at any organization group, upon request.

Recognizing over-fusing as a fire hazard in many homes

throughout the province, the ESL has been advocating the use of 15 ampere fuses for the past five years. In many homes throughout Canada, when a fuse blows, the homeowner will replace it with a 21 or even a 30 ampere fuse.

The uninformed home owner does not realize that by so doing he has eliminated the safety value of his electrical system, (the 15 ampere fuse) and now has a potential fire hazard in his wiring system.

STANDARD WIRING

To combat this over-fusing hazard, the local Electric Service League made its first project the establishing of a standard of wiring which would ensure the home owner of sufficient electrical wiring for the safe and efficient operation of all the appliances of today and tomorrow.

"Red Seal," the name by which this standard of wiring is known throughout Canada and the United States, is fast becoming accepted by home owners in this province as their guarantee of adequate home wiring for the many appliances of today.

All electrical contractor members of the League are qualified to wire homes to the Red Seal Standard, and after inspection by the league the home owner is presented with a certification of Red Seal, signed by the league chairman. A Red Seal sticker is also placed on the main switch box in the home.

LESS EFFICIENT

It is not widely known by the public that appliances and lights cannot operate efficiently if the wiring of the home is not fully adequate, and that heating appliances will be slow in heating, and motors operate at less than full speed if the wiring does not supply the full amount of power required. Incandescent lights, for instance, might give less than their full light through inadequate wiring.

Tomorrow evening, the league will hold its annual dinner meeting at the Charlottetown YMCA, with representatives of the industry present from all over the province.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Stan Cassidy, of Stan Cassidy Ltd., Fredericton, N.B., one of the Maritimes leading electrical contractors.

Federal Minister Of Health Is Efficient Administrator

By JACK BEST

OTTAWA (CP) — The health and welfare department, an operation that takes nearly one-quarter of federal spending, is directed by a chartered accountant with a keen eye for where a dollar goes.

Jay Waldo Monteith, 58, is a quietly efficient administrator and every inch a businessman. As minister he bosses a department whose disbursements this fiscal year are \$1,592,000,000, second highest, after national defence, of any department.

He feels his accounting background has been useful in the post he has held since 1957. "I think it gives me a proper perspective as to finances."

There's more than business,

however, in his background. He comes from an Ontario family that has been in politics since Confederation.

GRANDFATHER WAS MP

His grandfather, Andrew Monteith, represented Perth North in the first Ontario legislature in 1867 and from 1874 to 1878 sat in the Commons.

His father, the late Dr. J. D. Monteith, represented Perth North in the legislature in 1923-24 and served as provincial treasurer and minister of labor and public works.

"I was brought up on politics," says Mr. Monteith, Progressive Conservative MP for Perth since 1953. "In my family it was always being discussed."

Like his father, he served two

years as mayor of Stratford, Ont., where he was born and where he still maintains a home and business office, the latter in partnership with another accountant. The firm also has an office in Oshawa, Ont.

Once a month he and his wife, the former Mary Strudley, get away from Ottawa to visit Stratford for a day or so of relaxation, though it doesn't always prove relaxing.

"It doesn't take long sometimes for the folks there to find out I am home, and then I may wind up with a series of appointments."

Stratford is also where the Monteiths and their three daughters hold family reunions several times a year. "They visit us here in Ottawa now and then, but separately."

The three are Sally, Mrs. John Wismer of London, Ont.; Nancy, working in Toronto, and Mary, who attends Bishop Strachan School in Toronto.

Mr. Monteith presides over a department with more than 5,000 employees. It is responsible for distributing old age pension cheques—\$807,000,000 worth this year; family allowances—\$523,000,000; hospital insurance payments to the provinces—\$270,000,000, and unemployment relief assistance—\$45,000,000.

A matter that occupies much of his attention now is launching of the national fitness and amateur sports program. Parliament earmarked \$5,000,000 annually for the program at its last session.

"There seems to be a great

deal—a tremendous amount—of support for the plan. There is widespread acceptance that the fitness of the general citizenry is not what it might be."

Mr. Monteith himself, a trim and vigorous six-footer who weighs 186 pounds and never diets, is a good advertisement for such an enterprise. He keeps in shape with a daily round of exercises from the RCAF 5BX manual—"I have reached the level for my age bracket."

Another interest is golf but he doesn't get to play as often as he once did. His best-ever score was 87. "I would be awfully happy to break 100 now."

MAC'S 68TH MILESTONE

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Macmillan was 68 Saturday. He spent his birthday quietly at Birch Grove, his Sussex country home south of London.

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas the week of February 11-17th, 1962 has been designated as

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL WEEK

in recognition of the importance of electricity and the electrical industry to the social and economic strength of our community,

and whereas to draw public attention to the importance of the services performed by the industry in everyday life,

and whereas to encourage the safe and efficient use of electricity,

now therefore, I proclaim February 11-17th, 1962, National Electrical Week in *Charlottetown* and I urge all citizens and organizations to participate in this observance.

Signed *Antwathin Soudet*
Mayor of Charlottetown.

Fleming Says Budget Scheduled This Year

OTTAWA (CP) — Finance Minister Fleming has told the Commons there will be a budget this year, but he made no reply when asked whether there would be one this Parliamentary session.

His statement came as the result of a question H. W. Herdige (CCF — Kootenay West) started to ask about a 1956 report of the Ontario Bar Association.

Before he could state the question, however, Speaker Roland Michener interrupted to tell him it was out of order because it was "an endeavor to look for budget secrets."

J. W. Pickersgill (L — Bona-

vista - Twillingate) asked whether the finance minister "has any budget secrets."

Mr. Fleming said it was "simply untrue" that his departmental officials have not been spending the long hours at budget meetings which are normal at this time of year and declared that both he and his department are carrying on their work in the usual way.

"I am quite certain there will be a budget this year," he added.

"This session?" asked Hazen Argue, house leader of the CCF New Democratic Party group.

Mr. Fleming did not reply.

CARDINAL HITS AT U.S. BILL

NEW YORK (AP)—Francis Cardinal Spellman said here passage of President Kennedy's \$5,700,000,000 federal aid to education bill would bring about the "eventual end" of the Roman Catholic school system in the United States.

The administration measure, made public Tuesday, excluded any federal aid to private or church elementary and high schools.

Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, has often voiced disagreement with the administration's stand.

The statement, one of his most forceful yet, was made before a group of 1,500 teaching nuns, brothers and lay teachers.

He termed the Catholic hierarchy would continue its fight for what he termed "equal justice" for all U.S. school children.

If the administration bill was passed it would create "a dagger threatening our very existence."

"If the administration's bill and the administration's desire should become factual that means the end of our schools . . ."

"We cannot compete with the federal government's support and subsidy of public schools only."

Sheet Hbr. Expected Newsprint Mill Site

HALIFAX (CP) — Premier Stanfield has announced the Nova Scotia government has reached a preliminary agreement with the Hearst Corporation on the establishment of a newsprint mill at the town of Sheet Harbor, 75 miles north-east of here.

The premier said the corporation, the publishing organization founded by William Randolph Hearst, is undertaking an engineering and feasibility study at the site of the proposed mill.

"Unless engineering or other unforeseen difficulties emerge, the construction of the new mill is expected to commence within a year," he said.

Cost of the mill was indicated at between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

The mill would produce 90,000 tons of newsprint annually for use by the corporation, utilizing 84,000 cords of wood, of which about 40 per cent would be purchased from private woodlot operators.

The corporation would have its subsidiary, Halifax Power and Pulp Company Limited in Sheet Harbor, turn over to the province its timber holding in 110,000 acres of Halifax County.

The premier said these lands and an additional 210,000 productive acres of Crown land will be leased to the corporation for an initial 50 years, with established rates for stumpage for 30 years.

Mr. Stanfield said "a major problem in reaching agreement concerned the cost of power in the required volume to make newsprint production economically feasible. The province has given assurance to provide electric power at a reasonable rate for an extended period."

He said all wood cutting on Crown lands would conform with forest management plans.

The project is seen as a "one-machine mill at this point." The province at present was not able to ensure more pulpwood for further expansion at a later date.

Death Sentence Commuted In N.Y.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York State has spared from Sing Sing's electric chair an 18-year-old Puerto Rican-born boy whose sentence for murder had stirred much opposition despite public outrage 2½ years ago over the boy's crimes.

Rockefeller commuted the sentence of Salvatore (Cape Man) Agron to life imprisonment, eight days before youth had been scheduled to die for stabbing Robert Young and Anthony Kzesinski, both 16, in a New York City playground.

The governor said he was acting "in the light of . . . recommendations from the court and from the prosecution, and all the circumstances of the background and condition of this defendant."

Construction Ass'n Expects Big Convention In Montreal

By FORBES RHUDE

Canadian Press Business Editor

The winter season for business conventions is in full swing and will continue until the summer lull.

The Canadian Construction Association, representing an industry with about \$7,000,000 of activity annually, meets in Montreal Feb. 19-21, with pre-convention seminars starting Feb. 15. More than 1,000 delegates are expected to attend.

A. G. Sullivan, of Montreal, the association's president and president of Foundation Maritime Ltd., will review the construction scene and prospects at the annual dinner Feb. 19.

One general session will discuss credit policies with Dr. D. E. Armstrong, director of McGill University's school of commerce, as moderator. Reports by committees will deal with such matters as apprenticeship, equipment, labor relations, legislation and taxation, research and education, standard practices and winter-time construction.

INSTALL COMMITTEE

Policy for the coming year, based on recommendations by the policy committee, will be adopted on the final day, Feb. 21, and officers for the coming year will be installed. Luncheon speakers are W. S. Kirkpatrick, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and president of Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Ltd., and Eric W. Kierans, president, Montreal Stock Exchange.

The International Tax Conference, sponsored by the Canadian Tax Foundation and the Canadian Council for the International Chamber of Commerce will follow next day, also in Montreal.

It will discuss such subjects as taxation policies in relation to international investment; tax planning for exporters; United States western hemisphere trade corporations; and Canadian-U.S. personnel movements and taxes.

Hickman Price Jr., United States assistant secretary of commerce, will address the luncheon on the "United States trade expansion act of 1962."

Mr. Hickman, previous to his present appointment in 1961, was executive vice-president of Mercedes-Benz do Brazil at Sao Paulo. He also formerly served with the U.S. foreign economic administration in Africa and in Washington.

GIVE COURSE

Toronto meetings include the Prospectors and Developers Association March 11-14, preceded by a course in prospecting given without charge by the association and the Ontario department of mines March 5-9; the Canadian Importers and Traders annual conference April 5; and the Canadian Electrical Manufacturers Association's "appliance marketing seminar" May 17.

News releases from the Canadian Hardware Show, held in Toronto Feb. 5-8, states that "discount stores don't answer the questions," according to hardware dealers.

One executive said his company lists 47,000 hardware and houseware items while the average discount store would stock 17,000 to 18,000. He added that "discount stores stock the impulse items," but that most hardware customers want to know how to attach, install, repair, adjust, or fasten the items they buy.

Another release says 60 per cent of hardware shoppers are

Gov't Refuses 3 Documents

OTTAWA (CP) — The government declined in the Commons to produce three sets of documents.

Frank Howard (CCF—Skeena) sought tabling of documents dealing with proposals for extension of Canada's territorial limits beyond the present three miles.

External Affairs Minister Green said the matter was being "actively pursued" and disclosure of the documents might prejudice Canada's case.

H. J. Robichaud (—Gloucester) sought tabling of two sets of transport department documents dealing with surveys of possible airfield sites at Bathurst, N.B., and in the Dalhousie-Charlo area of New Brunswick.

Transport Minister Balcer said such departmental documents are considered privileged. He added that the municipalities concerned had been supplied with certain information obtained in the surveys.

Mr. Robichaud then withdrew his requests.

NEHRU ANGRY AGAIN

ERNAKULAM, India (Reuters)—Prime Minister Nehru has objected to advice from the Roman Catholic Church in Kerala to its adherents not to vote Communist in the general elections beginning next week. He told an election meeting Thursday he agreed with the advice given in a pastoral letter circulated recently by some archbishops in Kerala, but "I strongly disapprove of the church functioning in this way."

women, generally after houseware items, but also interest in gifts for their husbands.



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PREMIER W. R. SHAW'S ELECTRICAL WEEK MESSAGE

I extend the best wishes of the Government of Prince Edward Island for the success of Canada's Sixth National Electrical Week.

Through the continued extension of distribution lines under the Provincial Government's Rural Electrification Program, hundreds of citizens in the rural areas are enjoying the comforts and efficiency of electricity.

I am pleased to draw attention to the importance of the services performed by the electrical industry in everyday life, and to proclaim February 11th to 17th, 1962, as National Electrical Week in Prince Edward Island.

**W. R. Shaw
Premier.**

The Town of Summerside

On behalf of the people of Summerside, we are pleased to join with other centres of the Dominion in proclaiming Feb. 11th to 17th as National Electric Week. People everywhere enjoy the comforts of modern living, by living better electrically.

**MAYOR
W. A. CURRIE,
and
Council for the
Summerside Electric Light Dept.**