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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"



FEDERAL AGRICULTURE Minister Harkness (left) Premier Matheson and Max Thompson of Victoria, president of the P.E.I. Dairymen's Association, chat informally last night prior to the dairymen's dinner at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Ottawa Plans To Broaden Program For Rural Credit

"It is the intention of the Government at the present session of Parliament to introduce legislation that will broaden and improve the rural credit program," Hon. Douglas S. Harkness, federal minister of agriculture, told a capacity representative meeting of the P.E.I. Dairymen's Association at their diamond jubilee banquet held at the Charlottetown Hotel last night.

Wheat Acreage Seen Increasing

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian farmers intend to push their wheat acreage this year to 22,744,000 acres, up nine per cent from last year's 20,869,100, the bureau of statistics reported Wednesday. This would be the highest wheat acreage since 1956.

Prairie spring wheat acreage, including durum wheat, would rise to 22,065,000 acres from 20,244,000 last year, the bureau said. The report is based on a March 1 survey of farmers' production intentions.

Acreage rises in Canada also were indicated for oats, rye, flaxseed and mixed grains. Offsetting these would be declines for barley, corn, soybeans, potatoes, mustard seed, rapeseed, sunflower seed and summerfallow.

Canadian 1959 intended acreages with last year's totals in brackets:

Oats 11,408,800 (11,039,000); barley 8,988,200 (9,548,000); rye 525,900 (521,400); flaxseed 2,682,300 (2,664,700); mixed grains 1,509,200 (1,421,800); corn for grain 493,500 (488,500); soybeans 233,000 (263,000); potatoes 302,500 (31,000); mustard seed 30,000 (87,325); rapeseed 420,000 (679,200); sunflower seed 38,200 (48,700); summerfallow 24,340,000 (25,304,000).

Wage Hike Is Recommended For Firemen On The C.N.R.

OTTAWA (CP)—A federal conciliation board Wednesday recommended a wage increase for the firemen's union on the CNR but said firemen should be dropped on freight and yard diesel engines.

The Canadian National will accept the recommendations, it was learned Wednesday night. The CPR signed Tuesday.

The Brotherhood — which has 3,000 men on the CNR and which pulled a three-day strike against the CPR last summer on the diesel issue — has not yet made up its mind.

Dairy Instruction School Sought By P. E. I. Ass'n

A permanent school for dairy instruction may be established within the Maritime Provinces.

This was brought about in a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association held in the Legion Hall yesterday.

The resolution was as follows: Resolved that the Prince Edward Island, Department of Agriculture be commended for its action in bringing Mr. J.M. Bain to this Province to conduct a short course for cheese makers.

Further resolved that all possible steps be taken to expedite research for improved methods of cheese manufacturers.

Further resolved that the Government of the Maritime Provinces in order that our dairy personnel may be afforded the

U.K.-Canada 'Have Plan To Ease Berlin Tensions'

Mandatory Section Deleted From Hospital Insurance Act

The tempest caused by the Hospital Insurance bill on Tuesday subsided yesterday as quickly as it had started when an amendment to the act, removing the mandatory clause was passed. The Act received 2nd reading without further alterations.

Harvey Douglas (L-2nd Kings) introduced the amendment seconded by William Acorn (L-Kings).

Dr. L.G. Dewar who was the only one of the four Opposition members in the House when the bill was brought back into committee yesterday told the government they were taking "an off again, on again gone again Finigan" attitude toward the measure on which they had argued so strongly the day before.

Dr. Dewar, who voted for inclusion of the mandatory section on Tuesday said, "I voted one way yesterday and I am sure I am not going to change my mind in 24 hours."

Premier Matheson said he had argued with the federal health officials on the previous day that the mandatory section was not necessary, "but on their insistence I agreed to move the amendment."

"I must say that this was one time that I was presenting something in which I was not in full agreement. If the members of this House feel that this is what the

people of the province really want, I have no objection to the motion," the Premier said.

Frank MacNutt (L-3rd Prince) said there was a great many who would like to have a degree of compulsion. This feeling, he said was prevalent among employee groups.

Mr. Douglas: "I don't think we should have two classes of people — those who are compelled to pay and those who are not."

WORKS BOTH WAYS

Mr. MacNutt reminded him that the argument could be used in the opposite direction. He said one of the reasons for the success of the plan in Ontario was due to the large percentage of payroll contributions.

George Saville (L-5th Kings) (Continued on Page 17 Col. 8)

LONDON (CP)—Mikhail Suslov, a Kremlin leader, told British Labor party leaders Wednesday night Moscow has presented no ultimatum over Berlin and wants to settle the issue in East-West conferences.

Suslov addressed Labor MPs at a meeting in a private room of the House of Commons. His remarks were reported later by people who attended.

Suslov, secretary of the central committee of the Soviet Communist party, was quoted as saying: "The sole object of Soviet policy on Berlin is to deal with a danger spot. I was very much surprised when the Western powers suggested this was a sort of ultimatum or 'diktat' by the Soviet Union."

THREAT OF VIOLENCE

"In fact, some powers are threatening the use of violence to prevent the handing over of Soviet rights to East Germany."

"There are two German states and therefore there must be either a peace treaty with the two Germans or with a confederal Germany or, alternatively, we would make a peace treaty with East Germany if other methods did not succeed."

Suslov asserted Russia has no desire to change the social status of West Berliners or to impose on them a social system they do not want.

No Ultimatum Over Berlin, Russian Says

By ALAN HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — Britain and Canada agreed Wednesday on broad outlines of a plan for diminishing East-West tensions in central Europe.

Qualified sources said an "agreed approach" on the best way to deal with divided Germany was reached at morning and afternoon meetings between British Prime Minister Macmillan and other senior ministers.

Canadian sources said the suggestion of broad accord or general sympathy does not imply a "pledge of support" by Canada to what is essentially a British plan.

It was understood the formula involving a variant of disengagement but carefully avoiding phrasing that calls for a freeing of forces in an agreed area of Europe.

The complicated plan would involve measures of effective control and inspection on rival sides of a dividing line. Any such agreement would be accompanied

Diiefenbaker, Macmillan Meet

Planners avoid the word "disengagement" because it is repugnant to some sections of West German opinion. Mr. Macmillan will seek President Eisenhower's views on the plan for freezing forces at Washington meetings starting today.

The British prime minister, emerging as the travelling coordinator of Western policy on Germany, arrived by air from London this morning with support for the idea of East-West negotiations "in the course of the summer."

He paid tribute to External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith, who died suddenly here Tuesday at 62, saying Mr. Smith's "arduous work" has hastened his death.

Accompanied by Foreign Secretary Lloyd, Mr. Macmillan then plunged into informal talks with Prime Minister Diiefenbaker and sat in a Commons gallery with Mr. Lloyd to hear the Canadian leader praise the "tremendous inspiration" provided by Mr. Macmillan in diplomatic affairs.

This was a reference to the prime minister's travels to Moscow, Paris and Bonn, a circuit of diplomatic capitals now being completed by the Ottawa and Washington visits.

Talks resumed at 3:30 p.m. EST, ministers being joined by senior advisers as the solid work started on the details of a German settlement.

On the Canadian side, those present included Mr. Diiefenbaker, Works Minister Green, Defence Minister Peckles, External Affairs Undersecretary Norman Robertson and Henry Davis, European chief of the external affairs department.

As the meetings ended shortly before 5 p.m., a British informant said Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Lloyd were "very happy" to have had intimate talks with their Canadian colleagues as a prelude to the forthcoming round of discussions in Washington, expected to last until Tuesday.

Wednesday night Mr. Macmillan—paying his third Ottawa visit in 17 months—dined privately with Governor-General Massey at Government House.

Mr. Massey, who returned Wednesday from a 23-day holiday in the Barbados, was a classmate and close friend of the British prime minister at Oxford's Balliol College before the First World War.

At noon Wednesday, Mr. Macmillan met members of the Canadian cabinet and gave them impressions of his 10-day Russian visit. Privately, it was understood, the prime minister also gave top ministers his analysis of current Russian objectives.

The 28-member British party leaves for Washington this morning.

Ont. Careless Driving Law Is Upheld

TORONTO (CP) — The Ontario Court of Appeal Wednesday quashed an Ontario Supreme court judgment of two months ago which ruled Ontario's careless driving law invalid.

The Appeal Court's judgment, a 3-to-2 decision, apparently opens the way for prosecution of hundreds of delayed careless driving cases in the province.

Chief Justice J. C. McRuer ruled last year that the careless driving section of the Ontario Traffic Act was invalid because it infringed on the federal Criminal Code.

Man. Plans Flood Control Project

WINNIPEG (CP) — An immediate start on an \$85,000,000 flood control program for southern Manitoba, with the federal government being asked to foot at least three-quarters of the bill, was outlined Wednesday by Premier Duff Roblin.

Mr. Roblin told the legislature the program would include a 32-mile floodway to carry excess water from the Red River around the Winnipeg area.

A 1950 flood inundated the Winnipeg region with heavy loss.

DON'T LIKE COMPULSION

Mr. Douglas said he did not think the people of the province would want the plan on a compulsory basis. He felt it would be best to try the plan on a voluntary basis and if there were not enough people subscribing, it could be amended at the next session of the House.

Mr. Acorn said he concurred with the mover's remarks. "If the act is going to be established it should be voluntary. The people should be given a chance to decide whether they want it or not."

Health Minister Bonnell said he was not sure whether the motion was necessary or not, since it had never been the intention of the Government to establish the plan on anything but a voluntary basis. He said the mandatory clause was being inserted, just in case

FUNERAL TODAY

OTTAWA (CP) — The hum of parliamentary life will be stilled momentarily today as Canada pays its highest tribute to a friendly Maritime boy who became the country's top diplomatic spokesman.

With friends in cabinet, Parliament and university as honorary pallbearers, the body of Sidney Smith—external affairs minister for a brief 18 months after a lifetime of brilliant university service—will be borne in a state funeral in this capital, to be climaxed with his burial in his native Nova Scotia.

"He overtaxed his strength," said Prime Minister Diiefenbaker of the man he plucked from academic life for the country's top diplomatic role. He had urged the 62-year-old Mr. Smith a few days ago to slow down, but "that was not his way."

The urbane, witty former University of Toronto president collapsed and died in his mid-town apartment Tuesday after returning from a speaking engagement in Halifax. The death certificate showed he died of a massive cerebral hemorrhage, the bursting of a major blood vessel in the brain.

Mr. Smith had been in office only a short while, his pleasant personality captured him many new diplomatic friends. Tributes poured in from all parts of the world. Prime Minister Macmillan of Britain had even thought of cancelling his one-day trip to Ottawa, but Mr. Diiefenbaker asked that talks on the Berlin crisis go ahead as scheduled.

"We mourn a public servant whose devotion to duty has, in a sense, cost him his life," said Mr. Macmillan on arrival here Wednesday. He leaves for Washington today.

Governor-General Massey, chancellor of the University of Toronto while Mr. Smith was "personal loss" to him, "for I much valued his friendship over the many years we have worked together in the University of Toronto."

Mr. Massey, returning from a Barbados holiday, will attend today's funeral, to take place at 4 p.m. EST at Chalmers United Church. Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Howe, minister of Bloor Street United Church in Toronto, will assist Rev. A. Leonard Griffith of Chalmers in the service.

URGED SLOW DOWN

Dr. Thomas Kendall, coroner who completed the investigation, said that Mr. Smith had been suffering from high blood pressure. He had been under high tension and strain and had been urged to take things easy. But he would not do so. Death followed swiftly and suddenly after "the stroke."

Three doctors—James H. Graham and M. O. Klotz of Ottawa and Ian Macdonald of Toronto—later issued this statement.

Following his return from Halifax at noon, March 17, Dr. Smith lay down after lunch. It

Island Potatoes Should Retain Reddish Tinge

Island potatoes will have to retain their reddish tinge if they are not to be impersonated by their Quebec and Ontario cousins.

Agriculture minister Cullen speaking of the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture told the Legislature that economists in Ottawa have repeatedly advised Island dealers not to wash their potatoes. They said it would remove the red soil of the Island which was the only identifying mark which could not be duplicated.

He said he was aware that some producers in other parts wash their potatoes in order to improve their appearance, but felt that so long as Island spuds were receiving a premium price there was nothing to be accomplished by this extra effort.

The report was submitted by the chairman of the committee, H.P. Smith (L-4th Queens). Other members of the committee were R.R. Bell, George Kitson, Fred Kitson, C.C. Baker and Frank Myers.

POTATO FIELDMAN

Speaking of the new fieldman that would be appointed, Mr. Cullen said there was plenty of work for two or three potato fieldmen if the government could afford them. He said this man would work chiefly in the

field of disease eradication. "You can fill volumes with legislation but if you have no one to see that these regulations are carried out, they are not much good," said Mr. Cullen.

Weed control on the Island, Mr. Cullen said, was being effectively carried out. However he noted that roadside weeds and vacant farms presented a hazard in the propagation of noxious weeds.

He said quite a number of new weeds have made their appearance during the past few years. One of these, ragwort, was particularly difficult to kill. He said it was also poisonous to animals.

Harvey Douglas said he had read recently where a type of lice had been imported into British Columbia to feed on ragwort.

Mr. Douglas said the lice fed on the ragwort and were reported to be quite effective in controlling the weed. He wondered if lice could be tried on the Island weeds.

Frank MacNutt said he had read where wild mustard had to be near the surface of the ground (Continued on Page 17 Col. 6)

opportunity to keep abreast with the rapid developments in the industry.

RE-ELECTED

Max Thompson of Victoria was re-elected president of the association. R.A. Profit, Free-town was elected vice-president and J.L. Dewar Charlottetown was re-elected as secretary.

Directors named were R.A. Profit; Arnold Wood, West Cape; Frank Murphy, Carleton Siding; Fred Kitson, North Wiltshire; John Simmonds, Charlottetown; Max Thompson, P.G. Gay, Charlottetown, R.R. 6; C.S. MacDonald, Souris River; Roderick MacKenzie, Dundas and S. Sutherland, St. Peter's Bay.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS

Other resolutions were: that



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