

Liberal Government Is Lacking In Firmness

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN OTTAWA — The present Liberal government in Ottawa has been so lacking in firmness and strength in its dealings with the United States, that Canadians are understandably uneasy.

He made a plea for the use of common sense in the handling of Canada's bilingual problem, particularly as it applies to the federal civil servants. While mastery of both languages was a desirable goal, Mr. Macquarrie pointed out that the overwhelming majority of Canadians were unilingual.



COLONEL GRAY SCHOOL BAND PRESENTS

Colonel Gray High School presented a Christmas band and choir concert in the school's auditorium last night at 8:30 p.m. Seen here practicing beforehand are David Shephard, Maura Doyle, Jim Campbell, and Gerard Rutten who is the school's musical director.

Sinbad And The Mermaid To Open Centennial Year

The Centennial year of live theatrical entertainment will begin at Confederation Centre Theatre on January 2, with a special holiday entertainment spectacular for the whole family. The show is the Fredericton Playhouse Company production "Sinbad and the Mermaid", a colorful musical comedy version of the legendary story designed to set a happy mood for the beginning of Prince Edward Island's Centennial Year.

December 26. A full professional cast has been assembled by producer Brian Swarbrick, and the musical is in final rehearsal stages this week. The show is designed as light-hearted entertainment for the whole family and it incorporates one unique feature never before attempted in Canada.

Centennial Song Written About Riel

TORONTO (CP) — Irish-born Emmott Martin, Toronto insurance man, has written a centennial song about Louis Riel because the Métis rebel "was the only Canadian I know who ever struck a blow for liberation of this country."

Transport Commission Watchdog Attractive To Transport Minister

OTTAWA (CP) — Transport Minister Pickersgill said Wednesday he was "much attracted" by opposition suggestions for a permanent parliamentary watchdog over the proposed Canadian transport commission.

ways carte blanche to compete in current circumstances. The economic picture had brightened considerably for the railways in the seven years since the MacPherson royal commission began its examination of the railway systems. As a result, some of the concepts of the transportation bill, largely based on the MacPherson report, were outdated.

ries are fighting an ancient battle against discrimination in the new legislation. Michael Forrestall (PC-Hallifax) said harbor facilities in the Nova Scotia port must be developed to meet the coming "era of the 100,000-ton ships."

Auction Bidding Slow Due To Festive Season

By NEIL MATHESON The festive season had an effect on the weekly cattle auction sale at the provincial exhibition ground yesterday. Bidding was a bit slow on the cows in the 122 head offered, an observer said, but "other classes of livestock were stronger."

\$23.50; common — 19.50-21.50. Cows, good — \$17.00-\$18.75; medium, 15.50-16.50; Canners and Cutters, 13.00-15.00; Shelly canners, 9.00-12.50.

THOMSON

Continued from Page 1 caused a commotion in the Commons with some Labor backbenchers demanding delay of approval pending a full debate and full disclosure of Thomson's assurances.

Income Tax Trial Ends TORONTO (CP) — The longest income tax trial in Canada ended Tuesday when counsel for Samuel Ciglen, 61, concluded his argument.

WESTERN BRIEFS RETURNS HOME Freddie Folland has returned to his home at Kensington from the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, where he has been receiving treatment.

\$25 Supplement From Provincial Government

The provincial government is now paying a supplementary pension payment of \$25 monthly to all Island citizens who are receiving old age security payments, or old age assistance, blind and disabled persons' allowances, it was announced yesterday by Hon. L.M. Bonnell, minister of welfare. This supplementary allowance has been paid from April 1st, 1966.

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Accident At West Royalty

The Charlottetown Detachment of the RCMP investigated a collision which occurred at 8:40 p.m. yesterday at Royalty Corner, West Royalty, between Albert Joseph Boudreau, Cape Bald, N.B., driving a one-half ton 1965 Chevrolet truck and Maurice Frederick Burke, Charlottetown, driving a one-half ton 1968 Fargo truck.

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FRIENDS FOR 70 YEARS

It happens every Christmas! For nearly 70 years they have met each holiday season as the man on the left explains details of an article to the man who became a customer when they were boys. Yesterday, though they are now senior citizens, they met again as

Reg Taylor, 88, LEFT, explains the advantages of a particular watch to his old friend Jack Cameron, 86. Both are longtime residents of Charlottetown.

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