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Gov't Is Considering Margin Of Profit Control

See Prospect Big Four Will Agree On Agenda For Later Conference

Opening Today Of Legislature

The fifth session of the 46th General Assembly of the Province — the 21st since Confederation — will be formally opened at 3 p. m. today by His Honour Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse, accompanied by the usual military display. It will be the fourth regular session of the Assembly, the last sitting having been called during the summer for the special purpose of discussing matters arising out of the railway strike.

The guard of honor again will be formed from members of the 17th Recce Regiment under the command of Captain L. Caseley, M.C. They will be headed by the Recce Band.

Major General E. C. Plov, G.O.C. Eastern Command, Halifax, will be present along with a representative from the Royal Canadian Air Force, and a representative from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

A salute will be fired from Victoria Park by the 114th Battery of the 28th L.A.A. Regiment at three o'clock. This detachment will be under the command of Captain M. E. Campbell.

Lieutenant Governor Prowse will be accompanied by his aides, Captain J. J. Connolly, Lieut.-Col. A. W. Rogers and Squadron Leader A. C. MacMillan and his private secretary, Surgeon Lieutenant L. E. Prowse.

Following today's opening ceremony the parade will stage a march past. The Lieutenant Governor will take the salute in front of the Provincial Building.

77,658 Cars Imported From U. K. Last Year

OTTAWA, March 5 — (CP) — Canada imported 77,658 passenger cars from the United Kingdom last year, more than double the number in 1949.

A Commons return tabled today by John Dickey (L-Halifax) showed that 1950 passenger car imports had a total value of \$68,296,490 compared with \$31,499,868 for the 11,229 cars imported in 1949.

British truck imports last year totalled 5,180 with a value of \$4,883,480 compared with 2,232 valued at \$2,065,348 in 1949.

Sabotage Festival Of Britain Equipment

LONDON, March 5 — (Reuters) — Police today investigated sabotage to electric cables feeding the Festival of Britain site on the south bank of the Thames in London. A festival spokesman said that damage had "beyond doubt" been done. During the last two weeks cables have been deliberately cut, fire alarms damaged and other fittings tampered with.

Coming Events

- *"Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- *"Garden Seeds! Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York.
- *"Hear Stephen McLeod sing. Also Bonshaw Male Chorus in Bonshaw Hall, March 9th. Variety Concert, Bonshaw W. I.
- *"Don't miss (The Iroquois Trail) plus last Chapter of new serial (Pirates of High Seas) at MacDonald Bros. Theatre, Mt. Stewart, tonight.
- *"National Film Board will present film in French River Hall, Wednesday, March 7th at 8:30 p.m. Sale of Candy.
- *"Hockey North River rink tonight. Second game of semi-finals, Milton Hornets vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- *"Don't miss the Amateur Cavalcade over C. F. C. Y. every Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 5 P. M. It is sponsored by the St. John's Feed Mills. Operator in your community for your enjoyment.
- *"Attention cucumber growers in Mt. Herbert, Hambrook, Village Green, Cherry Valley, Eldon and surrounding districts, and the road leading from Eldon to Charlottetown: We are now contracting for Malheur Wells the 1951 crop south Bros., Pownal.

Still Opposed To General Price Freeze

OTTAWA, March 5 — (CP) — Trade Minister Howe said tonight the Government, still opposed to a general price freeze, is considering commodity margin-of-profit control as one of several weapons to fight price inflation.

"We'll have something to say on that before many weeks go by," Mr. Howe said in an interview by Parliamentary Press Gallery correspondents in a CBC dominion network program called "Press Conference." The program was recorded on broadcast.

Commodity margin-of-profit control was used in the Second World War, along with price ceilings. By this means, the government controlled price spreads between the manufacturer and the distributor and the distributor and consumer.

Soon to be faced, too, said Mr. Howe, was the probability of civilian production restrictions by which the same quantity of goods would be produced with less materials. For example, chrome might be stripped from passenger cars and steel from certain parts of washing machines.

Other Possibilities

Questions ranged widely over widely over the defence production picture. To these Mr. Howe replied:

1. The Aluminum Company of Canada is going ahead with the big aluminum project in Northern British Columbia. However, up to the moment, no contract has been signed to supply the United States with Canadian aluminum.
2. The shortage of steel was

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Prize Winners In Poster Competition

Sixty-one entries were received from pupils in various parts of the Province in the poster competition which was sponsored by the P.E.I. Education Week Committee.

The posters were related to the general theme of Education Week and dealt with the role in education of each of the following groups: (1) The Church; (2) The Farm; (3) The Home; (4) The School; (5) Industry and Commerce; (6) Labour; (7) The Community as a Whole.

A prize of \$5.00 for the winning entry in each of the seven classifications has been donated by the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. Winners are as follows:

- Class 1—The Church: Merle Elderkin, Summerside High School.
- Class 2—The Farm: Laurene Wood, Bethel School.
- Class 3—The Home: Janet MacKenzie, Prince Street School.
- Class 4—The School: Edna Smith, Glenaladele School, and Wanda Benson, Notre Dame Academy (equal).
- Class 5—Industry and Commerce: Billy Kelly, Queen Square School and James Smith, Queen Square School (equal).
- Class 6—Labour: Jacqueline McIntyre, Notre Dame Academy.
- Class 7—The Community as a Whole: Mary Fielding, Prince Street School.

Winner of the special prize of \$20.00, donated by Hyndman and Company, Charlottetown, is Mary Fielding whose poster was judged to be the best of all submitted.

The judges were the Misses Eleanor Lowe and Mary MacDonald of the Prince of Wales College Staff and Miss Jennie Turner, Charlottetown.

A point worthy of note is that seven of the nine prize-winners are pupils of Reverend Sister St. Margaret, Art teacher at Notre Dame Academy. In addition to the two resident pupils named, the winners of Classes 2, 3, 5, and 7 are also Art students of Sister St. Margaret.

Fire Destroys Halifax Stores

HALIFAX, March 5 — (CP) — Fire equipment from several stations was rushed to two adjoining three-story brick buildings on Barrington Street tonight as a stubborn blaze spread quickly through the stores.

The buildings are only a few doors from the gutted ruins of Kay's Department Store, where 10 died in a raging inferno Nov. 30.

Tonight's fire spread through Condon's Men's Wear store and the adjoining Steak House, a cafe.

The fire was discovered when a waitress in the cafe opened the door of a small office. By that time the blaze had apparently gained a good headway in the men's wear store, closed since supper time.

No Meat At U. K. Butchers' Banquet

DOCKING, Norfolk, England — (CP) — A Butchers' Association had a fine menu for their local banquet—soup, fish, fowl, pears, mushrooms on toast, petit-fours and coffee. Missing was the meat.

HULL, Que., March 5 — (CP) — Horace Charette of Galignau Mills, Que., today was sentenced to two years for setting fire to a competitor's potato chip wagon last May. The wagon, owned by Henri Racicot, was valued at \$3,000. Albert Gervais, an accomplice in the act, previously was sentenced to one year on a similar charge.

Butter Prices Advance All Across The Country

(By The Canadian Press)

A seasonal shortage was blamed Monday for soaring butter prices in most Canadian centres.

With butter production in its usual late-winter slump, price increased ranging from one to 14 cents in the last week were reported.

Production normally falls off during the winter due to the lack of green feed for dairy cattle, then picks up in the spring when pasturage once again is available.

A Canadian Press survey showed the budgets of Alberta and Saskatchewan housewives hardest hit by butter prices, with both Calgary and

Canada Plans Large-Scale Wool - Buying Program

OTTAWA, March 5 — (CP) — A seven-man team of Canadian wool experts soon will be scouring world markets, buying up scarce wool for Canada's defence machine, trade officials disclosed today.

Harry Brown, former Toronto textile executive who handled the job during the last war, has been pulled out of retirement to do the job again.

The Second World War wool administrator will head up a new government wool-buying agency with headquarters in Toronto. Working with him will be representatives of the Canadian wool and textile trade.

The new team, first of its kind in Canada in peacetime, will be equipped with a capital fund now being worked out and likely will purchase up to \$25,000,000 worth of wool this year.

Its wool-buying efforts will expand as the Canadian defence machine expands and more textiles and more uniforms and defence equipment are required by the fighting forces.

Canada is hoping to get most of its wool from Australia and New Zealand but every other source will be scrutinized. Wool purchased will be channelled by the government agency into factories producing uniforms and other defence equipment.

Supplies not immediately required will be stockpiled against future need. This is expected to bring a measure of stability and uniformity to this segment of the Canadian defence effort.

The current difficulty, as one official saw it, is that few Canadian manufacturers are able to quote a firm price for textile and uniform contracts with the world price of wool fluctuating from day to day.

P.E.I. Leads In Consumption Of Shellfish

OTTAWA, March 5 — (Special) — By a large margin, Prince Edward Island tops other Canadian Provinces in consumption of shellfish, according to an answer tabled in the House of Commons today in reply to a question asked by T. J. Kitcham, Liberal member for King's.

Per capita consumption of shellfish in Prince Edward Island for 1950 was 1.52 pounds, compared to .63 pounds for Nova Scotia, .33 pounds for Quebec, .08 pounds for Ontario and only .02 pounds each for the Provinces of Manitoba and Alberta.

The Fisheries Department reply to Mr. Kitcham's question on per capita consumption of fish of various types by Provinces showed Prince Edward Island's per capita use of fresh and frozen fish to be only 1.42 pounds compared to much higher volumes for the other provinces.

"It is obvious," the King's member said to The Guardian in looking over the figures, "that the Department was unable to get the complete record. It has no facilities for compiling the volume of fresh fish sold from house to house by truck as is so widely done in our Province. In the inland Provinces, they are guided by the value of rail shipments. Our actual consumption of fresh fish is certainly much higher than that of Ontario and the prairie provinces."

Per capita consumption of fish in Canada is high in the cities of Montreal and Toronto. In Montreal the figure is 17.95 pounds and in Toronto 17.93 pounds. Montreal uses a higher proportion of fresh and frozen fish and shellfish, and Toronto buys more smoked and cured, and canned fish. Per capita consumption of Halifax is 35 pounds.

Canada still ranks among the smallest consumers of fish among world nations, the answer to Mr. Kitcham's question reveals. Annual Canadian consumption of fish is 12.6 pounds a year compared to 29.9 pounds for Great Britain, 14.8 pounds for France, 19.8 pounds for the German Federal Republic and 83 pounds for Japan.

Cod Fish Industry At Stake In Deal With U.K.

By HAROLD MORRISON

OTTAWA, Mar. 5 — (CP) — Canada faces a tough task in attempts to negotiate new financial arrangements with the United Kingdom by which Newfoundland can sell dried salt cod to Europe for sterling, informed quarters said today.

At stake is the future of Newfoundland's cod fish industry, and, to some extent, the cod fish industry of the east coast.

The problem centres around a complicated dollar-for-sterling deal, involving Spain, Portugal and Italy, sterling non-convertibility and an old debt of \$90,000,000 that Newfoundland owes Britain. That debt now is the responsibility of the Canadian Government.

Last year, Newfoundland sold about \$5,000,000 worth — or about one-fifth of its dried salt cod — to Italy, Spain and Portugal, receiving sterling which Britain agreed to accept as payment against the outstanding debt.

Since, by the terms of confederation, the Federal Government was responsible for the debt, it agreed to turn over to the Newfoundland fishermen in dollars an amount equivalent to that deducted from the British account.

Britain Reluctant

Eager for dollars, Britain now is showing reluctance to continue such a deal, informants said, simply because it meant reduction of what she termed a "dollar asset" which eventually would be paid in dollars by the Canadian Government.

In unofficial talks it was suggested that Canada approach the European customers of Newfoundland fish and seek payment in dollars.

This now is being done, but Canada holds little hope that she can obtain dollars from countries persistently fighting a dollar shortage. The alternative would be an attempt to sell the surplus cod in Western markets.

This, said the informants, would

Passengers In Three Stalled Buses Safe

EDMONTON, March 5 — (CP) — A full-blown blizzard whistled across Western Canada today, bringing death to one person, paralyzing traffic in some areas and sending temperatures to record lows.

In Northern British Columbia, a 40-year-old woman perished as she attempted to reach safety after alighting from a bus at midnight during a blizzard. She was Mrs. A. Wiesner whose frozen body was found today on a highway, a half mile from safety.

In southern Alberta, more than 30 persons were marooned on the bald prairie all night when three buses and a passenger car nit huge drifts burying the Trans-Canada highway west of Medicine Hat. All were rescued unharmed today.

Trains Stalled

South of Medicine Hat, a Canadian Pacific Railway freight train ground to a halt at Whittles as more freight trains and a passenger train were held up until the right-of-way could be cleared.

The storm blew up Sunday after a cold air mass moved in from the Arctic, plunging the temperature to record lows for March. Late today, it had spread as far west as Saskatoon and Brandon, Man., but snow had stopped falling and the wind had dropped suddenly at Lethbridge, Alta.

B. C. Hard Hit

But March's heavy-footed lion continued to tramp across British Columbia tonight.

Heavy snow was still falling in southern parts of the Province. Hundreds more motorists abandoned their cars on Vancouver streets after a record 15.2-inch, week-end fall.

The weatherman said the temperature will drop to 15 here tonight, coldest March here since 1903.

In Washington and Oregon, three traffic deaths were blamed on blinding snowstorms or icy roads. Many rural schools were closed.

Weather officials here said there was no report in sight from the late cold spell.

Snowplow crews had bucked drifts all night in a vain effort to locate two of the missing buses but about noon (MST) today an R.C.M.P. snowmobile got through. Gasoline from one bus was transferred to the tank of the other and all passengers huddled.

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Korean Reds Driven From East-Front Stronghold

TOKYO, March 6 — (Tuesday) — (AP) — United States 2nd and 7th Division infantrymen, aided by French troops, squeezed an estimated 6,000 North Korean Communists out of a mountain fortress in East-Central Korea Monday and sent the Reds fleeing north.

Fifth air force jets hurled jellied gasoline, rockets and machine-gun fire at the Reds as they ran.

Allied artillery and tanks pounded a plateau 10 miles northwest of Pangnim in the snow-capped mountains where the North Korean 1st Division had been deeply entrenched.

At the same time, a U.S. 7th Division tank-infantry team drove 4,000 yards (more than two miles) into Changpyong. The patrol nullified back slightly south at dusk, however, and buttoned up for the night.

Changpyong is a road junction commanding the route leading northeast 35 miles to the coastal town of Kangnung, held by South Koreans and guarded by Allied warship offshore.

Field dispatches said the South Koreans on the east coast patrolled

Reds Defend Canyon Road

The U.S. 1st Marine Division met the heaviest resistance north of Hoengsong, 55 air miles east of Seoul. Four Chinese Communist regiments, defending both sides of a narrow canyon road, sniped from crags and ridges.

The marines moved cautiously up "Massacre Valley," where an estimated 1,200 casualties were inflicted on a U.S. 2nd Division task force by a Chinese ambush Feb. 12.

West of the marines, the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division with Greek, British and South Korean forces made a determined bid for Yongdu. That town commands an east-west road

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New Polio Centre To Be Opened Here This Week

The new polio centre, which is being opened here this week, will be located in the basement of the Provincial Sanatorium, it has been learned from Dr. O. H. Curless, Chief Health Officer of the Province.

The polio centre will be in the east end of the building in the wing which was formerly occupied by Dr. George Bishop's veterinary laboratory. It will be able to accommodate about 15 patients.

The centre will treat those who have been severely paralyzed by polio attacks. It will deal solely with after effects of the disease and will be operated by the Sanatorium Commission.

The equipment includes a hydrotherapy tank, by which the muscles are treated in a hot bath. Suspension apparatus of various kinds and other exercising equipment are ready for use.

Dr. F. F. Seaman will supervise the medical treatment aided by Miss Kathleen Jackson, who will direct physiotherapy treatments and at least two graduate nurses.

About 15 patients are awaiting the opening of the centre for treatment, it was learned.

The work will be similar to that carried on at the last polio clinic which was also housed at the Sanatorium. The other clinic was on the first floor of the building at the west end.

Fewer Homes Built In Canada Last Year, More In P. E. Island

OTTAWA, March 5 — (CP) — House-hungry Canadians didn't find as many new homes waiting for them last year as in 1949. However more were under construction.

The Bureau of Statistics today reported 87,299 new dwelling units were completed last year in Canada (excluding Newfoundland). The 1949 figure was 87,533.

New Buildings begun totalled 90,441 compared with 89,509 in 1949.

A total of 27,237 units were completed in Quebec last year against 22,912 in 1949. Completions in other provinces with 1949 figures in brackets: Ontario 31,318 (31,440); British Columbia 8,559 (10,272); Alberta 7,266 (9,411); Manitoba 4,612 (4,807); Saskatchewan 2,813 (3,576); Nova Scotia 2,573 (3,056); New Brunswick 2,545 (1,801); Prince Edward Island 375 (258); Newfoundland 1,716 (1949 figure unavailable).

Easing Of Divorce Laws In Britain Is Sought

LONDON, March 5 — (CP) — An easing of Britain's divorce law for couples whose marriage has failed, is sought by Mrs. Eirene White, Labor member of Parliament for East Flint. Her private member's bill comes up for debate in the House of Commons this week.

"My own view, as one very happily married, is supported by many experienced people," she said, "It is that to continue a legal marriage after all reasonable hope has passed of restoring to it the spirit which makes marriage a reality, is socially and morally undesirable."

The bill she is sponsoring provides that when a couple has been living apart for not less than seven years, either party may petition for a divorce.

Under the existing British law, decision on whether steps should

To Put Destroyer Crusader In Service

VICTORIA, B.C., March 5 — (CP) — The destroyer Crusader, in mothballs since she arrived at Esquimalt just after the war, will be recommissioned about the end of this month, the navy said today.

Her skipper will be Cmdr. Harold V. W. Groop of Victoria, who will be replaced as executive officer by H.M.C.S. Naden March 26 by Cmdr. Frank Caldwell.

Recently refitted, Crusader will be used as a training ship in the reserve training program.

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MCA AIR SERVICE

Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:20 A.M.—4:45 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:35 P.M.—9:55 P.M.

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Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday.