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Sunny, clouding over in the afternoon, a little warmer. Southwest winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 55 and 60.

Ottawa Is Still Studying "Vacationland" Project

Maritime Commission Engineers Are On Job



HON. ANGUS MACLEAN first by engineers of the Transport Department and latterly by the Maritime Commission which

Acquisition of the "Vacationland" still remains one of the alternatives which the Federal Government is considering for the relief of the Island transportation problem and two engineers from the Canadian Maritime Commission, the body responsible for investigating the seaworthiness of all Canadian registered shipping, have been studying the situation at first hand in Michigan. They were expected back at Ottawa over the week-end.

makes recommendations to the Transport Minister from time to time on matters of special importance.

WILL RECEIVE ATTENTION
Noting the proposal which had been advanced by the Provincial Government for berthing the Vacationland without interfering with present ferry schedules, at an estimated cost of \$100,000, Mr. MacLean said this plan would be given prompt and careful study at Ottawa, as would any other suggestions for meeting the requirements.

He said also that The Guardian suggestion of taking an option on the Michigan ferry pending final decision, was being considered by the Treasury Board. There were, he explained, problems involved which made premature announcement of all the Government's plans inadvisable; but he wished to assure the people of this Province that the seriousness of the situation was fully understood, and that every means was being explored of solving it satisfactorily.

Mr. MacLean confirmed the report that the Causeway survey would be available in June, and that it would cover all phases of the question: A rumor appearing in another paper to the effect that further studies on tidal and fisheries problems would have to be made this summer, he dismissed as quite untrue. It was difficult, he added, to reach a firm decision on the ferry question until the Causeway survey had been studied.

Mr. MacLean flew back to Ottawa yesterday morning to attend a Cabinet meeting which was being addressed by General Norstad, Supreme Commander of NATO Forces in Europe.

Gen. Norstad Meets Cabinet

OTTAWA (CP) — Gen. Lauris Norstad, supreme allied Commander in Europe, met the Canadian cabinet for two hours Monday.

No announcement followed the meeting at which the American general briefed the ministers on the NATO situation, including equipment needs of the forces under his command.

Queen, Prince Look To Visit

OTTAWA (CP) — Queen Elizabeth has messaged Governor-General Massey that she and the Duke of Edinburgh "are greatly looking forward" to their Canadian visit this summer.

Crowsnest Rates Are Emphasized

OTTAWA (CP)—The royal commission on railway transportation will have one foot shackled unless it can dig into the question of low Crowsnest Pass rail freight rates for western export grain, Lionel Chevrier (L-Montreal Laurier) complained Monday.

Those rates — which the railways contend are non-realistic — should be examined to see whether they are "compensatory," the former Liberal transport minister said. If they aren't, perhaps the commission might suggest a form of subsidy for the farmer — protecting both wheat exports and getting the railways off the high-costs hook.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said last week in announcing the composition of the royal commission and its terms of reference that the Crowsnest Pass rates won't be affected.

Douglas Fisher (CCF—Port Arthur) said Monday that grain farmers and railway employees are being set against each other in the interests of management and both are getting "lobbered." Grain freight rates were too high and every time rail employees asked for a wage increase they were pictured as driving costs up farther.

FINAL READING
The views came as the Commons gave final reading to a bill to pay the railways a \$20,000,000 subsidy in compensation for the cabinet having scaled down a freight rate increase to about 10 per cent from 17. The rate increase, granted last fall by the Board of Transport Commissioners, was intended to help the railways pay for higher wages to non-operating railway employees.

VACATIONLAND CLUE SOUGHT

OTTAWA (CP) — Hazen Argue, CCF House Leader, prodded the government Monday about shortage of transportation facilities to Prince Edward Island from the mainland.

However, Transport Minister Hees gave him no clue as to when the government will decide the matter of providing further ferry or other communication to the Island.

Mr. Argue pressed for an indication as to when the government will decide on purchase of an American-owned boat called the Vacationland to supplement present ferry service to the Island.

Mr. Hees replied that this purchase and several other proposals are under "very active consideration." A decision would be made "as soon as possible."

54 Persons Die Violently

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Highway fatalities have accounted for more than half of the 54 violent deaths in Canada during the three-day Victoria holiday weekend.

By 9 p.m. ADT Monday night 33 persons were killed in highway accidents, two short of the total predicted by the Canadian Safety Council.

A Canadian Press survey shows 18 other deaths.

The accidental death toll includes traffic, boating and swimming accidents and other violent deaths connected with holiday activities.

Meadowbank Farmer Suffers \$25,000 Loss

A \$25,000 property loss was suffered by farmer Roy Crosby of Meadowbank, when an early Sunday morning fire destroyed two "L" shaped barns and a nearby granary.

Lost in the blaze was 30 head of cattle, two horses, 18 pigs and a large amount of farm machinery.

The machinery included a manure spreader, hay mower, hay loader, road cart, cream separator and a number of milking pails.

Only the fact that the wind was blowing strongly from the northeast saved his nearby home. Mr. Crosby stated last evening.

The fire was discovered at 4:30 a.m. by Mr. Crosby, who was awakened by a "crackling noise." With the help of a neighbor, he managed to save a tractor and four cattle.

The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Family Is Saved From Drowning

CARDIGAN BUREAU
Five People — a Georgetown Royalty man and his four children — were saved from almost certain drowning here Sunday afternoon after clinging to an overturned sailboat in the icy waters of Cardigan River for an hour.

Rescued were James Aitken, his 15-year-old daughter, Peggy Ann and three sons Douglas, Gordon and Leslie. Youngest of the group was Douglas who is seven. The family dog drowned.

The group was rescued after a frantic search for help by Mrs. Aitken who had arrived at the shore at just about the time the boat was overturned by a gust of wind.

On seeing the plight of her husband and four children Mrs. Aitken drove to Cardigan but no boat was available there. She then phoned ahead and drove to Newport where John Boudreault Jr. and Richard Green obtained a lifeboat from the Newport-Georgetown ferry which while not in use is docked there.

The rescuers ran into difficulties when the lifeboat's engine broke down and the men had to row until they drew near the overturned sailboat when the engine started again. Newport is at least two miles down the river from the overturned boat.

The rescuers found the Aitken family clinging for their lives to the sailboat which was lying on its side. The boat was held steadfast in the spot by the anchor which toppled out at the time of the accident. Observers said the boat had not been anchored she might have drifted into choppy waters where it would have been near impossible for the men and four children to hold on as long as they did.

When brought to shore the rescued party was thoroughly chilled and none of them were able to stand. However, they received treatment at home from Dr. A. Kennedy of Georgetown and hospital care was not required.

29 NURSES GET DIPLOMAS

Ch'town Hospital Nurses Graduate At Ceremony

"In this age of lowered standards and so-called 'snap' courses leading to degrees, it is gratifying to note that nursing schools of this province have raised their standards of admission," Lt. Col. Leo F. MacDonald, told members of the graduating class of the Charlottetown Hospital's School of Nursing last night.

Speaking at graduating exercises held in Birchwood High School Auditorium, Colonel MacDonald, reminded the graduates that "very little of real worthwhile value is won in this life without sincere and honest effort and usually the value and satisfaction obtained are in direct proportion to the effort involved in obtaining them."

"It is so very important that the ideals you have been taught, both physical and moral, must be the basis of your deeds so that in letting your light shine before all men you teach well and truly by example."

"Yours has been a great privilege and therefore, yours will be a great responsibility."

Diplomas were presented to the 29 graduates by His Excellency Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown and graduating pins were presented by two members of the school's teaching faculty Sister Marie Monica and Sister Mary Patricia.

Dr. F. A. MacMillan, chairman of the medical board, presided.

Red Writers Are Briefed

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Soviet writers met in the Kremlin Monday and were told that they must drop Communist slogan-writing and concentrate on turning out works of art.

Alexey Surkov, first secretary of the writers union; laid down the line at the opening session of the third union congress, first since 1954.

Morgan, Carlise MacEachern, Shirley Daley, Mary McIvor, Marguerite Daley, Jeanette MacDonald, Bernadette Power, Ella Cahill, Back row, Theresa Gallant, Erna Gallant, Mary Mc-

Carville, Elizabeth Steele, Elizabeth Doyle, Susan Peters, Marie Watts, Patricia McInnis, Marina Roberts.

PRESENTED WITH diplomas School of Nursing, and Radiography for 1959. Front row, left to right, Elsie Conway, Gloria Gallant, Benita Bins, Mary Lee MacMillan, Barbara Shea, Marie



NEW CHURCH IS OPENED

Rev. H.L. Milton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlottetown is seen at the main door of the new church as the symbolically "opens" the beautiful new building at official opening services on Sunday-morning. Flanking Mr. Milton is Rev. Dr. I.J. Levy of St. Catharines, Ontario, a former pastor who preached the sermon.

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Geneva Meet Deadlocks On East vs West Disputes

By TOM OCHILTREE
GENEVA (AP)—East and West rejected each other's proposals for a German settlement at the big four foreign ministers conference Monday. But Russia said parts of the West's proposal deserve further consideration.

U.S. State Secretary Christian A. Herter charged the Soviet plan for separate peace treaties with East and West Germany carried "the seeds of future discord and conflict." He accused the Soviet Union of blocking a German settlement.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko snapped back that the United States, Britain and France were trying to promote a state of half-war, half-peace in Germany. He said the Western powers were trying to extend their "occupation regime in West

Macquarrie Debates Island Representation

By RICHARD J. GYN
OTTAWA (Special) — Distribution of federal constituencies purely on a population percentage basis would be "unworkable" in Canada, Heath Macquarrie Canada's MP, said in the commons.

He spoke during debate on a private members bill brought in by Douglas Fisher, the CCF member for Port Arthur, Ont., which would place the responsibility for redistributing federal ridings in the hands of an independent commission.

Mr. Macquarrie said: "We in Canada are a pragmatic and practical people and we do not follow neat formulae."

"If we were to follow a certain precise formula under which a certain number of people had one member of parliament and this prevailed all across the country it would be unworkable."

"There are also historic and geographic considerations which must be involved and I do not think that because one citizen lives in a constituency which has 50,000 voters and another lives in a constituency which has 20,000 voters the number of the representation of the former in parliament is any less and certainly no one could say it is only half as good."

The Queen's member said there were certain cases, such as the Ontario riding of York-Scarborough which has 210,000 people, where early changes were necessary. As Mr. Macquarrie continued that he did not think there was

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