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Provincial Legislature To Be Opened On March 3

The Legislature Assembly of Prince Edward Island will be opened by His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse on Tuesday, March 3 and will be the second regular session of the 47th General Assembly. Last year the session opened on March 11; it was the first regular session following the election of 1951. However, a special session had been held on October 24, 1951, for the purpose of passing Old Age Security and Blind Pensions measures. At the present time the constitution of the Legislature is 24 Liberals and 6 Progressive Conservatives. Hon. J. Walter Jones is Premier and Leader of the Government, while Mr. R. R. Bell, Q.C., is leader of the Opposition. Down through the years since the first Legislature began its duties on March 5, 1874, the sessions have begun on widely ranging dates from February to April. But in latter years it has been the custom to start the sessions so as to permit prorogation prior to the Easter holidays. This year Good Friday falls on April 3. An innovation, long discussed in private and brought into the open during the last session, will be made this year. The Legislative Chamber is being wired in order to permit the speeches from the floor to be recorded on tape.

Coming Events

- *Variety Concert and Box Social, St. Teresa's, February 13th.
- *Hockey match, Long River to night, French River vs. Seaview.
- *Dance in Brookvale school, Friday, February 6th.
- *Auction and Dance, Millview Hall every Friday.
- *Dance Corran Ban Hall, Monday, February 9th. Music by Charlottetownians. Hall heated.
- *Crokinole party in Wheatley River hall Friday night, February 6th.
- *Hockey in Graham's Road rink tonight, Stanley vs. Graham's Road.
- *Hockey at Sandy's tonight, Sandy's Ramblers vs. York Rangers. Skate after with music.
- *Car of Baled Shavings to arrive first half of February. Book your orders. E. McDougall, Vernon.
- *Crokinole Party, Crapaud Hall, Monday, February 9th. Princess Mary L. O. B. A.
- *Dance South Rustico Hall every Friday. Weather and roads permitting. Music by Charlottetownians Canteen service.
- *Buying eggs daily. Paying high market prices. Eggs graded same day as delivered. M. and A. Peters, Market Building, Charlottetown.
- *Box Social and Concert in Pleasant Grove Hall, Wednesday, February 11th. If not fine following night. Proceeds in aid of Hall.
- *Showing Friday and Saturday at Mt. Stewart. "I'll See You in My Dreams", Doris Day and Danny Thomas.
- *The Annual Meeting of the Wiltshire Dairying Co. Ltd., will be held in Wiltshire Hall on Monday, February 9th, at 2 P. M. Nelson Halherly, Secretary.
- *Come to the Shur-Gain Amateur Show at 8 p.m. Friday, February 6th in Winslow Station Hall. Sponsored by Highfield Women's Institute. Door prize.
- *Come to the Crokinole Party in Brookfield Hall, Friday night, February 6th, sponsored by Brookfield W. I. If not fine Monday night, February 9th.
- *Attention Morell and Vicinity. The great drama of flaming frontiers: "The Devils Doorway" Starring Robert Taylor, Louis Calhern, Paula Raymond. Showing tonight only.
- *Oatmeal was the chick feed our forefathers used. Oatmeal is 94% digestible. Fortified with minerals and "extra" vitamins it's still the best. Use Ful-O-Pep Chick Starter and Grower, the feed with the Oatmeal base. Poole and Thompson Ltd., Montague.
- *Double header at North River Rink Friday, February 6th. North River vs. Nine Mile Creek at 7.30. These teams are tied and the tie must be broken. Covehead vs. Hampshire in the first game of the semi-finals. Skate after.

British Socialists Attack U. S. Formosan Policy

LONDON, (CP)—Foreign Secretary Eden told worried Britons Thursday night that although he is not "defending or justifying" President Eisenhower's action in denaturalizing Formosa, he is sure the United States has no aggressive intentions. Eden addressed a growing Opposition and restless Conservatives in the House of Commons. He spoke after Herbert Morrison, the foreign secretary in the former Labor Government, had voiced fear that there might be "considerable consequences" from Eisenhower's action. Prime Minister Churchill and Eden conferred here Wednesday with the U. S. Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, and the Formosan decision was discussed at length.

Will Erect Monument To Sir Robert Borden

OTTAWA, (CP)—A monument to Sir Robert Borden, Canada's prime minister in the First World War, will be erected on Parliament Hill. Prime Minister St. Laurent told the commons the cabinet agreed Thursday to ask Parliament to approve the expenditure to erect a permanent memorial to "one who is recognized by all Canadians as one of our great prime ministers." He said it is hoped to unveil the monument June 26, 1954, on the 100th anniversary of Sir Robert's birth in Grand Pre, N. S. The Nova Scotian guided Canada in the First World War and played a big role in Canadian constitutional development. He insisted that Canada sign the Treaty of Versailles as a separate country. The erection of the monument will add the handsome features of Sir Robert to monuments to such great Canadians of the past as Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Arty McGee, Georges Etienne Cartier, Bismarck, Sir Louis Fontaine, and George Brown. Sir Robert died June 10, 1937. Mr. St. Laurent said all Canadians, regardless of party — Sir Robert was a Conservative — recognize the great part he played in the development of the country in the last half century, in the First World War and in Canada's constitutional development.

102-Year-Old Man Flood Refugee

BERGEN OP ZOOM, (AP)—Among the refugees who arrived in this Dutch city from stricken Oude Tonge, on the island of Goeree Overflakkee, was the town's oldest inhabitant, 102-year-old Bugster van Drie. Still strong after his ordeal, he was brought here by boat. Once here, he was offered the best care available to take him to the evacuation centre in town, but he proudly refused to ride. He walked instead. His house survived the floods but the rescue. Floods dropping heavy crates of food literally bombarded his home, he said, and packages punched holes in the roof.

Guilty Of Manslaughter In Shooting Of Father

MONTREAL, (CP)—Yvon Bedard, 16, and his 14-year-old brother, Robert, were convicted Thursday of manslaughter in the shooting of their father. The boys originally were charged with murder. At the opening of the trial, prosecutor John Bumbray said the Crown agreed to the reduced charge. The jury confirmed a plea of guilty of manslaughter entered by the boys. At the request of defence counsel, Jacques Vadboncoeur, Mr. Justice Wilfrid Lazure postponed sentence until the end of the court term. A charge of attempted murder of the boys' mother, Marguerite, was withdrawn. Mr. Bumbray told the jury the boys left their home after 3 a.m. last Oct. 30 with the intention of

Labor Minister Gregg Promises "Serious Study"

HARTLAND, N. B. (CP)—Warning has been given the Federal Government that New Brunswick potato producers will be forced out of business if freight rates continue to increase, it was learned Thursday night. Harold Day of Hartland, manager of the New Brunswick Potato Marketing Board, made the prediction in a wire to Labor Minister Gregg at Ottawa. He said freight rates now are "practically prohibitive and virtually assume the proportions of a tariff barrier within Western Ontario can practically produce a barrel of potatoes on our transportation costs." In reply, Mr. Gregg said the government would give "serious study" to the representations from the marketing board.

Urges Federal Aid To Restore P.E.I. Mill Ponds

OTTAWA, (CP)—Chester S. McLaure (PO-Queens) suggested Thursday night that the federal government contribute to restoration of mill ponds in Prince Edward Island. He said in the Commons the ponds once were employed by mills to grind wheat and feed grains. Since the mills are no longer used, the ponds have largely disappeared. He suggested they be reconstructed and stocked with fish. Such action would help the tourist industry on the island. Mr. McLaure spoke on legislation enabling the government to co-operate with the provinces on water conservation projects. Resources Minister Winters said the federal government will contribute to water conservation projects that municipalities and the provinces cannot afford to undertake by themselves.

Britain Will Exchange Armed Units With Allies

LONDON, (AP)—Britain today disclosed plans for linking—but not joining—her air, land and sea forces with the projected European Defence Community. The plans provided in part for co-ordinated air defence systems and the interchange of air force squadrons between Britain and France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands, Holland and Luxembourg—the six countries making up EDC. A Foreign Office statement said British sailors, airmen and soldiers will be available for service with EDC forces at command and staff levels. These plans have been sent to EDC countries in the hope of speeding the project, long delayed by French-German rivalries. They are over and above special guarantees which bind Britain automatically to go to the aid of any EDC country in case of an attack.

British Bacon Ration Increased

LONDON, (AP)—Britons' bacon ration will be raised to five pounds from four ounces weekly after Feb. 22. The ration was temporarily reduced to four ounces on Jan. 25.

\$47,000 Contract Awarded Little Sands Company For Fishing Cove Breakwater

OTTAWA, Feb. 5, (Special)—The contracting firm of Norman N. MacLean of Little Sands, P. E. I., was the lowest tenderer for the project of extension of the present wharf and repairs to the breakwater at Fishing Cove, Prince County, it was revealed today. With a figure of \$47,000, the MacLean firm was under amount quoted by three other tenders and will likely be awarded the contract within the next few days. Purpose of the project is to extend the present wharf at Fishing Cove

Queen Completes First Year Of Reign

By Donovan Bess
LONDON, Reuters — Last year a 23-year-old woman slipped into a bush jacket and slacks and went out with her husband into the warm African night. The happy couple hoisted themselves into trees and watched elephants, rhinos and other Kenya jungle animals come to their waterholes. They were Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh. In a few days they were to board a ship at Mombasa for a tour of Australia and New Zealand. The next morning—Feb. 6—messengers told them that Elizabeth's father, King George VI, had died in the rambling, red-brick Norfolk house he loved. And the young Princess, now Queen of England, boarded a plane for the 4,000-mile flight to London to face the responsibilities of her reign.

Thorough Grasp Of Office

When she stepped off the plane in London, it was apparent that she had a thorough grasp of her high office. But during the winter and spring of state mourning for the King's death few people guessed how completely the young Queen would catch the hearts and the imagination, not only of her subjects, but of the world. Like Victoria, who as a teenager became Queen more than 100 years before, Elizabeth had been carefully schooled for her job. With this schooling, a careful upbringing and a happy marriage, she stepped easily and confidently onto the throne. It takes a sense of humor, an earnest, intelligent character, and an abounding energy to do the royal job as well as Elizabeth has done in the last year. She has performed her duties so artlessly that many do not realize how hard work is her achievement. Nor do

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to the adjacent breakwater in order to protect fishing boats moored there from north-east gales. While the estimates of 1953-54 figured this job at \$56,000, these estimates, The Guardian learned from J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince, are sometimes misleading and include more work than is actually set down in specified contracts. Work on the Fishing Cove wharf and breakwater improvements will begin as soon as weather and ground conditions become favorable this spring.

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New Paper Money Planned Next Year

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Bank of Canada plans to start in 1954 issuing a series of paper money bearing the figures of the Queen, Graham Towers, the bank's head, told a press conference Thursday the new bills will not be ready in time for the Coronation June 2. The bank currently is working on designs for the new bills, but it will be "some months" before they are ready, Mr. Towers said.

300,000 Lost Belongings In Holland Flood Area

By The Canadian Press
A national committee is co-ordinating Canadian efforts to help the victims of European floods. It has already started its task. It sent \$10,000 worth of relief supplies late Thursday to stricken coastal areas of Holland which, with parts of England and Belgium, bore the brunt of this week's flooding. Dr. Stanbury said reports from Holland late Thursday were that 300,000 persons have lost all their belongings and that about 1,000,000 persons altogether are in the area torn by floods. Prime Minister St. Laurent asked the Canadian Red Cross Society to help in establishing a relief committee and the Red Cross immediately accepted the assignment. The Prime Minister proposed that the Red Cross buy and distribute the relief supplies with funds donated by the public.

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Stiff Political Battles Seen Before Approval

LONDON, (Reuters) — Britain Thursday announced her blueprint for the federation of three Central African territories as a new commonwealth with almost complete independence. The plan would merge Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland into a vast country sprawling across the heart of Africa. But a long political battle is in store before the blueprint becomes fact. It cannot be put into effect until it has been approved by the British Parliament and the voters of Southern Rhodesia. Stiff opposition comes from whites and natives alike in all three areas. Southern Rhodesia whites fear the plan threatens their continued hold on political affairs and may veto it when their self-governing colony holds a referendum.

Natives Opposed

Most African natives, who outnumber the whites 30 to 1, bitterly oppose the merger, fearing loss of their tribal lands to white domination. But there are no voting rights in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, which are under direct rule of the colonial office. A handful of chiefs has come to London to block action by lobbying in government and parliamentary circles. Socialist members of Parliament in Britain can also be counted on to oppose the plan, on the ground that native rights in Africa should be protected. British colonial officials and delegates from the three territories met in a great economic unit of nearly 500,000 square miles stretching across the face of the continent between the Belgian Congo and the Union of South Africa, built by whites and natives working in partnership.

Quebec Has Record Budget

QUEBEC, (CP)—Finance Minister Gagnon estimated Quebec revenues during the 1952-53 fiscal year ending March 31 at a record \$280,766,300 Thursday and forecast surplus on ordinary accounts of \$42,239,300. However, capital expenditure of \$1,145,000 and ordinary expenditure of \$238,527,000 are expected to push all expenditures to an unprecedented \$317,762,000 and leave an over-all deficit of \$38,905,700. The 64-year-old minister, delivering his ninth provincial budget speech announced the province's largest budget so far for the 1953-54 fiscal year beginning April 1 without announcing any new taxes. He forecast revenues of \$288,494,900 for the next 12 months, a surplus of \$50,495,100 on ordinary account and an over-all surplus, after capital expenditure, of \$1,590,100. In his 15,000-word speech, punctuated by applause of Union Nationale members, Mr. Gagnon attacked federal taxation "encroachments" of direct taxation fields and outlined prospects for continuing prosperity in the province through development of natural resources.

3,000 Marooned Dutch Islanders Saved From North Sea Floods

AMSTERDAM, (CP)—A fleet of vessels under six flags, aided by a swarm of helicopters, rescued 3,000 marooned Dutch islanders Thursday from the North Sea floods harassing the Netherlands, England and Belgium. The operation on Goeree-Overflakkee island, in the heart of the flooded lowlands southwest of Rotterdam, was the dramatic highlight of a day that saw the rescue phase largely completed even as the three-country death toll rose to 1,889. Holland's death toll is 1,320. Sea-going craft of Britain, the U. S., France, Belgium, West Germany and Holland joined in removing the 3,000 from the water-logged buildings and broken dikes of the twin towns of Oude and Nieuwe Tonge.

Four Nights On Dike

Fifteen hundred of these refugees had spent four horror-filled nights on a section of dike that threatened to dissolve into the sea at any moment. Small boats and helicopters worked as guides and auxiliaries in assembling the refugees and speeding them to warmth, food and shelter. The rescue fleet started its work in the night even as a North Sea gale churned up fresh trouble for some coastal dwellers and threatened a sharp expansion of economic losses already totalling un-

Breaches Sealed

A. E. G. Johnson, chief drainage engineer of the agriculture ministry, said 100 to 150 breaches in England's east coast dikes have been sealed, "and with any luck they should hold." The flood waters, backed by the hurricane and aided by spring tides, tore 500 holes in the English dikes, Johnson said. "Today," he added, "everything is under control." The remaining breaks are being filled by an army of Essex farmers armed with spades and a day's supply of food. In Belgium, which suffered 28 dead, the water has begun to recede from all but a few places.

Commons Committee Continues Hearings On Currie Report

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counted millions of dollars. Tides gouged several new holes in Holland's dikes. There was a fresh break in the Belgian dikes at Lillo, near Antwerp, and the last road between those two cities was submerged. Debris of Sunday's storm—furniture, timber, books, mattresses—was flung back on England's shore. But British fears that the Ouse River would flood proved groundless. Its banks held under the pounding of currents five feet above normal. Britain's death toll from hurricane and flood stood at 546. There is still confusion in the flood area and searches for missing are in progress.

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Victoria	41	45
Edmonton	28	32
Calgary	28	37
Regina	9	30
Winnipeg	15	17
Toronto	27	42
Ottawa	3	30
Montreal	—	2b
Quebec	6	20
Saint John	18	30
Moncton	8	25
Halifax	20	34
Charlottetown	11	25
Sydney	22	28
Yarmouth	26	31
St. Johns, Nfld.	32	33

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion Public Weather Office said Thursday night a developing storm near Chicago will be the next weather system to affect the Maritimes. It is forecast to bring milder weather and cloud to most of the district Friday, and rain and snow will reach the Western regions in the evening. Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday: Prince Edward Island — Clear becoming overcast Friday evening; milder. Light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 8 and 33. High tide today at Charlottetown at 3.07 A. M. and 2.51 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 9.49 A. M. and 10.55 P. M. Sun rises today at 7.59 A. M. and sets at 5.26 P. M.