

Scores Neglect

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election on a "clean" basis, Mr. Bell stated: "We have shown the way to the Liberal Party in Federal politics and proven that we will win the Election Act. And the Liberals will have to do the same." It was about rural electrification, though, that the speaker was most critical. He maintained it should have been included in the Speech as it was especially important in rural districts where farmers are clamoring for electric power. Many farmers, he stated had found their electric rates "terrifically increased" after they had gone to the expense of wiring their places, and the rates to their users had advanced "anywhere up to 450 percent."

Rural Charges

Referring to rural churches, schools and halls which formerly paid \$1.50 a month now found their bills as high as \$9. A church in Hunter River, he said, which holds only 35 short evening meetings a year now has to pay over \$100 a year for its electricity. He did not believe the Public Utilities Board had realized the tremendous increase to rural users that the increased rates meant.

There was a brief exchange between Mr. Bell and Premier Jones as to supplying power being low cost. Mr. Bell said the bringing in of a bill to regulate charges was a Government job even if they have to expropriate the Maritime Electric Company. A

voice from the Government benches asked "Do you suggest that? What is your policy?" Mr. Bell replied that Quebec had done it by expropriating a large Montreal power company. He said that at present most farmers had to pay for electricity at the highest rate because of the low-voltage used, while big farmers and chicken hatcheries got their power at a reasonable rate.

Trans-Canada Highway

Mr. Bell called it "unthinkable" that there was nothing at all in the Speech in reference to the Trans-Canada Highway—the most important road here in years. He also inquired about bridges for the highway and said the only mention of roads in the Speech was a brief reference to the quarrying of sandstone. He called the free taxi ride from Southport a "funny transportation system in this day," and asked what was to be done when the train service from Murray Harbor ended in May. The speaker also noted lack of reference to Physical Fitness and inquired if it was to be discontinued. He said it was needed to take care of the "congestion" of children who do not have a chance to take part in games. He said that Charlottetown had no rink facilities to take care of them and quoted the huge success of Brig. W. W. Reid's plan for taking groups of youngsters to the Forum on Saturday evenings to play hockey. There were several hundred young boys taking part in the activity.

Dealing with agriculture he said that though the value of farm products produced in 1951 was higher than ever before, it was more than offset by the increased cost of production. The farmers got 40 cents for pork last year and this year they were only getting 24 cents. At that rate it was uneconomic, he said, in stating that the cost of production was so high that prices were being low-

ered to a point where it was a serious matter to the farmers.

Western Cattle Outbreak

He spoke of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease among Western cattle and admitted he was perturbed over the recent arrival in Nova Scotia of a shipment of horses from the West. Mr. Bell expressed the hope that the Department of Agriculture here would do everything possible to prevent the spread of the disease to Prince Edward Island.

In his opening remarks the Opposition Leader offered his congratulations to the Speaker on being back again and said his Party did not intend to "make your position too troublesome." He also spoke of the number of new members and said he was glad to see new faces as "over here we get tired looking at the same faces all the time."

Congratulating the mover and seconder of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, he said that an excellent speech from Mr. Foley had been expected because he had been in the House before and was known for his ability. However, the seconder, Dr. Lorne Bonnell, had surprised with his speech. "He acquitted himself very creditably and in him we have one who will at all times take an interest in politics."

Referring to 1951 as an election year, he said the result of the voting meant a third period in power for the Jones Government and expressed the hope that in the third try a better record would be set than in the past. He reminded members of the time of the election and weather and road conditions.

Mr. Bell was speaking at 6 p. m. when the Legislature adjourned until 3:00 this afternoon. He will continue his discussion on the agricultural situation when the debate resumes.

Legislature Adopts

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that under your Majesty's gracious rule the welfare and happiness of Your Majesty's subjects will be fully maintained."

Mr. Bell's Tribute

In seconding the resolution Mr. Bell said: "In rising to second the address just read I am sure that it expresses the sentiments of every member of this Assembly, our sympathy and loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the II and our sympathy and respect for the Queen Mother, two noble women who so faithfully and constantly worked side by side with, and through the many trials and tribulations of his reign, that good and kindly man the late George the VI. He was the worthy son of a generous father. By his exalted spirit of goodwill, he welded stronger than ever our love and loyalty to the mother country and set an example to the countries of this troubled world for peace and happiness among its peoples."

"In sorrowing for our late King we think of his family. We think of a Mother, the Dowager Queen, who mourns an exemplary son, of the Queen Mother, who mourns a devoted and faithful partner, and we think of a daughter mourning a father who was so close and dear to her."

"We now enter a new era, the second Elizabethan era. We enter it with high hopes for the future for our Empire. We enter it at a time when the mother country is passing through a trying stage but

Sharp Drop In February Freight Shipments Shown

A sharp drop of over 50% in Island freight shipped by Canadian National Railways from Borden to Cape Tormentine was experienced for the month of February this year in comparison to the same month figures for last year. The chief cause of the slump was attributable to the recent snowstorms that have at times almost halted railway movement in the Province.

In a monthly report, compiled by the office of the Divisional Superintendent here, large decreases in the number of carloads of potatoes and pulpwood were apparent, with only 327 cars of potatoes and 132 carloads of pulpwood leaving the Province during last month. Last year's figures for the same period were 936 cars of potatoes and 360 cars containing pulpwood.

A large reduction in turnip shipments was also shown, with only 67 carloads going out as compared to last year's figure of 97 carloads. There was also a negligible drop in the amount of livestock shipped with 67 carloads exported as compared to 71 carloads during February last year.

Gains in the shipments of eggs, meat, canned goods, lumber and fertilizer were shown for the month. Six carloads of fertilizer, four cars of lumber, and two cars loaded with eggs were exported during this period. Last year's figures showed no full carload shipments under these headings. An increase of carloads of meat and 1 of canned goods was also shown as compared to last year's figures.

The total number of carloads ferried from Borden to Tormentine for February this year was 724. Last year's figure for the same month was 1608 carloads.

Imports Show Increase

An overall increase of imports delivered to the Island by the C.N.R. presented a somewhat brighter picture with 1,002 carloads imported during February this year as compared to last year's total of 952 for the same month, an increase of 50 carloads.

Shipments of coal were up 101 carloads, flour and feed showed an increase of 23 cars, while 34 more carloads of building material and 11 tank cars of gas and oils were delivered to the Province as compared to last year's figures for the same period.

A large decrease in the importation of fertilizer was noted with only 25 carloads being brought in last month as against 58 carloads of last year. Twenty-two carloads we enter it convinced the Empire, under the monarchy of Elizabeth the II and the statesmen of the day and success.

"Only four short months ago, the members of this Assembly had the rare opportunity of personally meeting our now gracious Queen; you have this day by your solemn oath, pledged your faith in Her; may this Empire, made up of every race, color, creed and tongue, with unbounded unity go forward under Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the II and may her reign be long, peaceful and glorious."

"In closing, Mr. Speaker, I am reminded of the words of the poet Thomas Campbell.

"The meteor flag of England Shall yet terrific burn Till danger's troubled night depart And the star of peace return."

of shingles and roofing and one carload of vegetables were imported during February last year. This year's figures showed no carload shipments into the Province for the period.

Below is shown the export and import figures not previously quoted for the two periods, with the figures for February 1951 in brackets:

Exports, Borden to Cape Tormentine: Butter and eggs 1 (2), empty barrels 1 (1), empty cans 1 (0), fish 0 (1), hides 1 (3), less carloads 63 (70), oats 2 (4), starch 2 (2), turnips 67 (97), miscellaneous 7 (6), railway material 3 (0), hay and straw 1 (7), moss 3 (3), autos 1 (3), empty bottles 3 (3), scrap iron 1 (4), vegetables 2 (3), blueberries 0 (1), machinery 0 (3), totals 724 (1,608).

Imports, Cape Tormentine to Borden: Autos 37 (37), empty bags 2 (3), empty barrels 1 (5), fruits 4 (8), hardware 12 (3), lime 6 (9), lumber 11 (10), livestock 4 (3), less carloads 107 (213), meats 3 (4), machinery 0 (8), salt 3 (7), ties 2 (0), aerated waters 9 (6), miscellaneous 39 (66), railway coal 4 (10), other railway material 7 (13), molasses 4 (2), sandstone and gravel 5 (2), canned goods 19 (18), brick and cement 1 (7). Totals 1,002 (952).

Spring Games May Provide Key To 1952 Season

By JACK HAND ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 12 (AP)—Who will take Joe DiMaggio's old job? How will Eddie Stanky do as manager—Can Rogers Hornsby awaken St. Louis Browns? Is Hal Newhouse through? Will the Red Sox be "also rans" under Lou Boudreau?

It will be months before you get all the answers but the first hints dropped Saturday as the Major Leaguers opened their exhibition schedule.

In the 334 spring games to be played before opening day, April 15, the 16 managers will experiment with a bright new crop of rookies. Most will wind up in the minors.

When the world champion New York Yankees squared off with St. Louis Cards at Al Lang Field, manager Casey Stengel had a wide-open race in center field.

Mickey Mantle, Jackie Jensen and Bob Cerv were wrestling for the job left open by DiMaggio's retirement. But Gene Woodling, mentioned by DiMaggio as his most likely successor, may move over from left.

On the other bench, Eddie Stanky was making his debut as manager. Stanky must slign his infield to make room for Manager Stanky at second base. Red Schoendienst may wind up on first base in the shuffle.

When Leo Durocher led his National League Champion New York Giants against Cleveland at Tucson, Ariz., all eyes were on second base. With Stanky gone, Leo was trying Davey Williams, Bob Hofman and Ron Samford at the job. Williams probably will get the call as Al Dark's partner.

Arousing Cleveland hitters to back up the four-star pitching staff of Bobby Feller, Bob Lemon, Early Wynn and Mike Garcia is Manager Al Lopez' chief problem.

The Phillies, living under the new "austerity" rule with no wives in training camp, opened their exhibition schedule at Clearwater, Fla., with Detroit. Manager Eddie

Select Standing Committees Named

Announcement by the special committee of the names of members of the various Select Standing Committees shows that as usual those dealing with agriculture and public accounts have the largest membership. There are seven members of the Legislature on each of the two committees.

The other committees named by the special committee, headed by Premier J. Walter Jones, to serve during the present session have a membership ranging from three to five. They are the committees on Public Accounts, Private Bills, Legislative Library, Engrossing Bills and the Contingent Accounts.

Listed below are the various committees with the names of their members. In each case the chairman of the committee is named first.

Agriculture: Hon. C. Cleveland, Baker, W. E. Alan Stewart, R. E. Bell, Lorne H. MacFarlane, J. W. Don Campbell, Frank Myers, Frank L. MacNutt.

Public Accounts: Keir Clark, William Hughes, J. George MacKay, E. Earle MacDonald, John A. MacDonald, Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, George Klison.

Private Bills: Hon. Walter E. Darby, George E. Saville, E. P. Foley, Hubert J. Gaudet, Frank Myers.

Legislative Library: Hon. J. Wilfrid Arsenault, Hon. Forrest Phillips, Dr. Mark Lorne Bonnell, John A. MacDonald, J. W. Campbell.

Engrossing Bills: George E. Saville, Harvey Douglas, B. Earle MacDonald, William Acorn, Frank Myers.

Contingent Accounts: Russell C. Clark, Hon. J. Brenton St. John, Hubert J. Gaudet.

ROYAL GARDEN PARTIES

LONDON, March 12 (AP)—The Queen will hold the traditional annual Royal Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace July 10 and July 17, it was announced today.

U. S. BATTLE CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—Announced United States battle casualties in Korea reached 106,458 today, an increase of 160 since last week.

Sawyer of the Phils had a left field and second base problem. The entire Phil club awaits the return of Curt Simmons from the army, expected before June 15, as the key to their pennant hopes.

Detroit's boss, Red Rolfe, was faced with the job of adding batting punch. Newhouse's condition was indefinite. The ace left-hander had thrown hard in workouts but a real game would give him a better line on the future. If Newhouse can't make it, he'll pack up and go home.

The Cincinnati at Boston Red Sox pairing in Sarasota, Fla., also packed interest. With Ted Williams liable to go into service soon, manager Boudreau had to think about a new left fielder.

Luke Sewell's Reds had problems in hitting. If Luke can snap Ted Kuszewski out of his season-long slump, the Reds might better their sixth-place finish.

Hornsby's Browns, refitted from stem to stern with many rookies of promise, bumped into Pittsburgh's kid-laden club at Burbank, Calif. Hornsby's raves about outfielders Jim Rivera, George Schmees and Bob Nieman were to get their first test.

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