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RED DECISION LEAVES TRUCE TALKS NEAR COLLAPSE

Warm, Dry Weather Speeds Seeding In West

Gardiner Urges Early End To Probe Of Cattle Disease

OTTAWA, May 7 (CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner said today Canada's economic difficulties may deteriorate further if the parliamentary probe on the government's handling of the foot-and-mouth disease is not ended soon.

The difficulties, he hinted before the Commons agriculture committee, will develop through a prolonged United States embargo on Canadian livestock.

"Unless we get the committee closed up at an early stage," he told the members, "we are going to experience such economic difficulties that anything we have experienced to date would look mild."

The difficulties would not be because of a spread of the disease in South Saskatchewan, "but because are being shut back behind our boundary lines."

Publicity given the committee's hearings was not helping in attempts to overcome livestock marketing problems and in fighting the disease "the way it ought to be fought."

The Minister's speech, charging opposition members with trying to prejudice the committee's decision on its inquiry, was made as members considered whether to end the six-day investigation or to call further witnesses.

Opposition members said additional federal veterinarians, including Dr. N. D. Christie, district veterinarian at Regina, should be called along with a private practitioner and some of the farmers whose animals had been slaughtered in the attempt to control the disease.

Coming Events

**Abegweit R. B. P. Kingston, Friday, May 9th.

**Dance Iona East School, Friday, May 9th.

**See "Cyclone Sally" a three-act play at Tracadie hall Friday, May 16.

**Lobsters: Fresh cooked lobsters daily at Edison's General store, Vernon.

**Reserve Friday, May 16th for dance in Covehead Rd. school. Sponsored by W. I.

**Dance in Oyster Bed Bridge School, Thursday, May 8th. Music by Dolron Brothers.

**Farmers, ask about the Shur-Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.

**See Valleyfield Y. P. U. present their variety concert in Pownal Hall, Friday, May 9th.

**Variety concert and dance in St. Theresa Hall, May 13th. Curtain rises 8:30.

**Show — Bud Abbott and Lou Costello Meet the Invisible Man. North Rustico, Saturday, 8:30 P. M.

**In stock fish meal, oil cake and soya bean meal. McGuigan & Boyle.

**Grass seed now on hand. Get our prices, before buying, at our Shur-Gain Mill, Water St. West, Summerside. P. L. Morris.

**For Snapshots that will not fade, email your films and negatives to Garnham Photo Studios, Charlottetown.

**Weekly Thursday night Dance. Mt. Stewart Canadian Legion Hall, MacKenzie Orchestra. Canteen service. Admission 50 cents.

**Show Cannon City New Glasgow Thursday Bonshaw Friday, Bradabane Saturday. Show time 8:30.

**Dance in St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Friday, May 8th. Modern and Old time. Dancing from 9:30 — 1 A. M.

**Monthly meeting of Mt. Stewart Branch Can. Legion to be held in Legion Room at 8:30, Friday evening, May 9th, 1952.

**Unloading car cement Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Very good price of cement. Terms cash. Ellis Bros., Central. Phone 3004-2.

**Card Party and dance Sandy's, Friday, May 9th Cards 8 to 10 Admission 50 cents. Alphonso McIntyre's Orchestra. Dunstons Women's Institute.

Island Veteran Of Boer War Passes



The ranks of the veterans of the South African War were further depleted yesterday, when Mr. John Edward Lawlor, 78, passed away at the Prince Edward Island Hospital. Due to failing health, Mr. Lawlor was unable to attend the annual Paardeberg service this year. Born at Suffolk, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lawlor, and on his return from the South African campaign, he married the former Ethel McEwen of Tryon.

For sixteen years he was a valued employee of the Boston Elevated Railway. On his return to Charlottetown he was employed for a time at St. Dunstan's University, and later with the Guardian Publishing Company.

Besides his wife, Mr. Lawlor is survived by two daughters, Doris, Mrs. Arthur Proulx, City, and Mrs. Mrs. Louis Longphie, F. C.A.F. Station, Summerside, also three sons, Arthur, City, Alfred, Boston, Mass., and Capt. Ray Lawlor with the Canadian Army, Halifax.

Mr. Lawlor was well and favourably known for his kind and amiable disposition, which did not fail him during his last illness. Others who served in South Africa, and still survive in this Province are Col. W. C. Cook, Messrs. Charles Hine and Harry Hyde, in Charlottetown, also Capt. Ed. Macdonald, Kensington, and Ambrose Ross, Milton.

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Outlook In General Best For Many Years

OTTAWA, May 7 (CP)—Warm, dry weather has sparked big progress in Prairie spring seeding, the Bureau of Statistics said today in the first of a 1952 series of telegraphic reports covering crop conditions in Canada.

The outlook, in general, is the best for many years, the bureau said. "Ideal" weather has helped in the harvesting of abnormally large acreages of over-wintered crops. Spring harvesting now is almost complete.

Sub-soil moisture reserves are well above normal in Saskatchewan and Alberta and better than normal in Manitoba.

Surface soil has dried rapidly, especially in Southern Manitoba and some northern areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Rain is needed in these areas, but on the whole, the outlook is bright, the bureau reported.

In Maritimes The Maritime season is fairly early. Little winter damage to orchards, plantings of small fruits or hay, meadows is reported. Dry, early spring has facilitated land work in New Brunswick where, in the St. John River valley, seeding of potatoes and grain is under way. Cold weather, however, has retarded growth in pastures and hay meadows.

In Prince Edward Island, potato planting is under way in light soil areas and operations are expected to be general within 10 days. Reports on hay and small fruits are optimistic.

In Nova Scotia planting has started in the sections south and east.

U. S. Suspends Credit Controls

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—The Federal Reserve Board today suspended controls over installment buying.

The decision means there will be no curbs on down payments or length of time to pay for automobiles, appliances, and scores of other items.

The Board decided that supplies of credit are large and ample, so now that controls are no longer needed for the time being to fight inflation.

The Board's present regulations require a 15-per-cent down payment and full payment within 18 months on most appliances.

It requires 33 per cent down, with 18 months to pay, for automobiles.

Reds Form New Army In East Germany

BERLIN, May 7 (AP)—East Germany's Communist rulers announced tonight they are forming an army to defend the Soviet zone "against aggression."

The ruling Socialist Unity (Communist) Party made its plans known in a cable to Prime Minister Stalin.

The action was taken in connection with the Russian zone anniversary of its liberation from the Nazis by the Soviet Army. East zone Communist leaders, however, changed the name of "Liberation Day" to "Defence Day."

East Germany's president, Wilhelm Pieck, already had declared on May Day that the imminent signing of a peace contract between West Germany and the Western Allies — and the Bonn Government's proposed contribution to European defence — would compel the Soviet zone to organize its own armed forces.

HALIFAX, May 7 (CP)—Scattered by heavy seas, the cruiser Quebec docked here tonight after extensive exercises in the Bermuda area.

4 Drowned When Truck Strikes Man On Bridge

MARGAREE HARBOR, N. S., May 7 (CP)—Four persons, including three teen-agers, drowned today in this Cape Breton fishing village when a truck hit a man on a bridge and plunged into the harbor.

Dead are: Charles Aucoin, 27, Emilie Cormier, 19, Arthur Muise, 19, all of nearby Cheticamp, and Ernest J. LeBlanc, 60 of Belle Cove.

Police said the truck, driven by Aucoin, apparently struck LeBlanc while he was walking over the bridge. It then lurched from side to side, careened over the bridge and sank from sight.

LeBlanc, former manager of a Belle Cove co-operative store, is survived by his widow and five children.

\$221,000 Street Contract Let To Warren Maritimes Limited

Preliminary work on the rehabilitation of the city streets will start next week. It was stated at a special meeting of the City Council last night following the acceptance of the tender of the Warren Maritimes Limited for the work.

Councillors were told that the contract is being let on a 14,000 ton minimum basis and that this would mean the paving of 7 miles of streets at an approximate cost of \$221,000. Councillor F. J. Storey, Chairman of the Street Committee, expressed the opinion that 20,000 tons would do the whole program at a cost slightly over the estimated \$300,000.

The tender of the Warren Maritimes was lower on six of the eight items tendered, including the two main ones for the asphalt concrete base and the hot mix chip seal. Three other Maritime companies bid on the work.

To Start Promptly The Council was told that the company was prepared to start work five days after the contract is awarded and will do the required preliminary involved in raising man-holes and catch basins while the necessary plant equipment is being erected on the site. The plant will be brought to the Province for this purpose.

Under questioning by Councillor T. Roy Oudmore the information was received from Mr. R. Hewitt, the expert brought in by the city to direct the work, that the price of approximately \$16.85 a ton was "exorbitant." It did not compare favorably with similar work done in other Maritime cities.

Councillor Gormley asked if it would not be possible to do the work with the present city plant and save \$60,000. Mr. Hewitt stated that the work could not be done by the plant in two years and the resultant delay would have a deteriorating effect on the base which would be even more badly damaged by the time.

Councillor Storey said that the money saved in this manner would have to be spent in the extra (Continued on Page 8 Col. 5)

Saskatchewan General Election Called June 11

REGINA, May 7 (CP)—A Saskatchewan general election for June 11 was announced today.

The C.C.F. Government headed by Premier T.C. Douglas will seek a third consecutive term of office. Standing in the 52-member Legislature at dissolution is: C.C.F. 31; Liberals 19; Independents 2.

The next legislature will have 53 members. A redistribution bill gave Regina a third member.

The C.C.F., headed by Scottish-born "Tommy" Douglas, was catapulted to power in a 1944 wartime election. Its victory was overturned in 1947 seats to the Liberals' 19. In 1948 it was returned to office with a reduced majority — 31 seats to the Liberals' 19.

The legislature dissolved today was the 11th since Saskatchewan became a province in 1905. Until now the C.C.F. came on the scene, its governments were all Liberals, with the exception of Premier J.T.M. Anderson's Conservative government from 1929 to 1934.

The election campaign is expected to get into full swing within a few days. As of today, the C.C.F. had named 52 candidates for election: Liberals 50; Social Credit 11; Progressive Conservatives, 6; and Labor-Progressives, 2.

Leading the Liberals is 53-year-old Walter Adam Tucker, a lawyer who sat in the House of Commons for 10 years before switching to the provincial field as party leader. He is the father of nine children.

Mr. Douglas was 39 when he first became premier. He is a Baptist minister and, like Mr. Tucker, sat in Ottawa in two parliaments before being chosen to head the provincial party.

The Progressive Conservatives have not been represented in the Legislature since the Anderson Government's defeat. Their leader is Alvin Hamilton, who is defeated in Rosemount in 1948. He is contesting Lumsden in the June election.

The Social Credit leader is Joseph Thauberger. He will contest Humboldt, where he trailed in a close three-way fight in 1948.

P. E. I. Native Dies In Grand Pre, N. S.

GRAND PRE, N. S., May 7 (CP)—Mrs. Sillas Rogerson, a native of Prince Edward Island, died here yesterday after a lengthy illness. She was 82.

Born at Lot 16, P. E. I., and educated in Bedouque, she came here 50 years ago with her husband. She is survived by her husband and two daughters.

Drama Festival Governor To Quit

WINNIPEG, May 7 (CP)—Frank Morris of Winnipeg, a governor of the Dominion Drama Festival, says today in 'Free Press' column "Here, There and Hollywood," he intends to resign over the substitution of a distiller's (Calvert) trophy for the festival's top award.

The decision and a top prize of \$1,000 were announced recently.

"The festival, which has been going downhill for the past few years, now reaches a financial peak and an artistic low," he said. "It has insulted the former governor-general, who founded the festival."

But Sessions Continue At Enemy Request

(By Don Huth) MUNSAN, Korea, May 8 (Thursday)—(AP)—Korean truce talks—verging on collapse after Communist rejection of the Allies' five-point compromise offer—continue at Communist request today. The outlook is dark.

The Reds gave no reason in asking for another top-level session at Panmunjom at 11 a.m. (10 p.m. EDT Wednesday), with the shroud of secrecy removed.

Secret negotiations broke down Wednesday over the key issue of prisoner exchange.

The United Nations command, declaring it never would force prisoners to return to Red soil against their will, said bluntly that further debate was pointless and called for an indefinite recess. Each side said it was up to the other to give in.

The Communists then asked that the delegates meet again today.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway declared in Tokyo: "Our position is one from which we cannot and shall not retreat. The responsibility for the Korean truce rests on the Communist leaders."

Government spokesmen in Washington, London and Ottawa backed him up.

Taft Takes Lead From Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—Tennessee's Estes Kefauver and Ohio's Robert A. Taft swept in to the lead in the races for Democratic and Republican delegates today and both promptly posted claims of virtually certain victory at the Chicago presidential nominating conventions in July.

Kefauver said that on the basis of a striking upset in Ohio—and a strong but losing display in Florida—he is "practically assured" of winning the Democratic nomination.

Taft said he will "never be headed" in his bid for the Republican prize.

Taft surged well in front of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the battle for delegates by capturing his native Ohio's entire 36-vote delegation.

P.E.I. Prize Winners And Graduates At Dalhousie

HALIFAX, May 7 (CP)—Dalhousie University tonight announced the names of successful candidates for degrees in law and dental surgery.

Prize-winners and graduates follow: Prize-winners — Dentistry: Donald G. Woodside, New Glasgow, N.S., Edwin L. Macintosh, Dundee, N.S., Orville H. Phillips, O'Leary, P. E. I., Clinton A. Hayward, Hartland, N. B.

Law: William S. O'Hara, Toronto Archibald Crowell, Bridgetown N.S., F.F. Gallant, Bloomfield, P.E.I., Vincent P. McCarthy, Red Island, Placentia, Bay Nfld., Leonard C. Jones, Moncton, N.B., and Mrs. Moyra Nicholson, George Terrace, David Nicholson, all of Halifax.

Among the graduates were: Prince Edward Island — Dentistry: Gerald D. Barrett and Thomas D. Cobb, both of Charlottetown.

Law: Lowell A. Allen, Summerside, James B. Palmer, Charlottetown.

Foot & Mouth Scourge Spreading In The U. K.

LONDON, May 7 (Reuters)—The foot-and-mouth scourge which has stopped cattle movements in almost all of Britain, continued to spread today.

Two new outbreaks were reported, one in Central England and one in Scotland, bringing the total to 251 since the plague started last Nov. 14. The worst epidemic in 10 years has led to the slaughter of 14,490 cattle, 7,962 sheep, 6,440 pigs and 20 goats.

Cattle shipments have been banned throughout England, Wales and a large part of Scotland. Britons, living on a stringent meat ration, are worried that he disease may cut already-scarce stocks of home-grown meat.

But the British Veterinary Association announced tonight that the epidemic "should not affect meat supplies unduly."

"About 60 per cent of cattle slaughtered are salvaged for meat, and some two-thirds of sheep and pigs are salvaged also," an association statement said.

The Channel Island of Jersey has been declared a restricted area. Neighboring Guernsey has banned imports of animals, poultry and feed from other Channel Islands.

Passengers arriving at Ireland's Dublin Airport from Britain were sprayed with disinfectant before being allowed into the city.

Officials of the Royal Dublin Society spring cattle show ordered visitors not to touch any of the 1,600 animals that went on view yesterday. Auction sales, parades of cattle and milking trials were cancelled.

North Ireland banned the import of cattle, horses, dogs and pigs.

Federal Government Argues PEI Supreme Court Wrong In Farm Marketing Act Judgment

OTTAWA, May 7 (CP)—Some justices of the Supreme Court of Canada today expressed doubts over various aspects of a Prince Edward Island Supreme Court decision holding 1949 farm marketing legislation invalid.

The Court is hearing an appeal from the P.E.I. judgment, which has blocked schemes of several provinces for the regulation of their interprovincial and international trade in farm products. Decision of the high court will settle the constitutional issue.

Today, the Federal Government argued the P.E.I. court was wrong in declaring unconstitutional the Federal Agricultural Products Marketing Act of 1949 and a plan for the interprovincial marketing of P.E.I. potatoes based on that statute.

F. P. Varcoe, Deputy Minister of Justice, contended the Provincial court had "misapplied" a 1950 judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada declaring Parliament cannot delegate its constitutional authority to a legislature.

In this case, he said the authority for interprovincial marketing — normally under federal (Continued on Page 15 Col. 4)

Value Of Sportsmanship Stressed In Music Festival

The sportsmanship which might be enjoyed by competitors in the Musical Festival, which concluded its third day in Charlottetown last evening, stressed at various sessions during the day by both adjudicators.

At the morning session in the Community Centre, Mr. Clayton Hare stated he agreed with Mr. Reginald Geen that marks in the Festival were comparatively unimportant and that "if you've done your best you are a winner. He also stressed the fact that the audience should also endeavour to forget the competitive side of the week and applaud those who were competing with their friends.

The large audience was quick to accept the suggestion and it was noticed that visitors to the city were welcomed with bursts of applause as they appeared on the stage at all sessions during the day.

Dancing Classes A large number of people were turned away from the doors of the Empire Theatre during the afternoon where they had appeared to watch the two classes for dancing, including grades 5-7 in the first class and grades 8-10 in the second.

The stage was gay with the brightly coloured costumes worn by the children in these classes, and varied from the familiar Scottish dress to costumes of distant lands. Types of dances were many and groups participated in square dances, reels and jigs, Scottish dances and the Moravian "Kanafaska", to name but a few.

In her adjudication of these numbers, Miss Felice Arsenault, B.Sc. (P.E.), spoke briefly on each dance performed and pointed out various technical points which might be improved.

She complimented the competitors very highly on the costumes worn, and stressed the enjoyment which could be obtained from the folk dances.

It was regretted by many that the theatre could not accommodate all those who wished to attend, and it is hoped that this class, which promises to become very popular, will have larger facilities for the audience in future festivals.

Largest Class Fifty-nine girls of nine years of age and under took part in the vocal solo class held at F.W.C. in the morning, in the largest class held so far.

Mr. Geen seemed not to tire of the repetition at all and in his general manner asked if he could not hear some of the competitors a second time. Six of the young ladies were called back to the stage for repeat performances after which the adjudicator gave comments on each entry. This class was won by Miss Margaret McIntyre with the high mark of 88, the second highest to be awarded in the Festival to date.

Also heard during this session was the Rhythm Band class for 8 years and under and the piano duet class for 18 years and under.

Capacity Audience Standing room only was the order of the day at the afternoon (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

Accepts Call To Edmonton Church

Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, pastor of Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, has accepted a call to McDougall United Church in Edmonton, Alberta. He will assume his new duties in September of this year.

In the meantime, on May 17, he is being honoured with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Queen's University, Kingston.

Assuming his duties as pastor of Trinity Church here in July, 1949, Rev. Mr. Ashford has become widely known throughout the Province. Born in Newcastle, N.B., he received his early education at Mount Allison and later attended Queen's University and Union College. Following his graduation he went to British Columbia where he held two pastorates, and later served as a missionary in India. In 1939 he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as chaplain and (Continued on Page 15 Col. 4)

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