



Officers of Prov. Public Servants Assn.

Group of officers of the Provincial Public Servants Association elected at the 11th annual meet-

ing held at Prince of Wales College Monday night. From left to right: Marie Toole, Secy. Treas., John Gilmore, President, Elsie MacDougall, Director, BACK: Joe Shelton, Immediate Past Pres-ident, Isaac Tuplin, Director, Giles Cantwell, Director, P. O. Cameron, Director.

John Gilmore Heads Prov. Civil Servants

John Gilmore was elected president of the Provincial Public Servants Association at their 11th annual meeting held last night at Prince of Wales College. There was a large attendance.

The president, J. B. Shelton, who occupied the chair, called upon the various committee chairmen, each of whom submitted a satisfactory report for which they were thanked.

The nominating committee report, submitted by Dr. George Fisher, resulted in the election of the following officers and directors:

President, John Gilmore, Department of Highways; vice-pres., Eugene MacDonald, Dept. of Welfare; secy.-treas., Marie Toole, Dept. of Education.

Directors: Reginald MacNutt, Temperance Commission; Giles Cantwell, Dept. of Health; Isaac Tuplin, Dept. Agriculture; Claude Smith, Dept. Industries and Natural Resources; Elsie McDougall, Dept. of Provincial Secretary; Percy Cameron, Dept. of Education; and J. B. Shelton, Immediate Past President.

Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Industry and Natural Resources who accompanied by Eugene Gorman, Director of Fisheries, interviewed C.N.R. officials at Moncton yesterday with a view to arranging a rate between West Prince and Souris on herring shipments, returned by air last evening.

Mr. MacKinnon reports having received a courteous hearing in which the whole matter was reviewed. The Department heads are taking the matter under advisement and assured the Minister that no time would be lost in reaching a decision.

Mr. MacKinnon urged that the matter be expedited in order that the necessary additional equipment could be secured and placed in the plant at Souris in ample time to deal with the fish in the event of an early spring movement.

"Processing the heavy catch of herring into fishmeal would be a reasonably profitable undertaking if freight charges between the west end of the Island and Souris were kept at a minimum," Mr. MacKinnon said.

Potatoes Now At Season's High Says Board Chairman

"The potato market has hit the season's high within the last few days with quotations yesterday ranging from 85 cents to 90 cents per 75 pounds bulk to the grower delivered at shipping point," reports Mr. Elric Campbell, manager of the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board.

"There is a catch to this though. The shipper must have a car available for loading and immediate movement. Evidently the receivers, as well as the local dealers, believe that this is a weather market, and are not taking any chances in getting caught in a fictitious market like that which existed last spring."

"Added to the shipping difficulties is the fact that because of poor wire connections along the railway lines, it is not possible to have cars placed and removed nearly as quickly as normally. This feeling that current prices are temporary is supported by the reports of storage holdings of potatoes in Canada at January 2nd which are shown in the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Holdings (1956, 1955, 1954, 1953, 1952, 1951)

"Markets in the U. S. A. have risen sharply since Christmas and have taken a further jump in the last few days. This seems unaccountable in as much as the American holdings estimates are not due out till the 20th and all indications to date have pointed to a high figure of holdings of merchantable stocks."

"Granted that the Maine movement has been over a wider area than normal, the present rate of movement is not high enough to take care of the large inventories."

Expect Tanker In Charlottetown This Week

From information released by local Irving Oil Co., officials last evening it was learned that the tanker Sprucebranch under charter to the Irving Company is expected to arrive in Charlottetown either Wednesday night or Thursday morning. The cargoes that the company is concentrating on at the present time is fuel oil, and if conditions permit further shipments may be brought in at close intervals.

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Dairy Farmers At Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Executive members of the Dairy Farmers of Canada arrived here Monday to start preparations for their 14th annual meeting.

About 150 delegates were expected from across the country. Closed sessions of the directors and commodity groups will be held today and Wednesday. The general meeting, opening Thursday, will conclude Friday.

The organization includes 22 dairy producer groups representing 455,000 individuals. Officials said the choice of Saint John as the site of the dairy farmers' first national convention in the Maritimes was largely due to the efforts of E. R. Sherwood, New Brunswick minister of agriculture and a former director of the organization.

The 25-man board of directors is headed by president Gilbert Macmillan of Huntingdon, Que.

Reports Public Lethargy On Political Events

OTTAWA (CP)—Conservative party members were told Monday there is "considerable public lethargy" on political affairs in Canada.

"One-quarter of all Canadians think it makes no difference what party is in power," Byrne Hope Sanders of Toronto, a director of the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion—the Gallup poll, said at a luncheon of the Progressive Conservative Women's Association of Canada.

"Political parties are coming closer together ideologically," Miss Sanders said. "It is harder to find an issue."

The party's women's association and the Young Progressive Conservatives of Canada both held their one-day annual meetings Monday—curtain-raisers to the two-day meeting of the main party association starting today. New presidents of both were chosen unanimously.

Car Collides With Train At Grafton St.

An early morning car-train collision at the East end of Grafton Street sent two Kilmainr bricklayers the Prince Edward Island Hospital suffering serious injuries when their 1955 Dodge sedan failed to come to a stop while a four car freight extra of the Canadian National Railways was proceeding over the crossing on its way to the railway yard.

John Denham, 42 and John Daly, 25 received injuries of an undetermined nature when the car owned by Denham and driven by Daly struck the second car behind the engine of train extra 1538 in charge of Conductor Merrill Graham and driven by Engineer J. Egan. The train had been returning from Borden at the time of the accident.

City Police who investigated the accident said that skid marks on the pavement, west of the crossing, indicated that the machine was travelling at a high rate of speed and appeared to be unable to stop in time to avoid the collision. Crossing signals on both sides of the street were said to be operating at the time of the collision.

Both accident victims were conscious when City Police arrived at the scene minutes after the collision. Denham was taken to hospital by Hennessey's Ambulance and Daly by the Police Patrol. The forward part of the car was completely demolished.

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HALIFAX (CP)—The skipper of the killer ship that Canada calls the most modern in the world says she lived up to all expectations during initial trials with submarines and aircraft.

MONTREAL (CP)—Fisheries Minister Sinclair, who entered the Montreal Neologues, instituted Friday for a one-day check-up, has decided to remain five days for a thorough examination, it was learned Monday.

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Two Men Hold Up Oshawa Bank

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP)—Two men dressed identically and disguised by silk stockings over their heads held up a pair of National Employment Service messengers Monday and escaped with \$6,000 in cash.

The two messengers, Norman Peppiatt and Douglas Reynolds, were returning to their office from a bank when held up, police said. Peppiatt said he and Reynolds used a different route every morning to discourage holdup attempts. They had just reached a corner when the car drove up and the two men pointed guns at them.

The man in the rear seat ordered me to throw the money into the car," said Peppiatt. "I was so scared I dropped the satchel."

He added: "I picked it up and threw it in the window. Then they ordered us to start running. We did, but Reynolds managed to get the licence number."

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Says Wheat Sales Now In Volume Again

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian wheat is selling in volume again, says Trade Minister Howe.

He predicted in the Commons Monday that sales in the current crop year, which opened last Aug. 1, will pass total 1954-55 shipments by March.

"I have never before in my experience seen buying as active and as steady as it has been since Nov. 1." Until then, he said, advance sales were "woefully deficient" because buyer countries were expecting Canada to follow the United States into a giveaway program or at least cut prices drastically.

Mr. Howe, who celebrated his 70th birthday Sunday, entered the third day of throne speech debate to hit back at opposition criticism of the government's agricultural policies.

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HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office here says a new disturbance is expected to approach the Maritimes Tuesday and continuing dull weather is likely with a few snowflurries scattered over most of the district.

Regional forecasts: Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Overcast with a few snowflurries; a little colder; light wind. Low-high at New Glasgow 30 and 35, Charlottetown 30 and 35, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 25 and 32, Edmundston 20 and 25, Campbellton 25 and 30.