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## COMMONS MEMBERS FEAR IMPACT OF U.S. WHEAT POLICY

### Women Protest Increase In Postal Rates

### Existing Agreements In Way Of Proposed Tariffs

Prince Edward Island potato growers will be relieved to know that the application of the State of Maine, asking the U. S. Government to impose a 45c tariff on Canadian potatoes cannot receive recognition.

Mr. E. D. Reid of the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board, selling agency speaking in the absence of Mr. D. A. MacDonald, chairman of the Board, points out that the potato G.A.T.T. agreement made between Canada and the United States came into effect two years ago and will in force and no matter what effect it has on either country of the other's market there is nothing that can be done until such legislation is amended by joint agreement.

Whereas it is the occasion for the U. S. grower to complain this year, it is pointed out that the Canadian grower was in much the same position last year when American potatoes were being sold on the Canadian market at a price lower than the market level. "We didn't like that," said Mr. Reid, "but we had to put up with it."

Regarding the claim that the Canadian Government is subsidizing the potato market, Mr. Reid states that this is incorrect. Actually the Government is doing no more than advancing a price of 45c a bushel to the farmers, and since the agreement with the potato pool does not end until the 30th of June, next year, the pool may have to refund this money to the Government, should the price of potatoes exceed that amount.

"An agreement is an agreement," said Mr. Reid and it cannot be changed overnight to the benefit of either party. The only justification the American grower could have for complaint would be in the case of "dumping" potatoes on the U. S. market, that is selling the potatoes below our domestic level. In such a case a violation of the tariff agreement could be claimed but such has definitely not taken place this year."

### Coming Events

- \*Long River School Concert, December 21st.
- \*Crushing and Mixing every day. N. Aubrey Outfit.
- \*Thistle and Shamrock Christmas Concert, December 18th.
- \*Clinton School Concert, Clinton Hall, Tuesday, December 22nd.
- \*Glen Valley School Concert, December 22nd. Sale of candy.
- \*Breadalbane Village Concert, Thursday, December 17th.
- \*Group 2. Rummage Sale, Zion Hall, Saturday, December 12th, 10-3.
- \*Christmas Concert, Valleyfield Hall, Friday, December 18th. Note change in date.
- \*Dance every Tuesday night, Stanley Bridge Rink Hall. Music by Munroe's Orchestra.
- \*Annual Meeting of King William L. O. L. Monday, December 14th. Full attendance requested.
- \*Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday, "Carbine, Wilkins" starring James Stewart and Wendell Corey.
- \*Special Legion Meeting and Raffle, in Mt. Allison Legion Hall, Monday, December 14th, for members.
- \*Dance in Afton Hall, Monday, December 14th, in aid of Rocky Point Hockey Club. Toole's Orchestra.
- \*Cake Sale, Fennell and Chandler's, Saturday, December 12th, 7 o'clock. Central Royal Women's Institute.
- \*Crapaud Institute Room, Tea and Bazaar, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 4 to 8. St. John's W. A. Tea 2c.
- \*Our stores will remain open every night until Christmas, effective Dec. 14. Parker Canfield, Waddell Bros., Crapaud.
- \*Salvation Army Sunday School Concert and Christmas Tree, Tuesday, December 18th, 8 P. M. Silver collection.
- \*Order your Leghorn or Leghorn Cross-Bred Chicks for January delivery now. Raynor's Chick Hatchery, Mt. Herbert.
- \*St. Peter's Dramatic Club presents 12 vaudeville acts, plus one 1-act play in St. Peter's Holy Name Hall, December 14th, starting at 8:45. Rain or shine.
- \*Rummage sale, Saturday, Dec. 12, 2:30 p.m. at the former Eaton Office, Kent Street. In aid of the Royal Home and School Association.
- \*Auto and Farm Supplies, 203 Great George Street, Sales and Service. Complete line of De Laval Milkers, Separators, Water Pressure Systems, Automobile Parts, Oils, Greases, etc.
- \*Royal Hog Grower 16% Protein and Royal Dairy Ration, 16% Protein, contain no inferior local grains, weed seeds or feed adulterants. Royal Feed Service, Grafton Street, East.
- \*At Royal Feed Warehouse. Royal Hog Supplement 36 P. C. \$5.50 cwt. Dairy Supplement 32 P. C. \$4.70 cwt. Royal Dairy Ration 16 P. C. \$3.85 cwt. Royal Hog Grower 16 P. C. \$4.85 cwt. Royal Pig Starter 18 P. C. with Aroclor \$4.10 cwt. Royal Feed Service, Grafton Street East Phone 8815.
- \*Buying pigs Monday at Fred-erickton. Tuesday: Brookfield 9 a. m.; Milton 10; York 1 p.m.; Bedford 2; Tracadie 2:30; Mt. Stewart 3; Pasquid 3:30; Port Augusta 4; Westville 4:30; Vernon River 5; Pownal 5:30. Wednesday: New Glasgow 9 a.m.; Wheatley River 10; Holmes' Corner 11; New Haven 1 p.m.; Bonshaw 1:30; DeSable 2; Kelly's Cross 3; Emerald 4; Cliff-ton 5; Kensington 5:30. Paying \$30.00 a pair for good pigs over 33 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

### National Council Presents Views To Cabinet

OTTAWA, (CP)—The National Council of Women of Canada, representing 605,000 women across the country, presented the cabinet Friday with a "strong protest" over the proposed increased postal rates.

A five-woman delegation, presenting their annual brief to the government, said the newly prepared rates were "exorbitant" and out of line with the reasons given for the increase. The regular rates are to be increased by one cent next April 1.

Their objections were presented to Prime Minister St. Laurent and six other members of the cabinet, including Finance Minister Abbott.

Asked what Mr. Abbott's reaction was to a suggestion the delegation made that the postal rates issue be debated in the Commons, a spokesman quoted the finance minister as saying: "Undoubtedly it will be debated—loud and long."

Margarine Tax

The delegation said it also had received assurance from the prime minister that the government of Canada has no intention of discriminating against women in any phase of the national life.

Further to a recommendation, contained in their brief, that the government provide a better treatment of early sex offenders under a revised Criminal Code, the council urged "a grant to set up a pilot project of a psychiatrist, endocrinologist and research worker to study the reasons for sexual aberrations."

The group also had called for the removal of the 10 per cent sales tax on margarine; elimination of the means test in the Blind Persons Act; more favorable pensions to dependents of dead Canadian war veterans; continued attention to outstanding women in the selection of senators; and pursuance of a policy barring liquor advertisement from CBC television and radio programs.

It abhorred the absence of women in the civil service commission.

The delegation was headed by council president Mrs. A. Turner Bone, of Montreal.

### Plan Fitting Observance Of St. Dunstan's Centennial

A century of educational progress will be fittingly marked by Prince Edward Island when St. Dunstan's College holds its Centennial Commencement next May.

"The official opening ceremonies of our Centennial Year will take place on January 19th, and, during the following months, we shall do all we can to fittingly celebrate this great year in Prince Edward Island's educational history," announced Right Reverend R. V. MacKenzie, Rector of St. Dunstan's College yesterday.

Details of the various Centennial Year events are not yet complete. It is understood, however, that the main events of the year will take place during the first week of next August.

The actual opening date of the Centennial Year falls on Sunday, January 17th, for it was on that date, in 1853, that eighteen young men enrolled at the new College, situated on what was then known as St. Bernard's Hill. Efforts to have St. Dunstan's ready for occupancy the previous September had failed, and as a result the first school year was short. But its Closing Exercises in 1855 were St. Dun-



R. V. MacKenzie Rector of St. Dunstan's College

### Toronto Firm To Construct New Wharf At Murray River

R. A. Blyth, contracting firm, Toronto, has been awarded a federal contract to build a new wharf at Murray River, a large portion of which has been completed. All four piers are finished, and at present the steel reinforced concrete deck is being poured, over half of which is also completed. It is estimated that another two days of good weather will end this major portion. Remaining is the concrete walk and the railings which will take another few weeks to complete. It is noted that the new bridge is higher than the old one by about two feet at the south end and a little less at the north end.

It has not been learned whether or not the approaches will be built up to permit vehicle travel over the bridge this winter, but it is

the hope of motorists in the area that this will be the program, since it is expected that the narrow temporary bridge and its sharp approaches may afford considerable difficulty to winter travel.

The only major non-IWA council.

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### Howe Sure Move Will Not Break Canadian Prices

OTTAWA, (CP)—Members of the Commons expressed concern Friday over the United States decision to cut export prices of surplus wheat not tied by international agreement, despite assurances by Trade Minister Howe that the move will not break Canadian wheat prices.

Walter Tucker (L.—Rosthern) suggested Parliament should make it plain to the U. S. that Canada expects "that nothing is done by governmental agencies to break the price of our product." It should be made clear to the U. S. government that economic co-operation was the foundation for preserving strength and unity against the Soviet threat.

The wheat debate was initiated by M. J. Coldwell, OCF leader, who described the American decision as a "threatening 'trade crisis' developing out of possibly 'disastrous competition' by the U. S. government.

Mr. Coldwell said it seems evident that the American government has decided to destroy the International Wheat Agreement and to monopolize the overseas wheat market.

He charged that by subsidizing exports of non-IWA wheat, the U. S. has broken the letter and spirit of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, world tariff-reducing pact.

### Utilities Commission Offer Of Interim Increase Rejected

Union representatives yesterday afternoon rejected a Public Utilities Commission offer of a five per cent increase in pay to Telephone Company workers retroactive to July 1, 1953, pending a final decision by the Commission.

At the conclusion of the hearing on the Union application for a 7 1/2 per cent increase in wages and a 40-hour week held before the Commission in the Legislative Chamber Judge C. St. Clair Trainor, chairman of the Commission, made the offer. "If the Union will accept and the company agree to pay," He smilingly remarked that it would mean Christmas cheer for the boys.

The offer was agreed to by Mr. R. Bell, Q. C., company counsel on the assertion from Mr. D. M. Gass, local manager, that cheques to cover would be made out in time.

However, Mr. H. C. Tracy, international representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who has represented Local 1811 during the hearing, stated he could not accept as the matter would have to be passed on by the union members, and he was not a member. Mr. Holland, president of the Local, also refused to take the responsibility of accepting the Commission offer.

They told the Commission it would be necessary for Mr. Holland to call a special meeting of the members of the union and get their decision.

Mr. J. O. G. Campbell, Q. C., representing the P. E. I. Government while holding a watching brief, asked why Mr. Tracy could not speak for the union as he had spoken for them during the two-day hearing. Judge Trainor found difficulty in accepting the fact the offer was not instantaneously accepted.

It was eventually agreed that Mr. Holland would call an immediate meeting and notify the Commission of its decision by Monday afternoon.

Mr. MacKay's Testimony

When the hearing resumed yesterday morning Mr. A. M. MacKay, president of the Island Telephone Company, was still on the witness stand. He continued his discussion of the union brief and said that regarding the questioning of the company financial statement in connection with the layoff last summer of 40 operators that the statement accurately reflected that reduction.

He discussed the statement in the brief by Mr. Tracy that had offered a better deal and the 40 hour week if the union would support the company in an appearance before the Commission seeking higher rates. He stated that he gave Mr. Tracy the financial picture at the time and showed that it was such that the company could not give what was asked. They could only do better than they had offered and higher rates were allowed by the Public Utilities Commission. He maintained there was no suggestion on his part that the approach the Commission was taking was higher rates. "I am opposed to higher rates," he stated.

That the rates were higher here than in some places he freely admitted and mentioned the Bell Company as an example. He suggested that with a million telephones in the Provinces they should be able to give lower rates. Regarding the Alberta Company he said that since it was Government owned and did not have to pay any income tax they, too, could offer lower rates.

Company Rates

He believed the rates charged

### Retired Baptist Minister Dies

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—The funeral of Rev. A. A. MacLeod, retired Baptist Minister and well known in the Maritimes, was held Monday at Moncton. He died in Lancaster military hospital near Saint John after an 18-month illness.

Mr. MacLeod held pastorate at Summerside and O'Leary in Prince Edward Island, Hillsboro and St. Andrews in New Brunswick, and Kingston and Bear River in Nova Scotia. He was field secretary for the Sons of Temperance for nine years and a member of the Canadian chaplaincy service during the Second World War.

### Drop Noted In Potato Prices

TORONTO, (CP)—Potato prices here have dropped five to 10 cents for 75-pound bags this week.

The market-setting N.B. Prince Edward Island potatoes, which receive federal subsidy, are down five cents at \$1.25 a 75-pound bag while Ontario and New Brunswick returns to the same level and Ontario to \$1.15-1.20.

Officials of the Ontario federation of agriculture are following up protests that the prices of Prince Edward Island potatoes are lowering the prices of Ontario-grown potatoes.

Ontario growers are protesting because they say the importing of P. E. I. potatoes has eliminated any chance regulating prices for potatoes grown here "since Ontario

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### Maine Spokesman Repeats Complaint

PRESQUE ISLE, Maine, (AP)—A spokesman for Maine potato men said Friday a marketing agreement under consideration in New Brunswick couldn't be called anything but a subsidy.

Edward F. Leach, executive secretary of the Potato Industry Council, said Prince Edward Island potatoes which already has a similar agreement, has taken some of Maine's southern markets.

If New Brunswick growers adopt the agreement, he added, Maine interests fear it would "lead to a dumping program" with the Canadian government making up the difference.

The Maine Potato Council has asked the U. S. treasury department for a tariff of 45 cents a bushel on Canadian spuds, claiming some Canadian provinces were offering subsidies.

In Frederickton Thursday a spokesman for the provincial department of agriculture denied that New Brunswick was subsidizing its growers. He said the farmers are balloting on an agreement providing for pool selling, with federal payments at the end of the season if growers failed to receive previously designated prices.

### Safety Sign Is Cause of Death

STILLWATER, Minn. (AP)—A highway safety sign killed a highway worker Friday. Elsworth Ekdahl was hauling the sign in the cab of his truck when he was involved in a minor collision. The impact knocked the sign against him, cutting his throat.

### Commoner Takes Princess Out Three Nights In Row

LONDON, (Reuters)—A tall, blonde commoner has stepped out with Princess Margaret for the last three nights—and Mayfair gossip is making the most of it.

Not that 31-year-old Mark Bonham-Carter, grandson of Britain's First World War prime minister, is a newcomer to the Princess's list of escorts. He has been around since the gay nightclubs of four years ago when Sharman Douglas, daughter of former U. S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas, was one of Margaret's set.

In fact, gossip linked Bonham-Carter with Sharman last year when they were in a holiday party together in Norway with her parents. But talk of romance faded. Now Mark has stirred up a tea-party of new rumors. Editors are dusting off clippings about his casual friendship with Margaret.

Followed Closely

On past dates, he has escorted the Princess in the company of two other young couples—following an accepted unwritten rule governing her social life.

Thursday night, the 23-year-old Princess and Mark went to theatre and supper with only the Duchess of Kent, Margaret's favorite aunt, and Phillip Hay, the duchess's secretary. On the two previous nights Margaret and Mark had been to theatres together.

Their behavior was followed closely by the London press. It was noted in headlines that the young couple called for escorts of "Let's Fall in Love" at a west end restaurant.

They danced to such tunes as "Night and Day" and "Something Wonderful."

Considered Intellectual

Bonham-Carter is regarded by Margaret's friends as their "intellectual." He won a scholarship to Oxford University and took highest honors there. After serving as a guards officer in the war, and making a dramatic escape from Italian troops, he ran as Liberal party candidate in the 1945 elections but was defeated in the Labor landslide.

Liberal politics runs in the family. His grandfather became Lord Oxford and Asquith after serving as Liberal premier at the outbreak of the first war. His parents are Sir Maurice and Lady Violet Bonham-Carter. She is vice-president of the Liberal party and a member of several international organizations.

### Potato Marketing Plan Discussed At O'Leary Farm Federation Meeting

Mr. Leo McIsaac of the Potato Marketing Board selling agency in giving a comprehensive review of the board's activities under the potato marketing agreement told the Prince County Federation of Agriculture annual meeting in O'Leary yesterday that "there is nothing to hide in this whole operation. It is out and above board. It is a producer's board and there are dealer representatives on it. The whole thing is there for your information and if there are any inaccuracies or questions we will try to give you all the information during the open question and answer forum."

He said the movement in 50, 10 and 15 pound sizes is increasing and is replacing the 75 lb. table stock containers. There was a tremendous increase in the demand for P. E. I. potatoes in small consumer packages. He spoke of the office work involved by the heavy shipment of potatoes which in a normal year would have been 50-60 cars per day but because of the situation existing this fall they started pouring in at the rate of 90-125 cars per day. Making a gigantic task of book keeping and check writing over and above what had been anticipated.

He said that day and night shifts have been working in the office paying 70c to 80c three per day an equivalent of 90-95 cars per day, and will soon over-

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### Three Communities Declared Villages

Mount Stewart, Spring Park and Murray Harbour were declared villages following a meeting of the Executive Council held this week. The new villages were recently voted in by the residents.

### Baby Suffocates In N. B. Blaze

GRAND FALLS, N. B. (CP)—Four-month-old Robert Bellanger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dollard G. Bellanger, suffocated here Friday when fire destroyed the family home.

The family was asleep when the fire was discovered. Mr. and Mrs. Bellanger and four other children escaped, but all are hospital patients. The child's body was found by firemen.

### Churchill And Laniel Return From Bermuda

LONDON, (Reuters)—Prime Minister Churchill and French Premier Joseph Laniel took affectionate leave of each other when they flew here Friday in Churchill's airliner from the Big Three conference at Bermuda.

Their warm demonstrations of friendship made a striking sequel to reports of friction at Bermuda. And Laniel declared on his return to Paris that it would be an "absurdity" to say Franco-British relations were passing through a crisis.

Onlookers at London airport cheered as Churchill embraced Laniel whose visit to Bermuda was dogged by a lung infection. He was reported Friday to have recovered.

Churchill appeared in the pink of health. Hatless, ignoring the cold, he chatted with Laniel at

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### News In Brief

ABOARD GOTHIC, (Reuters)—The New Zealand cruiser Black Prince took over escort duty Friday as Queen Elizabeth's royal tour liner began the last phase of its trans-Pacific voyage.

VICTORIA, (CP)—The steel Royal Canadian Navy destroyer Athabaskan, veteran of three tours in Korean waters, slid into her berth at Esquimalt Friday under grey skies and in icy rain.

OTTAWA, (CP)—The navy's role in "any national emergency" headed a list of matters discussed here at the annual three-day meeting of the Naval Defence Conference and the Dominion Council of the Naval Officers' Association of Canada. The meeting at naval headquarters ended Friday.

### Makes Complaint, Then Is Fined

LONDON, (Reuters)—Druggist William Stevens mailed mouldy sandwiches to Dr. Edith Summerskill, Labor member of Parliament, and former food undersecretary, to call her attention to food waste. Friday he was fined \$8 for mailing a package containing a "noxious substance." The druggist had found the food discarded near a construction job.

11 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

"KEEP MOVING" IS A GOOD REMEDY FOR COLD FEET!

TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Location	Min.	Max.
Victoria	39	48
Edmonton	17	33
Calgary	20	41
Regina	20	30
Winnipeg	20	21
Toronto	32	46
Ottawa	20	42
Montreal	24	39
Quebec	24	28
Saint John	28	36
Moncton	27	34
Halifax	34	40
Charlottetown	30	34
Sydney	30	34
Yarmouth	34	41
St. John's	30	41

### Cape Breton Coal Mines Closing Down 12 Days

GLACE BAY, N. S. (CP)—Dominion Coal Company mines in Cape Breton will be closed 12 days beginning Dec. 24 because of lack of markets, United Mine Workers headquarters announced Friday.

A circular issued by the executive of the U.M.W. District 26 (C.C.L.) said that of the company's eight mines only three sections of the No. 12 pit at New Waterford would produce.

Coal from No. 12, the company's biggest producer, is fed to the furnaces at the Sydney steel plant. Number of men affected by the

### Shutdown Was Not Known Immediately

shutdown was not known immediately. More than 800 miners have been unemployed since summer because of previous closures.

Actually the period covers only five producing days because of Christmas and New Year's Day. The mines are idle Saturday and Sundays. Christmas and New Year's are paid statutory holidays.

The company, which raises nearly a third of Canada's coal and employs the province's largest labor force, lost \$4,000,000 last year, mainly because of high-cost production and competition from gas, oil and United States coal.

HALIFAX, (CP)—A high pressure area is crossing the Maritimes, bringing southwest winds, increasing cloudiness and rising temperatures, the Weather Office says.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Sunny, clouding over in the evening; milder with southwest winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 40.

Outlook for Sunday: Rain.

Eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Clear with a few cloudy intervals, becoming cloudy by evening; milder with southwest winds 15. Low-high at Moncton and Fredericton 20 and 40. Saint John 20 and 45.

Outlook for Sunday: Rain.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy and milder; south winds 15. Low-high at Edmundston 20 and 35. Campbellton 15 and 32.

Outlook for Sunday: snow.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:57 A. M. and 3:14 P. M. Sun rises today at 7:42 A. M. and sets at 4:31 P. M.