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Dr. MacKinnon's Presentation Made At Public Hearing Before House Committee On Education



Dr. Frank MacKinnon

In a long session before the Education Committee of the Legislative Assembly yesterday Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, defended the College and strongly maintained there was no religious discrimination whatever in appointments to the staff. He was primarily replying to charges made previously by the veteran parliamentarian, Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan.

In his brief Dr. MacKinnon gave a full report on conditions at the College and spoke of the passing marks and the percentage of failures, as well as dealing with entrance examinations, Common Examining Board tests, student conduct and loyalty, hiring of teachers from outside the Province and similar matters of related interest.

The committee is headed by Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education, and Dr. MacMillan, former leader of the Opposition, serving on it with five other members.

Yesterday's session was held publicly in the Legislative Chamber, and was largely attended. Previous meetings of the committee had been held in the chairman's office. Another session is scheduled for this morning, but Hon. Mr. Clark stated that it would not be open to the public as it

No Recession In Mining Industry

REGINA, (CP)—There is no sign of a recession in the mining industry in Canada and although there may be soft spots in the metal market, prospects are good in the long-term view, C. E. MacDonald of Toronto, manager of sales and development for the International Nickel Co. of Canada, said Wednesday.

Mr. MacDonald, who is making a routine tour of the west, said prospects for mineral development in the north are "promising" and mining companies are beginning to get a picture of the mineral wealth there.

Mr. MacDonald said his company will spend about \$60,000,000 in exploration this year, chiefly in Ontario's Sudbury district.

Wholesale Food Prices In The U.S. At High Level

NEW YORK, (AP)—Wholesale food prices in the United States rose this week to their highest point in nearly six years and the second highest on record, Dun and Bradstreet reported Wednesday.

The Dun and Bradstreet index, representing the total cost at wholesale of one pound each of 31 foods in general use, climbed to \$7.34 compared with \$7.27 a week ago.

The increase pushed the index to its highest point since the record of \$7.36 for the week ended July 15, 1948.

Higher this week were flour, beef, hams, lard, coffee, cottonseed oil, hogs and lambs. Lower were wheat, corn, rye, sugar, cocoa and eggs.

28 Sabre Jets Leave Montreal For Europe

MONTREAL, (CP)—Twenty-eight Sabre jet aircraft took off from here Wednesday en route to ROCAF bases in England, France and Germany.

The planes will replace older models which now will be turned over to other NATO countries.

This movement, known as Operation Random, follows the initial flight of 14 Oranda-powered Sabres early this year under the direction of Sqdn. Ldr. Bob Middleton of Montreal. They are scheduled to stop first at Goose Bay, Labrador, on the overseas hop.

Nfld. Legislature Opened Yesterday

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., (CP)—The Newfoundland legislature opened with traditional pomp and splendor Wednesday, but the speech from the throne mentioned only three items of legislation.

The speech, read by Lieutenant-Governor Sir Leonard Outerbridge, said a bill would be introduced authorizing creation of a fisheries development authority. The members would also consider new election and redistribution acts. These acts were disclosed earlier by Premier Smallwood.

The fisheries development authority would supervise the spending of "a great many millions of dollars" in fishery development besides supervising present fishery enterprises. The authority would probably follow development recommendations made by the fisheries development committee set up last year.

There was no indication of the proposed changes in the Election Act, but Premier Smallwood said earlier the Redistribution Act would change the boundaries of several constituencies. He mentioned Labrador and Humber.

Coming Events

"Bean supper, Group 3, Zion Church, Thursday, March 25, 5 to 8:30.

"Special meeting B. I. S. Friday 26th, at eight p.m. J. J. White, Pres.

"Show Morell Hall, Friday, "Battle of Apache Pass." Don't miss this picture.

"Hockey at North River rink tonight, Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Milton Hornets. Game time 8:45. Skate after.

"St. Peter's Holy Name Hall, Friday, March 26th, Souris K. of C. present "A Busy Honeymoon." A comedy in three acts. Curtain 8:30.

"An important meeting of all Veterans and Legion members in Mt. Stewart area will be held in the Legion room on Thursday evening, March 25th at 8:30.

Charges Federal Gov't With Interference

PERTH, Australia, (Reuters)—Socialist Western Australia angrily turned on the conservative federal government Wednesday for "insulting" the state in its arrangements to protect the Queen from infantile paralysis.

The Labor party secretary, F. E. Chamberlain, said the health of 600,000 Western Australians had been slandered by the decision that the Queen and her husband should live aboard the royal yacht during their visit to the state.

The royal couple are due here next Friday. Their plans for the visit were revised because of a polio epidemic in the state.

Chamberlain's remarks were aimed at Prime Minister Robert Menzies, whom state Premier Albert Hawke attacked Tuesday for "unnecessary and high-handed interference."

The party secretary said the epidemic constituted a "negligible risk" and he is convinced that the Queen and her husband would prefer to follow their original plans "if their wishes were known."

The royal party had already visited countries where epidemics of tropical diseases were frequent, he said.

"A Slander" Chamberlain declared the living aboard the Gothic, absence of handshaking and provision of special food "amounts to slander on the health of Western Australia."

The political row was joined by a protest of a different kind. A First World War veteran, T. L. Axford, holder of the Victoria Cross, declined an invitation to be presented to the Queen.

He refused because his wife had not been invited to sit beside him on the royal dais Saturday as the Queen reveals a veterans' parade. Officials said there was not enough room.

"It's a bit rough," Axford commented. "If members of parliament and others, some of whom are not ex-servicemen, are allowed to have their wives on the dais, then a V.C. holder should be entitled to the same privilege."

Meanwhile, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh completed their last full day of engagements in Adelaide, capital of South Australia.

Surprise From Girls At a women's luncheon during the day, two little girls dodged the royal bodyguard and handed the Queen envelopes containing three-penny bits worth 3 1-2 cents for her children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

Mrs. Lorna Schwartz, mother of the two girls, said she and her sister in 1927 had handed money to the Duchess of York, now Queen-Mother Elizabeth, for her two daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret.

The Queen was taken by surprise but smiled as the envelopes were pressed into her hand.

Large Potato Warehouse At Miscouche Lost In Fire; Five Dwellings Threatened

First Ship Of Season Heads For Montreal

MONTREAL, (CP)—The annual race to bring the first transatlantic vessel of the season into harbor here is developing into a one-ship sprint with ice the main adversary.

The 9,700-ton Manchester Spinner is crossing the Atlantic and at her present rate would tie up here next Tuesday. If this happens, skipper F. D. Strauss would be given the traditional gold cane presented annually to the captain of the first overseas ship into port.

However, the St. Lawrence River between Trois-Rivieres and Quebec is still clogged with ice and the Spinner is expected to wait at Quebec until conditions improve.

Commenting on the above, department, Capt. Angus Brown, Department of Transport, ice observer who made an observation flight from here of about seven hours duration on Tuesday said that ice conditions in the Gulf would not present any difficulty unless a very definite change took place within a few days.

The survey of ice conditions from the Magdalen Islands to Falmouth Point over the steamship lane indicated no major ice obstruction, but difficulty will probably be present for steamers entering the St. Lawrence River when the heavy ice in that area starts moving out into the Gulf.

Living Costs Down Slightly In The U.S.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States government reported Wednesday that slight price drops in a wide variety of items, including food, brought a modest decline in the country's living costs in mid-February. The index declined 2-10 of one per cent between mid-January and mid-February to 115 per cent of the 1947-48 average. This compares with the 115.4 peak last October.

Says H-Bomb Rivalled The Sun In Brightness

NEW YORK, (AP)—A Japanese fisherman—71 miles away from the March 1 hydrogen explosion—says the H-bomb rivalled the sun itself in brightness.

Life magazine's March 29 edition now out, carries an interview by its Tokyo bureau chief, Dwight Martin, with the 23 fishermen burned by H-bomb ashes aboard the Daigo Fukuryu, whose name means "Lucky Dragon," was 71 miles from the Bikini Island blast at about 6:12 a.m. March 1.

"Then we saw flashes of fire as bright as the sun itself rise to the sky," Life quotes Sanjuro Mashuda. "They rose about 10 degrees from the horizon and the sky around them glowed fiery red and yellow."

"Someone yelled to the men below, 'The sun is rising in a strange fashion. Hurry up and see it.' Then I realized that what we were watching could not be the sun, for the light was coming from the west. It was at this moment that I first felt fear and first thought of Bikidon (atomic bomb)."

Masuda said the glow continued for several minutes, then faded away, leaving a dull red color like a piece of cooling iron. He described a pyramid-shaped cloud of lower height that followed the explosion.

Fine White Dust About two hours later, a fine white dust began to fall.

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Says Story On Atom Information Untrue

KANSAS CITY, (AP)—A U. S. Atomic Energy Commission spokesman Wednesday described as untrue a story appearing in the New York Times stating that hitherto secret atomic information was being sold to the public in a 70-cent booklet in England.

The spokesman, Gregory Abldian of the technical information service of the Atomic Energy Commission, sent a letter to Dr. Robert Serber, Times correspondent, asking that the story be corrected.

Referring to the story, Abldian wrote Plum: "Such statements and others in your story are grossly and harmfully untrue. They constitute an unwarranted slur on the British government and British scientists and on the three-nation atomic energy classification system."

Abldian said the book contained no "classified" material.

N. Y. Dock Strike Threatens To Spread

NEW YORK, (AP)—The old International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) Wednesday sanctioned New York's multi-million dollar wildcat dock strike and threatened to tie up the whole United States east coast.

A rival AFL union promptly planned a showdown on the waterfront. Its port chairman, John Dwyer, announced: "We will work the port. We intend to keep the port open."

Mayor Robert F. Wagner took a grave view of the new crisis and told a press conference: "Certainly, I imagine, it would demand the attention of the president of the United States."

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Discussion On Wood Islands Ferry Resolution Resumed

The suggestion that the resolution opposing the transfer of the Wood Islands-Cambou ferry service to the Canadian National Railways or any other Federal agency should be modified if it is adopted by the House was made in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Hon. W. E. Darby, Attorney-General.

"I think that when we are dealing with any consideration of this kind our actions should be devoted to finding the best methods of obtaining transportation that will be of the greatest benefit to the Province," he stated.

"If a resolution of this kind is adopted by this House it should be modified because it is conceivable that if the service is transferred it might be expanded greatly and quickly," the Attorney-General added.

Premier A. W. Matheson, who adjourned the House, stated that "we in this Province must be very, very careful on our recommendations regarding transportation." The Premier will speak on the matter when the discussion resumes either today or tomorrow.

"There have been some personal statements made on this matter," stated the Premier. "Our remarks should deal with what we consider the best interests of the Island as a whole and not our personal affairs," he said.

The discussion on the ferry service and the resolution opposing its transfer to a Federal agency was resumed yesterday by Mr. R. Bell, leader of the Opposition and continued until the House adjourned.

Others who spoke on the matter included Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Hon. William Hughes Provincial Secretary; Messrs. Harold Smith, Liberal Fourth Queens; Harvey Douglas, Liberal Second Kings; Thomas R. Cullen, Liberal Second Kings; Frank Myers, P. C. First Queens; John A. MacDonald, P. C. Third Kings; J. Brenton St. John, Liberal Fifth Kings; and Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Highways.

All speakers with the exception of Mr. St. John and the Attorney-General.

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Unemployment Continued To Increase In February

OTTAWA, (CP)—Unemployment continued to rise during February the government reported Wednesday.

Labor leaders simultaneously called for federal action to provide jobs and to put more money into the hands of the jobless through increased unemployment insurance benefits.

The government's figures showed 558,969 persons looking for work through National Employment Service at Feb. 18, compared with the 434,000 in the spring of 1950 that was the post-war high before unemployment set in this winter.

The new total was 35,361 above that of a month earlier and was 157,245 more than at the same time of 1953.

Meanwhile, the bureau of statistics—which estimates actual unemployment by "sampling" 30,000 households—calculated there were 312,000 persons out of work for the full week of Feb. 20 and looking for jobs.

This compared with 280,000 a month earlier and with 179,000 in the corresponding week of 1953.

The figures indicated a slowdown in the rate of rise of unemployment. The one-month jump of 35,361 in job applications before NES compared with 185,542 between Dec. 10 and Jan. 21.

However, the government statement said, February employment declined "slightly more than usual" for the month and unemployment increased "somewhat more than seasonally."

A. R. Mosher, president of the 375,000-member Canadian Congress of Labor, commented that "the figures substantiate predictions we have been making about the trend and are even worse than we thought they would be."

"I don't think I am being pessimistic when I say that this condition could lead us into a major depression," he added in an interview. "It is absolutely essential for the government to undertake to do something about it."

He suggested that unemployment insurance benefits be increased immediately.

Would Boost Benefits Percy R. Bengough, president of the 580,000-member Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, also urged immediate raising of unemployment insurance benefit levels.

"We are now losing more than 4,000,000 man-hours a day," he said. "That is a fearful loss of production."

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