

Warning To PEI Poultry Farmers Issued Yesterday By Federation Officials

The prevalence of Newcastle disease among poultry flocks in Central Canada and Maine, and which has now reached Eastern Canada, portends danger to Prince Edward Island breeders, it was stated yesterday by officials of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture.

Emphasizing the Prince Edward Island is one of the areas free from this disease, they warned that the importation of chicks from other poultry producing areas constitutes a definite hazard to established flocks, and should be avoided.

The disease, which is spread by a virus, causes a drastic reduction in egg production and a high mortality rate in young stock. The officials stated that one infected chick could start a chain reaction which may well sweep the entire Province.

Therefore, until such time as a policy of prevention has been instituted, the Federation officials suggest that farmers would be advised to curtail all importation of live poultry into the Province.

They said that this is another instance where the insular position of the Province might well be advantageous. If this dread disease can be prevented from reaching here, we would naturally have a prominent position as a supply source of disease-free stock.

Coming Events

- Christmas Concert, Victoria Hall, December 21st.
- See Darnley School concert, December 17, 8 p.m. sharp.
- Card Party in Clinton Hall, Monday, December seventeenth.
- Christmas concert, Upper Montague School, Wednesday, December 19.
- For Snapshots that will not fade mail your films and Negatives to Garnum Photo Studios Charlottetown.
- "Cake Sale and Bazaar, Fenell & Chandler's Store, December 15th, 2 P. M. Dunstaffnage Women's Institute.
- Valleyfield Christmas Concert, in the Hall, Tuesday, December 18th.
- Grand Tracadie School Christmas concert at Curran Bann Hall, on Dec. 21st.
- Dance, Islanders Country Club, Travellers Rest, tonight. Music by Pat Robishaws Melody Boys.
- Come to Wheatley River School Concert in Wheatley River Hall, Monday, December 17th.
- St. Ignatius School Christmas Concert in Mayfield Hall, December 19th.
- Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Play. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
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- Buying live fowl and chickens daily. We weigh and pay at farm. Write or phone collect for pick up service. Smith Bros, Pownal.
- Cape Traverse School Christmas Concert at Cape Traverse Hall, Tuesday, December 18th, at 8:00 P. M.
- Coming to Morell Friday at 8 P. M. "Home of the Brave," also Serial, Shorts and News of the Week.
- See Santa Claus on Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. at Cutcliffe's, Fredericton. Watch for his arrival in Paul's Sound Car.
- See Santa Claus on Monday afternoon from 12:00 to 2:00 in Kensington. Watch for his arrival in Paul's Sound Car.
- Monthly Meeting of Mt. Stewart Branch No. 4, Canadian Legion, to be held in Legion Room, December 17th, at 8:00 P. M.
- It would be appreciated if all plot holders in Murray Harbour Cemetery would pay their caretaking dues for current year to the Secretary, F. W. LeLacheur.
- Notice to ratepayers of New London school. A meeting to be held Dec. 20, object to elect trustees, 7:30 at the school, Earl Carr, New London.
- Reserve Wednesday, December 19th, for Kensington School Concert in King George Hall, Matinee 2:30 P. M. Evening show 7:30 P. M. Sale of candy. Admission 35 cents and 25 cents.
- Poultry Producers.—Will not be buying geese or ducks remainder of season. Require large quantities of dressed and live chicken. Best prices. Central Egg and Poultry Station, Grafton Street, Charlottetown. Phone 2536.
- Buying pigs and feeder cattle Monday at Fredericton, Tuesday at 9 A.M. at Brookfield; 10 New Haven; 11 Charlottetown Market Square; 1 P.M. York; 2 Bedford; 3 St. Stewart. Paying \$20.00 per pair for good pigs over 40 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.
- Attention farmers Souris to St. Peters. Loading hogs on Car Souris, St. Peters every Tuesday beginning December 18 with pick-ups at points in between. This schedule will be in effect for remainder of winter except Christmas and New Year's weeks when we shall load on Wednesday rather than Tuesday. C.C. Pratt & Sons, St. Peters.

Study Ways To Ease Impact Of Freight Rates

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — (CP) — Ways of easing the impact of freight-rate increases on long-distance shippers — such as those of the Prairies and the Maritimes — are being studied by the Board of Transport Commissioners, its head said today.

Mr. Justice J. D. Kearney, chief commissioner, told railway and provincial counsel a study of this kind has been launched, as he heard argument in the railways' application for a general 10-per-cent increase in rates.

Consider "Taper"

The new chief commissioner, who has been reshuffling long-established board practices since he took office only a few weeks ago, said the board has asked its traffic department to investigate the problem of "taper." This is the method whereby the rate per mile on traffic is tapered down as the distance of a freight haul increases.

The province opposing rate increases — all except Ontario and Quebec — have contended during the last few years that long-haul traffic bears an unfair share of the percentage rate increases that have been granted by the Transport Board.

The chief commissioner said today a change in the rate of "taper" might stave off some of the complaints against general rate increases.

"If it is found that this is a way of taking the sting out of percentage increases," he said, "then we are going to exhaust all our abilities in an attempt to improve the situation."

\$90,000 Fire In Lower Caraquet, N.B.

LOWER CARAQUET, Dec. 14 — (CP) — A \$90,000 fire early today destroyed a house and an adjoining house while firemen battle through sub-zero temperatures to save other buildings in this Northern New Brunswick fishing village.

Destroyed were the general store of W.S. Loggie and Company, Ltd., its stock estimated at \$50,000 and the home of store manager Lyman Marks.

LEEDS, England, Dec. 14 — (Reuters) — The British Centurion tank has met no difficulty against any Russian-built tank it has yet met, Austin Low, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Supply, said here today.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — (CP) — Canada has ordered 48 "flying box-cars" from the United States at a total cost of \$38,633,280, it was shown in a statement on military orders presented before the Commons defence expenditures committee.

Claim Soldier Out Of Senses During Shooting

SEOUL, Dec. 14 — (CP) — A 30-minute shooting spree allegedly by a Canadian soldier termed "out of his senses" was described at his court martial today.

Spr. John Murray Steeves of Moncton and Regina, with the Royal Canadian Engineers, is charged with the murder of a South Korean civilian last Sept. 17 in the village of Hwang Bang, southwest of Yonchun. The Korean, Shin Yong Dok, 41, died of a bullet through the neck and two other Koreans were wounded.

Six witnesses were heard today, opening day of the court martial. One was Shin's daughter.

Lieut. John Keating of Vancouver, Steeves' troop commander, said he and Capt. Fred Mitchell, North Bay, Ont., were sleeping in their tent when Sten-gun bursts awakened them shortly after midnight. He said he and Mitchell climbed a hill to the nearby village and "there were a few more bursts during the time we were going up there."

Amplifying this later, Keating said there were a total of 12 Sten-gun bursts during a 20-or-30-minute period.

Steeves was found in the village with a Sten-gun and Keating said he and Mitchell and Spr. Don McCormick (home town unavailable) persuaded Steeves to surrender the weapon and accompany them to the tent.

McCormick testified that the Sten-gun bursts also awakened him and when a friend expressed belief that Steeves was in the village, he dressed and went out. He said:

"I went straight up to Steeves and I talked with him for five

Islander Appointed



Wing Commander Morris MacKinnon, of Charlottetown and Winnipeg, son of Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., who has been appointed to General Eisenhower's staff at Supreme Headquarters, Atlantic Powers, Europe. An R. C. Air Force supply officer, W/C MacKinnon has left to join the Logistics Planning Staff at Paris.

Urges Consideration Of Lower Salaried Pensioners First

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — (Special) — A renewed plea to the Government to go easy on raising the salaries of already high-salaried civil servants in order that it may pay decent pensions to ex-railway employes and other pensioners was made in the House of Commons today by W. Chester S. McLure, Conservative member for Queen's.

Mr. McLure was speaking on the amendment to the Civil Service Act dealing with the salaries and tenure of office of the three members of the Civil Service Commission. He felt that the first requirement for a Civil Service Commissioner who administers some 130,000 Canadian men and women should be that they have sound common sense.

"I have no objection to the qualifications of the present Commissioners," Mr. McLure said. (The Civil Service Commissioners are Charles H. Bland,

Find Death Of 24 Cadets Accidental

GELLINGHAM, England, Dec. 14 — (Reuters) — Red-eyed and haggard, bus driver John Samson, who drove full tilt into the rear of a marching column of cadets killing 24, today heard a coroner's jury pronounce a verdict of "accidental death."

As the verdict was announced Samson buried his head in his hands and cried.

News In Brief

TORONTO, Dec. 14 — (CP) — A storm expected to bring five or six inches of snow swept Southern Ontario tonight, slowing traffic on streets and highways.

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 15 — (Saturday) — U.S. Sabre jets destroyed one red-nosed Mig-15 Friday and damaged three, but Communist ground fire shot down three Allied fighters.

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 14 — (CP) — Ford of Canada workers today voted to end the wildcat strike which has tied up the company's plants here since Dec. 3. Work is scheduled to resume immediately.

PARIS, Dec. 14 — (Reuters) — The U.N. General Assembly today voted unanimously to probe Soviet charges that the United States is financing armed resistance groups behind the Iron Curtain.

LONDON, Dec. 14 — (CP) — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Egyptian ambassador Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha talked for an hour tonight in an effort to cool inflamed relations between their countries. But diplomatic sources indicated they made no progress.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 14 — (CP) — A. M. Duffy, defeated Progressive Conservative candidate for Ferryland in Newfoundland's general election Nov. 26, announced today he will apply to the Supreme Court for a recount. Mr. Duffy lost by 31 votes to Myles Murray, Liberal.

MUNSAN, Korea, Dec. 15 — (Saturday) — (AP) — Allied and Communist truce negotiators return to Panmunjom today amid indications of cautious compromise on two thorny issues—prisoner exchange and troop rotation. Today's sessions were slated for 11 a.m. (9 p.m., EST, Friday). Twelve days remain to meet the agreed-upon Dec. 27 deadline for an armistice.

Quebec Conservatives Split With Party On Dominion Issue

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — (CP) — The Progressive Conservative Party's two members from Quebec today split with other members of their party and supported a government move to eliminate the word "Dominion" from the Federal Election Act.

In a 2 1/4-hour debate, at times heated, Leon Balcer (PC—Trois Rivieres) and Henri Courtemanche (PC—L'Abbaye) congratulated the government on its plans to eliminate the word "Dominion" from Canadian legislation.

Their views were diametrically opposed to those of other Progressive Conservatives, including E. D. Fulton (Kamloops); J. M. Macdonnell (Toronto Greenwood); Howard Green (Vancouver Quadra); C. W. Hodgson (Victoria, Ont.); W. Chester S. McLure (Simcoe North).

Postmaster General Rinfret said the split indicated that the Progressive Party had one policy for Quebec and another for the rest of Canada.

The debate centered on the first clause of a 54-clause bill basking a series of technical amendments to the elections act. The first changed the title from Dominion Elections Act to Canada Elections Act.

The bill was given third reading and adopted "on division" without a formal vote. It now goes to the Senate.

Other Changes Urged

During the general discussion, Gordon Graydon (PC—Peel) and George Hees (PC—Toronto Broadview) urged that the polls close at 7 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. to allow more people, particularly in urban centres the opportunity to vote.

Robert Fair (SC—Battle River) and J. A. Ross (PC—Souris) urged that the voting system be changed so that voters would mark their ballots in the order of preference.

This system of the single transferable vote would make it necessary for a candidate to obtain a majority of the votes cast in order to win an election.

Mr. Fulton, a lawyer from Kamloops, B. C., launched the discussion on the proposal to eliminate the word Dominion from the elections act. He described the proposal as "stupid and absurd."

Mr. Hodgson said the people of Canada were attached to the word Dominion and did not want to see it eliminated.

Mr. Courtemanche said he had great respect for the British Empire but it was time Canada did away with colonial ties. It was as Canadians and not as colonials that the people of this country had consented to great sacrifices during the two world wars.

Mr. Balcer said it was unfortunate that he, as a Conservative, had to congratulate the government for changing the name of

the elections act.

Dictionaries defined Dominion as meaning something that was subject to a sovereign, obedience, servitude, slavery and submission. Mr. Balcer said he believed members would agree that such terms did not apply to Canada.

Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir George Etienne Cartier, two "great" Conservatives, were of the opinion that the name of the new Canadian federation in 1867 should be "Kingdom of Canada" and not "Dominion of Canada."

The government's change was in line with the views of the Fathers of Confederation.

Mr. Rinfret congratulated Mr. Balcer and Mr. Courtemanche for their stand.

During the debate, Mr. Green had told how he had been proud to wear the Canadian uniform during the First World War. Mr. Rinfret said that uniform bore one word "Canada" and not "The Dominion of Canada."

Bona Arsenault (L-Bonaventure), who broke with the Conservative Party in 1944 because of its stand on conscription, said he, too, wished to congratulate Mr. Balcer and Mr. Courtemanche. There no longer was any basis for the term "Dominion of Canada." Canada had ceased to be a Dominion in 1931 when the Statute of Westminster gave all members of the Commonwealth full autonomy.

Re-entering the debate at this point, Mr. Fulton said the English-speaking people do not feel that the word Dominion means subordination to anyone. He was sorry Mr. Balcer had not consulted dictionaries which described dominions as sovereign, autonomous states having a common link with the crown.

He could not understand why the Liberals insisted that the word Dominion be eliminated from the English version of the elections act. The corresponding title in the French version was "Les Lois Des Elections Federales."

Mr. Macdonnell said that no one in the Progressive Conservative Party has a feeling of subservience to any country other than Canada.

Mr. Ferguson said an end should be put to the concerted attack on historical connections with Britain and France.

Mr. McLure said the term Dominion of Canada should be retained.

Announce Pay Boosts For Armed Forces, Civil Service, Mounted Police

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — (CP) — The Federal Government today announced salary and pay increases, retroactive to Dec. 1 for members of the armed forces, the Civil Service and the R.C.M.P.

Ranging from about four to 14 per cent, they go to some 164,000 persons and add roughly \$40,000,000 a year to the existing government payroll of about \$515,000,000.

About 85,000 members of the armed forces, 75,000 civil servants and 4,000 members of the R. C. M. P. get the raises.

Officials said boosts for others of the country's 120,000 civil servants now are being worked out.

Today's increases, the first since December last year, won't appear on salary and pay cheques until January.

Civil Service Says Too Low

Civil Service Association spokesmen described the increases as "too low." They said they were below recommendations made by the service organizations and too small to compensate for the rising in living costs since the last government raise.

The armed forces scales provide monthly increases of \$8 in basic pay and \$4 in subsistence allowance for privates, seamen and airmen—the lowest ranks in the army, navy and air force. These rise to a maximum of \$13 basic and \$7 subsistence for the highest non-commissioned officers.

Increases for officers vary from \$8 to \$95 in basic pay, according to rank, and from \$4 to \$30 for subsistence.

Trades pay is increased and, for the first time in army history, \$52,000,000 pipe over four months.

With a aim to speed up the pace of a major case, the Board of Transport Commissioners gave Trans Mountain the rights four days after hearing evidence in its application for permission to build the 695-mile line through the Yellowhead Pass in the northern mountains.

Trans Mountain, backed by several major oil companies and a big United States pipeline-builder, won out over four competitors for permission to lay down the first pipeline from the rich Alberta oilfields to the west coast.

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King George Celebrates 56th Birthday

LONDON, Dec. 14 — (Reuters) — Cheery and in good spirits, the King celebrated his 56th birthday today.

There were no big celebrations, just a quiet lunch with all the royal family present.

Guns thundered in naval ports all over Britain to salute the monarch. Flags fluttered from all governments buildings.

The Queen, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Mary, his mother, and Princess Margaret were his guests.

Among birthday gifts he received were a woolen scarf and a colored photograph from Princess Elizabeth, (it was a picture of herself, the Duke and his two children, Charles and Ann) and a box of ties from Princess Margaret.

Injured Pilot Trapped 40 Hours

CALGARY, Dec. 14 — (CP) — An air force pilot, trapped for 40 sub-zero hours in the wreckage of his plane 7,000 feet up a Southern Alberta mountainside, today was evacuated to hospital here by ground and air rescue teams.

FO. Cyril Douglas Wilken, 27, of Redvers, Sask., suffered from frostbite of the left hand, facial cuts, exposure and exhaustion. Doctors at Col. Belcher Military Hospital reported his condition "fairly serious."

Ground rescue parties reached Wilken after his crew mate in the crashed Harvard trainer, 32-year-old Cpl. Clifford Miles Johnstone of Canterbury, N.B., walked out 11 miles through three feet of snow yesterday to get help.

Temperature in the region last night was about 12 below zero.

After Wilken "begged" him not to leave his side, Johnstone worked for 12 hours in a futile attempt to free the pilot who was jammed in the wreckage. After covering Wilken with his own overcoat and a parachute, Johnstone started down the mountain. He found a hunter who took him to a phone at a foothills ranch.

No Restrictions Now On Travel Money; See Pound Following Suit

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — (CP) — The Canadian Government today abruptly ended 12 years of control over foreign exchange, Canada now has the same freedom of money exchange as enjoyed by only two other countries — the United States and Switzerland.

Finance Minister Abbott made the announcement in the Commons as exchange markets closed at 5 P.M. E.S.T. He said an order-in-council has been passed ending foreign-exchange control and that covering legislation will be introduced in parliament next spring.

All Restrictions Lifted

This action means that all restrictions have been eliminated from movement of money in an out of the country. For instance, Canadians now can buy — if they have the money — securities on the New York market, accumulate all the United States funds they need for travel abroad. No more forms are necessary. There is no limit on the amount of United States dollars a person can keep or take out of the country.

The Foreign-Exchange Control Board, which controlled capital and tourist-dollar movements, will still exist but only on paper. Many of its 350 employees will be either shifted to other Bank of Canada jobs or dismissed.

While the government has abolished its foreign-exchange controls, it still will continue to administer its reserves, now about \$1,600,000,000 in United States dollars and gold.

No War Foreseen

Officials said reporters could assume by the Canadian action that no drastic international economic problems, such as may be caused by a third world war, are foreseen. Otherwise Canada would not have taken steps to abolish controls.

Two thoughts were prominent in the minds of the officials when they decided to eliminate the remaining restrictions:

1. Abolition of foreign-exchange control would provide a greater incentive for U.S. investors, and those of other countries, to move greater amounts of capital into Canada.
2. The step would provide a possible encouragement to other countries, such as the United Kingdom, to reduce exchange restrictions.

Progressive Conservatives, who long had argued that there should be a free market for gold in Canada and no exchange controls were elated by Mr. Abbott's announcement.

"For once I can congratulate him," J. M. Macdonnell (PC—Toronto Greenwood) said in the Commons. He believed the Progressive Conservatives had contributed towards the desired move.

Found Sterling Next?

TORONTO, Dec. 14 — (CP) — Financial circles here see today's abolition of foreign exchange control in Canada as foreshadowing an early step in the freeing of the pound sterling.

The Canadian move coincides with rumors today on the London Stock Exchange that the pound, now fixed at \$2.80 in terms of the United States dollar, may be allowed to find its own level. The Bank of England has called a press conference for tomorrow which a spokesman termed "important."

Police Testimony Heard In Preliminary Murder Trial

Testimony of members of the R. C. M. P., much of it a technical nature, and the introduction of various photographs occupied most of the time in the Georgetown Court House yesterday as the adjourned preliminary inquiry into the reported murder of Mrs. John C. (Mary Ann) MacKinnon continued.

Charged with the crime and in court for the hearing was Joseph Gabriel MacDonald, Chapeau.

Mrs. MacKinnon was shot when a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle passed through the kitchen window of her home and hit her in the head below the left ear.

The preliminary inquiry was further adjourned till Thursday, December 20, when it became obvious that evidence could not be completed yesterday afternoon. King's County Magistrate Joseph W. Macdonald is presiding with Mr. J. O. C. Campbell, K.C., representing the Crown, and Messrs. H. Frank McPhee, K.C., and James J. Johnston appearing for the defence.

At the conclusion of the hearing on Friday of last week, Constable Ralph Sandberg of the R. C. M. P. detachment at Souris, was on the stand and yesterday he returned for cross examination by the defence attorneys. His direct testimony was reported in The Guardian on Saturday of last week.

Boots Introduced

Yesterday a pair of rubber boots was produced in evidence which the Police stated came from the home of the accused. They were identified by Constable Sandberg as the pair obtained.

Under cross examination he spoke of seeing several search warrants issued to permit search of the premises of Aeneas MacDonald, father of the accused. The first was for a gun the finding of which has been previously reported. He said of the weather rain on the day of the 8th of November. The search for the rifle was made on the 10th.

Questioned by Mr. Johnston he described the doors of the garage in which the rifle was found and said they were not shut and he saw no locks on them. The place

Pacific Coast Pipeline Franchise Is Awarded

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — (CP) — The prized franchise for carrying crude oil from Alberta to the west coast was awarded today to Trans Mountain Oil Pipeline Company which plans to throw an \$82,000,000 pipe over the Rockies.

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where the gun was found was dry and the building was not heated.

He stated that he had never owned a .22 of this make and therefore was unable to say how many rounds its magazine would hold. It was not recoverable. When

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HALIFAX, Dec. 14 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Saturday with an outlook for Sunday.

Synopsis:

A storm south of the Great Lakes is causing a wide area of snow and rain. This storm is expected to cross the Maritimes Saturday and 6 to 12 inches of snow is forecast for most regions. In south-western Nova Scotia the snow is expected to change to rain.

A heavy snowfall warning has been issued to all regions.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island — Snow beginning early morning, ending in the evening. Much milder. East winds 15 increasing to 25 in the afternoon, becoming north in the evening. Low and high Saturday at Charlottetown 4 and 25.

High tide today at 12:51 P. M. and 1:31 P. M.

Sun rises today at 7:44 A. M. and sets at 4:32 P. M.

Sunrise tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

MGA AIR SERVICE

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5:30 A.M.; 11:20 A.M.; 4:50 P.M.

Arrive Charlottetown from Moncton 7:25 A.M.; 1:55 P.M.; 6:53 P.M.

Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:40 A.M. New Glasgow 7:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax 1:50 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow 6:55 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY

9:10 A.M. Arrive Sydney from New Glasgow.

10:25 A.M. Arrive New Glasgow from Sydney.

SUNDAY ONLY

Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 11:20 A.M.

Arrive Charlottetown from Moncton 5:55 P.M.

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Daily (Including Sunday)

Leave Borden Leave C. T. 9:10 A.M. 10:35 A.M.

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4:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M. 9:00 P.M.