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NEW HOPE CANADA-WIDE RAIL STRIKE CAN BE AVERTED

Probe Possibility Of Sabotage In Liner Fire

Geological Survey Of P. E. I. To Be Commenced This Summer

A comprehensive geological survey of Prince Edward Island will be begun this summer, according to information received yesterday from Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources. Word to that effect was received by him from Mr. George Prudham, of the Ministry of Mines and Technical Surveys, Ottawa.

This survey will include geological mapping and investigations not only of bedrock, but also of the unconsolidated drift and Pleistocene deposits. Previous studies of the latter were started here in 1948 but ended in 1950 due to the difficulties encountered in obtaining and retaining the services of qualified geologists.

In his letter to Hon. Mr. Cullen Mr. Prudham stated the work would be undertaken this summer as a result of consultations between Mr. B. Graham Rogers of this city and Doctors Bell and Hanson, Ottawa.

Last year during the course of the debates in the Provincial Legislature the need for such a survey was stressed by Hon. Mr. W. E. Darby, Attorney General and Provincial Treasurer.

Royal Children To Appear On Saving Stamps



Prince Charles and Princess Anne are to feature in a government drive to step up national savings this year in England. Portraits of the royal youngsters will grace souvenir "national savings stamps"—peacetime counterparts of war saving stamps—to commemorate the June 2 coronation of their mother, the Queen, who chose photographs, Charles' likeness alone will beam from the half-crown (35-cent) stamp, replacing the present reddish-brown squirrel. A sepia portrait of Anne, topped bordered in dark green, will replace a green Britannia on the six-penny (seven-cent) stamp. This will mark the first time any stamps have borne pictures of the royal children.

Britain's Top Arson Expert At Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 26 (CP)—Britain's top arson expert probed today for possible sabotage in the fire which destroyed the trans-Atlantic liner Empress of Canada.

Superintendent James B. Pirih, 64, head of the Home Office's Science Laboratory, looked over the former proud 20,135-ton luxury liner from the docks where she lay toppled and still smouldering though half submerged, the third ship at Liverpool docks to be hit by fire within a week.

Small fires continued burning inside the Canadian Pacific liner, believed to be insured for \$5,600,000. Weary firemen continued to play their hoses on the section where the 25-year-old ship's 1,200 tons of fuel oil are stored.

Officials said it may be two days before the fire is completely extinguished and longer before the remains are cool enough for the investigation into sabotage to begin on the liner itself.

Pirih, meanwhile, prepared to question workers aboard the vessel when the fire began Sunday afternoon. He wants to know how the flames got hold so quickly, racing through the ship from the area of the dispensary and engulfing three decks in five hours.

Herbert Balmer, chief superintendent of the C.I.D., who sent Pirih on the job, said "we cannot rule out sabotage."

Heavy Salvage Cost

Salvage of the vessel will cost at least \$100,000 and will take a year, Capt. J. R. Colbeck, marine surveyor of the Port Harbor Board, said after a conference with Canadian Pacific officials.

With thick piles of dense smoke still curling up, the liner is lying on her port side in the dockland mud, her decks vertical and her huge yellow funnel crushed against the pier.

After the fires are all out the vessel will be raised. Divers will go below while other workers cut off the masts, funnels and other obstructions.

Colbeck said a section of the Gladstone Dock in which the crippled liner lies is useless to other shipping.

N. B. Potato Shippers To Pay License, Assessment

ANDOVER, N. B., Jan. 26 (CP)—Effective Feb. 1 New Brunswick potato shippers will pay a \$10 license fee and an assessment of half a cent per 100 pounds of all potatoes shipped.

The funds will be used by the New Brunswick Potato Marketing Board to promote the industry, the board and 26 shippers decided at a meeting today.

No proposal was advanced for a minimum floor price to growers.

INJURED IN FALL

SYDNEY, Jan. 26 (CP)—Ralph Johnston, 32, suffered a leg fracture, cuts and bruises to leg when he fell three stories down an elevator shaft on a construction project here. He fell about 30 feet.

Stresses Need Of Research Into PEI Population Problem

"There are still many possibilities for Island resources and industry which can be developed by more research and by more understanding of what goes on in other provinces," Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, told the Summerside Board of Trade at the annual meeting of that organization last evening. In particular the speaker emphasized the population problem as "the biggest and most fundamentally serious" one facing the Province today.

"Among the most useful organizations in Canada are the Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, and the Boards in Prince Edward Island are no exception," said Dr. MacKinnon. "This Board and its associate organizations are doing great work in studying the business and industrial problems and in encouraging progress. Community projects of all kinds have been carried out. The provision of transportation facilities, so vital to the Island, has been promoted continuously. The basic industries of agriculture and fishing, upon which the welfare of just about everything else here depends, have been of great interest to all our Boards, and the Boards have been associating in many ways with organizations interested in these industries. For all such activities the citizens of this Province may well be grateful to men like yourselves who have given freely of their time and energy to the public welfare."

"Our Island Boards have every reason to continue their interest in this Province for they should be proud of it. The conditions of living are so well endowed with natural beauty which means so much in the lives of men and with the basic institutions of nature, the soil and the sea, upon which great races for long have been founded. Rural life, sea-bathing, and fishing, for example, are expensive rich men's privileges among the teeming millions crowded in great cities; here, they are at the command of everyone. Undoubtedly, Prince Edward Island does not lack the natural facilities for the enjoyment of the good life. Let me emphasize at

New Phase Of Row Over Currie Report To Begin

OTTAWA, Jan. 26 (CP)—A new phase of the parliamentary row over the Currie Report starts tomorrow.

The 26-man Commons committee on defence expenditures meets then to organize for the battles ahead.

It is expected to name Col. David Croll (L-Toronto Spadina) chairman for another year and to make arrangements to call as a witness George S. Currie, Montreal accountant, whose name is attached to the most controversial report Parliament has tackled in recent years.

It is the report on the Army Works Services which described "general breakdown" in control of that army branch, an indifference to administration, serious security flaws and other weaknesses.

The House agreed last week to send the report to the committee for further study and recommendations, climaxing days of hot debate.

The Liberal majority rejected at the same time an Opposition proposal that Mr. Currie, a former deputy defence minister, be assigned to make a far-wider inquiry into the defence effort.

The hope now is that Mr. Currie can appear before the committee late this week or early next to answer questions arising from his 74-page report.

Prime Minister St. Laurent suggested before Christmas that Lt.-Gen. G. G. Simonds, chief of the General Staff, might want to appear before the committee in connection with his objections to certain parts of the report.

However, there is now some doubt that he will be called.

The Government does not seem anxious to establish a precedent by propelling an army chief into a hot political squabble. The Opposition parties do not seem particularly eager to call him either. However, if any members press seriously for Gen. Simonds' appearance, the issue would be reconsidered.

Confirmed As Defence Sec'y

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—The Senate today confirmed President Eisenhower's nomination of Charles E. Wilson (above) to be secretary of defence.

The vote capped 10 days of sharp controversy and an afternoon of rousing Senate debate which brought spectators crowding into the chamber's galleries.

Senator Wayne Morse (Ind. Ore.) made a one-hour, 45-minute speech against the appointment, contending the former General Motors president "does not possess the high degree of ethical standards I believe necessary."

Four Injured In Furnace Explosion

MONCTON, Jan. 26 (CP)—An explosion in a coal furnace sent sections of a boiler hurtling through a brick wall in the basement of Church Street Academy today and injured four men.

Nearly 500 public school students in 16 classrooms above the scene of the blast were evacuated from the building without trouble.

The building served as a combined school and recreation centre. The injured were playing billiards near the furnace, which is used to heat water for a swimming pool. They are Fred Breau, Leopold Bourque, Louis Bourque and Donald Cummings, all of Moncton.

Report \$1,100 Stolen From Safe

EDMUNDSTON, N. B., Jan. 26 (CP)—Police reported today that \$1,100 was stolen from a safe in the G. E. Barbour Company warehouse here early Saturday. The safe was pried open with tools found on the premises. Attempts to open a strong box inside the safe were unsuccessful.

Psychological Strategy Bd. For Cold War Named

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—President Eisenhower today appointed a cold war psychological strategy board.

A White House announcement said, "the committee will survey and evaluate the government's information and related policies and activities with particular reference to international relations and the national security."

The eight-man committee is composed of William H. Jackson of New York, investment firm executive; C. D. Jackson, of New York, publisher of Fortune Magazine; Sigurd Larmon, New York advertising agency executive; Gordon Gray, president of the University of North Carolina; Barkley McKee Henry, Princeton, N. J., industrialist; John C. Hughes, New York textile industry executive, and Abbott Washburn, Minneapolis, Minn., formerly associated with General Mills, Inc.

William H. Jackson was designated as chairman.

An eighth member of the committee will be Robert Cutler, who is an administrative assistant to Eisenhower.

In a statement, Eisenhower said: "It has long been my conviction that unified and dynamic effort in this field is essential to the security of the United States and of the other peoples in the community of free nations."

Record Wet Weather At Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26 (CP)—Vancouver has been all wet for 21 days. The Weather Bureau said today the city had had rain for the last 21 consecutive days, a record since weather data was first compiled here a half-century ago.

No Developments In Missing Man Probe

SHEDIAC, N. B., Jan. 26 (CP)—Police said tonight there was "nothing to report" in a renewed investigation of the two-year-old disappearance of a Quebec wax salesman.

A cloak of official silence still shrouded police activities, but residents of this Northumberland Street town report indications that police have been searching for something in the area, presumably a clue to the disappearance of Laurent Dube of Quebec City. He has been missing since his abandoned car was found ditched on the outskirts of this town.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

SYDNEY, Jan. 26 (CP)—Thomas MacKenzie, 39, was charged with manslaughter today in connection with the highway death of two women Saturday night. Mrs. Sidney Lewis, 61, and Miss Margaret Morrison, 60, were killed when hit by a car as they walked home from a card game. James MacSween, 51, suffered a broken leg and other injuries.

Union Heads To Meet With Rail Presidents

MONTREAL, Jan. 26 (CP)—Hope that a railway tie-up can be averted came late tonight with announcement that the presidents of the two big Canadian roads will meet with heads of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen tomorrow.

The announcement came less than six hours after negotiations — at the vice-president level in morning and afternoon discussions — had collapsed and the railroads had started preparations to close down completely Feb. 2.

First indication of the new move to bring about a settlement was a statement by Prime Minister St. Laurent in Ottawa that presidents Donald Gordon of the Canadian National Railways and W. A. Mather of the Canadian Pacific Railway had asked the BRT men for a meeting.

A. J. Kelly, BRT vice-president, immediately confirmed receipt of the invitation and said his negotiating committee has accepted. The meeting will be held at 11 a.m.

Mr. Kelly said his committee has always been ready to meet with railway authorities and is "looking for grounds for a settlement."

Following today's meetings there was no indication on what points the parties had reached a deadlock—wages or working rules or both.

Alan Holman Elected President Of Summerside Board Of Trade

Mr. Alan Holman was elected president of the Summerside Board of Trade last evening at the 53rd annual meeting. Other officers elected were: Mr. William Hayward, vice president and Mr. H. R. Rodd as secretary (re-elected).

The auditors for the coming year are Mr. R. T. Dodds and J. M. Logan. Mr. A. S. Hopkins, the retiring president, presided and submitted his report on the activities of the board during the past year.

In his report he referred to the passing of two board members, Mr. M. F. Schurman and Mr. Ernest Wright and a minute's silence was observed in respect to their memory.

Present at the head table last night were: Wing Commander Grant, chief administration officer who in the absence of the commanding officer, A. G. Kenyon, represented the R. C. A. F. station. Mr. Donald Baker, past president of the board, Dr. Frank MacKinnon, the principal of Prince of Wales College, the guest speaker; Mr. Gordon MacDonald, the president of the Charlottetown Board, and Mr. Max Thompson, president of the Crapaud-Victoria Board.

The guest speaker, Dr. MacKinnon was introduced by Mr. MacDonald of the Charlottetown Board who said that it was with a great deal of pleasure that he performed this agreeable duty. He said that Dr. MacKinnon was a very outstanding Islander and one who had brought great credit to this Province. (See text of Dr. MacKinnon's address elsewhere.)

At the conclusion of the election of officers, Mr. William Hayward, the new vice president took the chair, in the absence of Mr. Alan Holman.



Mr. Alan Holman

Sussex Man Dies After Accident

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 26 (CP)—William B. Pearce, 27, of Sussex, died in the Saint John General Hospital early today shortly after his car went out of control and crashed into a tree at Haymarket Square here.

Born at Halifax, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Pearce, he was associated with his father in business at Sussex. He attended Sussex schools, Rotheray Collegiate School and Dalhousie University.

Former Ch'town Man Electrocuted In Hamilton, Ont.

The sad news was received last evening by Mrs. J. A. Weir, 56 Cumberland Street, that her son, Robert Michael Weir, had been electrocuted while working yesterday on a hydro-electric power project in Hamilton, Ontario. Associates worked for two and one-half hours over the injured youth in a vain effort to revive him.

Mr. Weir was twenty years of age and left Charlottetown about five months ago for employment in Hamilton. He was married four months ago to Miss Mary McLure, formerly of Murray Harbour.

According to a press despatch from Hamilton, Mr. Weir came in contact with a wire carrying 4,000 volts while climbing a pole in his duties as a hydro lineman. A fire department inhalator squad worked unsuccessfully over him for more than an hour. A fellow-worker said Mr. Weir was about 35 feet up the pole when he touched the wire. Another lineman who was higher up, looped a rope around him, lowering him to the ground.

The deceased had attended Queen Square School and was well and favorably known in Charlottetown.

After leaving school he worked with the Maritime Electric Co. in the city for more than three years. Besides his mother, and his wife, he is survived by one brother, John, and two sisters, Joan and Dorothy, Charlottetown. His father, Mr. Angus Weir, died here about three years ago.



TORONTO, Jan. 26 (CP)—Observed temperatures bulletin issued tonight at the Toronto Public Weather Office.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	20B	45
Victoria	4	45
Calgary	4	3
Regina	19	20
Winnipeg	13	22
Toronto	9	25
Ottawa	5	14
Montreal	11	18
Quebec City	8	23
Saint John	24	25
Moncton	22	22
Halifax	22	34
Charlottetown	24	34
Sydney	35	37
Yarmouth	30	34
St. John's	43	44

HALIFAX, Jan. 26 (CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Pub. Weather Office here and valid until midnight Tuesday.

Synopsis: The weather was clear in New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec during the night but skies were cloudy and there were snowflurries in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. The snowflurries developed in a strong northerly current of cold air blowing over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and then moving over the land.

A high pressure area over the Province of Quebec is moving towards the Maritimes. A rival will bring lighter winds and gradually improving weather in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, while in New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec the weather will continue clear and cold.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Cloudy. Snowflurries becoming widely scattered by afternoon. Colder. North winds 20, with gusts to 30 and diminishing by afternoon to light winds. Low and high Tuesday at Charlottetown 12 and 18.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:42 A. M. and 8:26 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 4:58 A. M. and 3:57 P. M. Sun rises today at 7:40 A. M. and sets at 5:12 P. M.

Enrolment In Secondary Schools To Double Soon

OTTAWA, Jan. 26 (CP)—Enrolment in secondary schools in all provinces except Quebec is expected to double in the next 12 years, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

The Bureau based its estimate on the number of births, post-war immigration and the increasing proportion of children remaining in school beyond the compulsory age.

The number of students in secondary schools last year is estimated at between 298,300 and 305,200 compared with 296,900 in 1951. This year the enrolment is expected to be between 305,200 and 313,800 increasing to between 333,000 and 345,900 in 1955, between 436,800 and 464,900 in 1960 and between 569,000 and 611,500 in 1964.

The Bureau said this rise will be principally due to the higher birth rate during and since the Second World War.

Lord Lovat Making Good Recovery

EDINBURGH, Jan. 26 (Reuters)—The condition of Lord Lovat, 41, wartime commando leader who collapsed with a heart attack 10 days ago, was described today as "very satisfactory." He is at his home, Beauford Castle in Inverness.

Coming Events

- Hampton Hall, January 28th, Variety Concert, Aid of Hall.
- Come to show in Fredericton hall, Jan. 27, 8 p.m.
- Try our Purina Finance plan, for feeding your hogs and chicks. Dillon & Spillett.
- Hockey, Graham's Road Rink Tuesday, Breadalbane vs. Caven-dish.
- Card party, social evening, drawing for blankets, North Granville, Thursday, January 29.
- Farmers, ask about the Shu Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- Young Adult Social Club program for Tuesday, Square dancing 9 P. M. Lunch and modern dancing 10 P. M. at the Y. M. C. A.
- See the Dunstaffnage Bombers meet the York Rangers at the Forum, Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock.
- Victoria Rink tonight, Tuesday, league game, Crapaud Heartbreakers vs. Victoria Unions. Wednesday night, league game, Mt. Tryon Ramblers vs. Tryon Arrows.
- Double header at North River Rink, Tuesday, Jan. 27. North River vs. Winsloe 7:30 sharp. Nine Mile Creek vs. Covehead. Skate after.
- Don't miss "Harmony Hotel" the laugh hit of the season, presented by Liguorian Dramatic Society, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Wednesday, January 28th. Curtain 8:30 P. M. Admission 50 cents.

Quebec Liberal Senator Dies

MONTREAL, Jan. 26 (CP)—Senator Louis Athanase David, 70, prominent figure in Quebec politics before he was appointed to the Senate in 1940, died in hospital here today.

He was a Liberal and represented Sorel division in the Upper House. He served 20 years in the Quebec Legislature—from 1919 to 1939—and was Quebec provincial secretary for many years. By profession, he was an advocate.

Truman To Get More Than \$500,000 For Memoirs

By Ernest B. Vaccaro
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 26 (AP)—Negotiations are under way for the publication of Harry S. Truman's memoirs at a figure that will enable him to pursue a life of complete freedom as the Democratic Party's elder statesman.

A New York publishing firm has offered to pay more than \$500,000 over a period of several years for the memoirs, and Truman also will be assured substantial extra income by making carefully-selected lecture engagements on topics of his own choosing.

Friends of the former President are attempting to work out arrangements for publication of the Truman memoirs.

Truman himself is having no part in any negotiations, considering that it is beneath the dignity of the high office he left last week to do so. Whenever a contract is made, he, of course, will have the final say.

But it is known that he has promised friends he will write his memoirs and undertake the lecture engagements in which he will emphasize his belief that national co-operation through the United Nations offers the world's only hope for future peace in an atomic age.

It also became known today that the former President: 1. Will make no public speaking engagements for the next few months to avoid raising any unnecessary political strife until he has an opportunity to observe the Republican - Eisenhower administration in operation. 2. Truman will not go abroad at any time in the near future to avoid any possibility of embarrassing the new administration by anything he might say or do. 3. He is not going to undertake anything other than personal correspondence for the next few months, until he can get away for a complete rest.