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## GOVERNMENT STATEMENT EXPECTED FRIDAY

# Meeting Rejects Potato Pool

A resolution supporting the proposed pool system marketing policy of the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board was defeated by a large majority at a meeting of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture held last night at the Charlottetown Forum. Well over 5,000 people were in attendance at the meeting which at times was marred by a small band of hecklers who would not give some of the speakers a hearing. Mr. Roland MacDonald, President of the Federation of Agriculture, presided.

Many speakers were heard, including Premier Alex Matheson, who told the meeting that the Government had taken the matter under consideration and a statement regarding their decision would be given to the press on Friday. Mr. Matheson stated that they would not arrive at any snap decisions but their plan would be announced only after very careful consideration with his colleagues, many of whom he said were in attendance at the meeting.

The Premier stated that he had come to the meeting with a prepared statement but after listening to the deliberations had decided against reading it all. He did, however, tell them that he would give them the latter part of it which went on to say:

"At the Summerside meeting I told the group there that they might have compulsory pooling some day. I may have been misunderstood in that statement although the words I used were exactly the words that were reported in the Press. I am not in favor of compulsion whether it be in farm organizations or in government or in any part of our society. Our forefathers struggled for freedom and the word 'compulsion' is very bitter to all of us. Of course, if by telling a person that he should market potatoes or any other farm product in a way whereby he would receive more money, I am sure many of the farmers would not look upon it as compulsory but you cannot, I believe, put into operation any scheme that is compulsory unless you have a very large percentage of the people behind you. I would like to say this, that if a compulsory scheme is necessary, then the people must be properly educated to see its advantages and benefits.

"Many advantages have been derived from marketing boards. I am sure the majority of the farmers in this province are in favor of a marketing board. A few years ago they were not of that opinion. Today from information received from those who have talked to me in the last month or so, I find

that very few now oppose a board as such but many feel that its compulsory features are a grave problem. Again I want to assure you that the word 'compulsion' whether it is in this scheme or not is a word that is not in good favor in the minds of the people of this province."

### OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Roland MacDonald, in his opening remarks, termed the meeting "a family row" and suggested that only those who were inter-

ested either as dealers or producers take part in the discussions. He called for a fair hearing for all speakers but the fiery chairman did not receive the co-operation he asked for as the evening wore on. Small organized groups of hecklers made it difficult for supporters of the motion to be heard.

Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, chairman of the Marketing Board, told the meeting that his chief purpose in being at the meeting was to tell them what the Board proposed (Continued on Page 5 col. 1)

## The Premier Speaks



Premier Alex Matheson is seen addressing the large gathering of potato producers and dealers held at the Forum last night. Mr. Matheson promised them a solution to their problem in the near future.

Barter's Film Lab.

## Coming Events

- \*\*Card party, Central Royalty Hall, Thursday, Sept. 30, 8:15.
- \*\*Buying and cleaning timothy dally, McGuigan & Boyle.
- \*\*Dance in St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart, every Thursday.
- \*\*Reserve October 30th, Rummage Sale, Baptist Church.
- \*\*Dance, Lot 65 Hall, tonight, Dolor's Orchestra. Canteen.
- \*\*Dance South Rustico Hall every Thursday night, music Rolle MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- \*\*Dance in Bear River South school on Friday night, Oct. 1st, Chaisson's Orchestra.
- \*\*Special Deep Buff Paint, \$2.85 gallon. Ellis Bros., Central Royalty.
- \*\*To-night's the nite" in Hampton Hall, to enjoy the all-stars, singing, dancing. 8:30.
- \*\*Annual Chicken Supper, Immaculate Conception Parish, Wellington, October 11th, Thanksgiving Day.
- \*\*See Georgetown Players present "Betty the Girl O' My Heart" in Mount Stewart Hall, October 1st, Curtain 8:30.
- \*\*Dance Howatt's Warehouse, North Wiltshire, Friday, Oct. 1st, Music by Roy MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- \*\*Reserve October 11th, Victoria United Church Annual Thanksgiving Hot Turkey Supper. Serving at 5 p. m.
- \*\*The Ladies of Harrington Presbyterian Church will hold a cake sale at Moore & McLeod's Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 2 p. m.
- \*\*Come to Springvale Women's Institute chicken and ham supper in Brookfield Hall, Thursday, September 30th. Supper served from 5.
- \*\*Reserve Sept. 30 Morell hall old time fiddling and step-dancing competition. Valuable prizes. Winners to compete in Charlottetown. Sponsored by the Women's Institute.
- \*\*Maline Race, Millvale, Saturday, October 2nd. Prizes given for the best fiddling and step dancing. Pipes played by Mr. Farnell Crossgrove. Also match between Bonnie L. and Tommy Shaster.
- \*\*Hear Radio Pastor Perry F. Rockwood personally tonight and each night this week at Beach Point Chapel, Murray Harbour. Lewis Harris Pastor, at 8 p. m. Services each night and all day Sunday.

## Britain Pledges To Keep Solid Block Of Troops In Europe; Dramatic Move

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain, faced with an American warning of the consequences of a further failure by Western Europe to press on with defence plans, electrified the nine-power conference on German rearmament Wednesday by pledging to keep a solid block of troops on the European continent. To meet French fears of a German military revival—the reason France turned down the European Defence Community plan—Britain offered in a surprise move to keep four army divisions and a tactical air force on the continent for the next 44 years.

The offer sent hopes soaring for the success of the conference. Britain's decision was taken at a critical cabinet meeting following a recent two-day European visit by U. S. State Secretary John Foster Dulles to discuss the collapse of EDC with Britain and West Germany.

**WARNED CHURCHILL**  
He was reported to have warned Prime Minister Winston Churchill of the grave consequences for Europe which might emerge from the re-appraisal of policy and commitments going on in Washington. Dulles' warning—repeated in effect in a statement to the nine-power conference Wednesday—was believed to be one of the factors which led the British government to break its traditional policy of non-involvement in Europe.

## Consumer Ass'n Elects Officers

OTTAWA (CP) — Mrs. H. E. Vautelot of Montreal was re-elected to a second term as president of the Canadian Association of Consumers at the 7th annual meeting Wednesday. Other officers include: Vice-president Mrs. V. E. Falkner, N. B.; Provincial representatives on the national board of directors include: Mrs. G. R. Beville, Quebec City; Dr. Jessie Lawson, St. John, N. B.; Mrs. D. L. Whitby, Truro, N. S.; Mrs. J. A. Lawson, Charlottetown.

**KIWANIS GOVERNOR**  
MONTREAL (CP) — Walter H. Howell, 38-year-old lawyer from Peterborough, Ont., was elected governor of the Ontario-Quebec-Maritimes district of the Kiwanis International Wednesday. At the district's 37th annual conference,

Mendes-France immediately hailed the offer as "fulfilling our highest hopes on this vital point," and Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer called it a "historic act." Adenauer told reporters he thought the conference would end in success tonight.

**BIGGEST PEACETIME PLEDGE**  
The pledge involves the biggest peacetime commitment Britain has ever made. It was given by Foreign Secretary Eden at the third session of the conference now seeking a new plan to replace EDC and bring a rearmend West Germany into the Western defence ring against communism. But Eden made it conditional on the success of the conference in reaching agreement on the way in which German rearmament is brought about. Eden said commitment of troops would be subject to the understanding that an extreme emergency elsewhere in the world might force Britain to transfer some of these forces.

**PEARSON LAUDS BRITAIN**  
L. B. Pearson, Canada's external affairs minister, said the British pledge was "of historic importance," adding: "It was all the more impressive because it recognized that the source of the power and the glory of this island has been its vision across the seas."

**SAYS UNIT WORKS**  
EDMONTON (CP)—An experimental portable oil extraction unit being tested on the Athabasca oil sands has proved "most satisfactory," S. M. Paulson of Calgary, president of Can-Am Oil Sands Development Ltd., said Tuesday. The unit, employing a technique which has not yet been revealed, is being tested at Blumont, 270 miles north of Edmonton.

MONTREAL (CP)—The RCMP announced they arrested 12 "key men" today in a roundup aimed to sweep cigarette and margarine smugglers out of southern Quebec. More arrests are expected and charges of conspiracy will be laid against the top men as a climax to a 14-month investigation, the RCMP said. The main people of these organized gangs will be charged with conspiracy to smuggle Amer-

# St. Laurent-Duplessis To Hold Tax Talk In Montreal

## Agree On Need For Uniform Highway Code

WINNIPEG (CP) — Highway ministers from all provinces except Quebec and Newfoundland Wednesday concluded a three-day conference on road-transport problems.

Prime result of the meeting was agreement that Canada needs a uniform highway-transport code.

The conference suggested that administrative officers of the various provinces should work toward having vehicle weights and dimensions equipment requirements for lights and brakes, and safety regulations uniform across the country.

The interprovincial parley, called by Premier Campbell of Manitoba, arose from 1954 federal legislation turning over to the provinces jurisdiction over interprovincial and international commercial traffic on the highways.

Delegates also decided against setting up at present an interprovincial advisory board with permanent secretarial staff. However, the issue was tabled for discussion at a future conference.

It was expected that administrative officials would meet in October or November when a number of the issues tabled would be further studied.

Premier Campbell said the meeting was disappointed that Quebec didn't have a representative present. This first conference was to define problems rather than settle them, Premier Campbell said, and its recommendations were not binding on any of the governments.

## See Acclamation For Mayor Whitton

OTTAWA (CP) — Mayor Charlotte Whitton may be returned to office by acclamation in the municipal elections, Dec. 6. So far no other candidates have decided to contest the office. It was expected L. L. Coulter, 54, former controller, would run for mayor but he announced Wednesday he would not be a candidate. In the 1952 municipal elections, the outspoken 58-year-old mayor defeated Mr. Coulter.

## FATAL DROP

TORONTO (CP) — Police said Wednesday a woman was killed when she fell or jumped from the 15th floor of the Crown Trust building in downtown Toronto. The woman was a secretary in a law office and had just been released from a mental institution. Her name was not given out.

## News Briefs From Home And Abroad

**BOSTON, (AP) —** Hurricanes Carol and Edna are blamed for damaging another Massachusetts crop-bay cape scallops, which last year gave fishermen more than \$1,000,000.

**WASHINGTON, (AP) —**The U. S. army announced Wednesday it will increase the number of its 19 combat-equipped divisions to 24 during the next two years.

**BADEN - SOELLINGEN, Germany (AP) —** Defence Minister Campney of Canada visited RCAF jet fighter bases here and at Zweibruecken, Germany, Wednesday.

**INVERNESS, N.S. (CP) —** Isaac D. MacDougall was unanimously nominated Tuesday as Progressive Conservative candidate in an Inverness by-election to fill the seat vacated by the appointment of former mines minister A. H. McKinlay to the bench.

**PRINCETON, N. J., (AP) —** Dr. George Harrison Shull, internationally recognized as the developer of hybrid corn, died Tuesday night in hospital after a long illness. He was 80.

**HALIFAX, (CP) —** Henry D. Hicks, 39, takes over a new Nova Scotia government today as the youngest premier in Canada.

OTTAWA, (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent announced Wednesday that he and Premier Duplessis will meet at Montreal Oct. 5. The date was set after Mr. Duplessis telephoned Mr. St. Laurent from Quebec. The announcement was telephoned by the prime minister to the Parliamentary Press Gallery. It was understood that the current taxation dispute between the federal and Quebec governments would be the subject of the meeting.

No time was given for the meeting next Tuesday.

### ARRANGED BY PHONE

A spokesman in the prime minister's office said the meeting was arranged in a telephone conversation Wednesday afternoon between Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Duplessis.

Mr. St. Laurent said in a statement Tuesday that the federal government is prepared to take part in an investigatory conference with Quebec on the taxation issue providing such a meeting is desired by Mr. Duplessis.

### NEVER TO OTTAWA

QUEBEC (CP)—Premier Duplessis said today he "will never go to Ottawa" to discuss Quebec's taxation dispute with the federal government but will consent at any time to meet Prime Minister St. Laurent "halfway, in Montreal." Mr. Duplessis made the statement following a regular Wednesday meeting of his cabinet. He was asked by newspaper men for comment on a statement by Mr. St. Laurent that the federal government is willing to discuss a possible settlement formula.

## Snow Falls In Parts Of Western Prairies

EDMONTON (CP)—The western Prairies still struggling through a rain-delayed harvest got a second early taste of winter overnight when snow continued to fall. Nearly two inches fell at Banff in the Rocky mountains, while foothills farming areas received close to 1½ inches. Except in northern Alberta, where temperatures were close to freezing, the snow melted as soon as it hit.

North Battleford was the only Saskatchewan point to report light snow. Most other points, particularly in the south, escaped with a cold drizzle.

### PROSECUTOR DIES

SYDNEY (CP)—Donald D. Finlayson, 45, Cape Breton county's crown prosecutor for 16 years, died suddenly here Wednesday night after undergoing an operation the day before. Death was attributed to haemorrhage of the brain. Nature of his illness was not disclosed. He is survived by five children. Funeral plans have not been completed.

## U. S. May Have To Recall Troops

LONDON, (AP)—State Secretary Dulles said today the United States might have to withdraw its troops from Europe if the current nine-power talks on West German rearmament fail.

Dulles' statement followed a pledge by Britain to maintain troops on the European mainland indefinitely. The British promise was a final inducement to win French approval of West German rearmament.

**GAGETOWN, N. B., (CP) —** The 800-acre Cossar farm at Lower Gagetown, with its herd of short-horn cattle and 6,000 apple trees, has been sold to A. R. Stirling of Wolfville, N. S.

**WINDSOR, Ont., (CP) —** Ford of Canada Wednesday withdrew its demands for doing away with company-wide seniority as company and United Automobile Workers CIO-CCL negotiations were resumed under the threat of a Sunday midnight strike deadline.

**LONDON, (Reuters) —** A new lord mayor of London was elected Wednesday in a resplendent ceremony dating back more than 700 years. A procession of city officials bedecked in bright scarlet robes walked solemnly through the streets in the heart of London's financial district to the ancient Guildhall to name a stockbroker, Harold Howard, lord mayor.

## Top Quebec Smugglers Arrested

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ican merchandise into Canada, clerk, a butcher and a number of salesmen.

**BIG SWEEP**  
The RCMP said the current operation is the biggest such job in years and those being arrested were responsible for the smuggling of 1,500,000,000 cigarettes in the last 14 months.

They added that by the end of 1952, seizures had amounted to 22,000,000 U. S. cigarettes and it then became apparent that the men being caught were merely drivers.

**INSPECTION**  
Insp. Carriere described the smuggling gangs as well organized, and when necessary, working together.

The area under investigation stretches from Trois-Rivieres to the U. S. border and west to the Ontario-Quebec border.

The use or transportation of margarine is forbidden within Quebec by provincial law.

## Announces Contract Let For New Federal Building In Charlottetown

Contract for the new Federal building in Charlottetown has been let to Anglin-Norcross (Maritime) Ltd., it was announced last night by Mr. Neil Matheson, M.P. He made the statement at a meeting of the Fifth District Liberal Association executive, presided over by Mr. Alex McIsaac.

Mr. Matheson did not mention the amount of the contract, but a

story from Ottawa carried in the Guardian Aug. 26 said the Anglin-Norcross tender was the lowest and placed it at \$2,388,934.

The telegram from Ottawa to Mr. Matheson indicated that the work would get underway at once. The Anglin-Norcross firm is presently engaged in another Charlottetown contract—construction of the Eaton Building on Kent Street.

## Labor Promises To Wipe Out Britain's Colonial System When Next In Power

SCARBOROUGH, Eng. (Reuters)—The Labor party decided Wednesday that the next time it returns to power it will act to wipe out Britain's age-old colonial system and replace it with a multi-racial commonwealth.

What was once a mighty empire of subject races would be transformed into a new world organization with former colonies such as the Gold Coast and Nigeria in equal partnership with Britain.

Delegates representing the party's 6,000,000 members enthusiastically endorsed this policy at the annual conference here.

Many were impatient at the thought of any delay in putting it into force. They wanted party leaders to pledge that the next Labor government would immediately call a round-table colonial conference at which target dates for full self-government for the colonies would be set.

But the leaders, more cautious, persuaded them not to push a resolution to this effect to a vote. The party executive promised to give it consideration.

**CONDEMN TORY HANDLING**  
The conference roundly condemned the present Conservative government's colonial policy, charging it with "ham-handling of affairs" and returning "to the old typical pattern of Tory imperialism."

It enthusiastically adopted a resolution "deploring" the Conservative government's policy toward

Cyprus, the Mediterranean island colony where there is a strong campaign to break away from Britain and unite with Greece.

Former colonial secretary James Griffiths warned that when Britain handed over power to the 50 or so colonial territories under her control, she was entitled to ensure that they would choose democracy as their system of government.

The task of transforming the colonies thus was "big and difficult," he said, and it would be unwise and impracticable for a Labor government immediately to announce early target dates for independence.

## Convict Liquor Store Manager

ARICAT, N. S. (CP)—The dismissed manager of a provincial liquor store was convicted of theft Tuesday and will appear later for sentence.

A jury deliberated only 15 minutes before finding 30-year-old Harold D. Gibson of nearby St. Peters guilty of stealing money and goods valued over \$200. He was suspended May 14 after government inspectors uncovered shortages of more than \$2,700 during a surprise visit to the store. Albert Morrison, 34, faces the same charge.

## Thinks Chinese Reds Received Tip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Gen. James A. van Fleet testified Wednesday he believes Chinese Communists must have been informed before they entered the Korean war that their home bases would be immune from attack.

Van Fleet, who succeeded Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway as commander of the 8th Army in Korea, told the Senate internal security subcommittee his guess was that Red China would get such assurance "through some embassy source in Peiping."

He said he believes the United States should break off diplomatic relations with Russia "as a major dramatic step to prevent World War III."

Van Fleet also said the U. S. should quit the United Nations if Red China is seated.

## Experts See Bright Outlook For Converting Eskimos To Shepherds

OTTAWA, (CP)—Agriculture experts have returned from Ungava Bay in far northern Quebec convinced that Eskimos there can improve their standard of living by raising sheep. The outlook is reasonably bright, officials said. In a nutshell, their fact-finding tour showed there is plenty of vegetation in small patches for summer pasture. The main problem is raising a hardy type of hay for winter feeding. Good soil is not plentiful outside river deltas and watersheds, but some areas could be improved with the help of fertilizers.

Frank Nowasad, field crops expert, and Paul Lajole, soil expert, spent a month last summer along the Kokoak and False rivers which flow into Ungava Bay, near Fort Chimo, RCAF station on the south side of the bay. Next year, experts may conduct similar research at Leaf and Paine bays, on the western shore of Ungava Bay.

### TO TRY GRASS SEEDING

Agriculture officials said the plan is to see some tough types of grass which will resist the rigors of the area. But it has not yet been decided whether a flock of sheep will be taken north for an experimental run. It would be at least three years before the 750-odd Eskimos around Ungava Bay could start raising sheep. Some of the vegetation which may be sown in small patches next summer includes brome grass, reed canary grass, slender wheat grass and other types. "Sheep are raised in Iceland and there is no reason why the same thing cannot be done in Ungava," officials said. The investigation was first carried out with a view to raising yaks and goats. Officials now believe sheep alone would bring the best results.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	30	45
Victoria	47	61
Edmonton	27	36
Calgary	27	36
Regina	35	42
Winnipeg	46	51
Toronto	55	64
Ottawa	42	52
Montreal	50	64
Quebec	38	—
Saint John	47	62
Moncton	43	61
Halifax	52	63
Fredericton	44	63
Charlottetown	45	67
Sydney	53	58
Yarmouth	49	64
St. John's	44	57

**HALIFAX (CP) —** The weather office here says intermittent rain is forecast for the Maritimes today, beginning in the western regions about dawn and spreading over all the district during the day. Regional forecasts: St. John river valleys, eastern N. B. counties, Bay of Chaleur: Overcast, intermittent rain beginning in the morning; not much change in temperature; southeast winds 15. Low-high at Moncton 43 and 60, Campbellton 40 and 60, Fredericton 45 and 60, Saint John 50 and 60, Edmundston 42 and 60. Prince Edward Island: Overcast, intermittent rain beginning about noon; not much change in temperature. Light winds increasing during the morning to southeast 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 40 and 60. High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:04 a. m. and 1:03 p. m. High tide today at the North Shore at 9:13 a. m. and 7:33 p. m. Sun rises today at 6:09 a. m. and sets at 5:56 p. m.