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# VANCOUVER HAS WORST FIRE IN HISTORY OF CITY

## New Pessimism Over Korean Truce Prospects

### City Street Repairs To Cost Estimated \$300,000

At a special meeting yesterday afternoon the Charlottetown City Council heard a progress report on the condition of streets and needed repairs which it was estimated would cost in the vicinity of \$300,000. The verbal report was given by Mr. H. Hewitt, technical adviser to the Domain Inspection Ltd., Montreal.

Another special meeting will be held early next week when a more detailed report including material analysis of certain streets, specifications, etc., will be made available and the Council will give consideration to the calling of tenders, etc.

Other business concluded yesterday.

Appointed Mr. George Abbott, temporary Tax Collector for the City, at a salary of \$2200 per annum. Moved by Coun. E. S. Johnston, seconded by Coun. M. A. Farmer.

Increased the salary of Mr. John Butler to \$2700 per annum retroactive to January 1, 1952. Moved by Coun. E. S. Johnston, seconded by Coun. M. A. Farmer.

Authorized the Playgrounds Commission to purchase equipment to the extent of \$100 for use in Riggs Playground for the present. Same to be held as part of the Play Grounds Commission. Moved by (Continued on Page 15 Col. 2)

### Exchange Of Prisoners Is Stumbling Block

MUNSAN, April 24 — (Thursday) — (AP) — Korean armistice negotiations appeared today to be heading toward climax, with no sign of a break in the deadlock on prisoner exchange.

Meetings at Panmunjon today were scheduled for 11 a.m. (9 p.m. EST Wednesday).

There was no announcement concerning Wednesday's secret session on prisoners, but the feeling persisted that negotiations were snagged on the number of prisoners to be exchanged.

Pessimism was apparent both in Washington and Peking. United States officials expressed belief the talks were moving through the most critical phase in many months, with a decisive turn expected soon.

(Washington's pessimism seemed to stem from the Reds' failure to react favorably to still-secret Allied proposals aimed at easing Communist acceptance of voluntary prisoner return.)

(The Peking radio reported the talks "entered a new, perilous stage" because of Allied insistence on the principle of not returning a prisoner against his wishes....)

(Peking said the "disgusting American scheme" was to revise its lists, leaving out all Korean and Chinese prisoners "who do not want to go back to their Communist homelands." The Allies never have confirmed this.

"It is obvious," Peking said, "that all the captured men of our side whose names have been omitted from the American list would be forcibly detained by the Americans, which is no different in its outcome from 'voluntary repatriation' if this were put into effect."

Staff officers considering truce supervision met only 19 minutes Wednesday.

### Mr. Peppin Reports On Tour Of Southern Potato Markets

That the superiority of Prince Edward Island potatoes is generally recognized but that it is becoming more and more necessary to meet competitive prices and that the best future prospects lie in water shipments along the southern Atlantic seaboard, are points strongly emphasized by Mr. S. G. Peppin, technical adviser to the P. E. Island Potato Board, in a comprehensive report to the Board of his recent visit to potato dealers in Florida and Virginia.

An outstanding authority on potato diseases and former district inspector in charge of seed potato certification for the Province, Mr. Peppin attended the seed tests of P. E. I. potatoes carried on at Homestead, Florida, during the past winter. He was absent from February 16 to March 6 and the following report, giving first-hand impressions of market problems, prospects and conditions, is supplementary to his account of the very favorable manner in which Island seed passed the test-plots trials.

"After concluding the work on the test plots in Homestead, I called on various potato dealers along the Atlantic Seaboard between Southern Florida and Virginia. First call was with Mr. George Cooper, Princeton, Florida. This company handles mostly Bliss Triumph and Pontiacs for the South Florida area around Homestead and Goulds, where some 7,000-8,000 acres of these two varieties are planted annually.

Large light is a big factor in this district and continued spraying with Dithane every three or four days is an absolute necessity. In spite of the bright sunshine which prevails, the humidity is high and heavy dew occurs constantly. Considerable spraying and dusting is done here by airplane on both potatoes and tomatoes. This area also grows the 'Red' variety, which is a seed from North Dakota, Nebraska and other states which (Continued on Page 3 Col. 3)



Mr. S. G. Peppin

### No Damages For Loss of Capons

"If I am right in my decision there is every reason why the Dog Act should be amended to give protection to poultry and to provide strong provisions against the sustaining or sheltering of stray dogs," declared His Honour Judge C. St. Clair Trainor yesterday.

The case at bar in the County Court of Queen's County was James R. Carr, plaintiff vs Russell Roper, defendant, both of East Royalty. The plaintiff had claimed \$99.75 for the loss of 57 capons.

It was common ground that the provisions of the Dog Act 1951, chapter 9 were not applicable. That Act makes it unnecessary to prove that a dog was vicious or accustomed to worry live stock in order to recover damages. "Owner" includes any person who possesses or harbours a dog. "Live stock" in the Act means any head of cattle or sheep, and includes the young of either of them.

"A Common Law," said Judge Trainor, "the owner of a dog was liable for the damage caused by such dog if he had knowledge of the vicious propensities." The case, however, turned on the question of ownership of the dog.

The evidence was that when the plaintiff chased the dogs which caused the damage on each occasion they ran in the direction (Continued on Page 8 Col. 4)

### Damage To Grain Row Of Waterfront May Reach Five Million

By Jack Koehler  
VANCOUVER, April 23 — (CP) — A multi-million-dollar fire today swept Vancouver's waterfront "grain row." Estimates of damage ranged as high as \$5,000,000.

The fire, worst in Vancouver's history, destroyed a \$500,000 warehouse of the United Grain Growers' Ltd. and caused damage to the adjoining warehouse of Bucklerfield's Ltd., which housed feed grain and high-explosive fertilizers valued at more than \$500,000.

The main United Grain Growers' elevators were saved, but some huge stocks of wheat caught fire. Concrete walls halted spread of the flames.

Loading docks and a 1,200-foot jetty along with grain loading equipment, valued at \$400,000, were destroyed.

No one was injured, but scores of workmen, fleeing ahead of the fast-spreading flames, had narrow escapes. Some had to escape by rowboats, heading out into Burrard Inlet.

The cause of the fire was not definitely known. Some reports said it was caused by a grain dust explosion; others said a short circuit in a compressor unit was responsible.

H. MacKay, manager of United Grain Growers' terminals said "the pier and grain facilities will be out of commission for many months."

Starting at 11:45 a.m. P.M.T. (2:45 p.m. EST), the fire was reported under control at 2:45 p.m. More than 500 firemen were still on duty amid the flame-blackened ruins.

A warehouse of the Vapeover Barge Transportation Company, in which were housed tons of fertilizer, hay and general cargo, suffered water damage.

Move Ships To Safety

The fire was first reported on the docks of the U.G.G., and within minutes box cars were ablaze and ships in the harbor were moving to the safety of mid-stream in Burrard Inlet.

Two Norwegian freighters, the Sandanger and the Vinn, loading grain, were hauled to safety by fast-working tugs. Superstructures of both vessels were scorched by the intense heat.

As fire sirens sounded, a atomic-like blast of heavy, black smoke roared skyward, obscuring the district, a little more than a mile east of downtown Vancouver.

The great cloud of smoke, rising 3,000 feet or more into the air, hampered the work of fire fighters, and many were forced to use masks. But they offered little protection the great heat forcing the firefighters to new positions.

District Evacuated

Fearing a dust explosion, police ordered the district evacuated. Office workers were sent from their posts, while dock and warehouse men volunteered for the fire battle.

Firemen were surrounded by flames and thick smoke in almost night-like darkness as they fought the blaze for three hours. A fortunate shift in the wind helped them win.

From a 60-foot high loading tower flaming wood and machinery crashed into the water, which boiled and sizzled like a hot iron.

FACULTY APPOINTMENT

MONTREAL, April 23 — (CP) — Rev. Louis Marie Regis, director of the medical studies at University of Montreal, was appointed today as dean of philosophy, succeeding Rev. M. Ceslas, who is retiring. Rev. J. Martineau was appointed secretary to the faculty of philosophy to replace Rev. Raymond M. Voyer.

### Queen Receives Rose As Payment For Old Privilege

HUNGERFORD, Berkshire, England, April 23 — (Reuters) — The Queen today observed a 600-year-old ceremony in this quaint little Berkshire town and went away with a red rose for her button-hole.

The Queen, 26 two days ago, arrived in a maroon Rolls Royce driven by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Margaret was with her.

The party was only passing through the town. But because the Lord of the Manor once gave its inhabitants fishing rights in his river it is Hungerford's custom to give thanks in the form of one red rose to any monarch making a visit.

The town's constable (chief citizen), Maj. H. Le Fairair Harvey, was waiting outside the oak-beamed Bear tavern as the auto drew up. Beside him was the town crier in top hat and cutaway coat with scarlet facings and brass buttons.

The Queen stepped out. Marvey bowed and handed her the rose. The Queen accepted it, smiled, and re-entered the car. The ceremony was over in a few minutes.

John of Gaunt, son of King Edward III and Duke of Lancaster, was the man who gave local folk trout-fishing rights in the Kennet River in the 14th century. Since that day, whenever a reigning monarch has passed through, Hungerford has paid its tribute with a rose. It was last presented to the late King George VI in 1948.

For the Queen, on her way to watch Olympic horse-jumping trials at Badminton, Gloucestershire, this was the third public appearance since the royal family began three months of mourning for King George.

## Opposition Continues Criticism Of Budget

OTTAWA, April 23 — (CP) — James Sinclair, parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Abbott, today asked critics of the Federal Government's budget to

### Coming Events

- \*\*Reserve July 2nd, for official opening of Chepstow School.
- \*\*Starting to clean grain April 23rd. Stephen Walsh, Hope River.
- \*\*In stock oil cake and soybean meal. McGuigan & Boyle.
- \*\*Reserve May 5th for repeat performance of the play "Fisherman's Luck" in Kinkora Hall.
- \*\*Car of cement to arrive this week. Please book your orders. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- \*\*See "The Milkman", starring Jimmy Durante, North Rustico, Saturday, April 26, 8:30 p.m.
- \*\*Farmers ask about the Shur-Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- \*\*Dance every Friday night. South Rustico Hall. Music by Charlottetownians.
- \*\*Taking orders for fertilizer or lime and also in stock, Laurentian turnip seed, registered. George Lawton, Pownal.
- \*\*Come in and talk over our Purina finance plan for feeding your chicks and hogs. Dillon & Spillitt.
- \*\*For Snapshots that will not fade, to your Films and Negatives to Gargnum Photo Studios, Charlottetown.
- \*\*Come to the dance in New Glasgow Hall tonight. In aid of Cavendish Hockey Club. Music by Dolron Bros.
- \*\*Weekly Thursday night Dance. Mt. Stewart Canadian Legion Hall. Starting Thursday, April 24th. MacKenzie Orchestra. Canteen service. Admission 50 cents.
- \*\*The Bonshaw Inn restaurant is now open for the season. The opening dance will be Tuesday, April 29. MacNeill's Orchestra. Bigger and better than ever.
- \*\*Come to the Masonic Hall, Hunter River, Friday, April 25th, and see Trinity Young People present "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm". Sponsored by the Women's Association.
- \*\*Starting May 1st this store will close at noon on Wednesday, at 8 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays; and will remain open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings until 9 p.m. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- \*\*Come to Afton Hall Thursday, April 24th, and be entertained by Mrs. Gordon MacMillan. Colored slides of local scenes. Stratgathney Caledonia Club, Festive Week, Royal Visit, and her garden, Cornwall, dancers and singers, sponsored by the Rice Point W. L.

name any country with a sounder economic position.

Speaking at a debate on the budget moved through its second day, Mr. Sinclair, Liberal member for the British Columbia constituency of Coast-Capilano, concluded his speech with this question:

"Where in the world today, is there any country whatsoever with a sounder economic position, a better fiscal policy, better development, or a higher level of employment than this country of Canada under the present Liberal administration?"

"False Face" Budget

Donald Fleming (PC-Toronto) followed with a charge that the 1952-53 budget, presented to the Commons April 8, was a budget with a "false face." It "should have been presented on Halloween."

When the mask of the budget was ripped away, the people found they would be subjected to heavier taxation than in 1951.

Stanley Knowles (CCP-Winnipeg North Centre) said the Canadian people felt they had been "tricked." The Commons had unanimously adopted a motion calling for removal of the four-percent floor on medical deductions from income tax. The government had declined to accept the views of the chamber.

Mr. Sinclair dealt particularly with a speech made yesterday by J. M. Macdonnell (PC-Toronto Greenwood), chief financial critic for the Progressive Conservative Opposition. Mr. Macdonnell had made eight references to an Atlantic Monthly article, critical of Canada's financial policies.

"I know the Atlantic Monthly; it is a magazine devoted to literature, poetry and the arts," said Mr. Sinclair. "I have never heard the Atlantic Monthly regarded as a journal of standing in the economic, financial and business (Continued on Page 5 Col. 2)

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## Potato Production Costs Now Over \$200 Per Acre

What does it cost the average farmer to produce an acre of potatoes in Prince Edward Island? "This question," Mr. S. G. Peppin, technical adviser to the P. E. Island Potato Board, representative yesterday, "is deserving of considerable study by all potato growers who contemplate planting an acreage of potatoes either large or small this current season."

Without going into the minute details of costs, Mr. Peppin says that growers should consider at least the main items. First of all, seed at from 15 to 25 bushels per acre depending on variety at today's prices of from \$3.00 to \$3.25 per bushel, places that item alone at not less than \$45.00 and up to \$75.00. Fertilizer using say only 1,500 pounds of a 5-10-10 or a 5-10-13 would cost about \$40.00. Spray materials would add another \$10.00.

Harvesting is another big item costing not less than \$25.00 per acre. Add to all of this the rent

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### News In Brief

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TORONTO, April 23 — (CP) — Negotiations between Simpsons Ltd. and Sears, Roebuck and Co. for the formation of a new company to establish a number of retail stores throughout Canada are continuing, it was announced today.

WOLMINGTON, Del., April 23 — (AP) — Chancellor Collins J. Seitz today announced in Chancery Court that he will issue an order restricting Colonial Airlines from carrying through the proposed sale of the line's assets to National Airlines.

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask., April 23 — (CP) — Engineers tonight were confident that the fight to save flood-battered Duncrain Dam had been won. Completion of a buffer dam in the reservoir late yesterday relieved pressure on the damaged concrete spillway.

NORFOLK, Va., April 23 — (AP) — The United States Navy today accepted the first seaplane patrol bomber designed and built expressly as a submarine starliner by the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore. The 36-ton Martin eventually will replace the Martin Mariner, which performed extensively in the Second World War.

OTTAWA, April 23 — (CP) — Canada's trade balance continued to boom in March.

In a preliminary statement, the Bureau of Statistics today estimated total domestic exports during the month increased to \$352,400,000 from \$290,200,000 in March last year. Imports dropped to \$227,500,000 from \$342,500,000.

Export to the United States declined in value to \$185,200,000 from \$190,200,000 while exports to the United Kingdom rose to \$67,800,000 from \$39,700,000 in March last year. Imports from the U. S. increased to \$254,100,000 from \$245,700,000 while those from the U. K. were down to \$22,300,000 from \$30,400,000.

The March import figures are preliminary estimates. Final figures will be available in several weeks.

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## Russian Princess Dies In Montreal

MONTREAL, April 23 — (CP) — Princess Olga Kossakino-Rostoffsky, whose husband was a general in the Czarist Russian army, died today at the Little Sisters of the Poor home for the aged. She was 81.

Princess Olga left Russia before the revolution and came to Canada four years ago after working in France as a dressmaker. She had been with the Little Sisters of the Poor since 1949.

She is survived by a son, Prince Cyril Kossakino-Rostoffsky of Montreal, and a daughter in England.

## Tricks of the Trade Often Come Home to Roost



HALIFAX, April 23 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Thursday.

Synopsis: Very mild air paid a brief visit to southwestern Nova Scotia today. In that part of the district temperatures climbed to the sixties and at Halifax a maximum of 67 degrees was the highest April 23rd temperature on record in here.

During the day, however, colder air swept southeastward across the Maritimes and it now covers all the district. Skies have cleared and Thursday promises to be a fine, sunny day in all regions as a high pressure area approaches.

Prince Edward Island — Sunny with a few cloudy intervals. Northwest winds 20 becoming light in evening. Low and high Thursday at Charlottetown 31 and 47.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10:31 A.M. and 11:29 P.M. High tide on the North Shore at 5:24 A.M. and 6:20 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 5:14 A.M. and sets at 7:09 P.M.

## Begins 1,000-Mile Trek With Huge Cattle Herd

By HAROLD TILLEY  
DARWIN, Australia, April 23 — (Reuters) — A young Australian rancher and five native stockmen have started a grim, 20th-century cattle-drive through the scorched wastes of Northern Territory to save 1,000 head of beef from perishing in the drought.

J. L. S. MacFarlane, now three days out under a searing sun, is following a dusty stock route beaten out generations ago.

Before leaving on the 1,000-mile trek to the green grass of Queensland, MacFarlane said: "The worst that can happen is that we lose the lot. We might have done that anyway if we stayed home in the drought."

Already an estimated 300,000 cattle have died in the parched scrub of the Northern Territory, which hasn't seen rain in six months.

MacFarlane plans to drive his cattle to Borroloola, on the Gulf of Carpentaria, across 430 miles of land where the air is filled with the stench of rotting flesh.

From Borroloola, MacFarlane will head southeast to Kajibabi, in Northwest Queensland, where he can put his battle on a train for the south.

A dozen or so rivers criss-cross his path. The herd, including 45 pack horses, will have to swim some of them.

MacFarlane hopes to finish the first part of his trip in eight weeks.

Almost all the western half of Australia suffered in the recent drought the worst in 50 years. Besides the death of thousands of head of cattle, crop damage is estimated at \$25,000,000. Rain has brought relief to most parts, but the Northern Territory got no relief.