

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

# Farm Establishment Bd. Personnel Is Announced

## Deputy Minister Of Agric. Is Provisional Chairman

The personnel of the Prince Edward Farm Establishment Board was announced yesterday by Agriculture Minister Eugene Cullen.

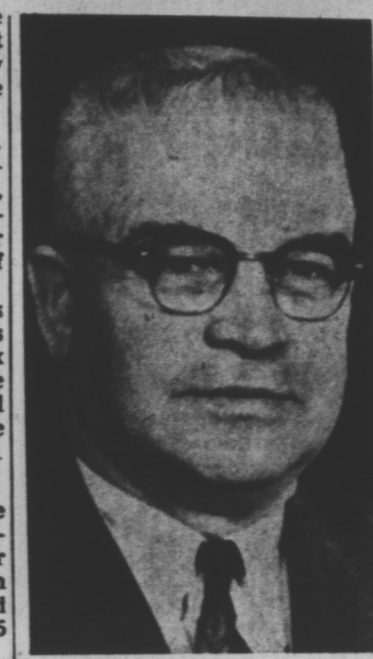
They are Deputy Minister S.C. Wright who will act as provincial chairman; Angus Gillis, Grand River and Roland MacDonald, Southport. Appraiser for the Board is Max Thompson of Victoria.

Mr. Cullen said the Board is now ready for operation with its office in the Provincial Annex Building. When quarters are made available, the office will be moved to the former Marine Building on Great George Street.

### YOUNG FARMERS

Permission to establish the Board was given at the last session of the Legislature under the Prince Edward Farm Establishment Act. It is aimed to help young farmers aged 18-35 years.

Under the act, loans may be had for the acquisition of land



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at the time of acquisition by the borrower under a will or by descent.

The loan may be used to consolidate outstanding liabilities incurred for productive farming purposes; to pay off encumbrances; to purchase livestock; to purchase farm machinery, tools and any implement and equipment necessary to the proper operation of a farm or such other operations relating to the establishment as the Board approves. Loans may be made up to 85 percent of the value of the security offered and will be repaid in annual instalments of principal and interest sufficient to discharge the debt over a period not to exceed 25 years.

Mr. Cullen said he hoped the services offered by the Board would help quite a number of young farmers. He said there are always a number of applications for the loan.

At the same time he emphasized the fact that the provincial board is not in competition with the Canada Farm Loan Board which will lend money on first mortgages up to 65 percent of the appraised value.

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ment and for the first year 16 acres will be grown.

Tobacco growing in the Maritimes last summer was started in Nova Scotia when 12 acres were planted in the Annapolis Valley, Mr. Cullen said the results of the Nova Scotia experiment have been very favorable and he believes, along with a number of tobacco growing experts, that Prince Edward Island can make as good a showing or better.

Some experienced growers have expressed the opinion that Prince Edward Island has more land per acre suitable for the growing of tobacco than any other province in Canada.

The Minister of Agriculture, said that while tobacco growing is an expensive proposition, the returns from it are noteworthy. The 18 acre experiment of the Island Government will involve a capital expenditure of \$15,220. Expenses are estimated at \$10,200 and the revenue, based on Nova Scotia returns, should be around \$13,650.

The Provincial Government has secured the services of Roy Gibson from Ontario. He has been recommended by the Ontario Tobacco Growers and will supervise the work.

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## TO GRADUATES

Judge J.S. DesRoches spoke yesterday to the graduating class of the Prince Edward Island Vocational School. (Story on page 3).

## Fiscal Year Starts Black

OTTAWA (CP) — The government started its 1959-60 fiscal year in the black, Finance Minister Fleming reported Friday.

In April, first month of the fiscal year, there was a small surplus of \$1,400,000 after revenues of \$299,900,000 and expenditures of \$298,500,000. Mr. Fleming April 9 forecast a 1959-60 deficit of \$393,000,000.

In April, 1958, there was a deficit of \$10,700,000 after revenues of \$252,900,000 and expenditures of \$263,600,000.

Operations of the Old Age Security Fund for April, 1959, not included in budgetary transactions, resulted in a deficit of \$19,100,000 compared with a deficit of \$17,000,000 for April, 1958. These deficits were covered by loans under terms of the Old Age Security Act.

## 'FLEXIBILITY . . . PUBLIC INTEREST'

# 'Benefits For Speculators' Charged In Fuel Statement

OTTAWA (CP) — Flexibility to protect the public interest and to maintain healthy conditions in the oil and natural gas industry is the objective of the government's proposed national energy board, Trade Minister Churchill said Friday.

A set of rules rather than a statutory formula will provide the firm framework guiding the five-

man board in regulating pipeline tolls, tariffs and traffic conditions.

Spelling out the details of the bill in the Commons, the minister said this explains why there is no reference to the tolls formula recommended in the first report of the Borden royal commission on energy.

It suggested pipeline tolls be

set to allow fair and reasonable returns on shareholder equity.

### ARGUE OBJECTED

That omission, OCF House Leader Hazen Argue repeated Friday, means that "Texas Buccaneers" and Canadian speculators will reap fresh benefits at the consumer's expense.

Most pipeline financing depends on bond issues rather than sale of stocks, he said. Thus, gas pipeline tolls would be based on "bloated" capital gains rather than the small amount of actual investment that the promoters had sunk in their ventures.

At little or no speculative risk, these promoters had reaped fabulous and unwarranted profits merely through exercising options to buy stock cheap and sell dear.

Armand Dumas, Liberal party spokesman from the Quebec constituency of Villeneuve, said the bill clearly repudiates the recommendations of the government-appointed Borden commission.

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## Yanks Quit Truck Row

OTTAWA (CP) — The United States has bowed to Canada in the battle over whether shrimp, and other foods from Communist China should move over American highways, it was learned Friday.

Informants said an announcement is likely in a few days that the U.S. is lifting its three-month ban against Canadian trucks carrying the Chinese delicacies from one Canadian point to another over U.S. roads.

News of the ban, emerging belatedly in the last few weeks, brought vigorous protests from the Canadian government and trucking organizations.

The ban went into effect Feb. 19 when Gill - Pix Express Line trucks were stopped at the border near Vancouver. The shipments were destined for eastern Canada.

THREAT TO SECURITY? Canadian protests brought the U.S. reply that the prohibition was invoked as a protection of American national security. The Americans argued that an article in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) permits such action.

The Canadian answer was that the stoppage constituted a breach of the 34-country GATT pact.

## GRANNY BEATS IRON CURTAIN

BAD HERSFELD, Germany (AP) — "I'm too old to understand this fuss about an Iron Curtain," said 94-year-old grandma Elise Becker. And she walked across the 10-yard "death strip" to have a birthday coffee with her nephew in Communist East Germany.

She lives in Kleinensee, West Germany, while Wilhelm Stein, her 74-year-old nephew, is a resident of Grosseensee, 200 yards across the border cutting Germany in two.

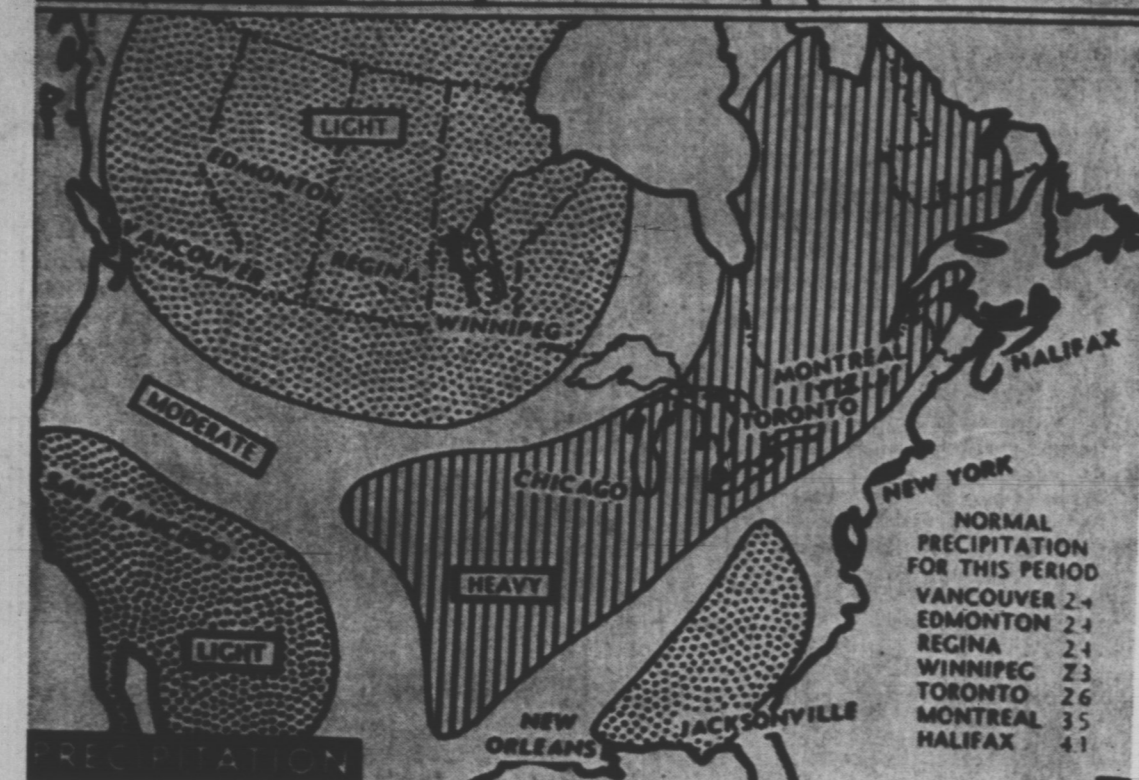
Because there is no authorized border crossing in the vicinity, she was told she'd have to travel about 100 miles to reach her nephew.

"This sounds like utter nonsense," grandma Becker said. She took her walking stick and reached her nephew's home in a quarter of an hour.

After an hour's chat, grandma started back and walked smack into a Communist patrol.

"At my age, you can't expect a woman to make a 160-kilometre detour just for a cup of coffee," she told the East German officer.

The officer escorted her to the border with a polite farewell and no fine.



## COOL WEATHER AHEAD

Below and much-below normal temperatures for most of Eastern Canada are forecast in the long-range outlook of the United States weather bureau for the May 15-June 15 period. This

map, based on the bureau's predictions, also shows the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia can expect readings above normal.

Precipitation during the period is expected to be light throughout Western Canada and heavy in Quebec and southern Ontario. Tables-at-right show overall normal temperatures and precipitation in various centres for the period. (CP Newsmag)

# West's Cold War Leadership Lack Charged By Marshal Montgomery

OXFORD, England (Reuters)—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery said Friday night the West has no one to lead it in negotiations with Russia to end the cold war.

Britain's outspoken war-time

## Strike Idea Is Unpopular

MONTREAL (CP)—Le Devoir says there are definite indications that CBC technicians in Montreal, as well as members of other unions within the CBC, are squarely opposed to anything that would bring about a strike.

The newspaper says certain sources state that a national strike order by the National Association of Broadcast and Technical Employees (NLCE) would not be supported by unions within the CBC's French-language network.

In Toronto Thursday Timothy O'Sullivan, head of the NABET negotiation committee, announced that the union's members had voted 87.5 per cent in favor of a strike.

# Baldness Is Curable Magistrate Decides

TORONTO (CP) — Magistrate W. F. B. Rogers ruled Friday that baldness can be overcome and threw out three charges against the Frommes Company of Canada concerning its newspaper advertising.

The company had been charged with placing false or misleading advertisements in Toronto newspapers.

During the trial, four Toronto dermatologists maintained there is no cure for male pattern baldness. But a Philadelphia doctor, called for the defence, said there is and four clients of the firm testified their hair-line was restored through treatment.

While dismissing the charges, Magistrate Rogers criticized the modern advertising copy writer for "exaggerated phrases" which, he said, perhaps deceive the advertiser more than the public.

"The defence has produced evidence from persons whose hair was treated for male pattern

commander, whose recent criticism of American leadership touched off a furor on both sides of the Atlantic, returned to his attack on Western politicians in the last of two lectures at Oxford University.

Montgomery said the Western alliance never would reach the necessary degree of unity for successful negotiations with Russia without leadership.

"And at the moment, there is no obvious acceptable leader in sight — if by leader we mean someone who is able and willing to give clear and sensible guidance to the whole group and in whom all the member nations have absolute confidence."

SIX FACTORS Montgomery, although he conceded that few military leaders make good politicians, advanced six "realistic factors" which must be accepted by both sides before East-West tension can be brought to an end:

1. The West must realize that Russia has no intention of launching a nuclear war on the West.

2. The West will never attack the East;

3. It is illogical to expect Russia to agree that a united Ger-

many armed with nuclear weapons can be integrated into the (Continued on page 3 col. 7)

# P.E.I. Illegal Lobsters Found 'Hidden In Sea'

HALIFAX (CP) — A federal fisheries statement issued here Friday indicates protection officials have their hands full dealing with infractions of lobster fishing regulations along 5,000 miles of eastern Canada coastline.

This is the picture in the Maritimes:

Prince Edward Island — Four persons have been fined and four remanded for trial, some as the result of a raid by a mobile protection team in Alberton in midday. RCMP seized 100 undersized lobsters from two cars stopped for a liquor search. Patrol boats operating off northern Prince Edward Island picking up "quantities of illegal lobsters hidden in the sea."

Nova Scotia — Two unidentified Lunenburg County fishermen have been fined \$25 each for catching illegal lobsters. "At least a dozen more cases are pending in such widely-scattered areas as Annapolis, Guysborough, Halifax, Cape Breton and Richmond Counties. Besides, quantities of small lobsters whose owners are unknown have been liberated."

New Brunswick — The first charge has been laid involving obstruction of fisheries officers. A fisherman in the Shippegan area of northern New Brunswick has been accused of "willfully obstructing a fishery officer." Details of the incident were not disclosed.

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