

Wants Freight Assistance; Tariff Help For Potatoes

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal freight assistance to help put Maritime potato production on a par with that of the rest of Canada and protection against dumping of United States potatoes were urged in the Commons Thursday.

Gage W. Montgomery (PC—Victoria-Carleton), who represents New Brunswick, a major potato growing area, said in the throne speech debate that Canada's farmers do not grow a surplus of potatoes.

He said that in fact consumption is greater than production but because of government policy Maritime growers have no access to central Canada markets. Meanwhile, the U. S. was allowed to dump potatoes into Canada.

U. S. growers had an advantage because they were closer to Ontario and Quebec markets and could produce more efficiently. But that efficiency was due to U. S. tariff and quota protection and the Canadian industry could become just as efficient if it were protected.

"The people of my constituency do not feel they have received a square deal," he said. "We have no protection whatsoever."

The government should help pay rail freight on potato shipments to central Canada. A Confederation promise to the Maritimes had been that its products would be able to compete in Ontario and Quebec with products of those big provinces.

Mr. Montgomery became involved in a cross-the-floor exchange with Agriculture Minister Gardiner concerning the new federal plan of aid to potato growers. One of his statements also brought Speaker Rene Beaudin into the debate.

Mr. Montgomery said that for a time last year U. S. potatoes were smaller than Canada No. 1 grade were being shipped into Canada. He said that hotel restaurants of the publicly-owned CNR and even the parliamentary restaurant used potatoes smaller than the No. 1 grade.

Speaker Beaudin, who is responsible for the parliamentary restaurant, said he wanted to assure Mr. Montgomery that the restaurant always buys No. 1 potatoes.

GROWERS IN DOUBT

Mr. Montgomery said New Brunswick growers still are not sure what aid the government will give in its plan to divert about 2,000,000 bushels to starch factories.

He said growers have been told they will be guaranteed a price of \$1 for 165-pound barrels of No. 1 grade.

Mr. Gardiner interrupted to say the potatoes need only be garden-ripe kinds, to be graded after delivery.

Mr. Montgomery said the program is long term. The problem had been in the air since September. The program had not yet come into effect and it would end April 30.

Last fall many farmers were forced to sell at a loss of about 90 cents a barrel. The program should have begun Oct. 1 to save them from such losses.

'Copter Fails To Land On Pictou Island

HALIFAX, (CP)—A naval helicopter Thursday made two attempts to land on Pictou Island with 400 pounds of mail and medical supplies from New Glasgow, N. S., but was forced back by icing conditions.

The copter was called in by the post office department to ferry supplies to the island eight miles off the northern Nova Scotia coast, which has been isolated since Jan. 3.

Light commercial planes were unable to land because of mud-ice in Northumberland Strait prevents traffic by boat.

A naval spokesman said the helicopter will make another attempt Friday.

Unanimous Decision

Security Council Blames Israel For Raid On Syria

Two Tankers Due In Charlottetown This Afternoon

Should weather conditions remain as favourable as they have been in the past few days, the waterfront of Charlottetown will start to show some definite activity. Two tankers are expected to arrive during the afternoon from Halifax.

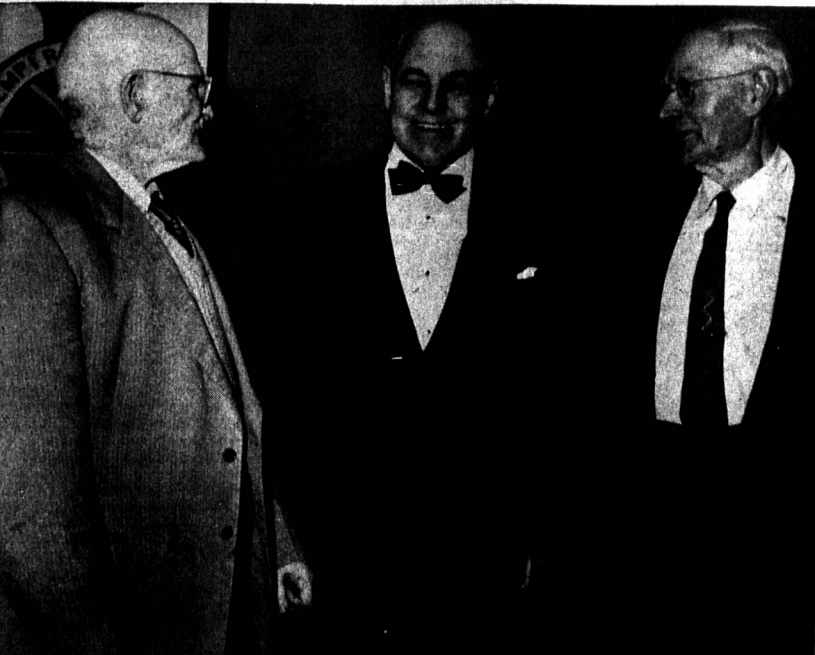
The tanker Sprucebranch is due with a cargo of fuel and stove oil for the Imperial Oil Company.

The Irving Oil Company tanker Irvinglake sailed from Halifax at ten o'clock yesterday morning for Charlottetown also with a cargo of fuel and stove oil. Local officials of both companies expect their ships in this afternoon.

The Irving Company tanker Seekonk which was escorted out of Charlottetown by the CGS Saurel early this month, arrived in Pictou Wednesday and late yesterday was waiting for the visibility to improve to permit her moving up the river to New Glasgow.

From reports received ice conditions in the Northumberland Strait will now offer very little opposition to any shipping headed for this port. East Point reports clear water in every direction and Cape Bear and Wood Islands reported that the ice that had encased those places was now located over along the Nova Scotia coast leaving an open channel all along the south shore of the island.

"This is the result of the wind which has been blowing from a northerly quarter almost steadily for a day and a half. It is considered that even if a shift in the wind should come there is little chance that it will impede shipping to any great extent."



S. A. Veterans Meet Governor At Legion Dinner

A well attended annual banquet of the No. 1 Branch, Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L. was held at the Clover Club last evening. Prior to the banquet the Hon. T. W. L. Prowse, Lieut. Governor of P. E. I. was called upon by the president F. A. Rush to officially open the luxurious lounge room, which has recently been installed at the front of the building on the second floor.

Immediately after the opening of the two oldest active members Mr. T. A. Rodd LEFT and Mr. Harry Hyde RIGHT veterans of the South African War were introduced to the Lieutenant Governor.

Chairman and toastmaster for the evening was the president of the Legion, and the banquet was preceded by "O Canada", two minutes silence and grace.

In replying to the toast to the armed forces, Brig. G. G. K. Peake D.S.O. paid tribute to the effectiveness and efficiency of the local Naval and Army units, which, he said, have a balanced strength made up of old soldiers and the younger generation. Also, it is the younger record established by the veterans that those now serving in the forces are hoping to live up to.

In his closing remarks he extended a general invitation to all to avail themselves of the opportunity to visit any of the local units on any training night.

Mr. L. W. Goodwin, in his response to the toast to the Legion, gave a resume of the birth of the Canadian Legion in Winnipeg on 25 November, 1925, and cited several of the outstanding achievements that have been recorded since its inception. The toast to the ladies was replied to by J. F. Leighton, who expressed the thanks of the gathering to the Ladies Auxiliary.

The past president Mr. Stan G. Bryant was then called upon to introduce the guest speaker, Lieut. Col. E. F. MacDonald, D.S.O., who chose as his subject a brief outline of the history of the Province, going back to before its early settlement.

Strong Action Promised If Any Repetition

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) The United Nations Security Council unanimously condemned Israel Thursday for the Sea of Galilee raid on a Syrian outpost Dec. 11 and warned that further raids would be met with sterner measures to maintain the uneasy armistices in the Holy Land.

It was the fourth time in two years that the council had censured Israel for a major violation of Israel's borders with the Arab states. The Arabs have not been censured by council decision but Israel has complained against hundreds of alleged border crossings by Arabs.

Russia, which finally supported the decision as the best it could get for the Arabs, has vetoed two resolutions backed by the West. One accused Syria of illegal diversion of waters of the River Jordan and the other expressed concern at Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal against Israeli shipping.

Britain, the United States and France introduced the resolution adopted by the council at a three-hour session.

The resolution said Israel committed a "flagrant violation" of the Israeli-Syrian armistice in the raid in which 56 Syrians and six Israelis were killed.

COULD USE FORCE

In addition, the council:

1. Expressed grave concern at the failure of Israel to comply with its obligations.
2. Decided that if Israel does not observe its obligations in the future the council will have to consider what measures to take under the charter to maintain or restore peace.
3. This was interpreted in council speeches by several delegates to mean action under Chapter VII of the charter. This calls for economic penalties against a country, breaking off the diplomatic relations, or even resort to military action to maintain peace and security.
4. Called for an immediate exchange of all military prisoners.

Immediately after the resolution was approved, the council president, Victor Andres Belandier, who has devoted many hours to getting a unanimous vote of approval to Syria and Israel to cooperate with the UN for peace in the Middle East.

Eisenhower Talks Like Man Who Will Not Be Candidate

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Eisenhower talked more and more Thursday like a man who isn't going to run for a second term in the White House.

That's the impression he left with many correspondents in his first full-dress meeting with the Washington press corps since he was struck by a heart attack in Denver Sept. 24 last. Others felt he still was leaving the door open to a second term.

While he did concede that he hasn't yet reached even a "tentative" decision, Eisenhower's press conference comments indicated his thoughts are running heavily in the direction of his health, the carefully-regulated life he must run in the future and the relationship of that sort of a life to his responsibilities as president of the United States.

It was a standing-room-only press conference, one of the biggest, veterans said, in Eisenhower's three years in office. Reporters began lining up an hour and a half ahead of time outside the White House. When they had all squeezed in, there were 191 seated and 99 standees.

Loses Life In Home, Store Fire

EDMUNDSTON, N. B. (CP)—The body of Albert A. Clavette, 41, was recovered Thursday from the still-burning ruins of his combined home and grocery store at east Edmundston.

The \$75,000 fire started after Clavette had gone into the cellar to tend the furnace.

His son, Claude, 15, said into some after his father went into the cellar his sister, Nora, 12, called into the house saying that she could see smoke coming from the basement.

The boy ran and turned in the alarm.

His mother and younger brother Jean, aged five, escaped in the night.

Firemen frugging through the cellar of Clavette's home at first could find no trace of the man. In a second search they found him after four feet of water had been pumped out of the bottom of the store.

Biting below-zero weather faced firemen as they fought the flames.

Cause of the blaze is not yet known.

CCF Motion Is Defeated

OTTAWA (CP)—A Commons vote of 159 to 80 Thursday night defeated a CCF motion of non-confidence in the government. The decision against providing advances to prairie farmers on farm-stored grain.

All three opposition parties and the four independent members voted together against the Liberal majority. The independents are Paul Gagnon, Chas. Goulet, Raoul Poulin, Beauce, Fernand Girard, Lapointe, and Ross Thatcher, Moose Jaw-Lake Centre.

The vote, first of the session which began Jan. 10, closed out the sixth day of the throne speech debate, with western Canada's surplus wheat.

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Dairy Industry Airs Problems

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Prospects for the country's dairy industry and its present condition highlighted addresses Thursday when the Dairy Farmers of Canada went into open meetings at the organization's 14th annual convention.

Optimistic predictions came from D.B. Goodwillie of Ottawa, chief of dairy products inspection and grading in the federal agriculture department.

Milk production may reach 17,000,000 pounds this year or about 500,000 more than in 1955, he said, with fluid milk sales taking up the greater part of the increase.

Butter production and consumption were expected to be at record levels.

Mr. Goodwillie estimated that production of cheddar cheese may approximate 85,000,000, "and with anticipated higher consumption Canada is likely to have less to export than was the case in 1955."

POSITION CHANGED LITTLE

He said concentrated milks may be produced in record quantities this year, with the domestic market continuing to expand. Ice cream production and usage were likely to remain about the same as last year.

Earlier, in his presidential address, Gilbert Macmillan of Huntington, Que., said the general position of the dairy farmer has not changed a great deal during the past year. However, "the margin between returns and operating expenses is continuing to get smaller and in some cases has disappeared altogether."

As a major group in Canada's economy, the farming industry had been "obligated to take less while other groups have demanded and received more."

While the group has been as a whole, "it should be extremely cautious, therefore, in accepting policies which jeopardize the consumer's preference for dairy foods, whether it is by dictating the price, the supply or any other factor concerned in marketing the product."

Mr. Thurston, vice-president of the National Dairy Council of Canada, warned of the dangers of security through price supports.

Drawing a parallel with lost cotton markets of the United States, he said it "is not too hard to obliterate a market if you put your mind to it."

The dairy industry existed "solely because people desire to consume dairy foods, and will do so if they are available at favorable prices. We should be extremely cautious, therefore, in accepting policies which jeopardize the consumer's preference for dairy foods, whether it is by dictating the price, the supply or any other factor concerned in marketing the product."

Mr. Thurston said the problem of surpluses "will not be met by the present policy of selling all dairy surplus production to the government at a fixed price, which is also the basis of the sale price to consumers."

MUST PLEASE TASTES

Mrs. V.E. Falkjar of Brookville, N.B., eastern vice-president of the Canadian Association of Consumers, said consumers "claim the right to choose what we shall eat and the freedom to buy what we choose. And we do feel that we should be able to buy surplus butter at the same price as people outside our country who are just as well able to pay for it as some of us are."

Mr. Falkjar voiced opinion that "pleasing those you sell to and meeting their tastes—not fighting for tastes—is essential to a healthy industry." The dairy farmer must realize that "he cannot afford to exert pressure to ban products which he thinks interferes with his products."

New Brunswick's Agriculture Minister C.B. Sherwood said it has become obvious that the agricultural industry has not enjoyed the same degree of prosperity as most other segments of the Canadian economy.

EARLY WALL-PAPERS

Large panels of paper for pasting or nailing on wood-paneled walls became the rage about 1760.

DOGS BITING POSTMEN

TORONTO (CP)—Toronto dogs are biting letter carriers at the rate of more than one a week, postmaster G. H. Lawrence said Wednesday.

The postmaster took the figures from a bitter-carrier file which showed 88 of Toronto's 950 letter carriers were bitten during 1955.

Mr. Lawrence said the increase over the previous year might be blamed on an increase in the dog population. Or perhaps mailmen were losing their agility.

Although there are no official rules on how to avoid dogs with a yen for biting, mail carriers usually follow rules of thumb.

"If you are bitten, holler blasphemous words. This frightens the dog and the householder. Always look a dog in the eye—be masterful."

Never pat a strange dog. He may not like the smell of your hand.

"Keep calm."



Debate Surplus Butter Prices

OTTAWA (CP)—A Liberal and a Conservative disagreed Thursday in the Commons on what would happen if the government sold its surplus butter on the domestic market for the low price it charged in sales to Communist countries.

Herve Michaud (L—Kent, N. B.) said such action would break the butter market. The public would hold off on purchases of non-government butter until it could be bought at the lower price.

The floor price on butter—now 58 cents a pound—should be maintained to protect both producers and consumers. Before the floor was established seven years ago, producers never knew what price they would get for their butter and shortages resulted in high consumer prices, he said.

Earlier, W. M. Howe (PC—Wellington-Huron) said low-price sale in Canada of the surplus butter would help butter producers in their opposition to margarine.

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures issued by the public weather office:

	Min	Max
Dawson	31b	21b
Vancouver	47	43
Edmonton	4	7
Regina	5b	5b
Winnipeg	3b	5b
Toronto	16	22
Montreal	7	12
Moncton	27	32
Halifax	51	35
Charlottetown	30	32
Sydney	34	40

HALIFAX (CP) — The weather office forecasts not much change in weather today.

There is a chance that a developing storm moving northeastward from Cape Hatteras will cause a heavy snowfall along the south coast of Nova Scotia this afternoon and evening. However, it appears more likely that the precipitation area will pass south of the province, the weather office says.

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island; cloudy with snow-furries; mild; northerly winds 20, becoming northeasterly 25 Friday evening. Low-high at New Glasgow and Charlottetown 25 and 32.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 3:07 a.m. and 3:16 p.m. Summer tide thirteen minutes later.

Sun rises at 7:45 a.m. and sets at 5:03 p.m.

Critical French Session Opens

PARIS (Reuters) — France opened one of its most critical parliamentary sessions since the war Thursday amid reports of a barroom dispute that probably held more political significance than the proceedings.

The 585 newly elected deputies gathered for the inaugural meeting in the great colonnaded assembly chamber. Afterwards in the members' bar, Pierre Poujade, leader of the shopkeepers' tax reform movement, was said to have been humiliated from the bar by assembly officials.

Socialist deputies told newspapermen about the alleged incident, though Poujadist members later denied the accuracy of the reports carried by Agence France Presse and other news organizations.

The reports, accurate or not, marked the bitterness of feeling among the deputies, hunting for a new government in an assembly where no party has a majority.

U. S. House Votes Approval For Passamaquoddy Survey

WASHINGTON (CP)—The United States House of Representatives Thursday approved a \$3,000,000 survey to determine the cost and economic feasibility of plans to produce electric power from the tidal waters of Maine's Passamaquoddy bay.

By unanimous voice vote, the House sent a resolution calling for the survey to the Senate, where congressional leaders expect it to get quick passage. The resolution already has passed the Senate and goes back now only for approval of technical amendments made by the House.

The resolution, sponsored by Maine's all-Republican House membership, calls for a "final" survey of the long-discussed tidal power project by the international joint commission, the Canada-U.S. body which has jurisdiction over boundary waters. Passamaquoddy bay is an inlet washing on the shores of both Maine and New Brunswick.

Canada already has approved the survey. No Canadian expenditure is involved.

A steady parade of New England congressmen took the floor in Thursday's one-hour debate to endorse the resolution and detail the economic benefits that would fall to the New England area through the provision of cheap electric power.

The discussion produced only one dissenting voice. Representative H. R. Gross, Republican from mid-western Iowa, commented at one stage:

"As usual, we are picking up the bill for the Canadian and the British governments."

Why, he asked, was Canada not "coming in and sharing the cost of the survey?"

Chester E. Merrow, Republican from New Hampshire and one of the backers of the resolution, explained that it would not be known until after the survey whether Canada would benefit.

Gold Bars Worth \$280,000 Stolen In Daring Geneva Coup

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — A truck bearing \$280,000 worth of gold bars was stolen here Thursday night in a daring coup by thieves who may have come from across the French border.

The gold, owned by a private Swiss firm, weighed 551.16 pounds. In bulk it was small, since it takes about a ton of gold to make one cubic foot.

The gold bars had arrived from Paris by air in Geneva, international centre of banking and commerce in gold, and were loaded on a truck at the Geneva airport.

No guards were provided for the consignment. It was regarded a routine shipment and gold robbery is so rare in Switzerland that guards ordinarily are not assigned for the transfers.

The truck driver drove to his company's headquarters and left the truck for a few moments. When he returned it had disappeared.

A country-wide police search began immediately.

The truck was found empty in a lane near Geneva, barely a mile from the French border.

Swiss newspapers reported tire marks showed the gold had been loaded into a car in the lane. A car with French licence plates was reported to have been seen in the vicinity.

TCA Plans To Buy Four 120-Passenger Jet Planes

MONTREAL (CP)—Trans-Canada Air Lines is planning the purchase of four 120-passenger jet aircraft for delivery by 1961. Orders will be placed in the United States.

TCA president G.R. McGregor disclosed Thursday that the publicly-owned system will spend about \$35,000,000 for the jets and replacement parts. The choice, to be made soon, will be between the U.S. Boeing 707 and the DC-8. He said Britain's Comets are not being considered.

The jets, first for TCA, likely will be used on the Vancouver-Toronto and Montreal-London runs, reducing flying times by as much as one-half.

The disclosures came as the Gordon economic commission, in the midst of its initial three-day stay here, turned its attention to the future of Canada's major transport system, the planes and rail lines.

CAN'T STAND COMPETITOR

It learned that TCA, while optimistic about the future, still felt it could not beat the economic burden of a competitor. Mr. McGregor said a second line might be feasible within 30 years but if such a franchise is granted, TCA would like 10 years' notice to adjust its purchase plan.

Not only TCA but the railways were worried about competition. In the case of the dominant and

transporters, the competition from truckers was immediate and allegedly serious.

CNR resident Donald Gordon proposed the railways be given "maximum freedom" in setting freight rates to provide more vigorous competition against the highway haulers.

Under this plan, the only curbs on the railways in competitive fields would be that there would be no secret rates and that they be remunerative to the rails.

Mr. Gordon was sure the railways could compete against the truckers economically, but under the current rate-setting system, there were so many curbs on the rails, they could not be geared to meet local competition.

Gov't Is Preparing Report On All Arms Export Permits

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent informed the Commons today the government is preparing a report on all export permits it has issued for military equipment.

He made the comment in reply to renewed opposition questioning in the issue, which has been sparked in recent days by CCF criticism of government approval of an Egyptian order for 15 Canadian Harvard training planes. The first three were shipped last week.

Opposition leader Drew asked whether any field artillery weapons had been dismantled and the parts sold by the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation in such a way that the parts could be reassembled.

Mr. St. Laurent said he has no knowledge of that and will make inquiries. He added that a full report is being prepared of all export orders approved by the government "for anything that might be classified as military weapons."

NOT AN EXPORT

Mr. Drew said the RCMP recently issued photographs of the

Coming Events

- Rummage sale St. Peter's Cathedral Hall, Saturday 4 p.m.
- Card party Crapaud Hall, Monday 23rd, sponsored by Crapaud Women's Institute.
- See and Hear the Frasers at Burn's Concert, Belfast Hall, Tuesday, January 24 at 8 p.m.
- Card party Town Hall, Kensington, sponsored by C.W.L. Friday night. Everybody welcome.
- Rummage sale, clean, used clothing Saturday, January 21 at 2.30. Orange Hall, Richmond Street.
- Regular weekly dance, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Tuesday, January 24. Cliff Peters' Orchestra.
- Shur-Gain amateur stage show Lower Montague Hall, February 22, 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by Lower Montague Women's Institute.