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THEY'RE OFF FOR THE FISHING GROUNDS

## Hon. A. MacLean Opens Lobster Season At Rustico

Yesterday was a big day in Rustico. It was the official opening of the lobster season for the owners of some fifty boats that on the stroke of noon took to the sea to set their traps which will be hauled for the first time in 1958 this morning.

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Of course Rustico fishermen have been going to sea for many years and lobster seasons have come and gone but yesterday's event took on special significance when the Hon. Angus MacLean, Fisheries Minister for all of Canada was on hand to fire the starting gun which sent the boats in a surge of power to the open waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Hon. Mr. MacLean told the fishermen there was no place in Canada he would sooner be on the opening of the lobster season than in Rustico where for generations the fine traditions of the industry have been upheld.

Mr. MacLean paid a high tribute to the Rustico fishermen who he said had given good co-operation by complying with fisheries regulations. He felt that all fishermen realized that regulations, bothersome as they may appear by times, are instituted for their own good.

Speaking of markets for fish, Mr. MacLean said he was happy to see that the fish market was "fair" but added, "we would all like to see it better."

Mr. MacLean flew from Ottawa on Tuesday to be present for the official opening. He was accompanied by his private secretary, Lowell Allen of Summerside. They left by air yesterday afternoon on return to Ottawa.

While in Rustico, Mr. MacLean visited some of the fish plants and chatted first hand with management and help concerning problems of the industry. Warren Farrah, local protection officer and N. N. Larabee, fisheries inspector, representing the Provincial Department of Fisheries was Mr. Eugene Gorman, Deputy Minister.

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On the firing of a small cannon on the fish landing by Mr. MacLean, the boats with throttles wide open headed for the favourite spot which is usually found about five miles off shore.

Individual fishermen fish as high as 700 traps while some find that 200 traps are enough to handle. The average number of traps per boat is about 400. A fisherman's gear including the cost of his boat represents an investment of around \$3,000.

He starts each day for the fishing grounds at 4.30 - 5.00 a.m. and returns with his catch any time from noon until six o'clock in the evening. It is hard work in which he is continually exposed to the elements. On more than one occasion the little village has been saddened by the loss of one of their men.

However, in this small French-Canadian village, happiness seems to reign supreme. Gone are the days when the fisherman worked all summer to liquidate the debts he had accumulated during the winter months. He is now a man of independence. This is characterized by the large number of fine new homes in the village; its flourishing fish plants and stores and its fine new high school.

## PM Declines Comment On Rail Strike

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## Warehouse At Montreal Burns

MONTREAL (CP)—Fire Wednesday swept through a waterfront warehouse, the billowing smoke causing a temporary halt to traffic in the Lachine Canal.

Harbor officials estimated the loss at \$250,000. The warehouse was owned by Atlantic Gypsum Wallboard Sales Co. No one was injured.

The building, stretching 100 yards along the waterfront near the foot of McGill Street, contained fireproof wallboard and bales of cotton.

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# Search Resumes At Dawn For Trawler Afire At Sea

## Auto Firms Make Joint Bid For Union Contract

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler were reported Wednesday to be working quietly behind the scenes in a joint effort to reach a wage settlement with the United Auto Workers Union by the end of May.

This would be industry-wide bargaining for the first time. Company spokesmen declined comment on the extent of co-operation. But their actions spoke louder than words.

Before leading his team into a bargaining session with the union this morning, Ford's John S. Bugas applauded General Motors for serving notice of termination of contract on the union Tuesday. GM's action had the effect of challenging the union to strike at midnight May 29—three days before Ford and Chrysler contracts expire.

## BEFORE ROYAL COMMISSION

# Briefs Strongly Criticize Potato Market Gamblers

That speculative profit making contributes nothing to the value of consumer goods while still practically controlling the selling price was the main complaint expressed in two briefs presented to the Royal Commission on Price Spreads.

The Commission under the chairmanship of Dr. Andrew Stewart held a hearing in the Council Chamber at City Hall yesterday to receive the submissions of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture and the Co-Operative Union of Prince Edward Island.

Both groups felt that the speculation in potato futures by the New York Mercantile Exchange was unwarranted and the prices set as a result of them bore no relation either to the supply of potatoes or the consumer needs.

## No Strike At G. M. Plants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Walter P. Reuther, United Auto Workers president, said Wednesday there would be no strike against General Motors as a result of the company's notice that its labor contract with the UAW will end May 29.

## Dare Causes Boy Loss Of Legs

BOSTON (AP)—Doctors Wednesday amputated the legs of 16-year-old Edward Masterson, who was critically burned Tuesday as he climbed a 40-foot high tension tower on a dare.

## Wallace River Bridge Opened

HALIFAX (CP)—The Wallace River bridge on Highway 6, north of Wallace, N.S., is now open to traffic, the highways department reported today.

# Firemen Ponder Strike Action

MONTREAL (CP)—Five top negotiators of the 9,000-member Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) Wednesday made plans for a possible strike in the union's struggle for survival against the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The "events" mentioned by the official—a summit conference of the railway and union presidents—brought the two-year-old dispute to a head.

REFUSES REPRIEVE  
CPR president N. R. Crump refused to give the union a reprieve in the railway's decision to start May 11 with long-term program aimed at eventually dropping all firemen from diesel engines on yard and freight work.

## ETNA ERUPTIONS INCREASE

CATANIA, Sicily (Reuters)—Scientists reported Wednesday that eruptions from the northeast crater of Mount Etna have increased in violence.

## VERY SMOOTH

The winners had a good entrance and exit, kept their position (Continued on page 17 col. 5)

## INDIAN NAME

The Musquodoboit River in Nova Scotia is named from an Indian word meaning "rolling out in foam."

## Sheila Patricia With 13 Aboard Calls For Help

HALIFAX (CP)—Three RCAF planes from Greenwood, N.S., are scheduled to join a bomber from 107 Rescue Unit at Torbay, Nfld., at dawn today as the search resumes for the trawler Sheila Patricia with a crew of 13 aboard reported afire Wednesday 40 miles southeast of Cape Canso, N.S.

RCAF search and rescue headquarters here said three search planes were forced back to base Wednesday evening when visibility decreased to zero. However, the Lancaster from Torbay was scheduled to leave for the search area at 9:45 p.m. ADT Wednesday. An RCAF spokesman said the fog hampering visibility was expected to lift late Wednesday night.

## 2nd Fire Starts From Big Blaze

Flying embers from the market house fire early yesterday morning ignited the rear of Sherwin-Williams Paint store on Great George Street.

Firemen had to lay two lines of hose in order to put out the blaze which lasted for half an hour. Damage was mostly confined to the ceiling and roof of the building which is owned by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

## Queen To Visit Ghana In 1959

LONDON (AP)—The Queen and Prince Philip will visit Ghana late next year, Buckingham Palace announced Wednesday night.

The royal couple have been invited by Ghana Premier Kwame Nkrumah. The last royal visit to Ghana was in March, 1957, when the Duchess of Kent attended ceremonies marking the establishment of the former British colony as an independent country within the Commonwealth.

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The bridge was put out of commission April 20 when one section collapsed under the weight of a fish-laden transport truck.

# Maine Potato Grower Annoyed

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Maine potato grower and trader Wednesday blamed the potato futures market for losses to producers and asked "is that monster going to ruin us?"

Herman Zimmerman of Presque Isle, Me., was testifying before a House of Representatives agriculture subcommittee in support of a bill to prohibit futures trading in potatoes.

Zimmerman contended that gyrations of the futures market are responsible for losses to potato growers and for loss of customers by potato traders.

He said 95 per cent of the growers "want to get rid" of the futures market.

# Besieged British Major And His Loyal Arabs Are Rescued

DHALA, Aden (Reuters)—A British army major and his company of turbaned Aden Levies Wednesday night rescued a young Briton and 30 loyal Arabs besieged by rebel tribesmen since last Tuesday.

The fortified garrison was relieved after a two-mile advance under rebel fire.

Aden Levies established themselves in a new position dominating Fort Assarir before raising the siege of Fitzroy Somerset and the loyal Arab troops.

# Changes Made In Dates For Salmon Fishing Here

OTTAWA (CP)—Opening date for salmon fishing by both anglers and commercial fishermen will be 20 days earlier this year in streams flowing into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the fisheries department announced Wednesday.

The opening date for angling and set net fishing will be May 15 instead of June 5 in those streams, including the provinces of Quebec, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick's east coast and the Nova Scotia counties of Cumberland, Pictou, Antigonish and Inverness.

The announcement also said that angling permits on New Brunswick rivers will be issued from April 1 to May 14, during which time anglers will be restricted to keeping one salmon a day.

Drift net fishing in the same areas will begin June 1 instead of June 5, with drift nets being lifted for a two-week period starting at noon Monday, June 6.

The department said these moves were among several changes recommended by the federal-provincial co-ordinating committee on Atlantic salmon.

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Closing date for salmon angling in Pictou County, N.S., is changed to Sept. 30 from Sept. 15. Closing date for salmon fishing on these streams remain unchanged, varying from Aug. 31 to Oct. 21.

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AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN

# City Council To Ponder Fate Of Market Square

Even while a ball crane went about demolishing the ruined walls of the Market Building, City fathers began scratching their heads wondering what will become of the site or whether a new building will be built.

The land on which the Market Building stood was vested to the City by an act passed during the reign of Queen Victoria. It was to be for the purpose of maintaining a market. Nothing short of repealing or amending the act can change it.

Some have suggested the idea of turning the area into a much needed parking lot but this presumably would have to have the sanction of the local Legislature.

LIBRARY CLOSED  
Aside from the loss from the fire itself, one of the major results from the blaze is the elimination of heat from the Public Library. The Library was heated from the Market Building boiler and as a result is left in chilly circumstances. It will remain closed for the present.

It has been learned unofficially that the Provincial Government, which shares the upkeep of the Library on a 50-50 basis with the City, had been asked to put in heat from the old Post Office building by underground pipes. It is not known whether this can be accomplished or not.

The market building has been declared a complete loss along with practically all of contents.

SPECIAL MEETING  
It is expected that a special meeting of the City Council to be held probably this afternoon will decide the issue. Only \$91,000 insurance was carried on the property. Replacement of the building under present day prices would run to many times this amount, it is estimated.

The first market building to be erected in Charlottetown in the 1860s. Many citizens are familiar with the old round type of structure either through actual memory or from pictures. It was burned in 1902 and with the \$5,000 insurance thereon a fund was started for the erection of another building.

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