



CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER IS BUSY

In keeping with the political tempo Nelson Castonguay gets busy among some of the 350 tons of material he must send to Canada's election machinery rolling. Here he is more than knee-deep in the task of preparing 263 constituencies in the next few weeks. (CP Wirephoto)

WATER AND SEWAGE PLANT

\$289,000 For Services Approved By Parkdale

The Commissioners of Parkdale were last night given the green light to proceed with construction of a sewage and water system which is estimated to cost the Village \$289,000. Chairman of the committee on Sewage and Water, Alex MacLean told the meeting that since the plebiscite in which it was indicated by a two to one vote that the Village did not wish to amalgamate with greater Charlottetown, the committee has met with W.H. Crandall who is now preparing plans for the project.

These plans, Mr. MacLean said, would be submitted to the Government and to the Public Utilities Commission and it was hoped that construction would begin in early Spring.

According to an order in council passed last summer, the third of the Charlottetown assessment. In reply to a question from the meeting as to whether the commissioners had looked into the financial possibilities of the deal, Chief Commissioner Ian Webster said, "We have studied this very carefully and do not anticipate any difficulty in raising the money for the project."

Tried To Attack Batista Govt.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The justice department Tuesday announced the indictment of 30 persons at Miami, Fla., on charges of conspiring to launch a military expedition against the Batista government in Cuba.

The indictment, returned by a federal grand jury, also accused the group of conspiracy to export U.S. arms, ammunition and "implements of war" to Cuba. Those arrested, principally Cubans but including some who claimed American citizenship, were taken into custody at a dock at Big Pine Key, Fla., last Nov. 19. At the time, they were described as sympathizers with the revolutionary movement of Fidel Castro.

Warning Hurlled By Union Of General Railway Strike

PICK AND SHOVEL FIRST

Summit Meet This Year Seen By Foreign Chief

HAMILTON (CP) — External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith said Tuesday night there is a "prospect that some kind of a meeting at the summit" will take place this year. "The question, therefore, would not be whether, but when and where and how it should take place," he said in a speech before the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce.

"Pick and shovel" diplomacy behind the scenes would be required to prepare for a meeting and thus assure its success in advance. Mr. Smith said: "But more important than when and where such an (East-West summit) conference will be held and who will attend is the question of how the preparations are made."

A meeting that affords only sounding boards for propaganda will not only be useless but also dangerous to the degree that it deepens tensions and widens fears. "In preparing the agenda, for instance, it might be wise to restrict it to questions on which there seems to be some hope of progress. "This preparatory work, in my opinion, can best be done by patient and painstaking negotiations carried on with the minimum of publicity through ordinary diplomatic channels. It is a time for the pick and shovel work of diplomacy and this is always best done behind the scenes."

Move Forecast If Ruling Upon Firemen Enforced

By JOHN LeBLANC Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian chief of the Railway Firemen's Union Tuesday predicted a strike if the two trans-continental railways insist on removing firemen from freight and yard diesel locomotives.

A strike of firemen would tie up the CPR and the CNR, as it did the CPR in January last year. W. E. Gamble of Montreal, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC), issued the strike warning after these developments: 1. A royal commission said firemen are not needed on CPR yard and freight diesels. This was the issue that precipitated the crippling strike on the CPR. 2. The publicly-owned CNR served notice on the union that in coming contract negotiations it will seek company discretion on the use of firemen on diesels.

This is the issue the union and the CPR fought through a nine-day strike in January, 1957, culminating with a temporary settlement based on the appointment of the royal commission headed by Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock of the Supreme Court of Canada, now retired. ST. LAURENT WAS AID The settlement was negotiated largely by former Prime Minister St. Laurent, with the assistance of President Claude Jodoin of the Canadian Labor Congress.

Neither he nor the transport minister commented on the new scrap between the publicly-owned CNR and the firemen's union, which under the Kellock commission's finding would stand to have around 5,000 of its 9,000 Canadian membership displaced in the two companies. NO NEW CONCILIATOR The prime minister also told reporters the government has not appointed a successor to Hon. Charles P. McTague of Toronto, who resigned last week as chairman of a national conciliation board inquiring into the \$125,000-a-year contract dispute between the railways and non-operating unions.

Spring Park Has Surplus; Anticipates Hard Surfacing

What may be the last meeting of ratemakers of the Village of Spring Park re-elected the two retiring commissioners last evening. Arthur Grant and Lloyd McNevin were both re-elected for another term. The meeting approved estimates totalling \$6,000, including provision for 500 feet of fire hose, 20 street lights, and \$1,000 for park development.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Commissioners on motion of H. B. Armstrong, seconded by Fulton Robertson, on their work and management of Village affairs since incorporation in 1953. SEWERS LAID Chairman Arsenault, in his detailed report, noted that the project of laying sewers under the Malpeque Road and under streets had been completed before permanent paving had been laid. The Village is to pay 10 per cent of the cost of a combination sewers system, plus \$800 for engineering services. Water mains were also laid across the highway at street intersections. The mains are connected to the city water supply.

100 Honor Dame Flora

MONTREAL (CP) — About 100 Montreal members of Clan MacLeod turned up at a mid-town hotel Monday night to honor clan chief Dame Flora MacLeod on her 80th birthday. She was presented with a leather travelling bag by members of the Clan MacLeod Society of Quebec. A large white birthday cake sporting four candles, was cut with the help of her grandson John, heir to the chieftainship and a student at McGill University here. Dressed in a blue gown and tartan shawl, Dame Flora was piped into the hall by Donald MacLeod of the Black Watch.

Cost Of Living At Record High

OTTAWA (CP) — Increases in the prices of meat cuts, citrus fruits, newspapers and—in Winnipeg—hospital rates sent the consumer price index at the start of January back up to the record high set last October, it was announced Tuesday. The living-costs yardstick had eased slightly during November.

While the subindexes for food, other commodities and services and household operations showed gains, decreases were marked in clothing—thanks to January clearance sales—furniture and shelter. BEEF CUTS CLIMB A four-cent-a-pound gain in some beef cuts, substantially higher prices for citrus fruits and lamb, with smaller gains for fresh vegetables and veal, put the food subindex at 119.4—up six-tenths of a point from 118.8 at Dec. 1. There were declines in the category, however, notably in eggs, which slipped three cents a dozen and pork. Newspapers, listed in the other commodities and services index, rose in 12 cities, contributing to a seven-tenths-point increase to 129.1 from 128.4.

Wants To Join Sick Husband

MONTREAL (CP)—Mrs. Doris Sandra Boos, 17, said Tuesday she's moved in with a Montreal family but she still hasn't the money to rejoin her sick husband in West Germany. She said she transferred Monday night to the home of "friends I met recently," leaving the hotel where she had stayed several days. Mrs. Boos is an American citizen from Peoria, Ill., who last year there wed a German immigrant. They returned to his parents' home at Baden-Baden in West Germany, last year when he became ill. She was employed as a laundry clerk at the nearby RCAF fighter base at Baden-Soellingen. After her husband suffered another attack, she determined on the advice of friends to seek work in Canada and pay off accumulating debts. But she arrived with a visitor's permit, barring her from accepting work. Her money ran out. The German consulate said it can do nothing for her and the United States will pay her way to the U.S. Mrs. Boos said she doesn't think she can get work in the U.S. and wants to scrape together enough money to rejoin her husband. Tuesday, she said she has received \$60 from private donors.

Young At 60 Steals Purse

DETROIT (AP) — Mrs. Lovely Flowers, 90, told police Tuesday a purse snatcher stole her purse containing her \$92 pension cheque. The purse snatcher was "young, tall and thin," she said. "How young — 16 or 17?" asked the desk sergeant. "Oh, no," said Mrs. Flowers. "He was about 60."

Will Manage Nuclear Power Plant Division

OTTAWA (CP)—H. A. Smith, assistant general manager (engineering) of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario has been appointed manager of the newly-created nuclear power plant division of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. The Crown-owned company also announced the appointment of John S. Foster of Halifax, N.S. as deputy manager. Establishment of the division was announced Saturday in the Commons by Trade Minister Churchill. It will direct a \$140,000,000 development program in design and operation of nuclear power plants.

Surplus Show

The auditor's report shows an excess of revenue over expenditure of \$1,637.44 for the year and a surplus of \$2,484.33 of assets over liabilities. Village revenue of \$5,849.59 included tax levies of \$3,627.09, Provincial grants of \$1,732.50 and Federal grants of \$432.00. Expenditure amounted to \$4,202.15. It included administration \$781.72; Fire Department \$607.06; Street lights \$1,760.35; provision for uncollectible taxes \$259.35 and smaller amounts on general account. On capital account was fire equipment \$358.06 and instalment on loan \$330.00.

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Around World In 89 Hours

CLEVELAND (AP)—Tired but lucky, Joe Cavoli flew home Tuesday with a record for riding around the globe in commercial airliners—89 hours, 18 minutes, 37 seconds. "I went around the world but I didn't see much of it," admitted the local restaurant man, baseball fan and traveller. "Most of the time I was at an altitude of 21,000 feet."

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Liberals Plan Meet In Quebec

QUEBEC (CP) — Georges Lapalme, Quebec Liberal leader, Tuesday indicated a provincial leadership and policy convention will be held as scheduled next month despite the calling of a federal election. Mr. Lapalme spoke in the Legislative Assembly after Premier Duplessis said there was a rumor the convention — scheduled for March 21-22—might be postponed as a result of the federal election set for March 31. Mr. Lapalme, who has announced he will seek to retain the leadership, said he can see no reason why the convention should be postponed.

Wants Measures For Agriculture

TORONTO (CP)—E. S. Manning, managing director of the Meat Packers Council of Canada, suggested Tuesday that agricultural combat the "cost-price" squeeze either by price support and stabilization or by straight farm marketing legislation. He told the council's 38th annual meeting "the trend towards rising production will continue and the farmer will spend more of each dollar he receives for goods and services required to run his business." Mr. Manning forecast dramatic changes in the future of Canada's meat packing industry. He said the Gordon economic commission report "suggests that commercial family farms will increasingly take on the characteristics of a business organization." As a result, he added, farming will be a business tending to operate on a narrowing margin per unit of output. At the same time, most economists looked for a trend toward wider marketing margins. A summary of his speech was released to the press in advance of delivery.

Pearson Won't Block Trade Conference

OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson said Tuesday he would not interfere with the holding of a Commonwealth trade conference in Canada if he beats the Progressive Conservatives on March 31. "This is a government commitment which should be honored and should go forward," Mr. Pearson said of the conference proposal initiated by Prime Minister Diefenbaker. A meeting of Commonwealth officials is to be held at London Feb. 11 to lay the groundwork for the full-scale meeting likely to be held in Canada next fall. The Manchester Guardian, commenting on the selection of March 31 as the election date, said the preliminary meeting would be working in the dark to some extent because of the divergent views on Commonwealth trade of Canada's two main Canadian parties.



President Thomas A. White seated, flanked by Miss Marie Toole left, and Miss Peggy Dalziel. Standing left to right, are Ivan Barlow, Allison Deacon and John Gilmore.

Public Servants To Seek Rates Equal To N.B. & N.S.

A joint committee consisting of three public servants and three members of the Executive Council, appointed by the Government last week will study the matter of salary classification with a view to bringing all classifications up to a salary and benefit level with that paid in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The subject of salary classification was one of the chief items of discussion at the annual meeting of the Public Servants' Association held last night at Prince of Wales College Hall. The organization which has upwards of 400 members had a large turnout at the meeting, comprising members from all parts of the Province. The Government employees will also seek additional insurance to that provided under the employees group insurance plan. Under the present setup male employees are granted \$2,000 and female employees \$1,000. Payment of the insurance is on a fifty-fifty basis with the Government sharing one half the expense with the employee. Hospitalization and medical insurance is carried by the employees through a group plan in their own departments. In this case the employee foots the whole bill.

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22 Die In Fire In Four Days

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fires killed 22 persons, 14 of them children, during the last four days. Quebec, with nine deaths, all of them children, had the highest toll. A Canadian Press survey from 6 p.m. local time Friday to noon Tuesday also showed: Six deaths in Saskatchewan, five of them children; five in Alberta, all children; one adult in British Columbia and another adult in Ontario.

A mother and her three children perished in their home in Moose Jaw, Sask., Saturday. They were Mrs. Joyce Smith, 23, Lyle, 4, Douglas, 3, and Donna, 2. Three children died in a slum fire in Montreal. Michel Proetti, 2, died in hospital Monday night, seven hours after his sister Marcelle, 8. Their six-year-old brother, Johan, died in the blaze at dawn Monday. Nine others were injured when trapped on top floor of the three-storey house after a stove exploded. Another 22 persons were made homeless. TWO GIRLS PERISH Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vargo, Beverly, 3, and Patricia, 2, were burned to death Sunday in Whitewood, Sask. William Payne, 66, died Sunday in a Fraser Valley house in British Columbia. Simone Lavoie, 44, perished Monday in a one-storey house in Fort William, Ont. Firemen said the fire started in a chesterfield.

Blasts Punctuate \$1 Million Blaze

JOLIETTE, Que (CP) — A \$1,000,000 fire punctuated by four dynamite blasts struck this Laurentian town early Tuesday, driving more than 100 persons into the streets in near-zero temperatures. There were no injuries. The fire which ravaged about one acre of central Joliette began about 3:25 a.m. EST in the four-storey hardware store owned by Louis Desrochers and sons. It also destroyed the 40-room Saint Louis Hotel, a three-storey frame building, and other businesses. Before it was controlled five hours later, it had drawn an 11-man brigade from Montreal, 45 miles south, and a number of volunteers. Two elder men stood out as heroes in the hard night's work. Deputy Joliette Fire Chief Joseph Barrette, 67, and Louis Desrochers, owner of the big hardware premises, braved the flames and staccato bursts of exploding paint, varnish, chemicals and ammunition to reduce the dynamite hazard. The two lugged out 1 1/2 boxes of dynamite sticks—about 210 in all.

Remarked the ice-encrusted deputy chief, "I was only afraid of straining my back. We're not so young, you know, and that dynamite was heavy on the stairs." Still smouldering the remnants of a load of ice apartments, private garages, two groceries, a dance studio, a second hardware store, auto parts firm and a barber shop. Scouring firemen raised the alarm in the path of the flames, sending apartment residents to safety. The Red Cross began emergency services to assist them. One near tragedy was averted when fireman Roland Majeau of Joliette hustled out an elderly hotel guest who had missed the first warning. The fire spread quickly from the Desrochers hardware to storerooms at the rear, then to the hotel. The dynamite blasts bombarded the area with debris, baring a number of windows in adjacent buildings otherwise unaffected. One four-storey brick building in the afflicted block remained undamaged.

Ike Has A Slight Cold

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Tuesday President Eisenhower has a slight cold and a sore throat—his first announced illness since a minor stroke Nov. 25.