



WOMEN IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Great Britain's Prime Minister Harold Wilson reshuffled his government Tuesday night to include these three women in subcabinet posts. Mrs. Judith Hart, 41, LEFT has been named Minister of State, Commonwealth Relations. Mrs. Shirley Williams, 35, CENTRE, becomes Parliamentary Secretary in Ministry of Labor, and Mrs. Eirene White, 56, was named first Minister of State at the foreign office. (AP Wirephoto by cable from London.)

CNR Car Ferry Rate Increase Confirmed By Mr. Pickersgill

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — Changes in the Prince Edward Island car ferry rate structure were described in the Commons Wednesday as "very small indeed".
The description was given by Transport Minister J.W. Pickersgill in replying to a question from Prince MP David MacDonald.
Mr. MacDonald asked Prime Minister Pearson if he had received a telegram from the P.E.I. Legislature protesting the imminent fare increases and what was being done about the situation.
Mr. Pearson replied that he had received the Legislature's telegram from Premier Walter Shaw and he then asked Mr. Pickersgill to reply to the balance of the question.
The Transport Minister said the only change made was in the cancellation of the return fare ticket which would result in the very small fare increase. He noted that the increase was the first one instituted by the

Non-Pilot RCAF Crews Upset By Pay Increases

By DAVE McINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP)—The defence department conceded Wednesday that there is "alarm and despondency" among non-pilot aircrew in the RCAF.
A department spokesman said it was only natural these aircrew would feel discriminated against after pay increases for pilots of up to \$3,060 a year were announced Friday.
The hope is that resentment among navigators, radar and radio officers and flight engineers will die. The armed forces are scheduled for a general pay increase in October.
Air Chief Marshal Frank Miller, chief of the defence staff, held a meeting here Tuesday with commanders and their chief staff officers to explain the reasons for the pilot pay increases and how it will be implemented.
One of the chief attractions, besides the increase itself, is that pilots also will get higher pensions.
Informants said the pilot drain from the armed forces to commercial airlines simply had to be stopped because it was becoming critical. There is little civilian demand for other aircrew.
One source said a commercial airline set up shop in a hotel only three miles from the RCAF base at Baden-Soellingen, Germany, and held out big money.
The Viet Nam war has contributed to the present situation. The U.S. largely has blocked retirement of American pilots from the armed forces and U.S. airlines have had to look elsewhere for them.
WINGS 'DESIGNED'
A new design for pilot wings is going around the defence department. It substitutes a dollar sign for RCAF and instead of the RCAF motto Per Ardua ad Astra (Through Adversity, to the Stars) it has Per Ardua Infatum.
One source said alarm and despondency is particularly prevalent among crews of Argus anti-submarine planes of Maritime Command. These planes carry a crew of 16 of whom only three are pilots. Up to now, they have all drawn equal pay for equal rank.
Including marriage and maximum subsistence allowances, a

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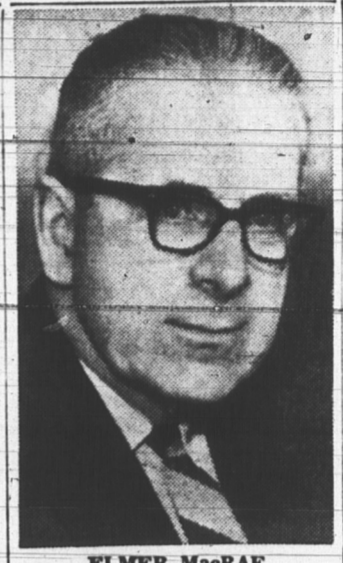
Location For National Park Reported Still Under Study

Apparently the provincial government has not made up its mind as to where a second national park should be located in Prince Edward Island if federal authorities decide to establish such a park.
During discussion in the Legislature yesterday of the report of the select standing committee on tourism, resources, fisheries and transportation, Premier Walter R. Shaw said his government's position is still under study.
"Surveys," the premier said, "have been constructed and reports given. The value placed on purchasing land in the eastern part of the province for a park would be exceedingly high and about three and one half times the cost of securing land in Prince County."
"In Kings County, in a valuable agricultural land

Plants At Georgetown Spark Uproar In House

Premier Pulls Government To Brink Of An Election

Premier Walter R. Shaw pulled his government to the brink of an election in the Legislature last night as he threatened to call a campaign in which he could defend his government's policy of industrial development.
His threat came during consideration of the select standing committee's report on public accounts.
The opposition sought a "complete judicial investigation and external audit" of the affairs of the P.E.I. Industrial Establishment Corporation and the Fisheries Loan Board.
"The final tribunal," the premier said, "is the people. I'm willing to take my chances in an election; I'll stand by the record of the government."
LET'S GO TO PEOPLE
"If you want an election," he said to the opposition, "let's go



ELMER MacRAE
Elmer MacRae Is Elected

Former City Councillor Elmer MacRae yesterday was elected by acclamation to represent Ward 5 in City Council.
The council seat for Ward 5 became vacant through the death of finance committee chairman William R. MacNeill.
Mr. MacRae first came into the Council as representative of Ward 6 when it was created following amalgamation of the Village of Spring Park and Charlottetown. He remained in Council until his defeat at last February's civic election. During his terms he had served on practically all committees including that of finance. He had also served some years as chairman of the onerous street committee and at the time of his leaving Council was chairman of the town planning committee. It was this background of long experience which led citizens to ask him to run in Ward 5 for the unexpired term.

Industrial Policies Sharply Criticized

The Legislature was in uproar yesterday afternoon as the opposition put on its best performance of the current session, sharply criticizing government policies of industrial development, particularly in connection with the Bathurst Marine Limited and Gulf Garden Foods Limited plants in Georgetown.
While the government charged that the opposition was against industry and "would kill industry if it could kill the government at the same time," the Liberals maintained that they are in favor of industrial development but that it must be carried out in such a way that the financial interests of the people of the province are protected.
The eruption came during discussion of the select standing committee's report on transportation, resources and fisheries.
SAYS SHOCKED
Opposition Leader Alex Campbell started off the most heated part of the debate when he said he was "shocked" when he heard the evidence of former Fishermen's Loan Board chairman Walthein Gaudet who appeared before the committee during its investigations.
"This report," said Mr. Campbell, "doesn't even mention the evidence given by Mr. Gaudet before the committee." He told the committee that as far as he was concerned the loan board was nothing more than a rubber stamp for the minister of fisheries and the government.
"Mr. Gaudet was quoted as telling the committee 'there was no free thinking, our hands were tied; we were merely a rubber stamp. I resigned on principle.'"
"He resigned on principle. This is getting serious. I suggest that this report be amended so that the fishermen's loan board be immediately investigated."
BOARD HESITANT
Kings County Liberal William Acorn picked up the ball and reading from minutes of loan board meetings showed where the board had been very hesitant in considering applications for loans from the Georgetown plant for construction of steel trawlers as there was no "satisfactory" financial arrangement made with the company on the terms of loans.
Mr. Acorn said "the minutes show that he board feels the Gulf Garden Foods' method of doing business is not ethical and should be treated accordingly."
He said minutes of a board meeting last winter showed that the board was reluctant to enter into a contract with the company for \$7,800,000 worth of draggers. He said, however, that (Continued on page 3 Col. 2)

Commons Takes Off On Vacation

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons gave its final approval to three pieces of government legislation and nibbled away at two others Wednesday before taking off on a two-week Easter vacation.

Truck Strike Nearing End

TORONTO (CP)—Tentative agreement has been reached in an 11-week-old strike between 8,500 truck drivers and 55 Ontario trucking companies, Ray Taggart said Wednesday night.

Farm Employees To Get Coverage

OTTAWA (CP)—Extension of unemployment insurance coverage to farm employees is a government goal for the present session of the Commons, Labor Minister Nicholson said Wednesday.

N.S. House Prorogues

HALIFAX (CP)—The 1966 session of the Nova Scotia Legislature was prorogued Wednesday after a routine seven weeks of business.

Minister Clarifies Proposal

Fisheries Minister Leo Rossiter rose in the Legislature yesterday to give his clarification of a news report which suggested that he had promoted a bill, which if approved, would require farmers, fishermen, their wives and hired help to obtain fishing or hunting licenses.

Can Get Faster Action

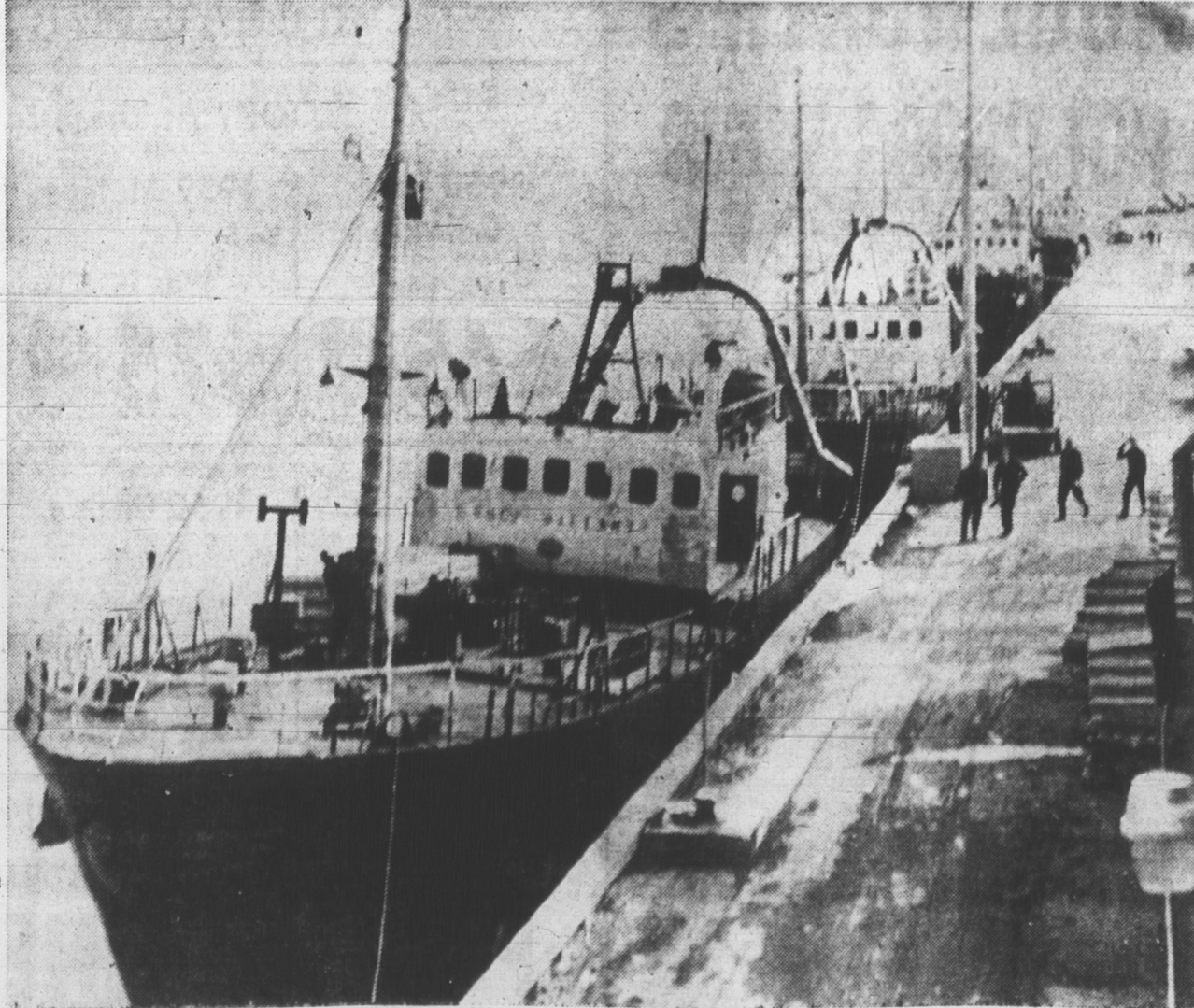
Another change will allow banks to bounce cheques on Saturdays. Previously, dishonored cheques tendered on Saturdays could not be dealt with by the banks until the following Monday.

Other Bills Given Third Reading

An amendment to the Aeronautics Act that will make owners or operators of aircraft pay for the availability of government airport services and increase the maximum air transport board membership to five from three.

House Also Approved Construction of Railway Line

The House also approved a resolution calling for the construction of a railway line by the CNR from the vicinity of Amersdale to a point near Bruce Lake in the District of Kenora, Ont.



QUARTER-MILLION POUNDS FISH UNLOADED AT GEORGETOWN

Gulf Garden Foods Ltd. trawler fleet of four ships the Gulf Guard, Gulf Gallant, Gulf Gull and Howe Bay, seen here sailing into Georgetown harbor Tuesday night from the fishing grounds off St. Pauls Island. They had been fishing on Brown's Bank out of the port of Shelburne, N.S., since mid-January and now have returned to fish off the coast of their home port of Georgetown. Unloading operations of the 250,000 pounds of fish brought here by the trawlers began immediately. It is expected that three trawlers, the Gulf Guard, Gulf Gull and Gulf Gallant will sail for the fishing grounds today.

STATEMENT SAYS LOAN HINGED ON ENGINE USED

A sworn statement saying that Hon. Leo Rossiter, minister of fisheries, had forced the use of a particular engine in a boat before loan from the Fishermen's Loan Board would be granted was read into the record by William Acorn (L-1st Kings) during yesterday afternoon's sitting of the Legislative Assembly.
The statement, signed by Francis MacLachlan and witnessed by Richard Power and Roland F. MacDonald, and sworn before Andrew Meurant, justice of the peace for Kings County was dated March 18, 1965.
It said in part: "I was forced by Leo Rossiter, minister of fisheries, to accept a Waukasha Engine or I would not get a dragger from the Loan Board."
The matter came up in the Assembly when Hon. Hubert MacNeill, MD, minister of labor, was speaking on the report of the select standing committee on transportation, resources and fisheries. Dr. MacNeill made mention of an effort by Mr. Acorn to question the operations of the Loan Board during last year's sitting with a letter, "a letter the member had written himself," said Dr. MacNeill.
Mr. Acorn then rose and read the statement into the record and he thanked Dr. MacNeill, telling him, "I've been waiting all through this session for an opportunity to read this into the record."
When he finished and sat down Dr. MacNeill said, "this is the type of garbage we expect to be brought in by the member from 1st Kings."
Mr. Rossiter did not comment on the statement.

RECORD HIGH REACHED Food And Clothing Items Push Up Consumer Index

OTTAWA (CP)—The consumer price index rose three-tenths of a point to a record 142.4 for March, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported Wednesday.
Higher food and clothing prices were mainly responsible for pushing the index up from 142.1 in February.
Based on 1949 consumer prices equalling 100, the index was 137.3 in March last year. This was an increase of 3.7 per cent for the year. Economists say that ideally prices should not rise by more than 1 1/2 or two per cent a year.
There is no exact parallel index of incomes. A new index of average industrial weekly wages and salaries based on 1961 equalling 100 was 109.2 in December, 1964, and 116.9 in December, 1965, the latest available. But the latter figure is preliminary, subject to revision when more detailed information is available, a DBS official said.
If the consumer price index were converted arithmetically to a 1961 base, it would have been 105.8 in December, 1964, 106.1 in December, 1965, and 110.2 for March this year.
FOOD IS HIGHER
The food index moved up month-to-month a point to 143.4 in March, and was 10.1 points higher than a year earlier. DBS said there were higher prices for bread, eggs, most cuts of meat, most fresh vegetables, some fresh fruits, lard and shortening. These outweighed lower prices for sirloin and round steak, chicken, fresh tomatoes, bananas, oranges and instant coffee.
The clothing index rose to 124.2 in March from 123.3 in February 1964. In March, 1965, DBS said price increases were widespread among men's, women's and children's wear and footwear. Prices for laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repair services were also higher.
The consumer price index measures the changes since 1949 in the prices of a selection of goods and services representative of purchases made by families of two to six, living in cities with over 30,000 population, and with incomes during 1957 ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,000.
It is compiled from a survey of prices of approximately 300 goods and services conducted late in the month preceding the one for which it applies—in this case, late in February for the March index.
SOME UNCHANGED
DBS said indexes for transportation, health and personal care, and tobacco and alcohol were unchanged between February and March.
The housing index, which covers both the cost of shelter—rent and home ownership—and the cost of household operation, rose to 143.3 in March from 143.1 in February. Rents and home-ownership rates were higher, and prices for furniture, carpets and cotton sheets rose after February sales.
Higher rates for television repairs and prices of bicycles pushed the reading and recreation index up to 156.6 from 156.4. The prices of reading materials remained unchanged at 172.4.
The housing component accounts for 32 per cent of the over-all index, and food for 27 counts for 12 per cent, and clothing for 11. These percentages represent the impact of those items on the urban family spending pattern in 1957.

Prorogation Announced

The Legislature is scheduled to prorogue this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The announcement was made early this morning after the estimates were passed.
The house is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. to clean up unfinished business before the arrival of the Lieutenant-Governor.