

# U.S. PRICE CONTROLS RIPPED APART BY EISENHOWER

## Plan Country-Wide Hearings On Freight Rates

### Conservatives Critical Of Gov't Emergency Powers Legislation

OTTAWA, (CP)—Top Progressive Conservative spokesmen criticized government emergency powers legislation Friday, describing it as a "club" and "government by threat".

They made the statements as the Commons debated a resolution to renew the Emergency Powers Act which gives the cabinet wide power to act without reference to Parliament. The measure, originally passed in 1951, expires May 31 and the government seeks extension for another year.

George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, said the legislation permits the government to invade almost every aspect of Canada's social and economic life without parliamentary approval. During war or insurrection the government could invoke the dormant War Measures Act. But under existing conditions there was no need for powers not defined by law.

Howard Green (PC-Vancouver-Quadra) and John Diefenbaker (PC-Lake Centre) supported their leader.

Mr. Green said the government is addicted to wartime powers but the time has come to restore the supremacy of Parliament. Mr. Diefenbaker charged the legislation permitted a rigid dictatorship, denying the rights of individuals and invading the jurisdiction of the provinces.

Angus MacInnis, acting CCF leader, said the government has not used the powers to relieve the pressure of inflation by controlling prices. It had "let the people suffer" and there was no real reason to renew the powers for another year.

Solon Low, Social Credit leader, said he is not convinced the government needs such extensive powers now. His party would extend any necessary standby powers but the cabinet should not be empowered to act without reference to Parliament on matters that could be handled in the ordinary way.

### Grade-Crossing Problem Also To Be Studied

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Board of Transport Commissioners will embark on a country-wide tour combining hearings on freight rate equalization and a study of Canada's railway grade-crossing problem.

A Western itinerary stretching from March 16 to April 20 was drafted at a round-table conference Friday between the board and interested groups. Dates for hearings in Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces will be arranged later.

The rate-equalization inquiry grows out of a basic equalization plan launched by the board last Dec. 12 to go into effect Jan. 1, 1954. Under this plan, the board ordered the railways to level off the varying ceiling rates in six provinces, giving the Atlantic provinces partial exemption.

### Current Account Surplus But Large Debt Increase Shown In Civic Accounts

A surplus on ordinary account of \$2,390.77 was shown by Finance Chairman Edwin C. Johnston in his report submitted at the annual meeting of the City Council last night, which included also a detailed auditor's statement.

This statement showed the City's net indebtedness, composed of debentures payable and bank overdraft, less cash on hand and in sinking fund, to be \$2,774,517.88, representing an increase in 1952 of \$383,863.25. Following is the full text of Coun. Johnston's report:

**Finance Committee Report**  
Gentlemen:  
This report of your Finance Committee is, as always, accompanied by the Balance Sheets as at last December 31st, and the financial statements for the last fiscal year, prepared by H. R. Doane & Co., City Auditors, from the records of the City Clerk.

The statistical reports indicate the City's present financial position and the degree of success which attended the operation of the business transactions of the City Council during the past year. The report of your Finance Committee, therefore, can only be supplementary to the auditor's statement.

### Search Continues For Missing Plane

HALIFAX, (CP)—A light aircraft skinned the snow-covered wastes of Labrador Friday without finding a trace of several men sighted in the general area where an RCAF Lancaster and its nine crew members disappeared Sunday.

The ski-equipped Norseman, one of 19 planes in the hunt, also was sent to check on report that a fire had been spotted about 45 miles from the men.

The Air Force said it was possible the men were trappers. The search, which already has covered 146,000 square miles, will be expanded Saturday to cover North-east Newfoundland and parts of the St. Lawrence.

### Leading Eye Specialist Dies

MONTREAL, (CP)—Dr. John Alexander MacMillan, 67, one of Canada's leading eye specialists, died Saturday at his home here.

In the First World War, he served with the rank of major as consultant in ophthalmology in the Canadian Corps overseas. After the war, he was named ophthalmologist-in-chief at the Royal Victoria Hospital here.

He was chairman of the medical board of the hospital from 1945 to 1948 and for some years professor and chairman of the department of ophthalmology at McGill.

### Bandits Get \$6,500 Payroll In Montreal

MONTREAL, (CP)—Two armed men held up an accountant of the Eagle Shoe Company Friday and escaped with \$6,500 payroll.

Charles Lagueux told police he was returning to his office and was met at the door by two men. Both were armed and masked.

### Third Phase Of Holland's Flood Battle Underway

AMSTERDAM, (CP)—A vast labor force, Dutch and foreign, swung into the critical third phase of Holland's battle against North Sea floods Friday. It was the approach to reconstruction.

Workers concentrated on strengthening damaged dikes still holding back millions of tons of salt water and burning the rotting carcasses of thousands of drowned cattle.

Rescue workers of five countries took bodies out of the flood water every hour, and the government predicted the final death toll in Holland alone will mount to 2,000. So far 1,355 are known to have died.

In Britain the unofficial toll has been set at 546 in the floods that breached sea walls along the North Sea coast last week-end. Belgium counts 32 dead.

**The Damage Bill**  
Holland alone faces a \$1,000,000,000 damage bill. Her agriculture ministry says the floods will cost the country a loss of 300,000,000 guilders (\$76,300,000) in agricultural exports. In some areas of the salt water-flooded country no harvest can be expected before 1955.

In Britain, where the floods destroyed more than 140,000 acres of land, most of the flooded fields will yield no harvest this year. Britain's livestock losses included at least 12,000 sheep, 2,500 cattle, 700 pigs and 8,000 head of poultry.

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WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower went a long way Friday, toward restoring the United States to a free-wheeling economy.

Ripping aside the controls system set up during the Truman administration, Eisenhower issued two-fold executive orders:

1. Abolishing all federal controls over wages and salaries, thus clearing the way for quick pay boosts for perhaps 1,000,000 workers.

2. Junking price curbs on thousands of items including meat, clothing, furniture, restaurant meals, bar and tavern drinks, and hundreds of household goods.

New automobiles and used cars made since 1946 remained under price lids, but these and all other curbs face sudden-death orders in the near future.

### Opening Shots

The White House emphasized that Friday's decontrol orders were merely the opening shots in a barrage "under which all prices will be decontrolled."

Under the law, Eisenhower still retains authority to impose both wage and price controls until they legally expire on April 30. He could do this in the event of any sudden wild inflationary repercussions. The president did not ask congress for any standby authority to clamp down controls after April 30.

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### British Confer With Naguib On Sudanese Problem

CAIRO, (Reuters)—British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson and Premier Mohamed Naguib talked about the Sudanese problem at a six-hour meeting Friday, and the two agreed that it should have self-government. Details of how this is to be achieved formed the subject of Friday's conference.

Main stumbling block is over the powers the British governor-general will have during the period of transition from internal self-government to the time when the Sudanese can choose their status-union with Egypt, or Britain or neither.

Britain wants the governor-general to have special protective powers over the backward people in Southern Sudan. Egypt is opposed to this.

### White Church In Ont. Calls Negro Pastor

BURKS FALLS, Ont. (CP)—A young Negro minister, Rev. Wilfred Sheffield, has accepted a call to a Baptist church here with an all-white congregation.

The 28-year-old minister, a graduate of Queen's University at Kingston, Ont., and McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont., is believed the first Negro to take charge of a church with an all-white following in Canada.

He accepted the call at the request of the parishioners. He spent two weeks at Burks Falls on an evangelistic campaign and since then the congregation has been asking for his appointment.

Rev. D. A. Burns, superintendent of the Home Missions Board, said there are other ordained Negro ministers in Canada but they either work with Negro congregations or are in missionary and administrative fields.

Burks Falls is a summer holiday centre, 48 miles south of North Bay, popular with United States tourists.

### Windsor, N. S. (CP)—The 25th anniversary celebrations of this municipality began Feb. 5 with a carnival featuring costumes of the early days of the town that started in 1703. Other events are planned for July 1 and at the Hants county exhibition later.

## Use Of Market Building For Community Needs Suggested In Report To City Council

A proposal that the Market Building, at present maintained at considerable expense to the City, be made over and utilized for the purposes of a museum and archives, community hall, and possibly a centralized tourist bureau with terminal facilities in the basement for all buses operating in and out of Charlottetown, is contained in the report of the Market and Scales House Committee submitted by Chairman T. Roy Oudmore at last night's annual meeting of the City Council.

Mr. Oudmore's proposal was greeted with warm applause by other City Councillors who apparently agreed that the present Market is too great an expense to the people of the city. Other members of the committee are Mr. Arthur Gormley and G. R. Keefe.

After dealing with routine matters and pointing out that the revenue from the Market for the past year was \$7,838.45, the yearly rent amounting to \$7,215.55, the tolls to \$623.90, and Scale House revenue to \$1,163.60, as against expenditure for the year of \$12,604.67, Coun. Oudmore went on to say:

"Before closing this report of the Market Committee, we would like it amply if we did not include in it certain opinions to which we have given careful thought and study. We feel that the Market has outlived its usefulness in serving the citizens of Charlottetown, as a medium whereby the people of the country may sell their products directly to the citizens. While we recognize this to be, possibly, a service enjoyed by a minority of our people, it is an expensive building to maintain and is operated yearly

### Wild Speculation On Tokyo Exchange

TOKYO, (Reuters)—A wave of wild speculation has hit the Tokyo stock exchange and Japanese stockbrokers and their clerks asked that the market be closed Monday to save them "from physical collapse." Daily trading in stocks and shares has recently soared from about 5,000,000 to 18,000,000 a day.

### Wounded S' Side Man En Route Home From Korea

OTTAWA, (CP)—Sixteen wounded veterans of the Korean War are en route home by plane, Defence Headquarters said Friday.

An R.C.A.F. North Star was due Friday night at Winnipeg.

The wounded include Pte. J. B. Gallant, RCOQ, 546 Sheen St. Summerside.

### Liner Queen Mary Does Encore In Docking Alone

NEW YORK, (AP)—The giant liner Queen Mary, on her second try, pivoted with the grace of a ballet dancer and was moored to her pier Friday without the aid of tugs.

The whole operation took about 90 minutes.

Police cleared the pier area of spectators but the Mary came in so gently that a baby in a crib could have slept through it.

She executed the ticklish manoeuvre while New York's vast harbor lay in the crippling grasp of a tugboat strike that has spread to the docks.

However, the six-day wage strike of 3,500 AFL tugboat crew members eased somewhat as the state Supreme Court ordered pickets off the piers. As they withdrew, they left the docks open for a return to work of AFL longshoremen.

Officials of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) said dockers will shape up Saturday in hiring formations along the now-deserted piers.

Meanwhile, some progress was reported from the first negotiations since the strike began last Saturday midnight.

The majestic 83,000-ton Queen Mary, in her graceful solo sweep into her pier, was playing an encore. Fifteen years ago she thrilled the waterfront during a similar strike by easing her sleek 975 feet into her berth without tugs.

### African Chiefs Fail To Bring Troubles To Queen

LONDON, (AP)—Five African chiefs flew home today, claiming they were barred from asking the Queen to keep their people out of a proposed new African state.

Their leader, Chief Somba of Nyassaland, said nearly 250,000 of his people will resist the project, the Central African Federation, "at all costs."

He told reporters: "We have been sadly disappointed and discouraged. The Queen is our mother and protector. It was most important that we see her directly again, only with an English accent."

### Coming Events

- \*Variety Concert and Box Social, St. Teresa's, February 13th.
- \*Afternoon Tea, Y. M. C. A. advanced to March 17th.
- \*Reserve March 17th for St. Patrick's play at Emerald Hall.
- \*Card Party, Clinton Hall, Monday, February 9th.
- \*Dance Corran Ban Hall, Monday, February 9th. Music by Charlottetownians. Hall heated.
- \*Crockinole Party, Craupad Hall, Monday, February 9th. Princess Mary L. O. B. A. V.
- \*Hockey tonight, Stanley Bridge rink, Graham's Road vs. Stanley Bridge.
- \*Hockey at North Rustico to night, Rustico Rovers vs. Fredericton Bruins.
- \*Farmers, ask about the Shur-Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- \*Crockinole party, Vernon Hall Monday, Feb. 9. Sponsored by Vernon River-Orwell Y. P. U.
- \*Bingo and dance, Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, February 10th.
- \*Whist and Dance at Hermitage new school, Thursday, February 12th. Lunch served.
- \*Come to Films in South Milton School, Wednesday, February 11th, at 8 o'clock. Sale of lunches.
- \*Buying eggs daily. Paying highest market prices. Eggs graded same day as delivered. M. and A. Peters, Market Building, Charlottetown.
- \*Reserve Saturday, February 21st, pantry sale, aid of King's County Hospital at Stewart and Beck's.
- \*Box Social and Concert in Pleasant Grove Hall, Wednesday, February 11th. If not fine following night, Proceeds in aid of Hall.
- \*Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, Wednesday, February 11th. Also closing dance, Monday, February 16th.
- \*Victoria Rink, Saturday night, League game, Tryon Arrows vs. Victoria Lions.
- \*Annual Holy Name Box Social, Bingo, Dance, etc., St. James Church, Town Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday, February eleventh.
- \*Pantry Sale, Saturday, February 7th, at the Island Radio Centre. Sponsored by the St. Peter's Anglican Young People's Association.
- \*Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton. Paying \$30 pair for good pigs over 40 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.
- \*Come to the Shur-Gain Amstour Show at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12th in Kingston Hall. Proceeds for Hall. Prizes awarded. Sale of cakes.

## Mayor Emphasizes Increasing Problem In Civic Financing

While aggregate revenues accruing to both Federal and Provincial governments have moved steadily upwards and well beyond their equivalent 1950 dollar value, the same cannot be said for civic revenues notwithstanding equally valid reasons for expansion, said Mayor J. D. Stewart last night in presenting his report at the annual meeting of the City Council. This fact was emphasized by His Worship in commenting on the increase in civic indebtedness, notwithstanding the success of the Council in keeping well within its budget on current account. Following is the text of the mayor's report, which covered all phases of civic administration:

The present City Council elected on the second Wednesday in February, 1952, saw five new members on the Board of City Fathers. The term of this Council expires on the second Wednesday of February, 1954. These eight Council members are elected for a term of two years and serve without compensation.

During the year the Council held eleven regular meetings and twenty-seven special meetings.

Following is a resume of the more important developments of the year:

**Snow Removal**  
Our City encountered a most severe winter with exceptionally heavy snow fall, necessitating the removal of it to allow for the operation and parking of our vehicular traffic. The cost of this snow removal was some \$30,000 which is an all-time high for Charlottetown, and while this item of expenditure cannot be considered as non-recurring, let us hope that we will not be subjected to such a large expenditure for a good many winters.

**Revaluation**  
The new valuation has been accepted by the taxpayers as a whole. They realize the fairness of the value as compared to the old. While the new valuation shows a higher value on taxable property, the rate

## International Talks On Wheat Price Stalemated

WASHINGTON, (Reuters)—The International Wheat Council is stalemated over demands by Canada, Australia and the United States for a higher price for wheat.

"Hockey at North River Saturday, February 7th. Cornwall Meteors vs. Glasgow Road Maple Leafs. This is the first game in the semi-finals. Skate after.

"Notice.—The Annual Meeting of the Tryon Farmers Institute will be held in North Tryon School, Wednesday, February 11th, at 3:30, after school. Fred A. Leard, Secretary.

"Oatmeal was the chief feed our forefathers used. Oatmeal is 94% digestible. Fortified with minerals and "extra" vitamins it's still the best. Use Pul-O-Pep Chick Starter and Grower, the feed with the Oatmeal base. Poole and Thompson Ltd., Montague.

### Find Wheel From Missing Plane

VANCOUVER, (CP)—It was established Friday that the R.C.A.F. Dakota aircraft missing for 10 days crashed into the Gulf of Georgia. Seven men were aboard.

R. C. A. F. technicians at their Sea Island base near here identified a wheel that floated ashore at Lasqueti island, 45 miles northwest of here, as coming from the Dakota.

Other pieces of wreckage, a plywood floorboard and part of a fuselage, were similar to those of a Dakota. They were found on Lasqueti and on Quadra island, 50 miles to the north.

Added to the evidence is an oil slick found 40 miles south of Lasqueti near Galiano island, near Nanaimo Tuesday.

### Child Killed

MONTGOMERY, (CP)—Ann Marie Stewart, 9, was killed Friday when she slipped on an icy street and fell beneath the wheels of a car operated by R. M. Palmer. There was no immediate decision on an inquest.

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### Father, Three Children Lose Lives In Fire

VICTORIAVILLE, Que. (CP)—A father and three children were asphyxiated Friday when fire destroyed a three-storey frame home. Eddy Marcoux, 32, and Claude, 9, Ghislaine, 7, and Ginette, 1, were overcome by smoke. Mrs. Marcoux had left the home to do some shopping.

Firemen were unable to enter the building to save the four and when the blaze was brought under control the bodies were recovered. Mrs. Marcoux said her husband was in bed suffering from the flu.

Victoriaville is 36 miles south-east of Three Rivers.

### Icebreaker To Begin Annual Job

QUEBEC, (CP)—The Canadian Government icebreaker N.B. McLean, will leave Monday for her annual drive against ice in the St. Lawrence River shipping channel between Montreal and Quebec.

It takes about a month for government ice-breakers to open the 180-mile channel.

### 16-Year Prison Term Imposed For Rape

TORONTO, (CP)—A 16-year penitentiary term was imposed Friday on Raymond Vatour, 23, formerly of Saint John, N.B., convicted of raping a 50-year-old woman Dec. 4 in a laneway in Central Toronto.

Chief Justice J. C. McRuer described the case as "shocking" and one of the most brutal to come before the courts in years.

He told Vatour: "You are too dangerous to be at large for a long time."



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	29b	16b
Victoria	38	45
Edmonton	4	25
Calgary	13	36
Regina	5	21
Winnipeg	14	18
Toronto	40	43
Ottawa	14	38
Montreal	25	39
Quebec	21	33
Saint John	14	37
Moncton	5	34
Halifax	18	39
Charlottetown	9	28
Sydney	17	25
Yarmouth	13	33
St. John's, Nfld	19	24

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion Public Weather Office said Friday that the high pressure area that has been associated with the fine weather of the past two days is moving out of the district. Southerly winds will bring mild air and cloudy skies to all regions Saturday, and showers are forecast for all but the eastern regions. Indications are that cloudy skies will persist Sunday.

Regional forecasts:  
Prince Edward Island: Cloudy and milder; a few showers Saturday. Light winds increasing in the forenoon to south 20. Low-high at Charlottetown 18 and 42. Outlook for Sunday: Cloudy.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 3:59 A. M. and 3:28 P. M.  
High tide on the North Shore at 10:29 A. M.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.  
Sun rises today at 7:27 A. M. and sets at 5:28 P. M.