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HON. MR. CULLEN PREMIER MATHESON HON. MR. CLARK

## Premier And Two Ministers Leave For Ottawa Monday

Premier A.W. Matheson, accompanied by two of his Cabinet Ministers will leave by plane Monday for Ottawa where they will seek a solution with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance regarding the financial situation in this Province.

Making the trip with the Premier will be Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Agriculture and Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education. The Premier yesterday adjourned the Legislature after His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse had given assent to 46 Bills. The House will meet on April the 16th at 3.00 p.m.

**FIRST CONSIDERATION**

The first order of business when the House reconvenes will be consideration of the Supply Motion which was still in committee when the adjournment took place. Three other bills remain on the order paper. They are: "An Act for raising money on the credit of consolidated funds"; "An Act to suspend temporarily the imposition of income taxes, succession duties and certain corporation taxes" and "An Act to amend the Gas Tax Act".

Before adjourning the House, the Premier noted with satisfaction that only one member was absent from his seat. Mr. Rossiter was attending the funeral of a close relative.

Mr. Matheson said that provision is made for civil servants to receive their pay for some time but added, "I am not going to qualify that remark further".

**PART PAY FOR NOW**

The Premier also noted that members of the Legislature would not receive their full pay now but facetiously remarked, "It is not because we are afraid you won't come back. It is simply because the estimates are not yet passed."

Mr. F.A. Large chairman of the Education Committee asked the Leader of the House when it would be possible to discuss the Committee Report. Mr. Large said he had made previous plans to be absent from the Province from the 17th on, and wondered if one day would be sufficient to discuss the report.

The Premier replied that the first consideration of the House would be to take into consideration the Motion for Supply and to clear the Order Paper of all remaining legislation. He suggested that the House might even make a further adjournment to May or June, "in fact it could be taken under consideration at any time," he added.

## Russia Fires Nuclear Blast

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia has touched off another nuclear weapons test explosion in the midst of its warnings to America's, European allies.

Britain and the United States announced the new Russian test simultaneously Friday. The U.S. announcement said the test, which took place Wednesday, was part of the Soviet Union's "current series."

This series, which began last August, has been described by the Russians as designed to perfect nuclear weapons suitable for arming different kinds of troop formations.

Wednesday's blast, the seventh test explosion announced in the series, came while Russia warned some NATO countries that she will retaliate with devastating blows if she is subjected to nuclear attack from European bases.

Radio Moscow beamed warnings to Britain, The Netherlands and West Germany Thursday night. Previously, Soviet Premier Bulganin had sent letters to the governments of Norway and Denmark advising them that Russia wants peace but would retaliate with destructive force if attacked.

No indication was given in Friday's announcement of the size of the newest Russian test. Previous reports on the series have described them as of less than the equivalent of 1,000,000 tons of TNT.

## SOME CONCESSIONS MADE TO THE U.S.

# Potato Growers Obtain Better Tariff Protection

## U.S. Early Potatoes Still Duty Free Jan. 1 to June 14

## Permit Pensioners To Receive More Outside Earnings

OTTAWA (CP) — Government proposals to increase the amounts of outside earnings permitted to recipients of federal provincial pensions were included Friday in supplementary estimates for 1957-58 introduced in the Commons.

The ceiling increases are in conjunction with a higher scale of maximum payments by the governments, announced in the March 14 budget.

In some categories, they enlarge permissible earnings figures announced by Health Minister Martin March 22.

Pensioners affected are the blind, disabled and the needy between 65 and 69, for whom the federal and provincial governments share in the payments. The \$40-a-month pensions are to be increased to \$46, contingent on provincial approval. They are subject to a means test.

The new income ceiling increases proposed in the estimates Friday include six categories in which the maximums were jacked up beyond those announced by Mr. Martin. The increases are \$60 a year in all cases.

Here are the new changes, with Mr. Martin's original changes in brackets:

Old age and disabled: married, from \$1,200 to \$1,380 a year (\$1,320); married with blind spouse, from \$1,320 to \$1,740 (\$1,680).

Blind: married with sighted spouse, from \$1,560 to \$1,740 (\$1,680); married with blind spouse, from \$1,680 to \$1,860 (\$1,800).



## RECEIVES DECORATION

Captain A.F. Pickard, O.B.E., C.D., R.C.N., pins the Canadian Forces Decoration on Commander John N. Kenny, Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte, in a ceremony which took place during last night's annual inspection of the ship's company and establishment. This award which is common to all three Canadian armed services, is given for twelve years service. Commander Kenny first joined the Navy in 1940, and was commissioned in 1941. Since that time this Charlottetown Naval Officer, except for two years, has had continuous service in either the Active or Reserve Navy.

## SPANISH GOLD SPENT

MOSCOW (Reuters) — The Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda said Friday that about 500 tons of gold, deposited in Russia by the Spanish republican government 20 years ago, had been spent on Spain's behalf for purchases abroad.



KEITH CLAY

## 4-H Director To Ontario

Mr. Keith Clay, director of 4-H clubs for the Province will leave his present position at the end of this month to take employment with the Ontario Department of agriculture as assistant agricultural representative at Arthur, Ontario in Wellington County.

Mr. Clay after serving with the Canadian Navy for three years, attended MacDonald College from which he graduated in Animal Husbandry. He became employed with the Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture three years ago and for a time served as agricultural representative in Prince County before assuming his present position.

He is married to the former Anne McMullen of Woodstock, N.B. and has three children. Keith is a son of Mr. Harold W. Clay, Senior Livestock Fieldman, Federal Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown.

## Sees No Danger From TV Sets

OTTAWA (CP) — Health Minister Martin said Friday experts of his department are confident that television sets present no health hazard from atomic radiation.

Replying to a Commons question, he said representative types of Canadian TV sets were tested to determine whether they emitted any dangerous radiation.

"No radiation could be detected emerging from the sets that were studied," Mr. Martin said. He assured the House that the possibility of radiation from TV sets would be under continuous surveillance by his department.

## PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY

Friday, April 5, 1957 — Finance Minister Harris tabled supplementary estimates of \$94,750,000 to boost 1957-58 federal spending to an all-time record of \$5,334,000,000.

Mr. Harris announced extended tariff protection for Canadian potato growers at the price of a reduced market in the United States.

Mr. Harris moved to widen the scope of a new plan giving self-employed persons tax exemptions for contributions to annuities or pension funds.

Saturday, April 6, 1957. The Commons debates post office estimates. The Senate is adjourned until Monday.

## Paris Primps For Queen's Visit

PARIS (Reuters)—Planes, trains and trucks unloaded tons of flowers Friday as Paris primed for the four-day state visit of Queen Elizabeth beginning Monday.

In sparkling spring sunshine, workmen were busy preening the stately palaces of former French kings, planting flagpoles along the Champs Elysees where the chestnut trees are green with leaves and installing thousands of floodlights around public buildings and along the banks of the Seine.

Palm fronds and exotic blooms from the Riviera will be the last of the floral tributes to be put in place.

From noon (7 a.m. AST) Monday we will be well pleased with the new tariff regulations that have been announced by Ottawa," Agriculture Minister Eugene Cullen said yesterday. His view was endorsed by representatives of the potato industry generally throughout the Province.

"From now on," said Mr. Cullen, "we will be protected to some extent from dumping of surplus potatoes by Northern growing areas. At the same time competition from new potatoes grown in Southern areas should not constitute a serious threat."

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farmers, though only time will tell whether it will turn out as good as it seems.

A. J. Brooks (PC—Royal) said any change in the tariff would have been an improvement.

J. Watson MacNaught, parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Sinclair and member for Prince, P.E.I., said P.E.I. growers will appreciate the "satisfactory solution to a very vexing problem."

Mr. Harris stated: "It was against a background of reduced exports and increased imports and following urgent representations from Canadian producers and an inquiry by the tariff board that the government came to the conclusion that the potato situation was a special one which justified special action."

**DUTY FREE**

For the last 17 years table and seed potatoes have been allowed into Canada duty-free except for a six-week summer period of June 15-July 31 when Canada's production is at its heaviest.

Canada's potato harvest ranges around 60,000,000 bushels a year. Exports to the U.S. have averaged about 2,900,000 bushels in the 1951-54 period. Imports averaged about 2,600,000.

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**NO BENEFIT**

Finance Minister Harris, in announcing the tariff changes in the Commons, said a tariff on new potatoes would not be of great benefit to Canadian producers and "would operate chiefly as a tax on consumers."

In exchange for the protection granted, Canadian growers will have to forgo a portion of the U.S. market which the tariff board stated in 1955 was essential for many Maritime producers.

The U.S. quota on imports of Canadian potatoes allowed in at reduced rates is cut to 2,500,000 bushels a year from 3,500,000, a drop of 1,000,000. The American tariff on the quota is 37 1/2 cents a hundredweight. It doubles to 75 cents on any additional imports.

The American quota on seed potato situation, the tariff board commented that loss of the certified seed market in the U.S. would be "but short of disastrous" for Prince Edward Island "and only somewhat less so for New Brunswick."

However, the tariff boost got praise in the Commons. Gage W. Montgomery (PC — Victoria-Carleton), whose New Brunswick riding produces a lot of potatoes, said the change will be welcomed by

## CF-100 Flights Are Curtailed

OTTAWA (CP)—Training flights by CF-100 jet interceptors have been reduced to an absolute minimum, an RCAF spokesman said Friday night.

This order has been in effect for a week. Some evidence has cropped up that there is control stiffness in the twin jet under certain conditions.

The spokesman said the CF-100s Canada's main home defence weapon, have not been grounded and that essential operations by air defence command are being carried out as usual.

## Adjustment Will Benefit Growers In This Province

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ICE FIELDS SEEN ON SURVEY YESTERDAY

## Some Improvement Noted In Ice Conditions In Gulf Area

"An improvement in ice conditions is noted from West Point to Sea Cow Head, but the remaining area has 20 per cent coverage", stated Captain Angus Brown of the Department of Transport last evening following a day long ice patrol over the Gulf area.

Close packed ice extends for a distance of 45 miles off the North Shore of P.E.I., he said, and extends to Amherst Island in the Magdalen, and to the West Coast of Cape Breton and St. Paul's Islands. Captain Brown said that although the north entrance to the Strait of Canso was completely covered, the south entrance was open to shipping.

The steamer track, which shifts each day, was located yesterday at a point about ten miles north of St. Paul's Island through the ice pack to channels between Bird Rock Island and Brian Island, and between Brian Island and the Northern tip of the Magdalen. North of the steamer track the ice is heavy and close packed towards Anticosti and the Newfoundland coast.

Captain Brown estimated that about twenty miles of ice have flowed out the Cabot Strait and is now situated on the east coast of Cape Breton between Bechari and St. Paul's Island.

Five sealers are still stuck fast in ice about ten miles off Cheticamp, Cape Breton. The schooner "Oreal" is about ten miles farther on towards the Magdalen where her crew could be seen dragging seals to the ship.

At the entrance to the steamer track is the S.S. Stugard and another smaller freighter. Captain Brown sent the "Stugard" position to Halifax, and about five minutes later the Captain of the "Stugard" called Captain Carrel at Halifax for the position of the best track through the ice pack.

**JACK COMES DOWN**

CAPETOWN, South Africa (Reuters) — The Union Jack ceased Friday to be the official flag of the Union of South Africa.

**WATCHDOG COMMITTED**

PARIS (AP) — Acting after a series of charges that prisoners in Algeria had been tortured, the French government Friday ordered creation of a permanent "watchdog" committee "to safeguard individual rights and liberties." Premier Guy Mollet will appoint to the committee persons with "uncontested moral authority."

## Six Sealers Caught In Ice

HALIFAX (CP)—Karl Karlsen and Co. Ltd., a shipping agency here, said Friday six sealers trapped in ice off the Cape Breton coast are in no immediate danger.

The Canadian government ice breaker D'Iberville is expected to clear a channel for them out of the rafted ice before morning, he said.

"The Tem was in a bit of trouble," Karlsen said. "She lost her rudder and will have to be towed out. But the rest are all right."

A total of 300 men are on the vessels, trapped 20 miles off Cheticamp on Cape Breton's west coast. Northwest winds, which caused the ice to raft and enclose the sealers, are dying now, Mr. Karlsen said. The sealers are the Tem, Theta, Theron, Orel, Polar Star and Curling.

A transport department spokesman here said ice graded onto the decks of one sealer, causing some danger, but was quickly chipped up and hurred off.

The D'Iberville is en route to the scene from the Saguenay River, on the St. Lawrence where she was breaking ice.

## Gardiner Makes Threat To Beat Up CCFer Over Sheep

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons agriculture committee Friday concluded its tumultuous investigation of compensation paid for a disease-depleted pedigree Alberta sheep flock with Agriculture Minister Gardiner saying he could "physically" whip CCFer Colin Cameron.

Hazen Argue (CCF—Assiniboia) immediately suggested: "Let's adjourn for the hour." But the noisy exchange ended in words.

Mr. Gardiner made his remarks after Mr. Cameron suggested the minister had told the Commons a "lie" about appraisal of the 664-head flock of P. J. Rock, Drumheller breeder of some of North America's best sheep. Hit by scrapie, the flock was destroyed last year and \$100,000 federal compensation was paid.

"If you said I was lying outside the House," Mr. Gardiner told the CCF member for Nanaimo, B.C., "it would be the last time you would."

**LICKED BETTER MEN**

He added: "I've physically licked many men better than you."

Mr. Gardiner is 73, Mr. Cameron is 47.

At the request of committee chairman Rene Jutra (L—Provencher), Mr. Cameron agreed to

revise his remark to say that Mr. Gardiner last July made a Commons statement that was "not in accordance with the facts" about the compensation appraisal of the Rock sheep.

Mr. Cameron repeated his demand that Mr. Gardiner explain why he told the Commons last year that the department had not made the appraisal but had called in three independent United States appraisers, when actually the department had made the appraisal.

Mr. Gardiner admitted that some of his statements "were not in accordance with the facts, but there was no intention to deliberately misrepresent." If any committee member thought he could prove the minister lies, "let him hop to it."

**"WEAVING OF WORDS"**

Mr. Cameron said Mr. Gardiner was not answering his question but giving instead "your usual weaving of words."

The committee finally wound up its public hearing into rumors about the slaughter and compensation replaced in the Commons by E. G. McCullough (CCF—Haines Mountain). They were that "skulduggery" and "misapprehension" of federal funds was involved.

Mr. McCullough also said he was inclined to believe rumors that

some common sheep had been substituted for pedigreed animals and some were shipped to Manitoba before the slaughter. He believed the compensation was too high.

The committee, after the noisily session in three days of frequently stormy meetings, went into camera to draw up its report to the Commons.

At the end, Philip Rock, 47-year-old partner - son of the Alberta breeder, thanked all committee members for giving him "a fair hearing."

**DEMAND WITHDRAWAL**

Liberals demanded that Mr. McCullough and other CCF members of the committee repudiate the rumors.

Tom Goode (L—Burnaby-Richmond) asked Mr. McCullough at least to "release Mr. Rock from these allegations."

(Mr. Rock previously denied all of them and Mr. McCullough declined challenges to produce evidence to support the rumors. He said that was the reason for the committee—to learn whether they were true.)

Replying to Mr. Goode's request, Mr. McCullough said: "I am regretfully sorry that the rocks had to have their integrity questioned. But he was not satisfied that no 'legal substitutions' had been made



## INSPECTS GUARD OF HONOR

Inspecting Officer, Captain A.F. Pickard, O.B.E., C.D., R.C.N., reviews local U.N.T.D. Cadets who provided the Guard of Honor at last night's annual inspection of Lieutenant Cliff Court, an Officer H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte. Accompanying Captain Pickard to left is Lieutenant Cliff Court, an Officer of the ship's company.