

## Feel "March On Ottawa" Inadvisable At This Time

Island potato interests are in sympathy with their New Brunswick counterparts in their efforts to speed adjustments in potato tariffs presently in force between this country and the United States, said Mr. W.R. Shaw, chairman of the Potato Committee of the Canadian Horticultural Council, in an interview with the Guardian following an announcement that N.B. potato growers were planning a 150-man march on Ottawa to press for a solution of this problem.

However, Mr. Shaw declared that Island growers did not favor such direct action as contemplated by Island growers did not favor such direct action as contemplated by New Brunswick. "Interests here feel that we should give the Canadian and American governments time to complete their negotiations before initiating such an approach," he said.

### Statement By Mr. Campbell

"We are certainly as anxious as the N.B. potato growers to see an end to the present unfair tariff set-up," said E.W. Campbell, chairman of the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board last night. Mr. Campbell was commenting on the recent press report regarding the "march on Ottawa" contemplated by a 150-man group of New Brunswick growers.

"A quick look at the recent history of our common problem, however, makes us think that the timing of this projected march on Ottawa is not opportune," he added.

"Two years ago the Government referred this question to the Tariff Board. The Tariff Board held hearings in June 1955, and made their report to the government in November 1955 (They were not asked for recommendations). In February 1956 government officials conferred with growers' representatives and shortly thereafter held preliminary talks with U.S. officials. Perhaps because of the Presidential Election the matter was not pursued further until late last fall, when negotiations were renewed. As a result of these talks the U.S. Tariff Commission held hearings in Washington on March 6th.

"As soon as the representations made on March 6th have been considered the U.S. Tariff Commission will be in a position to conduct final negotiations. So, the stage is just now set, and it would appear that any undue hurrying of matters at this point would not be in our own interests.

"It is the consensus of opinion here that it is already too late in the marketing season for a tariff—even if applied at once—to do any great good for our growers this year.

"What we are concerned about is that provision be made during the present session of Parliament to implement before the beginning of the next shipping season any acceptable agreement which our negotiators may be able to reach."

### 10 Inches Of Snow In New England

BOSTON (AP)—A storm dumped up to 10 inches of snow in sections of New England Wednesday—the first day of spring.

Five to 10 inches fell in Rhode Island and eastern Massachusetts and three to five inches in interior Connecticut and Central Massachusetts, the U.S. weather bureau reported.

The forecaster said the snow tapered off over southern New England Wednesday night and should end by this morning.

Office workers of the Cunard line east of the mooring lines of the big ship.

While hundreds of passengers cheered, the tugs pulled the liner out into the shipping channel.

Union officials circled the tugs in a motor launch, shouting that civilian sailors on the tugs were strikebreakers.

The 81,000-ton Queen Mary, with more than 900 passengers aboard, was scheduled to sail Tuesday afternoon.

Sailors on privately owned tugs, however, refused to move her because of the shipyard strike.

The shipyard workers claim the work when their nation-wide walkout for higher wages began last Saturday.

The Cunard Line insisted the repair work had been completed before the strike deadline fell.

### Diefenbaker Pledges Fight For Maritimes

PORT HAWKESBURY, N.S. (CP)—National leader John Diefenbaker of the Progressive Conservative party Wednesday pledged to continue a fight for a sound economic policy for the Maritime provinces despite what he described as the federal government's lack of interest.

He told a party nominating convention here that Progressive Conservative members of parliament from the Maritimes have been trying for more than 25 years to get a "decent break" for their provinces. The appeals had been futile, he said.

However, the federal budget revealed a changed attitude towards the Maritimes. This was due primarily to the successful effort of the Conservative party in wresting Nova Scotia from Liberal rule after 33 years.

The return of the Maritimes to their rightful place in the field of agriculture, fishing and lumbering got its start last October when the Conservatives won the Nova Scotia election and earlier when they swept to power in New Brunswick.

The two victories, Mr. Diefenbaker said, prompted the federal government to show more interest in the Maritimes and to offer some aid, mostly in the way of freight rates.

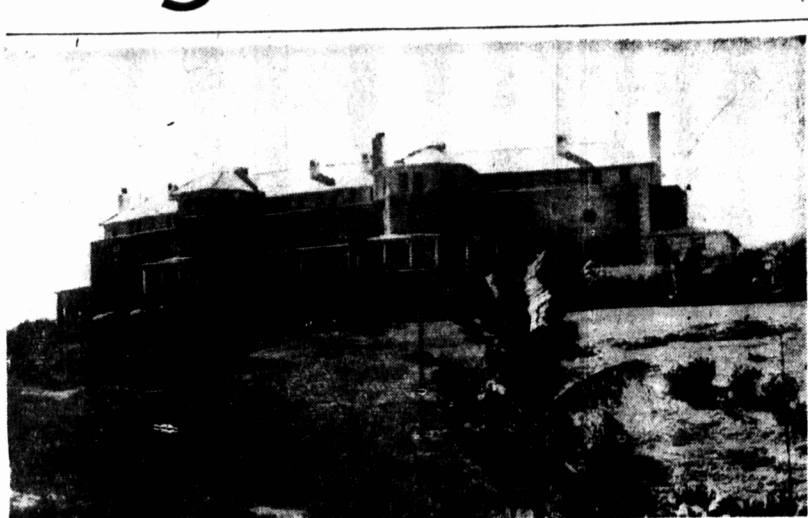
"This is not enough. Too long have the Maritimes been forgotten, too long have the demands for Maritimes rights been ignored. The Maritimes, an old and distinguished partner in the Confederation pact, need greater consideration and will receive it under a Conservative government."

More than 1,000 delegates and supporters from the federal constituency of Inverness—Richmond attended the meeting and unanimously selected Robert S. MacLellan Jr., 31, a Sydney lawyer, as standard bearer in the next federal election.

Mr. Diefenbaker opened his Maritime tour in Fredericton earlier this week.

### SMALL GROUP AT INFORMAL OPENING

# MacMillan And Eisenhower Begin Talks Over Dinner



WHERE PRESIDENT AND P.M. ARE MEETING

Here is Bermuda's fashionable Mid-Ocean Club, where President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan are meeting. It is atop a hill in Tucker's Town section, and overlooks the Atlantic ocean. The spacious estate, which boasts a 6,500-yard golf course, also served as headquarters for the 1953 Three Powers talks.

## Study Of Power Problem Will Include P.E. Island

OTTAWA (Special)—In reply to a question asked in the commons Wednesday by Neil A. Matheson, Liberal M.P. for Queens, finance Minister Harris said the Federal Government's study of power problems in the Maritimes will include those of Prince Edward Island as well as those of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Mr. Matheson observed that in the budget speech Mr. Harris specifically mentioned only Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In M.P. for Royal, N.B. asked if the Federal Government study would include a review of the hydro power potential of the Saint John River, Mr. Harris reiterated that all power developments would be included in the forthcoming study.

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## One Million Will Strike In Britain On Saturday

LONDON (Reuters)—British trade union leaders Wednesday issued strike orders for 10 key industrial zones—producing everything from airplanes to automobiles—which will bring out 1,000,000 workers on Saturday.

The strike orders came as the employers told Labor Minister Iain MacLeod they are willing to let an arbitrator decide whether they, or the 40 unions that make up the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, are right.

The walkouts will be the first step in a mounting series of phased strikes by the confederation—embracing skilled and unskilled workers and stop work in plants turning out cars, planes, agricultural machinery, electrical equipment and machine tools.

## Accused Doctor Throws Party As Trial Goes Well

LONDON (AP)—Dr. John Bodkin Adams threw a champagne party Wednesday to celebrate the dramatic way his lawyers have rocked the prosecution's star witness at his murder trial.

"They had a nice little party in his cell, a policeman at Old Bailey criminal court where the case is drawing a packed house. The doctor even sent out for champagne."

The celebration took place in the prisoner's cell beneath the courtroom. Several members of his defence team were present.

The 58-year-old physician is accused of drugging a rich widow to death more than six years ago. Scotland Yard got on the case only last summer and arrested the doctor for murder in December.

His alleged victim was 81-year-old Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell.

After the third day of evidence taking at the trial, the consensus around the marble corridors of Old Bailey was that if Dr. Adams goes free, it will be due to his chief counsel, Geoffrey Lawrence, famous for his merciless cross-examinations.

Lawrence wrung an almost tearful confession from a Crown witness that she had violated the instructions of Mr. Justice Patrick Devlin not to discuss the case.

The witness was one of four trained nurses who attended Mrs. Morrell.

Accusing nurse Annie Mason—Ellis of talking over the evidence with two other nurses who are witnesses, Lawrence demanded to know if this was true.

"Yes," the nurse admitted.

He interrupted to ask the nurse if she ever in her long nursing career ever heard of morphine and heroin being "routine sedation."

"No, sir," she replied. "Manningham-Buller drove home the point."

"Yes, sir," agreed the grey-haired nurse. "There's been a little confusion."

"There certainly has," snorted Lawrence.

"And yet," continued the attorney-general, "Mrs. Morrell received them every night."

After 2½ hours of hammering at the badly shaken witness, Lawrence said:

"Mrs. Morrell died six years ago. That's a long time ago. Really, now, you wouldn't pledge your memory to anything, would you?"

"No, sir," replied the witness. Lawrence smiled in triumph.

READ FROM RECORD

The defence lawyer forced the nurse to read from a record book every notation she made of medicine given to Mrs. Morrell.

As the nurse became increasingly co-operative, Lawrence became increasingly polite.

## New Hint Early Election Slated

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Harris indicated Wednesday the government will seek temporary parliamentary authority to pay increased welfare payments announced in his budget if the necessary legislation is not passed this session.

And in a statement to the Commons he said the session "appears to be drawing to a close."

His statement lent weight to speculation that Parliament will close soon—perhaps as early as the end of next week—for a June election.

In the House A. J. Brooks (PC—Royal) asked whether legislation will be brought down this session to amend the welfare and veterans statutes involved in the increased payments announced in last week's budget.

Mr. Harris replied: "The government will do what it can to make provision for the additional payments which will take effect July 1, and the method of doing that will be considered carefully, having in mind the timetable of the session which appears to be drawing to a close."

The budget proposed a \$6 boost in the old age pension, paid to all at 70, to a total \$46 a month. A similar increase would be made in provincially-shared programs for the needy between 65-69, the blind and disabled. These, together with higher payments for veterans disability pensions and allowances, would be effective July 1.

Effective Sept. 1, the budget proposed a \$1 monthly increase in the family allowance to bring that payment to \$6 monthly for children under six and to \$8 for those 10-12.

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### LEARNED GROUP

Britain's oldest scientific society, the Royal Society was founded in 1664.

### EDUCATION MINISTER QUESTIONED

## National Health Insurance Will Be Discussed Today

The Government of Prince Edward Island will debate the question of National Health Insurance at this session of the Legislature. This is indicated in a motion which now appears on the order paper to set up a committee to study the feasibility of the plan in so far as the Island is concerned.

Premier Matheson said before adjournment last evening that the motion would be taken under consideration today when the House meets at 3:00 p.m.

Another important Bill to come before the House either today or tomorrow is an act to amend the Oil and Mineral Act of the Province. The Premier noted that the Bill contained many important changes in the Act.

Morely M. Bell, Liberal, Fifth Prince reminded the Premier that a number of the members of the House would be out of the Province today in connection with the education committee enquiry and asked whether it was the intention of the House to go on with the debate on this matter without the committee members.

Premier Matheson told the Fifth Prince member that although the education committee had a duty to perform, their first duty was to the Legislature. The committee have made plans to visit schools in the Port Elgin, Sackville and Montserrat areas today.

During the question period following the opening of the House yesterday, F.A. Large, chairman of the Educational Committee asked the Minister of Education whether it would be possible for the Deputy Minister of Education to attend the four meetings of the committee scheduled for next week.

Mr. Large said Dr. Shaw, the Deputy Minister had intimated his intention of being absent from the Province next week attending a meeting at Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. Clark said he and Dr. Shaw had attended a meeting at Ottawa about a month ago. At the meeting the Deputy Minister was committed to attend next week. The Minister said the coming meeting was of great importance to the Island since it involved arrangements concerning Vocational Training in the Province. The talks, he said, would include discussions regarding \$180,000 capital expenditure for extension of vocational training as well as \$40,000 ordinary expenditure by the Federal Government.

The Minister could not see how Dr. Shaw could avoid being present for the Ottawa meeting and suggested that the assistant deputy act in his place.

TEACHERS' FEDERATION  
Dr. Dewar asked the Minister why, if it was so, the Teachers' Federation was refused departmental information regarding the number of teachers employed and the salaries they received.

Mr. Clark said the assistant director of education would be present at the hearings to give the committee any information they required. He said that two years ago the Teachers' Federation was refused the information they sought in this connection since it was felt they were using it to snoop on other teachers.

Mr. Clark said statistics wrongly used could be very harmful and he was of the opinion that figures made available to the Federation on previous occasions had been wrongly used. He said the Federation was told the Department would make any statistics available to them as soon as such statistics were compiled, even before they were issued in a report form.

Mr. Large asked the Minister was he aware that Mr. MacKenzie the assistant deputy minister was acting as secretary of the committee.

Mr. Clark said someone else could easily be appointed in place of Mr. MacKenzie. He indicated Mr. Maurice Cahill, Secretary of Education could substitute for the Assistant Deputy Minister.

CALLED TO ORDER  
The Speaker of the House at this Continued on page 2, Col. 3



LIONS NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS HERE

Pictured above is a group of members of Prince Edward Lions Clubs who played a prominent role at a special dinner held at the Queen Hotel last evening in honor of the visit of the national president of the Canadian Association of Lions Clubs, Dr. Douglas Fleming (fourth from left of front row) and Dr. Fleming's national president, E.S. Matheson, zone chairman, Charlottetown M.A. MacLean, president, Souris C.I.U.B., Wiley, representing president Summerside Lions Club.

right: John Van Marston, zone chairman, Charlottetown M.A. MacLean, president, Souris C.I.U.B., Wiley, representing president Summerside Lions Club.

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## Chiefs Express Confidence In Strengthening Friendship

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda (CP)—Prime Minister Macmillan and President Eisenhower Wednesday night opened their conference with an informal "working dinner."

which I hope will, and I am confident will, rebound to the betterment of both our peoples because of the strong friendships and understandings that are certain to come out of it."

The two chiefs got into preliminary discussions over the table at their Mid-Ocean Club conference headquarters.

The conference opens formally today and will continue until Sunday.

Only Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, State Secretary Dulles, and the U.S. and British ambassadors, John Hay Whitney and Sir Harold Caccia, joined Eisenhower and Macmillan for the dinner talks.

Eisenhower arrived this afternoon on the cruiser Canberra and stepped ashore from a barge at Albouys Point in Hamilton. He was met by Macmillan and Bermuda's governor, Lt.-Gen. Sir John Woodall.

A 21-gun salute boomed from the British ship Vidal at the barge approached the shore. The president looked tanned and fit after his six-day cruise on the Canberra.

Dominating the discussion program is the need for agreed U.S. and British positions on many aspects of the tangled Middle East situation, including the Suez Canal dispute, the Arab-Israeli crisis and the menace of a soviet influence.

GREETS "HAROLD"  
"Harold, how are you?" he said with a warm smile as he reached for the hand of the prime minister, a friend since Second World War campaigning days in North Africa.

But Macmillan and Eisenhower are to explore other world trouble spots and review the whole field of U.S.-British relations.

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But the quick Egyptian move into Gaza and consequent Israeli reaction, as well as uncertainty as to how far the United States is prepared to go in the matter, have raised some doubts about the ability of Eisenhower and Macmillan to agree on a common Middle East policy.

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Britain has publicly urged international administration of the Gaza strip pending a more permanent settlement. The United States, on the other hand, has more or less acquiesced in the Egyptian takeover, though it would have been better pleased had the Egyptian government waited a while before returning to the strip.

## Stanfield Budgets For Record Spending And Small Surplus

HALIFAX (CP)—Premier Stanfield presented Nova Scotia's first Progressive Conservative budget in 24 years to the legislature Wednesday. He forecast the biggest spending year in provincial history but said there isn't enough money in prospect to do all that should be done to improve public services.

At present all but about 10 per cent of Nova Scotia's revenue comes from Ottawa, or from vehicle taxes and liquor commission profits.

The 42-year-old premier, Canada's youngest and newest, budgeted for a surplus of \$38,366. He estimated revenue at \$66,304,000 for the 1957-58 fiscal year. Expenditures were set at \$68,216,000, including \$5,526,000 for debt charges.

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Mr. Stanfield said he expects revenue to be more than last year, but only about \$2,000,000 more, and that only about \$2,000,000 more will be available for extension of services. The balance would be needed to continue the rate of spending established by the Liberal government that went out of office in November.

PREDICTED DEFICIT  
In an earlier statement the premier forecast a deficit of more than \$4,400,000 for 1956-57. He blamed overspending by the Liberals for roads and schools.

He said the Liberal opposition called for still greater spending on schools. But schools were only one of the government's responsibilities. Should other services be starved to spend more on education?

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However, he said, "a sales tax would produce only limited revenues, which could easily disappear like a snowfall in April."

The premier did not present the capital estimates Wednesday. However, he predicted public works will require more than \$5,000,000 this year, compared with \$2,000,000 in 1956-57.

## PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Wednesday, March 20, 1957  
Opposition critics charged the government with hiding \$100,000,000 in reserve accounts to escape taxpayers' criticism.

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The Commons approved supplementary spending estimates for the 1956-57 fiscal year of \$29,225,000, Thursday, March 21, 1957.

The Commons resumes the budget debate. The Senate sits.