

## 50 BEDS PLANNED

# Home For Senior Citizens Is Slated For Montague

MONTAGUE — A modern 50-bed senior citizens home for special care, first of its kind in eastern Prince Edward Island is to be built at Montague, according to a joint announcement yesterday by Hon. M. Lorne Bennell, M.D., minister of welfare and tourist development and Hon. Keir Clark, minister of health.

Tenders for construction of the building will be called almost immediately.

The new home will be located just south of the town limits of the Lower Montague side. It will be built on a 13-acre site a few yards off the paved highway and overlooking Montague River. Parking will be available close to the main highway for the convenience of the occupants and visiting relatives and friends. The remainder of the lot will be landscaped, and trees bordering the property and overlooking

the river bank will be thinned out to enhance the view.

Initially intended to house 30 patients, the structure of steel and masonry will be designed to provide for future expansion. It will be erected on a solid concrete base. Provision will be made for 15 bed patients in the overall total that will be accommodated.

Some of the other features will include: tiled interior walls, hot water heating; washrooms of ceramic tile, special plumbing facilities, bedside electrical system for each patient, a sprinkler system and an elevator for the convenience of all occupants.

**LIBRARY**  
In addition to the patients rooms, the new home for the aged will provide such other areas as a library and reading room, craft rooms, lounge areas, washrooms, locker facilities

and an inter-denominational chapel. A kitchen and dining room will be located on the ground floor.

Dr. Bennell and Mr. Clark are both directors of the Senior Citizens Housing Corporation.

Mr. Clark, minister of municipal affairs, has pointed out that it is the aim of the Senior Citizens Housing Corporation to tie the construction of this building in the provincial and federal winter works program, and that this will provide.

Considerable employment for the various tradesmen in the area during a normally slow period of building activity.

Dr. Bennell said that this will be the first home of this kind serving the eastern part of Prince Edward Island. He said the provincial government will assist, through the department of welfare, in order to keep the cost of this special care within the reach of all.

# September Food Prices Down But General Index Increases

By JAMES NELSON  
OTTAWA (CP)—Food prices fell a full point in the consumer price index last month but higher clothing and housing costs pushed the general index up two-tenths of a point to a record 145.1 from 144.9 in August.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported Thursday there were mixed fluctuations in food prices between the August and September indexes, notably cheaper sirloin steak but higher-priced hamburger.

Other price increases were recorded for pork roasts, bacon, cottage roll, pork and veal chops, oranges, lettuce and flour.

There were lower prices for potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, celery, corn, chicken, turkey, liver, bananas, grapes, apples, peaches, sugar and ice cream.

DBS said the over-all consumer price index in which food prices make up 27 per cent—was about one-tenth of one per cent higher than in August, but the September index was 4.3 per cent higher than a year earlier.

## CLOTHING COSTS CLIMB

Clothing prices were 1.9 per cent higher in the month and the costs of shelter and household operation three-tenths of one per cent higher.

Higher cigarette prices sent the tobacco and alcohol index up 1.3 points to 126.4.

Along with lower food prices, in balance, were lower costs of recreational items and reading matter. The prices and service charges in the health and personal care index remained substantially unchanged.

The food index in September, 1965, was 136.4. It rose to 146 in July and to a record 148.1 in August, then dipped to 147.1 in September this year.

# Fail To Fix Blame For Prices

OTTAWA (CP)—Senators and MPs came away in frustration Thursday from an attempt to fix blame for the high cost of meat and tobacco.

Three expert witnesses from the federal agriculture department ducked demands to name names and point fingers at possible take-offs between farm and family table.

Denied that satisfaction, the Commons-Senate committee on living costs asked the witnesses to gather more figures.

Senator David Croll (I-Ontario) said he wants the case history of a pig and a cow, from auction to slaughter, packing, distribution and retail sale, with the prices charged at each stage. The committee was pledged a similar breakdown in the preparation of a pack of cigarettes.

## SEEN HIGH PRICES

R. K. Bennett, director of the livestock division within the production and marketing branch, said pork prices will be "continuously higher than ever in the past" for two more years, though "not necessarily higher than they are now."

Until 1970, the continent would experience higher prices for beef.

Mr. Bennett said that the government's plan when the resolution is called for debate in the next few days, the legislation is to be given high priority.

The resolution said the purpose is "to further encourage the demand for housing."

It has been lagging. Means used by the number of new housing units on which construction started, demand has dropped from an annual building rate of 176,200 in the second quarter of last year and a peak 179,000 in the final quarter of 1964, to 134,500 in May, June and July this year.

The index is based on 1960 consumer prices equalling 100 and on family purchasing patterns of 1957.

DBS has no measure of family incomes paralleling the index of consumer prices. However, the DBS index of average weekly wages and salaries, based on 1961 equalling 100, remained unchanged at 122.6 between May and June—the latest available. In June last year, the index was 116.2.

The composite industrial index of wages and salaries represents fluctuations in the average wages and salaries paid by firms in a wide range of industries employing more than 15 persons.

## STUDYING NEW BASE

The consumer price index measures changes since 1940 in the prices of a selection of

goods and services representative of purchases made by families of two to six living in cities of more than 30,000 population and with annual incomes during 1957 ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,000.

The statistics bureau is currently working on a more up-to-date base.

The composite indexes for September last year and for July, August and September this year are:

Food—136.4, 145.0, 148.1, 147.1

Housing—141.5, 144.8, 145.0, 145.4

Clothing—121.4, 125.2, 124.8, 127.0

Transport—148.7, 151.2, 150.6, 151.2

Health—176.0, 181.0, 181.3, 181.3

Recreation—122.0, 122.1, 122.6, 122.6

Tobacco and alcohol—122.6, 125.1, 125.1, 126.4

# Truscott Denies He Killed Girl

## By KEN KELLY

OTTAWA (CP)—"And did you kill Lynne Harper?" "No, sir, I didn't," replied Steven Truscott.

Thus for the first time in public, and under oath, 21-year-old Truscott rejected Thursday the charge for which he was convicted and sentenced to be hanged at the age of 14.

His questioner was Toronto lawyer G. Arthur Martin, who led him through the events of June 9, 1959, two days before the sexually-assaulted and partly nude body of 12-year-old Lynne Harper was found in the bush near the Clinton, Ont., RCAF base.

## WROTE LETTER

Mr. Martin's question was his final one to Truscott, who also testified in the Supreme Court of Canada that five years after going to prison he applied in his own handwriting for a parole, saying:

"All I ask is, please grant me one chance to prove one dreadful mistake does not mean I will make another."

Both Mr. Martin and later Donald Scott, Welland County Crown attorney who is representing the Ontario attorney-general's department, asked why he made the statement.

"I replied to Mr. Martin: 'I decided that it was not going to benefit me by arguing any more, . . . that it would be to my benefit more or less to go along with them in order to get out.'"

It was never meant to be an admission of guilt, nor had he intended to admit guilt, he added.

Later, to Mr. Scott: "If I continued to argue my innocence, it would hurt my chances of getting out."

Hadn't Truscott already testified that he knew the parole board had nothing to do with whether he was innocent or guilty?

"Yes," replied Truscott. "Then why, if you knew that, would you make this reference? To one dreadful mistake. Again Truscott's reply: To continue arguing innocence, 'would not be to my benefit.'"

## CROWN OVERRULED

After Crown objections, the nine justices of the court allowed Mr. Martin also to read into the record part of a letter to the parole board from W. J. Haggerty, classification officer at Collins Bay penitentiary.

"Truscott still claims innocence of the present offence but (Continued on page 5, col. 5)

# Money Prod Proposed In Building Of Homes



# Parliament Is Asked To Vote More Funds

By JAMES NELSON  
OTTAWA (CP)—The government proposed to Parliament Thursday that it prod the lagging house- and apartment-building industry by putting more government funds into mortgages and increasing the total amount of private money that may be insured under the National Housing Act.

It asked Parliament to increase to \$9,500,000 the total amount of housing mortgages, most of it supplied by life insurance and trust companies, that may be insured by NHA.

NHA-insured loans carry a government guarantee of repayment to the lending institutions.

It also proposes to increase to \$4,000,000 from \$3,250,000 the limit that may be loaned by Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. out of government funds.

CMHC makes loans of government money when funds are not available from the private lending institutions, which include the chartered banks and some other financial institutions.

**RELAX RULES**  
The government also proposes to raise to \$35,000,000 from \$200,000,000 the amount which may be used to reimburse losses on housing projects for university students. The rules now in effect limiting student housing loans to projects on or near university campuses are being relaxed to include housing for students at vocational training schools and nursing schools.

NHA loans also are to be made available for renovations to existing houses. Heretofore there has been an NHA-assisted plan by which the chartered banks make loans of up to \$4,000 each at six-per-cent interest for home improvements.

NHA housing loans now carry an interest ceiling of 6 1/2 per cent. Because this is more than the chartered banks are permitted under the Bank Act to charge for loans, they have vir-

tually ended investment in NHA loans. CMHC has had to move into the gap with direct lending from government funds.

During the first half of this year, loans made under NHA totalled \$265,000,000, of which CMHC loaned \$134,000,000 and the life insurance and trust companies put up \$128,000,000.

In the same six months last year, total NHA lending was \$271,000,000, of which CMHC put up \$86,000,000 and the life insurance and trust companies \$177,000,000.

**LACKS DETAILS**  
Other points to be included in the legislation, though not spelled out in detail in the resolution submitted to the Commons:

—NHA loans for rental housing, such as apartments and row housing, will be made up to 9 per cent of the lending value of the project, instead of the present maximum of 85 per cent.

—The period within which the government will forego principal and interest payments by municipalities on NHA loans for sewage treatment projects will be extended three years, on both loans already made and to be made in future.

Labor Minister Nicholson, the minister in charge of housing policy, told the Commons he will give more details of the government's plan when the resolution is called for debate in the next few days. The legislation is to be given high priority.

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# Mexico Prepares For Inez

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Erratic hurricane Inez, blocked from moving up through the Gulf of Mexico by a cool air mass, spun its 110-mile-an-hour winds toward Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula Thursday.

The New Orleans weather bureau predicted Inez would move late at night into the northern Yucatan Peninsula, where the great Mayan civilization flourished shortly after the time of Christ.

The hurricane's course was west-southwest, and its speed was 10 miles an hour.

Mexican fishing boats sailing off Yucatan were ordered to seek refuge in Campeche, the peninsula's major port.

The Yucatan juts from Mexico into the water like a thumb, the Gulf of Mexico to its northern side and the Caribbean to the southeast.

# Ships Collide, Block Channel

ST. CLAIR, Mich. (AP)—Two ships collided in the St. Clair River, just offshore from this southeastern Michigan community Thursday night, blocking the channel between Port Huron and Lake St. Clair.

State police, whose rescue boat was the first to reach the scene, said no one was injured. The ships were identified as the Olympic Pearl and the Epstein.

THIS PROPERTY, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carew of Greenville, was judged the winner of the provincial farm home section in the rural beautification contest, it was also the winner of the Queens County section.

# 21ST ANNUAL COMPETITION

# Winners Are Announced In Rural Beautification

Following a meeting of the Prince Edward Island Rural Beautification Society, Keith L. Brehaut, president, last night announced the names of the winners in the society's 21st annual competition. The date of the annual award dinner was also announced. This year it will take place at the Charlottetown Hotel on Oct. 28th at 6:30 p.m.

# Ottawa Supermarkets Calm Under Housewives' Boycott

OTTAWA (CP)—Supermarket managers remained calm Thursday as they closed their doors after the first day of a housewives' boycott protesting high food prices.

"We haven't felt any signs of protest," said one manager. Another reported "no effect so far."

Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, 32, president of the Ottawa Consumers' Protest Association which organized the two-week boycott, was pleased with the first day of the shopping strike.

"The women have responded tremendously well. We've had reports from members that the stores are hardly doing any business at all."

"Let's face it, the supermarkets can't admit it's affecting them."

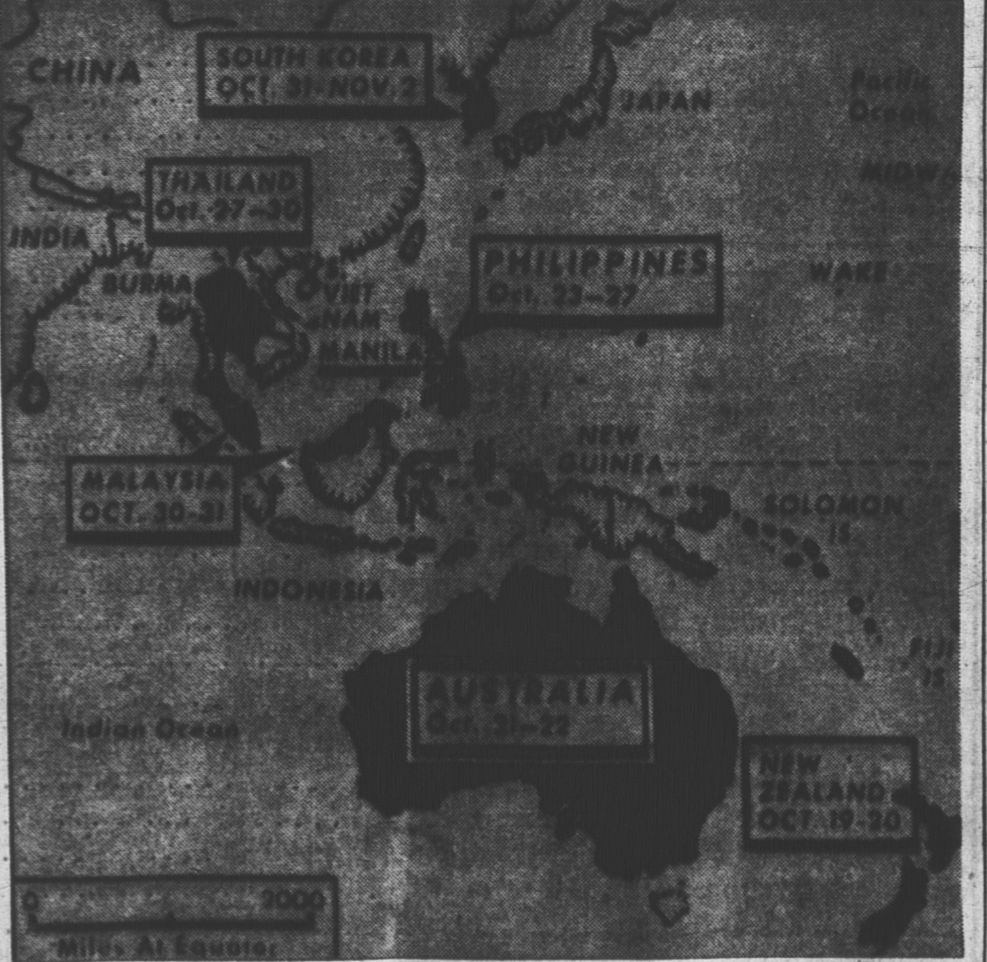
Her telephone committee started calling the 14,000 association members at 6 a.m. Thursday to tell them the boycott was on.

Telegrams were sent to groups planning similar action in Montreal, Toronto, Agincourt, Petawawa and Camp Borden.

Meetings also have been held to plan boycotts in Dartmouth and New Glasgow, N.S., and Kenora, Ont.

Mrs. Wilson spent the day at home in Manotick, a community about 20 miles south of Ottawa. She was busy with press, radio and TV interviews and telephone calls from supporters.

The wife of an air force electronics engineer and mother of two small children, she started the movement two weeks ago when she called a radio open-line show to complain about high food prices.



# ITINERARY GIVEN OF JOHNSON'S TOUR

These are the countries and the dates on which President Johnson will visit them in his tour of six Far East nations. Originally intended to be confined to the summit confer-

ence in Manila on peace in the troubled southeast Asian area, the President announced his expanded tour at a press conference in Washington Thursday.

day. It will be the most far-reaching trip to the Far East ever undertaken by an American president. (AP Wirephoto Map)

# Maritimes Seen Ignored Again

## CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE MARITIMES

OTTAWA — The Maritimes have been ignored again, in the view of Heath Macquarrie, MP for Queens.

This week Mr. Macquarrie learned that a recent Yugoslavia agricultural purchasing agency tour of Canada did not include any stops in the Atlantic Provinces.

In reply to a question placed on the Commons' order paper by Mr. Macquarrie, agriculture minister J.J. Green said that the

itinerary of the visiting group was based upon the prior request of the Yugoslav delegation.

"The exact details of the tour were developed by the departments of agriculture and trade and commerce, Mr. Green said. The group did not visit any Atlantic centres nor did any department of government suggest any Atlantic Provinces centres for such visits."

"The Maritimes ignored again," commented Mr. Macquarrie.

# Quebec Will Buy Power From Labrador Project

By CLAUDE HENAUULT  
QUEBEC (CP)—The Quebec cabinet has approved the signing of a 40-year agreement between Hydro-Quebec and the British Newfoundland Corp. whereby Quebec will purchase power from the Churchill Falls hydro-electric project in Labrador.

Premier Daniel Johnson announced Thursday night.

The premier said the cost to Quebec will be \$350,000,000 for the construction of transmission lines from the Quebec-Labrador boundary, while the cost to Brinco for the development of the falls will be between \$600,000,000 and \$700,000,000.

Quebec would undertake to purchase all surplus power from the mammoth development which is expected to produce 5,000,000 horsepower.

**TO STUDY BOUNDARIES**  
Mr. Johnson specified that the agreement is without prejudice to Quebec's rights concerning the Quebec-Labrador boundary dispute and announced cabinet plans to appoint a commission to study all Quebec's boundary problems. The commission would study

the Labrador situation in particular but also would investigate borders with other provinces involving underwater mineral rights in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and in Hudson and James bays.

Henry Borden of Toronto, Brinco's chairman, president and chief executive officer, welcomed the decision and said the approval is "good for Canada" and "in our national interest."

Jean Lesage, former Quebec premier and current Opposition leader, was unavailable for comment.

The premier said Quebec was not happy at having to sign the Brinco agreement, but had no alternative.

"We are not at all happy that Hydro did not explore the possibilities of James Bay faster," he said.

**USED OLD FIGURES**  
Mr. Johnson said the provincially-owned utility had been so lax in investigating James Bay as a power source that comparative figures used to decide which would be cheaper were based on an old 1964 report.

"It is not certain that the building of such a complex (on James Bay) would have been cheaper than Churchill Falls, but at least we would have had a more certain idea of cost." In deciding in favor of Brinco, the government was "being taken by the throat and forced to overload its borrowing program."

"Those who through their lack of planning and their lack of action placed the government in this position without alternative will have to bear their responsibilities."

The premier said the government plans to put Hydro-Quebec under tighter control.

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