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New Salary Schedule For Civic Employees Adopted

A substantial overall increase is provided for in the new schedule of salaries and wages to civic employees which was included in the estimates approved by the City Council Tuesday night. The new rates are retroactive to January 1.

The schedule was passed without discussion and released yesterday to the press.

Explaining the purpose of the new schedule, a spokesman of the finance committee said yesterday: "Approval of the estimates Tuesday evening included a long past due job evaluation revision in relation to wages paid. This equitable adjustment resulted after a great deal of consideration had been given in committee to certain key positions. Although these salary increases when presented by individual departments were small, they totalled about 13 per cent increase, over and above salaries paid in the previous year."

Following are details of the revised schedule. In every instance, the second figure represents the new rate of pay:

City Clerk, \$4,900, 5,000; Assistant Clerk, Accountant, 4,200, 4,500.

City Cashier, \$3,000, 3,500; Tax Clerk, 3,000, 3,500; Paymaster, 3,000, 3,400; Clerk, 3,000, 3,200.

Health Doctor, \$330, 500; Assessor, \$3,300, 4,000; Collector, 2,300, 3,300; Clerk, 2,121.60, 2,300, 3,200.

Engineer, \$3,200, 4,000; General Foreman, 2,975, 3,600; Barn Supt. 2,769, 3,200; Mechanic, 2,745, 3,000; Heavy Machine operator, 2,562.50, 3,000; Light machine operators and asst (6), 2,310-2,562.50, 2,900; Truck drivers and helpers, 2,174, 2,400; sidewalk foreman, 2,472, 2,700; bricklayer, 2,425, 2,700; storekeeper, 1,990.56, 2,200.

Chief of Police, \$3,400, 4,000; Deputy Chief, 3,000, 3,700; Staff Sgt. 2,965, 3,500; Sgts (4), 2,900, 3,200; 3 yr. Constable (10), 2,700,



PRESENT GIFT TO BANK MANAGER

Special feature of the "Civic Affairs Night" sponsored by the Charlottetown Board of Trade last evening was the presentation of a gift to the manager of the Bank of Montreal's Charlottetown branch, B. E. Rogers (left). The gift was presented to Mr. Rogers by Mayor Edwin C. Johnstone (right) on behalf of the City in appreciation of "a good job well done". Mr. Earl Taylor, president of the Board of Trade was an interested observer.

Noting the many civic projects furthered by Mr. Rogers in his seven years spent in Charlottetown, the Mayor emphasized his tremendous contribution to the City as a member of the Metropolitan Committee.

In reply, Mr. Rogers said that though he and his family had many regrets at leaving they drew "some comfort" from the fact that they were not moving so far that they could not return frequently.

Mr. Rogers has been promoted to a senior position in the Bank at Halifax.

24 Die In Explosion And Fire In N. Y. Loft Building

NEW YORK (AP)—An explosion started a roaring fire that trapped scores of persons Wednesday in a lower Broadway loft building. Twenty-four died in loud, screaming panic as they sought to escape dense smoke and fierce flames.

It was not until 8:30 p.m.—4½ hours after the fire broke out—that Fire Commissioner Edward J. Cavanagh was able to say with reasonable certainty that the last victim had been removed from the smoking wreckage at 623 Broadway.

Cavanagh said there was no evidence of fire law violations on the premises and declared: "It would seem that panic played a most important role in this blaze. Some bodies were evidence of mass hysteria."

At least 15 persons were injured, half a dozen of whom when they missed fire nets while plunging several storeys to the pavement.

"I would say that the fact that anyone could live through this is a miracle," said Cavanagh. He said an explosion in a processing oven of a third-floor textile firm sent flames racing through the five-storey building between Houston and Bleeker Streets.

ESCAPE CUT OFF

Bodies of many of the victims lay pitifully close to windows, where the flames had cut them down on the threshold of escape. Others died as they huddled in panic under work benches.

As the height of the 1½-hour blaze, dozens of women textile workers perched on window sills three or four storeys above the street, awaiting their turns to leap into fire nets.

Ban On Immigrants Holds

OTTAWA (CP)—The Progressive Conservative government plans no lifting of current immigration restrictions until Canada's economic climate improves, acting Immigration Minister Davie Fulton said Wednesday.

He also disclosed in his capacity as minister of justice that Canadian penitentiaries within four months will be operating a system of automatic parole review for prisoners.

The statements were included in the text of a speech issued to the press before delivery and broadcast from Ottawa over the CBC's Trans-Canada radio network. The speech was a free-time election broadcast.

ECONOMIC SITUATION

Mr. Fulton said the government imposed restrictions on immigration last July "in the light of the economic situation drawn to our attention on taking office." He said the former Liberal administration had not reduced immigration although it was aware of the prevailing economic situation.

"As it was, 282,000 (immigrants) came to Canada in 1957 but the employment situation would have been worse had we not acted," he said.

"We are, however, keeping the situation under review, and as soon as the economic climate improves, and the great industrial development that your government plans for Canada is under way, creating more than ample jobs, we hope we shall be able to relax these restrictions again."

STOPPED REFUGEES

The restrictions stopped the flow of Hungarian refugees expected those sponsored by close relatives or persons, firms and organizations able to provide arrivals with jobs without displacing Canadians. This also applied to immigrants from all countries except Britain, Ireland, France and the United States.

Mr. Fulton also reiterated that the government hopes to establish a system under which immigrants may be informed of the reasons they have been refused admittance to Canada.

He said the government also is considering the establishment of a national parole board as part of a long-range plan of penal reform.

He added that his department is preparing a bill of rights to protect the "individual rights of Canadians" and he hopes to present it to Prime Minister Diefenbaker for consideration by the next Parliament.

Beef Average At Amherst Sets Record

AMHERST, (CP)—Bidders paid \$22,533 for 77 animals auctioned at the close of the Maritime Spring Stock Show and Sale here Wednesday.

Highest price paid was 75 cents a pound for the grand champion, owned by Donald Carter of Aulac, N. B. It was bought by the Montreal Co-Operative Federation.

Average price paid for each of the 62,886 pounds of beef-on-the-hoof was 35.8 cents, highest in the show's 16-year history.

Two Quebec Candidates Quit

MONTREAL (CP)—Withdrawal of two candidates in Quebec province from the March 31 federal elections was reported Wednesday.

The returning officer in Montreal St. Jacques riding confirmed reports that R. Beaudry, nominated last Monday as an independent Liberal, had withdrawn.

Progressive Conservative headquarters, questioned about reports of a withdrawal in Chateauguay - Huntingdon - Laprairie, said Laurent Legault, nominated as an independent Progressive Conservative, had withdrawn.

Icefield Moves Down On Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—An icefield has moved down the coast of Labrador and blocked some settlements in Northern Newfoundland, but up to Wednesday it had not closed any major ports.

The field ice is pressing against most of the Labrador coast and the west side of the Strait of Belle Isle but the narrow stretch of water separating Newfoundland and Labrador was still open to navigation.

Officials said the field, moving southward, is lighter than in previous years and favorable winds could keep most northern ports opened all spring.

It is not expected St. John's and other ports on the east coast will be affected unless prolonged inshore winds develop. Corner Brook and Port aux Basques on the west coast have not been bothered by the Arctic ice.

Ice conditions last year were described by veteran seaman as the worst in 50 years. Late last June and early July a field of icebergs extended 600 miles from the Grand Banks off Newfoundland.

HMCS Chippawa Wins Trophy

HAMILTON (CP)—HMCS Chippawa, Winnipeg's naval reserve division, has won the inter-divisional efficiency trophy for the third successive year, Rear-Admiral K. F. Adams, flag officer, naval divisions, announced Wednesday.

The trophy is given annually to the best all-round naval reserve division in Canada. In second place was HMCS Discovery of Vancouver.

Loans For Small Farmers Stressed By Mr. St. John

A farm credit policy that would allow for government guaranteed loans to farmers growing up to five acres of potatoes was urged in the Legislature yesterday by J. Brenton St. John (Liberal First Kings), speaking on the Draft Address.

Mr. St. John said such a loan for the purpose of buying fertilizer would be a great help to the smaller growers, many of whom find it difficult to meet the collateral requirements of the banks.

He said the loan to the small grower would in no way encourage speculation but would be a direct incentive to keep men on the farms especially the young farmer, who if he is not encouraged will be obliged to seek a livelihood elsewhere.

The member from Souris who is also the Deputy Speaker of the House, said he had made an investigation under present day conditions to ascertain the cost of producing one acre of potatoes.

His findings were as follows: Set cutting, \$4.50; dipping, \$3.00;



MR. ST. JOHN

cultivating, \$3.00; digging grading, trucking, storage, \$32.50 delivered at the railway siding; wear and tear on machinery, gas, oil, etc., 18.00 making a total of \$191.00.

On a per bushel basis, figuring that an acre produces 250 bushels, Mr. St. John said would be 76.4 cents. "The farmer wants a guaranteed floor price that would cover this cost of production. Then he would have a sound basis on which to operate," he said.

SUPPORT PRICES

Mr. St. John said he was a strong supporter of farm support prices but added that the floor should be based on the cost of production, "otherwise it would be no help to keep farmers from going in debt."

He felt that the same program which is applicable to farm products should be made available to the pulpwood industry, as well as the fisheries.

Mr. St. John did not approve of the present Federal price support measures in which it was proposed to make 80 per cent of (Continued on Page 10 col. 1)

Speaker Cautions, No Election Talk In House

Members of the Legislature were cautioned yesterday that they must refrain from using the floor of the House as a sounding board for the Federal election.

The reproval came from the Speaker, Hon. J. A. Gallant who said he had always tried to be lenient with the Opposition due to the smallness of their numbers and when the Opposition Leader in his address in reply to the Speech from the Throne made repeated reference to Federal affairs, he did not stop him. "The result has been that other members have taken advantage of this situation," he said.

The Speaker asked therefore that members discontinue the discussion of matters not contained in the Speech from the Throne. He also noted that on more than one occasion private members were carrying on discussions of their own while a speaker had the floor.

He said this was a great discourtesy to the speaker and assured the members, if they wished at any time to ask a question, permission would be granted from the Chair. "However," said the Speaker, "make sure your interruption is a question and not a rebuttal."

Whether the election campaign had anything to do with it or not, it was noted that a large number of the private members and some from the Government benches were absent when the House met.



MR. SPEAKER

GAILLARD IS THREATENING TO RESIGN

PARIS (Reuters)—Premier Felix Gaillard Wednesday night was reported threatening to resign if the Conservatives withdrew from the coalition government over the Franco-Tunisian dispute.

The Conservatives, with 101 of the National Assembly's 594 seats, said they would not stand for any retreat on the French position in Tunisia and Algeria.

Gaillard has called a cabinet meeting Friday to consider proposals brought back from Tunisia by the American and British good offices envoys.

Use Boxcar In Experiment To Ship Potatoes From Here

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—As an experiment, a heated boxcar has successfully completed delivery of a consignment of potatoes from this Island Province to Cochrane, Ont., and now is undergoing further rigorous testing by Canadian National Railways.

Results of the tests will determine the all-round suitability of the car for winter-time transportation of produce from Maritime Provinces farms.

A new departure in handling perishable traffic, the car should prove especially valuable in moving the heavy volume of

potatoes and other vegetables shipped each winter out of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. The car is designed to carry the same type of shipments as "refreezers", but has greater capacity than the refrigerator cars—3,220 as compared with 2,273 cubic feet and is cheaper to build.

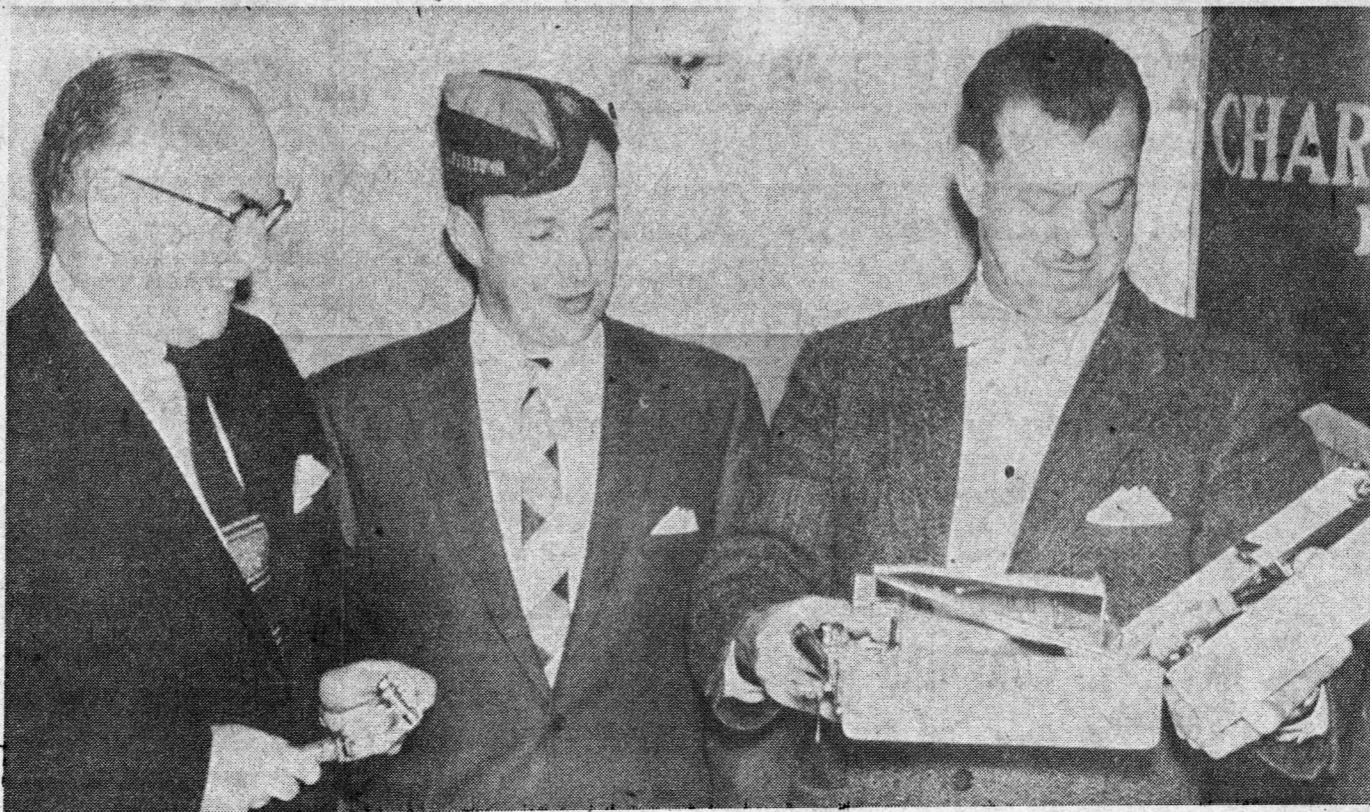
FLUID HEAT

The prototype car which has been seen here utilizes charcoal heaters under its floor which pipe fluid heat through the interior, ensuring uniform temperature and eliminating cold spots. It is presently being tested on the CNR's Hudson Bay line from Winnipeg to Churchill, where shipments are being transported in temperatures ranging to 40 degrees below zero.

The car is fitted with extensive test equipment and is accompanied by a crew of experts who make hourly tests to determine its suitability and the efficiency of its heating system.

GERMAN DIVISION

West Germany has a population of 53,500,000 compared to 18,000,000 in Communist East Germany.



LIONS PRESENT HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Time for making a skin grafting operation will be reduced by 75 per cent through the use of equipment donated by the Charlottetown Lions Club, Dr. J. A. McMillan, chief of medical staff of the Charlottetown Hospital accepted the machine from King Lion Robert Yonker, jointly with

Dr. T. A. Laidlaw, chief of the medical staff of the P.E.I. Hospital at the Queen Hotel Wednesday evening.

A delegation from the Summerside Lions Club, headed by King Lion Ralph Casely, attended the presentation ceremony.

Bulganin Appeals To U.K. Premier To Hold Up Bases

LONDON (Reuters)—Soviet Premier Bulganin in a letter published here today made a direct bid to halt the Atlantic alliance's nuclear missile program at least until a summit conference.

In his latest of a series of exchanges with Prime Minister Macmillan, he warned that a scheduled meeting of NATO defence ministers in Paris next month and construction of bases in Britain for U.S. supplied rockets would "hinder the convening and success" of a summit meeting.

Bulganin said, however, there is at present "a certain relaxation of international tension" and "new seeds of trust in the relations between states." For this reason, he said, a summit meeting is "not only desirable but quite attainable."

any plans had been made for a top-level meeting.

The NATO meeting and Anglo-American missile pact, he said, "cannot be considered as anything but an attempt to hinder the convening and the success of the summit conference and an attempt to present the conference with certain accomplished facts which would in advance remove the basis for an agreement on a number of the most important issues from the point of view of strengthening peace."

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Britain To Buy More Salmon

LONDON (Reuters)—Britain will import an extra 11,000,000 worth of canned salmon from North America, the president of the board of trade, Sir David Eccles, announced Wednesday.

He told the House of Commons the quota for canned salmon from the dollar area in the forthcoming season will be increased by £1,000,000 to £14,500,000.

Under the previous salmon allotments 75 per cent came from Canada. A board of trade spokesman said most of the increase is likely to come from the same source. Britain also imports some salmon from the United States.

Sir Winston Is Kept Indoors

ROQUEBRUNE CAP MARTIN, France (Reuters)—Sir Winston Churchill was confined indoors Wednesday "because of a bit of strain and bad weather on the French Riviera."

But, said his local physician, Dr. David Roberts, the 85-year-old former prime minister "is doing very well indeed" after his recent bout with pneumonia and pleurisy.

His strain followed a busy weekend. He was visited by his old friend, Field Marshall Lord Montgomery, retiring deputy supreme allied commander in Europe, and his hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Reeves.

Friday, Churchill made his first appearance outdoors since illness struck Feb. 18. He took a walk in the villa gardens.

Dr. Roberts said that "as soon as the weather clears in London he will return home."

Churchill also has indicated he still plans to visit Washington late in April as a guest of President Eisenhower.

AIMS AT ROCKETS

He aimed his new letter chiefly at NATO's plans to implement the rocket strategy approved at the Atlantic pact's Paris conference last December. This called for the stationing of American intermediate-range ballistic missiles in Western Europe.

Bulganin said: "I have no right to keep silence about the fact that the consent given by the British government to the construction of American rocket bases on the territory of their country introduces a considerable element of tension into the international situation."

He added that "we cannot ignore" a British defence statement last month declaring a major Soviet aggression, even with conventional arms, would be met by nuclear retaliation.

Former Ch'town Man Buys Pioneer Saddle Making Firm

WINNIPEG (CP)—A pioneer western firm that built the first saddles for the mounted police and rode into prominence as a supplier of horse harness for the Old West has been sold to eastern interests and may move its headquarters to Toronto.

The sale of the Great West Saddlery Company Limited, founded here in 1869, was announced Tuesday. Purchasers are a group of eastern businessmen headed by Hugh Paton, 38, formerly of Charlottetown, and D. Hubert Cox, 43, formerly of Manchester, England. Both now live in Toronto.

The company once manufactured and sold only harness and saddles when horses provided the main motive power for business and pleasure. Now the company has taken up other lines.

CUNARD DESCENDENT

Hugh Paton is a descendant of Sir Samuel Cunard, founder of Cunard Steamship Line. He negotiated the purchase of Canada Plycraft in Winnipeg in 1949 and then moved it by freight train to the Maritimes.

He and Mr. Cox control Brandon Packers Limited of Brandon and Westgate Packers Limited of Port Arthur.

Before coming to Canada in 1954 Mr. Cox was general manager for 13 years of Regional Properties Limited—a group of seven public companies owning 5,000 apartments, 4,500 houses, nine large office buildings, numerous stores and other real estate in Scotland, England and Wales.

American Site Ruled Out For Summit Talks; Geneva Likely

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration has decided against holding a summit meeting in the United States. It is considering Geneva in the fall as a likely place and time for such a conference.

An American site has been ruled out, partly because it might enhance the domestic and international stature of Soviet party chief Nikita Khrushchev, who has been angling for such a trip for months.

This administration view became known Wednesday as State Secretary Dulles in discuss the Kremlin's mounting propaganda drive for an immediate heads-of-government parity.

path to a summit meeting in the Swiss city in September or October:

1. An East-West foreign ministers meeting in June to help prepare essential diplomatic groundwork.
2. Lower-level disarmament talks within the next month within a United Nations framework to discuss ending of atomic-hydrogen tests. Soviet willingness to make concessions, including offering of inspection guarantees, would be regarded as an index to the usefulness of a summit meeting later.
3. Informal diplomatic contacts with Soviet representatives to make progress in easing existing deadlocks on problems such as German unification, plans to strengthen the United Nations, and the future of Eastern Europe.

CHAIN OF EVENTS

Administration authorities foresaw this chain of events as the