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LABOR LEADS AS COUNT PROGRESSES IN BRITISH ELECTION

Scope Of Unemployment Act Is Increased

Premier Jones' Reply To CNR Highway Brief

The Guardian regrets that in publishing Premier Jones' reply to the proposed bus and truck services in yesterday's issue, an important section of the Premier's letter was inadvertently omitted. It appears in full below:

February 22, 1950.

W. E. Robinson, Esq., Vice-President and General Manager, Canadian National Railways, Moncton, New Brunswick.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Please accept for yourself and on my behalf my sincere appreciation for the lucid presentation of proposals contained in your letter of February 15th, and for the exceedingly clear and forceful manner in which the same were presented verbally on February 8th and 9th.

The Government of Prince Edward Island is of the opinion that the proposed bus and truck services are a decided improvement if such schedules would not result in a diminution of present services. If the transportation services we now enjoy would not be injuriously affected by the proposed schedules, any difficulties surrounding the latter's adoption would, I am sure, be readily resolved.

We are, however, not entirely satisfied that such would be the case, and your letter of February 15th, in the fourth last paragraph, points out the difficulty. You state:

"However, should our proposed

May Bring Up To 100,000 Under Benefits

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—(CP)—An additional 100,000 unemployed Canadians are expected to receive financial assistance out of the unemployment insurance fund as a result of legislative changes given unanimous support today in the Commons.

The changes, providing for special and supplementary payments to the unemployed, also will increase the contributions made by employers, employees and the Government to the unemployment insurance fund.

The contributions of employers and employees will be increased by one-cent-a-day each. The Government will pay one fifth of the total employer-employee contributions.

Another change will bring an additional 80,000 workers within the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act. At present only workers earning \$3,120 a year or less are covered by the act. Under the new legislation the act will be extended to cover workers earning \$4,800 or less a year.

Workers in logging and lumbering industries, hitherto excluded, will be brought within provisions of the act.

The new legislation was explained by Health Minister Martin, Acting Labor Minister, when he introduced a resolution to a bill providing for the changes.

Spokesmen for the opposition groups—Gordon Graydon (PC-Peel), Angus MacInnis (CCF-Vancouver East), and F. D. Shaw (SC-Red Deer)—said they would facilitate passage of the legislation but expressed regret it did not provide some solution to the unemployment insurance problem.

Mr. Martin said one of the main amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act will provide additional protection for unemployed workers during the period of Jan. 1 to March 31 when the rigors of Canadian winters force employment to its lowest ebb.

This year the payments will start from the time the new legislation is in force until April 15, 1950. The Government has asked the Commons to speed passage of the legislation.

A complicated formula has been worked out to provide for the supplementary payments.

N. S. Liberal Loses Seat In Commons

HALIFAX, Feb. 23—(CP)—Election of Liberal Angus Elderkin to the House of Commons in the June 27 Federal election was declared void today by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Progressive Conservative George Nowlan, who held the seat before the election, had asked the court to declare the election void or else declare him, Mr. Nowlan, elected to the Annapolis-Kings seat.

The court made two decisions: 1—Mr. Elderkin was "not duly elected" to the Annapolis-Kings riding.

2—The election of a member in the Federal contest "was void."

The decision means that a by-election must be held to fill the seat. Mr. Elderkin has been sitting as the member during the present session of the Commons.

Mr. Elderkin took his seat after a recount showed him to have a four-vote majority.

Mr. Nowlan, who won the seat in a 1948 by-election, claimed in his petition that some service votes had been included incorrectly in the count. These votes, he said, should have been counted in the servicemen's home readings.

W. C. Withrow told the court inquiry that the number of un-

Election Standing

LONDON, Feb. 24—(Friday)—(CP)—Returns from 282 of 625 constituencies in the British election showed the following party standing at 1:30 p.m. AST.

Labor—159
Conservatives—98
Liberals—1
Conservative-Liberals—4
Doubtful—363.

Night counting will cover only 265 seats, mostly urban. Counting in other seats starts at 10:30 a.m. (6:30 a.m. AST).

Popular Vote

LONDON, Feb. 24—(Friday)—(CP)—The popular vote count in the British election at 4 a.m. GMT (12 midnight Thursday AST).

Labor..... 5,807,131
Conservatives..... 5,025,879
Liberals..... 1,033,922
Communists..... 45,051

Gains Summary

LONDON, Feb. 24—(Friday)—(CP)—A summary of gains by parties in the British election, based on results at 4 a.m. GMT (12 midnight Thursday AST) from 248 seats:

Conservative from Labor 24.
Conservative from Independent 1.

Labor from Conservative 2.
Labor from Independent 2.
Labor from Labor Independent 2.

Liberals from Labor 1.
Conservative-Liberals from Conservative 2.
Conservative-Liberals from Labor 2.

Unchanged 200.
Doubtful 379.

LEAVES LARGE ESTATE

TORONTO, Feb. 23—(CP)—An estate of \$3,462,000 was left by J. H. C. (Ike) Waite, prominent financier and mining engineer who died Jan. 3, at the age of 61. His will was filed for probate today.

Bulk of his estate was in stocks. He was survived by his widow, two daughters and two sons. He was president of Mining Corporation of Canada, Ltd.

Conservatives Make Gains But Labor Party Official Claims Victory

LONDON, Feb. 24—(Friday)—(CP)—The Labor Party early today held a 5-to-3 lead over the Conservatives in parliamentary election returns from more than one-third of Britain. Labor claimed a clear-cut victory but Conservatives refused to concede defeat.

Returns from 258 of 625 constituencies showed Labor clinched 159 seats in the new House of Commons, the Conservatives 98 seats, and the once-powerful Liberals, only one.

Jubilant Labor spokesmen predicted at least a 60-seat majority in the new House. They had a 148-member majority in the last one, which had 640 seats compared with the 625 now at stake.

Heaviest Vote

The indications were that the vote was the heaviest in Britain's history—somewhere in the neighborhood of 26,000,000. Late afternoon and early evening rainstorms which caused Labor some dismay apparently had little effect on the outpouring of voters anxious to have their say on the issue of more or less socialism.

Sir Stafford Cripps, whose popularity was not enhanced by his position as czar of Britain's belt-tightening austerity program, told his supporters:

"The results show that the people are determined to hang on to what they have won in the past. We have done all sorts of things in the Labor government which have not been popular, yet you are coming along and supporting the most unpopular man of all."

He obviously referred to himself.

The vote in Conservative Leader Churchill's district was not to be counted until later today, but like most top party leaders, his was considered a "safe" constituency with election virtually assured for the 75-year-old leader of the Opposition.

In biting into Labor's majority, the Conservatives took at least 14 Commons seats which had been Labor, while surrendering only one which had been Conservative.

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Coming Events

- **Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- **Horse Races, Vernon Ice, Saturday, February 25th.
- **Crokinole Party, Hampshire School, Friday, February 24th. In aid of Y. P. U.
- **Federation of Agriculture Meeting, North Tryon, Friday evening 8.00.
- **Horse Racing at Stanley Saturday, February 25th. Four classes. Prizes for winning horse in each class.
- **Bonshaw Institute Hall to-night at 8.30. "Stars Over Arizona" and Laurel and Hardy comedy.
- **Wiltshire All Sports vs. Charlottetown Y. M. C. A. Wiltshire Rink tonight. Skating after Canteen service.
- **Will the party from Kensington who sent C. O. D. orders for \$2.95 kindly forward name. Arthur Vessey.
- **See Margaret, Chapman and Robert Young, that great "Relentless" plus Stogees at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight.
- **Hockey tonight at Long Creek Rink, Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Long Creek Beavers. Second game of finals. Skate after game.
- **Federation of Agriculture Meeting, Malpeque Hall, Thursday evening, 8.00. Special speakers will be present.
- **Gallant's Fish Store is now open to serve you. Your patronage will be highly appreciated. 24 Upper Queen Street.
- **Get your costumes ready for the carnival Hunter Rink Friday night. Prizes. Sponsored by Y. P. U.
- **Receiving Hogs at Crapsud every Tuesday until noon. Let your hogs a day or two in advance. Bert J. Trowdale.
- **Hockey in Kelly's Cross Rink Friday, February 24th between Kelly's Cross Red Wings vs. Victoria Stars. Game starting at 8.30. Skate after. Canteen service.
- **North River rink, Friday, February 24th. Playoff game. Inter-mediate B. East Royals vs. Victoria Stars. Game starting at 8.30. Skate after. Canteen service.
- **Appearing in person, at Kensington Hall, February 25th. The Western Rangers, Singing Cowboy, and the Western Ploughboys. Doors open 8 o'clock. Admission 50c and 35c.
- **Minimum carloads of five hundred sacks or more of whole oats, finely ground oats, barley meal and whole wheat for immediate shipment. Sometimes we have bran, shorts and middlings to offer but not with oats, wheat etc. Atlas Grain Company, Board of Trade Building, Charlottetown.

Blame Alcoholic Poisoning For Child's Death

BATH, N. B., Feb. 23—(CP)—A coroner's jury found tonight that the death of three-year-old Everett Lloyd was "presumably caused by alcoholic poisoning." The verdict attributed a "certain degree of negligence" because of the child having had access to alcohol.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lloyd, he was found unconscious Feb. 12 on the floor of his home at Kilowen, eight miles from Bath. A bottle containing a small amount of liquor lay beside him. He died in hospital the next day.

The child's father said that he and a brother-in-law, Hedley Wright, had bought two quarts of whisky and two bottles of wine. Wright testified that when he awoke in the morning he saw the child in the kitchen shortly before the youngster lost consciousness.

The child's mother said she had put him to bed about 7 p.m. and had noticed nothing wrong with him when she got up at night to get him a drink of water.

The coroner's jury made no recommendation, and no charge has been laid in the case.

Native of P. E. I. Dies In Glace Bay

GLACE BAY, N. S., Feb. 23—(CP)—John A. McRae, 71, a native of Rice Point, P. E. I., and a prominent figure in Cape Breton business circles, died at his home here today.

A marine surveyor on Federal Government boats in Prince Edward Island in his younger days, Mr. McRae came to the Sydney steel plant in 1900.

Two years later he moved to Glace Bay and engaged in the construction business. Shortly afterward he entered business for himself.

A keen sportsman, he was a member of the original Cape Breton Boxing Commission and horse racing was his main hobby.

Gunmen Get Big Haul In Jewels At Mansion

CLEVELAND, Feb. 23—(AP)—Wearing stockings on their shoes and hoods over their heads, seven gunmen today got an estimated \$350,000 in uninsured jewels in a hold-up at the William G. Mather mansion.

But Mather himself, 83-year-old retired board chairman of Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, slept on a bed with his wife and his dog barked.

The robbers discovered where the jewels were by waking Mrs. Mather, 60, with the gleam of a flashlight's beam. The leader swatted her on the face with the butt of a sub-machine-gun.

Before they left, both Mrs. Mather and Mather's male nurse, roused by her screams, were bound and gagged with adhesive tape. The nurse is 72-year-old Walter Musial.

Police Chief William E. L'Estrange of suburban Bratenahl, where the Mather lives, said the bandits seemed suspiciously familiar with the six-acre layout and 30-room mansion on the lake front.

He has obtained the names of four or five former Mather servants, because the bandits got to the home through the servants' entrance. The last servant to enter last night—at 11 p.m.—insists she locked the door. L'Estrange thinks the men used a pass key.

Before leaving the robbers slipped out telephone wires.

Garson Meant Glass Not Match Industry Combine

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—(CP)—Justice Minister Garson said today in the Commons he was wrong yesterday when he had stated the Government had decided to prosecute an alleged price-fixing combine in the Canadian wooden match industry.

Mr. Garson said it has not yet been decided whether prosecution will be launched against the match industry. He said he had misunderstood a question put to him yesterday by Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre). He had thought Mr. Knowles was referring to the flat glass and not the match industry.

The Government had decided to prosecute an alleged price-fixing combine in the flat glass industry.

The Minister said he noticed his error when the report of Commons proceedings was sent to his office for correction.

Outside counsel has been engaged, he said, to study the report of the alleged combine in the match industry and see whether prosecutions are warranted. He expected an opinion "in the near future."



Mr. G. G. Hughes

Mr. G. G. Hughes Back From Trip To Scotland

Mr. G. Gordon Hughes, member of the Canadian curlers who visited Scotland and several other European countries is back in Charlottetown following two months of what he termed "was a wonderful trip with a wonderful group of men to a wonderful country."

And he might have added they made a wonderful showing both in their curling and their impressions upon their guests. The team of which Mr. Hughes was a member ranked third among the Canadian teams in games won and lost and also in shots scored. They were headed only by teams from Northern Ontario and Ontario.

But Mr. Hughes had his greatest success of the trip in Switzerland. In a small Alpine town 6,000 feet above sea-level his team won a two-day bonspiel defeating the Swiss Champion team in the final.

Mr. Hughes thought highly of the open air rink at the end of which were the words in blocks of ice "Welcome Canada." They played in a ten below zero weather in shirt sleeves and were badly sunburned.

Team "A" comprising six separate teams from the Dominion distinguished themselves in the Strathcona Cup matches. They rallied after a slow start to overcome the Scotch ice and broom artists and take a majority of 41 shots.

Team "B", however, fell down on the job. They too had six teams from the Dominion but were downed by the crafty Scots to lose by 71 points. Thus Scotland won the Strathcona Cup by 30 shots.

The Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island team were members of Team "A". Other players on the two Province team besides Mr. Hughes were Mr. A. R. Stirling, Wolfville; Mr. Wallace W. Smith, Lunenburg and Mr. W. B. Spencer, Halifax.

Mr. Hughes explained the slow start made by the Canadians: "The crafty Scots made us play test games just after we got off the boat, we were unaccustomed to playing together and they also made us use metal hacks instead of the Canadian dug-in types. As a result we were soon behind by 70 shots."

The Canadians swapped buttons with every team they played. Mr. Hughes now has a collection of 50 pins from various games played in Perth, Falkirk, Ayr, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Another feature of the Scots hospitality was the piping of the players onto the ice. "Every game we played," said Mr. Hughes. "We had the pipes. He stated they were bandaged every night and were provided with entertainments at nearly every point they stayed."

This is the second year the Canadians and Scots have played for the Strathcona Cup. Last year the Scots visited Canada.

Imports From Japan Begin Causing Trouble

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—(CP)—Canada has been assured by General MacArthur that Japan will not again participate in "dumping" operations, but Canada already has had trouble with at least one item, an External Affairs Department spokesman said today. Recently, Revenue Minister McCaun had to take action on imports of Japanese thermos bottles which could have sold at "inflated sums" and undersold Canadian products.

SHORT HOURS HAVE DRAWBACK

LONDON, Feb. 23—(AP)—For nine months 90 London street cleaners battled for a five-day work week. Recently they got it. Today they asked for permission to work 5 1/2 days. They said their wives have been making them do household chores Saturday mornings.

Said one worker, "We just can't stand the missus."

Potato Price Support Decision Still Pending

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—(Special)—Announcement of government policy on granting price support to potatoes in view of surpluses of the 1949 crop is expected shortly by Agriculture Minister Gardiner. During the past two days, the Minister has discussed the potato situation in the Maritimes privately with a number of members of large potato-growing constituencies including Quebec and Prince, in Prince Edward Island, and Victoria-Carleton in New Brunswick.

While members were reluctant to reveal the substance of their conversations with Mr. Gardiner, they intimated that he had not withdrawn his former opposition to a price support program for potatoes for this year. The door is not yet closed for potato price support however, if conditions in the near future merit such action.

Mr. Gardiner spoke of the difficulty in setting down a potato price floor. Such a floor, he said,

Defence Reveals Strategy In Mercy Killing Trial

Phinney said the prosecution would offer evidence to show that the slim 41-year-old doctor gave Mrs. Borroto four intravenous injections of air—and that she died within 10 minutes after the first injection.

Dr. Sander told officials, the prosecution said, that she passed away "peacefully and quietly" but might have lived possibly two more days without the injections.

Dr. Harold I. Loverud, president of the staff of the hospital, was the first witness called.

Dr. Loverud was asked by the prosecutor what he had learned in his medical training about the effect of injecting air into the circulatory system.

"We were taught," he replied, "air injected into the circulation in sufficient amounts would cause death."

Wyman, the 71-year-old chief of defence counsel, asked:

"Have you any idea of how much air injected into the veins would cause death?"

"No sir," replied Dr. Loverud.

This gave another hint of the defence strategy—an issue that has been raised by outside medical circles:

"How much air injected into a person's veins would be necessary to cause death?"



TORONTO, Feb. 23—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 40, 43; Edmonton 6, 17; Regina 17B, 5B; Winnipeg 21B, 11B; Toronto 13, 28; Ottawa 2, 18; Montreal 7, 20; Quebec—12; Saint John 12, 28; Moncton zero, 15; Halifax 12, 32; Charlottetown 2, 18; Sydney 2, —; Yarmouth 18, 34; St. John's 6, 18, B—below.

HALIFAX, Feb. 23—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis:

Snow and ice pellets fell in most sections of the Maritimes and Eastern Quebec Thursday and during the evening there was some rain and freezing rain in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The storm causing this weather moved northeastward through the Annapolis Valley during the night and will cross the Gulf of St. Lawrence Friday.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday:

Prince Edward Island: Snow and ice pellets, occasionally mixed with freezing rain, changing before dawn to snowflurries. Friday cloudy with scattered snowflurries, clearing in the evening. Not much change in temperature. East wind 25 shifting before dawn to west 25. Low and high Friday at Charlottetown 20 and 22.

High tide today at 2:43 A. M. and 2:26 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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