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## REPRESENT 31% POPULATION

# P.E.I. Municipalities Seek \$253,629 From Gov't

## Claim Share Of Federal Assistance Grant To Prov.

The City of Charlottetown and seven incorporated towns of Prince Edward Island are seeking \$253,629 as their share of the grant of \$2,500,000 announced by Prime Minister Diefenbaker following the Federal Provincial Conference.

In a brief submitted yesterday afternoon to Premier Matheson and Provincial Treasurer B. Earle MacDonald, the municipalities pointed out that with a combined population of 30,743 people, they represent approximately 31 per cent of the population of the Province.

At the present time the provincial per capita grant to municipalities is \$3. The increase suggested in the brief would bring this grant up to \$11.25 and would call for an overall increase in grants from the Province of \$161,400.

CONTACTED FOLLOWING THE presentation of the brief, the Premier stated that since he had, not as yet, received any official confirmation of monies to be received from Ottawa, he was in no position to say to what extent the Government would be able to implement the requests presented in the brief.

As you are aware, the Municipalities in this Province are receiving from your Government, Mr. Premier, an annual per capita grant of \$3.00 at the present time. Because of continuing rising costs in every field of Municipal Administration, our Municipalities in this Province today are faced with a most serious financial situation.

This is understandable, perhaps, when it is noted that whereas in 1942 Municipalities were receiving 27.6 per cent of the Canadian Tax Dollar, today

## "No Immediate Intention" Of Change In CNR Service

"No announcement has been made or is anticipated with respect to a change in the present Island railway service", according to Mr. Heath MacQuarrie from Hon. J. Angus MacLean, P. E. I. member of the Federal Cabinet. The statement added that any survey reported "was part only of continuing national surveys for improvement of the service, with no immediate intention of change."

that the Canadian National Railways proposed to replace the Charlottetown-Borden train service with a single unit diesel rail liner which is commonly in service in other parts of the system. This, it is understood, would mean doing away with the pullman service now provided. It was indicated in the unofficial report that the change would likely take place by the end of April.

Mr. MacLean's statement is interpreted locally as meaning that this period will be considerably extended before any change is put into effect, and then only after further consideration is given.

## N.S. Legislative Adjourns Until After Federal Vote

HALIFAX (CP) — The Nova Scotia legislature adjourned Friday night until April 8, leaving members free to campaign for candidates seeking election to the Commons March 31.

of a federal election campaign. The precedent was set in 1940. Premier Stanfield said the adjournment was in the public interest because members were too "distracted" by the political campaign to properly "despatch" the business of the province.

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Mr. Diefenbaker said the farm price legislation will provide for supports which will bear "a fair relationship" to farmers' production costs. Farmers would know at the start of the crop year the support they could expect throughout the year.

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Mr. Pearson said that the time has come to have a distinctive national flag around which all Canadians can rally and which will remind the world "we constitute a sovereign and independent nation."

## \$50,000 Fire At Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, Me. (AP) — A general alarm fire fanned by gusty winds roared through a huge wooden shed Friday in Portland's most spectacular waterfront fire in years.

Some 5,000 tons of china clay valued at \$7 to \$20 a ton and used in the paper industry was badly damaged. Damage to the 400-by-100-foot shed was estimated by owners at \$50,000.

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QUEBEC (CP) — Three University of Montreal students trying to get Premier Duplessis to set a date for a meeting with delegates from the province's six universities said Friday they "will wait forever if necessary" to see him.

Students at the French-language University of Sherbrooke were the only ones in the province who did not take part.

## Canada, Switzerland Sign Atomic Energy Agreement

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The agreement will permit Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited, a crown company which purchases and sells Canadian uranium, to sign a contract with Switzerland for sale of uranium to that country.

## Top Union Executive To Take Labor Dept. Post

OTTAWA (CP) — Labor Minister Michael Starr Friday night confirmed that Gordon Cushing, executive vice-president of the 1,000,000-member Canadian Labor Congress, will become assistant deputy minister of labor May 1.

Mr. Starr's announcement, originally due to have been made next week, was put out hastily Friday night from his office several hours after publication of the report of Mr. Cushing's move from one key labor job to another.

## Good Samaritan Gets Arrested

MONTREAL (CP) — Spataro Cruciano, 32, played the good samaritan Friday and was pinched for his trouble.

## Committee Will Ask View Of Cuba's Rebel Band Leader

HAVANA (AP) — The views of Fidel Castro, a shadowy figure mountains more than a year ago, will be sought by a committee since he took a rebel band to the trying to restore order in Cuba.

De Cardenas, a 73-year-old lawyer who was vice-president under Ramon Grau San Martin, has opposed Batista in the past. Another committee member, Dr. Gustavo Cuervo Rubio, 67, was vice-president under Batista from 1940 to 1944.

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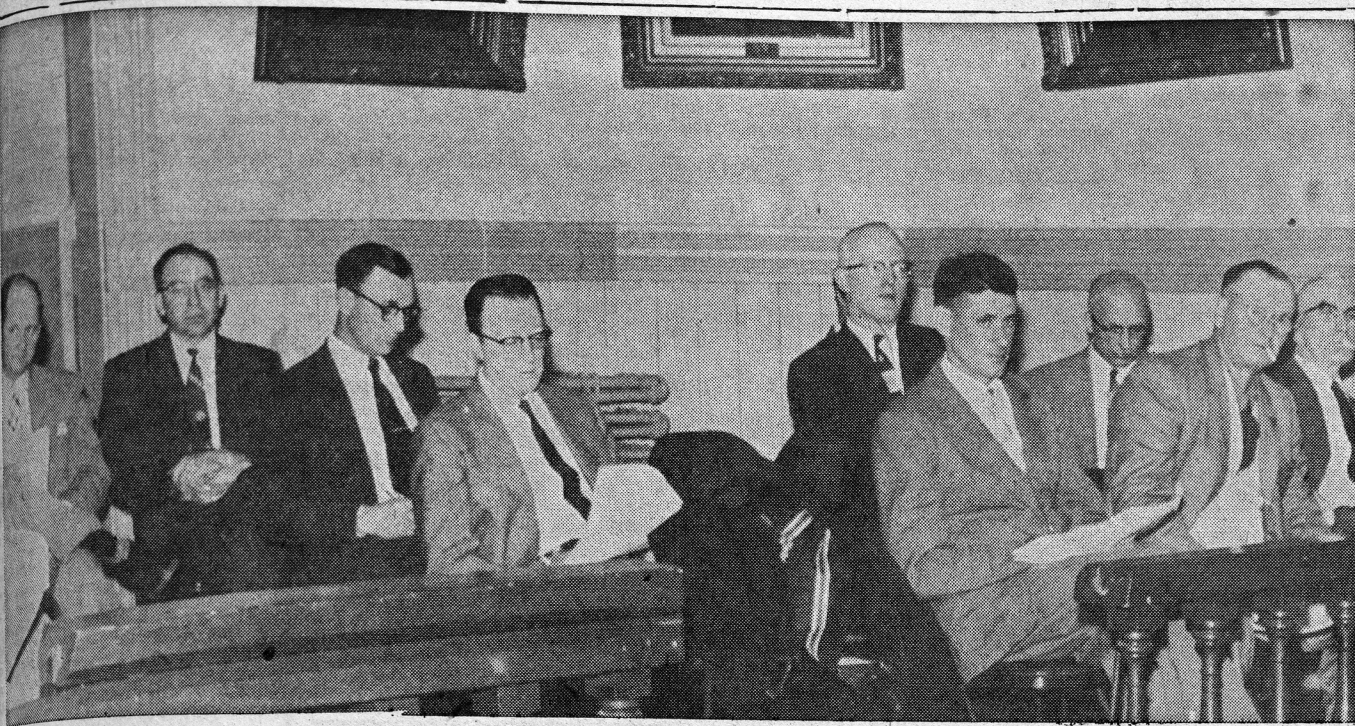
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MUNICIPAL DELEGATES REVISE BRIEF

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