

Gov't Turns Down Rebate Request

"The provincial government does not want to be in the position where it looks as though it is leading a campaign," Premier Walter R. Shaw said yesterday.

He was commenting on the government's decision not to go along with a request of the P.E.I. Hospital Association to assign government hospital insurance premium rebates to the association for distribution to Island hospitals.

The association intends to begin a drive to contact each subscriber and ask him to assign his rebate to the association. About \$600,000 is involved.

Premier Shaw emphasized that the government has never been asked to turn over the entire \$600,000 rebate to the hospital services association.

"Following the Dec. 10 election," he said, "the government, as promised, directed the hospital services association to rebate premiums paid in advance of Nov. 30. This is about

to be done." In a brief to the cabinet, the association suggested that the government assign premium paid on behalf of the department of welfare to the association. It was felt that the public relations value, as well as the financial success of the association's campaign would be assured by this move.

Welfare and Labour Minister Henry Wedge thought that between \$10,000 and \$15,000 of government rebates would be involved.

Premier Shaw said, however, while government rebates will go to the treasury, individual subscribers' rebates will be made as promised and the subscribers may do as they wish with them.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Monte Blue, 76, veteran screen actor and circus press agent, died Monday in hospital where he had been under treatment after suffering a coronary attack.

His career in the movies dated back to the silent films. He played a variety of roles but was starred in many westerns.

Business Shows Strong Trend Across Canada

OTTAWA (CP) — Railway carloadings in Canada in the first seven days of February increased four per cent to 61,044 cars from 59,151 in the corresponding period a year ago, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics said Monday.

Total carloadings from Jan. 1 to Feb. 7 eased to 323,354 from 327,645 in the same period of 1962.

Department store sales rose 3.9 per cent in value in the week ended Feb. 9, as compared with the same period last year. Gains were recorded in all provinces, with sales rising 2.9 per cent in the Atlantic provinces, 2.9 per cent in Quebec, 2.2 per cent in Ontario, 1.7 per cent in Manitoba, 1.13 per cent in Saskatchewan, 6.9 per cent in Alberta and 3.8 per cent in British Columbia.

Production of steel ingots in the week ended Feb. 16 increased three per cent to 147,778 tons from 143,444 in the previous week. Output in the same period of 1962 was 124,364 tons.

The index of production, based on the average weekly output during 1957-69 of 96,108 tons equalling 100, was 114 in the week ended Feb. 16, 149 a year earlier and 129 a year earlier.

Number Of Island Fishermen Increases According To DBS

OTTAWA — The number of Prince Edward Island fishermen rose from 3,274 to 3,464 in 1961, according to the annual review of fisheries statistics for the Island, just published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Of the 1961 total, 10 were full time fishermen, 2,288 part time and 1,156 were occasional. District 98 in Kings County had the largest number, 647, with 585 in district 87, 561 in district 82A, in Prince and 463 in district 82B.

There was a total of 897.9 thousand invested in new capital in the island fishing industry during the year. Of this, 807.3 thousand went into hulls and 117.2 thousand into equipment of fishing craft under 10 tons. Another 22.5 thousand and \$7.7 thousand went into engines and hulls of craft over 10 tons.

There was \$8.3 thousand put in to wheelhouse equipment and \$661.8 thousand into fishing gear.

There were 24 fishing craft of over 10 tons in use, a gain of three over 1960 and 2,533 craft of under 10 tons, a gain from the 2,273 figure of 1960.

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BOWLING ALLEY PROPRIETORS HONORED

The proprietors of the Charlottetown Rollaway Club, were honored last night by the Charlottetown Lions Club when they were presented with a plaque in recognition of the work they have done during the

past 10 years in providing free bowling sessions for the blind. The presentation was made during the blind bowling session at the club. Here, Philip Bower, left, left secretary for the CNIB, listens to the

presentation address, as Roy MacDonald and Joseph (Joe) MacDonald, proprietor, center, receive the plaque from Allison Gill, Lions member in charge of the blind bowling.

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CMA President Suggests Parties Give Growth Plans

TORONTO (CP) — Carl A. Pollock, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said Monday night the various political parties "should tell us plainly and positively how they propose advancing the growth and prosperity of Canadian industry and the whole economy in the months and years ahead."

Addressing the Board of Trade Club of Metropolitan Toronto, Mr. Pollock said Canadians must be prepared to adapt themselves to international changes and to turn them to their advantage in every way possible.

"On the whole," he added, "I am not pessimistic concerning our ability and willingness to do so."

Dealing with trade, Mr. Pollock commented: "We have a long way to go before we can say that our external sales of manufactured goods have reached a satisfactory level, but we are getting there."

"If we grasp the opportunities now available and those likely to present themselves in the next few years I am convinced that we can create a situation in which the annual value of our exports not only exceeds that of our imports but does so in such amount as to actually

give us a favorable international balance of payments."

HOLD DOWN COSTS Mr. Pollock, president of Dominion Electromech Industries Limited, Kitchener, Ont., said much will depend on the extent to which Canadians are successful in holding down costs, improving industrial productivity and generally bringing about greater efficiency at all levels.

"Are we smart enough as a nation to understand this? Are we intelligent enough to practise the necessary individual and national self-discipline now where wages and government spending are concerned, in the interests of high employment, increased prosperity a rising living standards in the future?"

His comments were contained in a text made available to the press in advance of delivery.

Mr. Pollock said Canada's total tax burden is very nearly as great, proportionately, as that of the United States "and we are much less able to stand it."

"Our most urgent need, therefore, is corporate and individual tax reductions and other incentives aimed at pepping up an economy that is definitely underdeveloped in relation to its industrial potential."

He urged, as an absolute minimum, that corporate taxes be

Tobacco Future To Be Discussed

The state of the province's tobacco industry and its future, will be discussed by Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae and representatives of Imperial Tobacco Company Limited in Montreal this afternoon.

Last year, approximately 300 acres of tobacco made up 1.8 per cent of the province's total crop. Mr. MacRae said total production this year is expected to be 500 acres.

"Growers," he said, "plan to expand production and there will be several new growers starting this year."

Spud Prices Holding Firm

Potato prices are running \$1.35 to \$1.40 per bag here, a Charlottetown shipper said yesterday. The market represents improvement from the situation which developed recently, when the price fell fairly sharply downwards from a reported high of \$1.60 to \$1.50 a bag.

This drop was caused, one man suggested, by the revelation that the rig in Maine is holding 8,000 carloads more than it was at the same time a year ago.

Four Cases Heard In Police Court

Four cases were dealt with in city police court yesterday. The case of Raymond Francis Griffin, Charlottetown, charged with uttering a forged document, was adjourned to Feb. 25 to enable the accused to obtain a lawyer. Carl Reinhold Morrison, Charlottetown, charged with obtaining goods by false pretences, was remanded to Feb. 25 at request of counsel, K. M. MacDonald.

In the absence of the counsel for the accused, the case of Joseph Gordon MacDonald, Cranston, charged with damage to property amounting to less than \$50, was adjourned to Mar. 1. A man charged with intoxication in a public place was fined \$20 and costs or 15 days.

Driver Fined \$125 In Court

Charged with drunken driving, Joseph Eldon O'Connor of Saint John, N.B., was fined \$125 and costs or 30 days by Magistrate A.J. Haslam when he pleaded guilty to the charge of driving while impaired in city police court yesterday.

For driving a motor vehicle after having his license suspended, Grant Willis, North River, was fined \$50 and costs or 30 days. He was also fined \$20 and costs or 10 days for having in his possession intoxicating beverages in a place other than his residence.

Robert G. Farquharson, Southport, was fined \$20 and costs or 10 days for speeding. Two drunk and incapable were each fined \$20 and costs or 10 days, completing the docket.

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