

A political crowd like a herd
confused, is but a miscellaneous
rabble who extol vulgarity.

The childhood shows the man, as
morning shows the day; his wis-
dom extend thy mind.

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SEVEN PROVINCES APPEAL FREIGHT RATE INCREASES

Says Margarine Oil, Jap. Shirts In Same Class

Federal Building Holdup Discussed In Parliament

OTTAWA, March 21 — (Special) — Progress of the Federal building for Charlottetown is being held up by differences between valuers on the value of the properties now on the site of the new structure. Public Works Minister Fournier told the House of Commons this afternoon. He was replying to a question asked by W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's.

"Out of the 23 properties forming the site of the proposed building," Mr. Fournier said, "agreements have been reached in two cases, and two more will be settled in the near future. On the balance we are negotiating for settlement."

"Our difficulty is that our valuers—and we had two outside firms making valuations—do not agree with the amounts asked for the properties by the owners. I can give one instance without mentioning the name so that no harm will be done to the negotiations. In this case, according to the detail I have here, we have a valuation of \$10,000 for a property, but the owners are asking \$60,000. It is quite difficult to come to an agreement in a case like that. I am afraid we shall have to proceed through the courts."

In these instances when no agreement can be reached between the Crown and the owner of the expropriated property, the owner has recourse to the Exchequer Court of Canada. Owing to the multiplicity of cases of all kinds before this court, it is difficult to estimate when such cases as those of Charlottetown property-owners can be heard. Delays of months or even of a year or more are not uncommon.

Replying to another part of Mr. McLure's question as to the progress now being made by the Works Department on plans for the Charlottetown building, Mr. Fournier said: "As to plans of this building, the sketches have been completed. They are being submitted to the two departments which will occupy most space in it; that is Post Office and Customs; but from the list I have here, I note that nearly every Department of Government will occupy space in that building. The moment we get that site—and we have given notice to the owners that we need the site from April 1 of this year—we will proceed to the completion of the plans and"

Do It Today Of Lt. Col. Thompson



Lt.-Col. Charles C. Thompson, 56, a veteran of both the First and Second World Wars died in the Prince Edward Island Hospital early today. He had been a patient in the Hospital for the past month.

A native of Montague, he was the son of Mrs. Thompson and the late George Thompson. His father was a member of the well known firm, Pools and Thompson, and for a number of years Col. Thompson was also connected with the firm. Before the outbreak of the Second World War he moved to Charlottetown and was associated with the late Mr. Boulter in the F.E.I. Potato Growers Association.

He served with the 105th Battalion during the early part of the First World War. The battalion was changed to the 26th after proceeding overseas. He saw extensive service in France and was awarded the Military Cross for his exploits.

During peace time he remained on service with the Prince Edward Island Highlanders, which unit he later commanded. At the outbreak of the Second World War he went on active service as commander of this unit.

Following training period he took the unit to Newfoundland where he served for some time. Ill health, however, forced him to forego his military career and he was obliged to return home before the war was completed.

"Back in civilian life," he went into the potato business for himself as operator of the Thompson Produce, a shipping firm. Later he was appointed manager of the P. E. I. Potato Promotional Committee which position he held until illness forced him to hospital.

He married the former Katherine Stanley of Charlottetown who survives him. Also surviving in addition to his mother at Montague are two sons, Donald and Stanley. Mr. George Thompson of the Associated Shippers, Charlottetown, is a brother.

Should Be Ban Imposed On Imports

(By Harold Morrison)
SENIOR CLUB, Que., March 21—(CP)—Margarine ingredients, like Japanese shirts, should be banned from Canada, Major-Gen. C. B. Price said today.

The wartime Canadian army divisional commander, now head of a Montreal dairy company, called attention of dairy men to the indignation "aroused by the import of shirts from Japan."

These imports, he told the National Dairy Council, are protested because shirts can be produced more cheaply in Japan than in Canada and thereby threaten the Canadian textile and shirt-making industry.

The same was true of margarine, "but there is no protest at the plight of farmers and manufacturing plants in our dairy industry through the production of a cheap substitute for butter by the import of low-priced foreign oils."

If there is a case for keeping out Japanese shirts, Gen. Price declared, then there certainly is as good a case for keeping out foreign oils.

Gen. Price formed one of a procession of speakers trying to find means of destroying the competition by which margarine is eating into butter sales.

Farm Leaders Confer On Marketing Legislation

OTTAWA, March 21—(CP)—Farm leaders today sought a solution to their post-war problems at a full-dress conference on marketing legislation.

Producers and government men from every Province were present at the opening session of the two-day meeting, called by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to discuss the problem of unifying marketing procedures.

Main problem before the 100 delegates is to find ways and means of fitting provincial legislation to the Agricultural Products Marketing Act passed by the House of Commons last year and to iron out differences between provincial statutes.

Because of constitutional restrictions, provincial marketing legislation can only apply to the marketing of products of any one Province within its own boundaries. The Federal statute was passed to facilitate orderly marketing of farm products at the inter-provincial and export levels.

Discuss Floor Prices

The first day of the meeting reached no conclusions on this main point and much of the discussion got sidetracked into a general talk about Federally-fixed floor prices.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner stressed that the Canadian Government could not be expected to buy up all the surplus agricultural products produced in Canada and that he was in no position to outline any "pattern" on price support legislation.

The Minister said it was necessary to establish a general policy for each product, since what applied to butter was "quite different" from what might apply to eggs.

The price-support question arose after Saskatchewan delegates, headed by Premier Douglas, said that establishment of marketing boards under provincial legislation should be carried out with price support legislation.

Newfoundland Protests

Newfoundland delegates, attending their first meeting of this kind, registered protests that quantities of potatoes and cabbage were being shipped into the new Province at competitive prices because of government shipping subsidies.

Delegates got back on the main conference topic—uniformity in provincial marketing laws—at the afternoon sitting.

H. H. Hannam, C.F.A. president, in his opening address, said a system of orderly marketing was desirable because it enabled the producer to use more intelligence in planning; it made it easier to supply markets, resulting in more and better products at fair prices to the consumer; and it put the agricultural industry on a business basis.

Producers had found that a small minority operating independently could often render the cooperative efforts of the majority ineffective.

Lumber Order Is Announced

SAINT JOHN, N. B., March 21—(CP)—Formal awarding of a \$2,500,000 order by the British Timber Control for Eastern Canadian spruce was announced today by John E. Seyre, chairman of the Maritime Lumber Bureau. The quantity is expected to run between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000 feet.

New Brunswick's share, it is believed, will be about 40 per cent, with the rest coming from Nova Scotia and the Gaspé area of Quebec.

A recent announcement said that \$12,500,000 of Marshall Plan dollars had been allocated to Britain for the purchase of Canadian timber. Much of this will be used to buy British Columbia fir.

Lumber dealers here said the order would help considerably to stabilize New Brunswick's lumber industry this season. Unfavorable weather had been a factor in decreased production. Domestic demand was still fairly good, however, and some exports had been made to the United States.

Undernourishment Hampers Children

SASKATOON Sask., March 21—(CP)—Government nutritionist Dorothy Hagar today told a meeting of the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association that children's backwardness in school can often be attributed to undernourishment.

Properly packed lunches for children could do much to further their general health and well-being, she said.

Miss Hagar said in some areas children "pool" their lunches among the entire school or among their own grade or classroom. She said children continually eating their individual lunches tend to gather in "cliques" with their schoolmates.

Five-Point Program

As the Council continued its three-day annual meeting, Gen. Price urged the 200 delegates to consider a five-point program, aimed at eliminating the sharp price differential between butter and margarine.

This price differential, said Gen. Price, was the real reason why some Canadians favored margarine.

Gen. Price's program:

1. Stop the margarine industry from putting out excessive amounts of margarine by instituting government quota controls. These controls would be the same as in other Commonwealth countries.
2. Increase the excise tax

Plans For Public Works Announced In N. S. House

By GEORGE FORSTER
HALIFAX, March 21—(CP)—The Nova Scotia Legislature today opened a session that is expected to see heavy emphasis on public works projects and unemployment plans.

Plans for construction of new highways, bridges, schools and other public buildings were announced in the Speech from the Throne.

The Speech said unemployment is "of greatest concern" to the Government which is taking steps to alleviate it. Most of it, however, was caused by conditions beyond the Provincial Government's control.

But Robert Stanfield, making his debut as Progressive Conservative leader, said his party can not agree that conditions are beyond the Government's control.

In a brief speech before adjourn-

Coming Events

- *Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- *Card Party and Bingo, at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight.
- *Pantry sale, March 31st, Rogers Hardware, Cross Roads W.M.S.
- *Show at New Glasgow tonight at 8:00. "Isle of Forgotten Sins."
- *St. Patrick's variety concert Crapaud Hall, Wednesday, March 22nd, Crapaud W. I.
- *Loading Hogs at Fredericton, March 23rd, till 11 A. M. and Colville until 11:30. Phone 77-121. D. L. MacDowell.
- *Calf Club Organizational Meeting, Hampton Hall, 8 o'clock, Thursday, March 23rd, Dept. of Agriculture Officials present. Films shown.
- *Bradalbane hall Thursday, March 23, one-act plays, "A Ghostly Evening" and "Green Point". Sponsored by the Bradalbane hockey team.
- *North River Rink tonight, exhibition game, Hampshire vs. Long Creek. Game starts at 8 o'clock. Skate after. Canteen service.
- *Doubleheader at Long Creek tonight, Cornwall girls vs. Long Creek girls; Cornwall boys vs. Long Creek boys. Game starts 7:30. Skate after.
- *See the Mr. and Mrs. Club of Summerside present their variety show at the Masonic Hall, Summerside, Wednesday, March 22. Sponsored by the Women's Institute, Admission 50 and 25 cents.
- *Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Emer Wigmore, Bradalbane, until 1:30 A. M. Borden Bagnall, Summerside, until noon. Summerside until 1:30 P. M. and Kensington until 3:30 P. M. MacDowell and Coaling.

Illness Keeps Members Of U. K. House Absent

(By Alan Harvey)
LONDON, March 21—(CP)—Illness is sapping Labor and Conservative strength in the House of Commons, and is doing it impartially. If a snap division should take place within a few days, a survey showed today, both parties would probably be at least four men short through sickness.

This would leave Labor's overall majority at four, with two by-elections pending. The official standing in the House of Commons gives Labor 313 seats against 309 for all other parties, excluding the Speaker.

Labor's four absentees are expected to be on the sidelines at least until Easter. Two Conservatives may be back next week.

Sprightliest of the invalids is Hubert Ashton, Conservative member for Chelmsford. He says he feels fine, although he is confined to his home for a few days with a mild case of mumps.

Wing Cmdr. N. J. Hulbert, Conservative member for Stockport North, has influenza. He told the Canadian Press today that he plans to stay in bed until Sunday at least.

Two other missing Conservatives are Patrick Donner, Basingstoke, and Lt.-Col. William Kingsmill, Yeovil. Donner has been ill with pneumonia.

Kingsmill, who has not yet taken his oath of allegiance in the Commons, is recovering from yellow jaundice and expects to be in London next week.

The only Labor member not yet sworn in is Frank Fairhurst, Oldham East, who has been in hospital since before the election.

David Kirkwood, 77-year-old Socialist who sits for Dumbarton East, is expected to leave hospital shortly.

Two more Socialist absentees are O. G. Willey, Cleveland, Yorkshire, in hospital with a leg ailment, and James McInnes, Glasgow West. Taken ill Sunday, McInnes is expected to remain in a nursing home several weeks for treatment of a stomach condition.

The pending by-elections are in the Neepsand district of Sheffield and Dumbartonshire West. Adam McKinlay, a Labor member representing the latter, died recently, while Col. Harry Morris, Labor, resigned from Neepsand to open up a seat to Sir Frank Soskice, collector-general who was defeated in the Feb. 28 general election.

Did Not Consider Shooting Murder

COBourg, Ont., March 21—(CP)—Ralph Kilborn was quoted today as saying he did not consider it murder when he shot his mentally-ill wife after she gravely wounded herself in a suicide attempt.

Mr. Justice Dalton Wells, presiding at the murder trial of the 56-year-old retired engineer, admitted as evidence a statement Kilborn made to police after the Nov. 1 slaying.

Provincial Constable Don Nicol read the statement, which he said Kilborn signed:

"I left the room while she was sitting in the chair to get some water. When I came back she was lying on the floor and the gun was lying on the table. She asked me to lift her up and put her on the chair. I couldn't bear to see her suffer and shot her in the temple."

"She suffered from an incurable disease that affected her mentally. She was packing that day to go to Whitby (mental hospital) and I had no idea she was going to take her own life."

"I do not consider that I committed murder."

Similar testimony was given by two neighbors, Charles Barnard and Fred Perrin, and by Dr. A. L. Russell.

TREATY GIFT

The Panama Canal Zone was granted to the United States by the Republic of Panama under treaty in 1904.

Ask Delay In Application Of Recent Boost

OTTAWA, March 21—(CP)—An appeal against the last two freight-rate increases coupled with an application for a stay of the latest one—due to go into effect Thursday—was lodged with the Cabinet today by seven Provincial Governments.

The Provinces—all but Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland—termed the increases a "substantial miscarriage of justice" in a petition following closely on a railway appeal that the two increases be boosted by a further 3.4 per cent.

Immediate indications were that the railways would fight the proposal before the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The appeals stem from an application for a general 20-per-cent increase made to the Board by the railways in 1948. Last Sept. 20, the board awarded an "interim" eight per cent, and it gave another eight on March 1. The railways put the first boost into effect and served notice the second would be applied March 23.

The railways followed that up by calling on the Board for the full 20 per cent, which would amount to an increase of 3.4 per cent over the rates due to be applied Thursday. So far, the Board has not set a date for hearings on that appeal.

In their counter-move, the Provinces went to the Governor-in-Council, which has wide powers to rescind or change any Board order.

Protest Size, Form

They protested both the size and the form of the increases.

One ground was that the Board erred in awarding general percentage increases, which the Provinces claimed accentuated "disparities" in the freight-rate structure.

After deciding on percentage increases, the Provinces said, the Board was wrong again in imposing limitations on the amount applicable to any traffic.

Further, said the Provincial petition, the Transport Board erred in four ways in not taking measures that might have cut down the amount of any increase:

1. It had failed to comply with a 1948 cabinet order directing it to investigate the question of appointing some railway dividend requirements against the non-rail income of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the "yardstick" line for rate-making.
2. It had allowed the C.P.R. a surplus of \$15,235,000 out of rail earnings, fixing this amount "without the application of any principle."
3. It had failed to determine whether the C.P.R.'s reported non-rail income contained items which should have been classified as rail income.
4. It had not made a proper investigation to determine whether or not maintenance charges submitted by the C.P.R. were excessive for rate-making purposes.

This was the second appeal launched by the same group of Provinces in the last two years. In 1948, they appealed a general 21-per-cent rate increase.

An apparent upshot of that referral was that the award to the railways in the subsequent rate case was scaled down somewhat.

On the basis of the Cabinet actions in the previous case, there appeared scant chance that the cabinet would act to slow a brake into the railways putting the latest increase into effect day after tomorrow.

More likely was that it would hear further representations from both sets of opponents before taking action. That could stretch into weeks, or even months.

Challenges Premier To Make 'Amende Honorable'



Mr. William Hughes

Atlantic Gales Delay Shipping

HALIFAX, March 21—(CP)—Gales with gusts up to 70 miles an hour in mid-Atlantic have played havoc with North Atlantic shipping schedules, shipping men reported tonight.

The 20,000-ton liner Franconia arrived in port today, two days behind schedule. The ship, with 800 passengers aboard, reported being holed by most of a day during her eight-day voyage from Liverpool, England. The ship made only 60 miles during one 24-hour period.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Canada is expected here late tomorrow, a day behind schedule, on a trip from Liverpool. She has 650 passengers aboard.

The freighter Sibley Park, out of London, reported heavy going as she fought westerly gales in mid-Atlantic.

The Weather Office here said one ship reported 70-knot winds. However, the North Atlantic gales appear to be abating, with winds of 35 knots reported today.

A challenge to Premier Jones to make an open apology with respect to an injured colleague was made in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Mr. William Hughes, Fifth King's former Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Health and Welfare in the Jones Government, at the conclusion of a speech in the Budget debate in which he compared certain phases of the present Jones administration to the "Comedy of Errors" by Shakespeare.

Stating that "the Premier has not given one iota of evidence in support of his charges against a former Health Minister regarding over-expenditures and the drawing up of an agreement on potato warehouses, nor has he retracted or withdrawn them," Mr. Hughes concluded that "the sixty-four dollar question might well be: 'Is the Premier big enough to make an amende honorable?'"

Recalls Castigation

"Some few years ago," stated Mr. Hughes, "the Premier castigated a member who was in charge of the Department of Health and Welfare on account of an alleged over-expenditure of \$450,000. The over-expenditure as shown in the interim report of Public Accounts was about \$380,000."

"The present Treasurer in his report stated that he had an over-expenditure of over \$300,000. He pointed out, however, that it was really not an over-expenditure as it was due to an increase in old age pensions and in fact he had a surplus of about \$40,000 after making the necessary corrections and adjustments."

"Two years ago there was also an increase in the old age pensions. In addition the Premier and leader of the Opposition agreed that there would be an extra expenditure, apart from the estimate"

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Spaak Urges Leopold Quit

BRUSSELS, March 21—(Reuters)—Belgium's former Socialist Premier, Paul-Henri Spaak, who led the drive against exiled King Leopold's return, tonight appealed to the King to stand down in favor of his son Prince Baudouin "around whom all Belgians will rally."

Spaak advised the King to stay away from the country and be content with the "moral victory" of a majority in the recent referendum.

Spaak's appeal was published as an open letter in Socialist newspaper Le Peuple.

Formation of a new Belgian cabinet was held up tonight apparently by hardening Liberal opposition to the return of Leopold.

B. Colpitts Heads N.B. Shorthorn Ass'n

AMHERST, N. S., March 21—(CP)—B. Colpitts of Salisbury today was elected president of the New Brunswick Shorthorn Association at the annual meeting here. He succeeds Henry Wilson of Lakeville.

Flogging Rejected To Combat Crime Wave

LONDON, March 21—(AP)—The Government today ruled out a return of legalized flogging to combat an outbreak of violent crimes in Britain.

Instead of using the cat o'nine tails on offenders who get caught, it promised more police on beats to prevent such assaults.

The Government's views were set forth in the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt.

The lash was abolished in a revision of the Criminal Justice Code passed by Parliament in 1948.

Lord Jowitt conceded that Britain is "confronted by a difficult and dangerous situation" and said there is reason for public disquiet. But he added:

"On the vexed question of flogging, the attitude of the Government is quite definite. We have no intention whatever of reintroducing it."

Lord Jowitt said the new Criminal Justice Code, which provides for stiffer prison terms for crimes of violence instead of the lash, de-

TORONTO, March 21—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 33, 42; Edmonton 18, 46; Regina 9, 37; Winnipeg 23, 38; Toronto 33, 38; Ottawa 24, 42; Montreal 21, 40; Quebec 16, 35; Saint John 26, 43; Moncton 20, 44; Halifax 28, 44; Charlottetown 15, 32; Sydney 15, 28; Yarmouth 31, 40; St. John's 12, 26.

HALIFAX, March 21—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis:

Skies were clear over the Maritimes this evening, and temperatures were generally in the 20s.

The disturbance that caused rain around New York was moving eastward and its centre was expected to remain well south of the district. Rain is expected to fall over the ocean south of Nova Scotia, but only cloudy weather is forecast over the land.

In the northern regions the skies will remain clear, and in the southern regions the cloud will be moving away again on Wednesday. With bright sunshine, temperatures Wednesday are expected to be much the same as on Tuesday.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Wednesday.

Prince Edward Island: Becoming cloudy Wednesday morning. Little change in temperatures. Light winds increasing Wednesday afternoon to northeast 15, Low and high at Charlottetown 29 and 35.

High tide today at 1:11 A. M. and 12:57 P. M.

Sun rises at 6:14 A. M. and sets at 6:27 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9:10 A.M.	2:40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9:10 A.M.	10:35 A.M.