



HON. ALLAN J. MacEachen, federal minister of health, smilingly told The Guardian his perfect accord with Premier Alex Campbell could indicate Prince Edward Island would receive more money than was indicated in reports of the tax sharing committee meeting in Ottawa earlier this week. The federal minister came here with the Premier in order to address a meeting in Summerside last night and was photographed in the Charlottetown Hotel shortly after arriving in the province by plane.

Diefenbaker Makes Plea To Save Horses Of RCMP

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker demanded Friday that the government halt the planned sale Saturday of the RCMP's horses in Regina until Parliament can discuss it. "While we live in a period of change, to remove the horses will be to destroy an essential heritage of the Western plains," he said. "That may be economical but it is destructive of the historic greatness of this force."

Mr. Diefenbaker sent a personal protest to Solicitor-General Pennell, the minister responsible for the RCMP, asking that he intervene until after Parliament assemblies.

Regina has been the home of the RCMP since the early 1880s. At Regina, the basic training is given, including horsemanship which has become the symbol nationally and internationally of the force.

"The sale is advertised for tomorrow and I strongly press that it should be postponed. Many economies can be effected but this one cannot be justified if we have regard to the pride in the horses which has been carried out, this step will be an irretrievable break with their past, never to be restored."

This is not the first time that Mr. Diefenbaker—who grew up on the Prairies in an era when the horse was an indispensable part of every-day life—has come to the rescue of the animal. In 1960, when he was prime minister, he saved the Sable Island ponies from extinction. For centuries the ponies had roamed wild on the Atlantic island 200 miles east of Halifax.

But the transport department decided they should be rounded up and sold, to save the taxpayer the cost of feeding them by air-dropped hay bales.

Mr. Diefenbaker, in response to many pleas to the government, over-ruled the department. In fact, about a year later, his government passed regulations making it an offence to interfere with the ponies.

The city council of Regina, training site of the RCMP, also has asked the government to reconsider sale of the Mounties' horses.

Mayor Henry Baker has said that "if they're not going to have horses any more they should be called the Royal Canadian Motor Police."

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Premier Sees Cutback Unless Ottawa Relents

Que. Plans To Ignore New Permit

QUEBEC (CP)—Gabriel Loubier, Quebec's minister of tourism, game and fish, said Friday his government does not recognize a new permit recently introduced by the federal authorities for the hunting of game birds.

Mr. Loubier was interviewed following release of an official government statement on Quebec's attitude to the permit issued across Canada by the federal government.

He said the RCMP, who will have responsibility for prosecuting hunters who do not have the permit, "will prudently not do so."

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P.C. Opposition Leader Diefenbaker enjoys one of a dozen birthday presents — a pamphlet titled Sex and the Single Dog — from his Parliament Hill office staff Friday. The party was given on the eve of his 71st birthday. Mrs. Diefenbaker cuts up the cake. (CP Wirephoto)

NO CHANGES TO END OF 1974

Prairie Provinces Safe On Rail Abandonment

OTTAWA (CP)—The Prairie provinces were given solid assurances by the government Friday that they can put aside their main fears of railway branch line abandonment, at least until Jan. 1, 1975.

An eight-year ban against abandonments was clamped on 17,000 miles of Prairie trackage in a new "guaranteed railway network" outlined at a press briefing by John Turner, minister without portfolio.

Only 1,839 miles of rail lines in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were left unprotected. These likely will be abandoned by the railways as quickly as possible.

The move is connected with the government's proposed legislation under which the railways would be empowered to abandon any branch line they can prove is losing money. The government could order such a line kept open, but would then be committed to paying for its annual deficit.

WERE MANY STUDIES
The decision on which lines to protect and which to toss out was made after co-operative studies with provincial agencies and grain elevator interests. Applications for abandonment of the unprotected lines are expected to go through the mill with little protest.

Mr. Turner said the new freeze will not deny the railways the right to apply for support of money-losing lines when the new legislation becomes law. If one of the protected lines was losing money, the subsidy would automatically be applied.

But it would assure companies located along the lines of at least eight more years of railway service and thus provide a period for amortizing the cost of elevators or other equipment.

In the eight-year interval, studies would be undertaken by the proposed new Canadian Transport Commission to determine the future pattern of branch line abandonment in the West.

Mr. Turner recalled that the MacPherson report, based on 1958-59 studies, recommended abandonment of 8,600 miles of Prairie branch lines. The expansion of traffic, particularly in wheat and potash, had since made many of these lines productive.

In Edmonton, W. J. Harper, information officer for the Farmers' Union of Alberta, said his organization agrees with the principle of abandoning uneconomic lines "as long as this does not seriously handicap any producers."



Queen's commendations for brave conduct have gone to the crew of a naval helicopter and injured sailors from the helicopter destroyer Nipigon. LEFT TO RIGHT, are Lt. P.A. Blanchard, 30, of Waterloo, Ont., the pilot; Lt. J.W. McDermott, 31, of Fort Erie, Ont., the co-pilot; and Leading Seaman K.F. Bowen, 33, of Toronto, aircrewman. (CP Wirephoto)

Snowballing Deficit Is Other Alternative

By RALPH CAMERON
Admitting that the new tax sharing formula outlined at Ottawa this week will give this province more money than it has received in the past, Premier Alex Campbell said last night it was not enough to meet rising costs. He was speaking at a press conference held shortly after he returned to Charlottetown from Ottawa where he attended the federal-provincial tax conference.

"If we are forced to continue on the present basis we will have to 'cut back' in several areas."

Premier Campbell said his private meeting with Committee Chairman Sharp had not resulted in his obtaining a promise of more money, but he reminded reporters the tax sharing committee meeting in Ottawa was called to let provincial governments voice their reactions to the proposals and noted there was a full-scale meeting scheduled later. "Studies on the subject will continue until October," he said.

"If we have to carry on at the present rate and without any additional revenue from Ottawa our deficit next year will be \$9,000,000 and will rise to \$16 million within five years," the Premier said on his return from the nation's capital.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK
However, Premier Campbell was far more confident of greater possibilities for the province following another important interview with Hon. Maurice Sauve, federal forestry minister, who oversees the rural and economic development program. Mr. Campbell said Mr. Sauve was anxious to see a full scale Continued on Page 3 Col 3

Ontario, Quebec Premiers Comment On Conference

TORONTO (CP) — Finance Minister Sharp's suggestion to the federal-provincial tax structure committee in Ottawa that the provinces raise their own tax money is "most irrational," Premier John Robarts says.

He told a news conference Friday there are grounds for the belief that Ottawa does not require 50 per cent of income taxes to maintain fiscal control in the country.

The Ottawa meeting "got out of hand" because it developed into a discussion of constitutional matters outside the tax field, he said.

The discussion started because Quebec Premier Johnson was making his first appearance at a federal-provincial meeting and showed no reluctance to talk about his position in terms of statehood.

Mr. Sharp's offer of 17-per-cent additional personal income tax revenue meant only that the federal government was ready to opt out of the shared-cost programs it had started, he said.

This was no solution to the tax problems and Mr. Sharp was taking a most irrational approach.

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Johnson, back after attending his first federal-provincial tax conference as Quebec's premier, compared his experience to a man's first taste of marriage.

Entering the conference, he felt nervous as a man married for the first time would feel nervous.

"But when a man relies on logic and good sense, he can't do otherwise than get along well."

"One hundred per cent of direct taxes is one thing, equality between two nations is a second thing and independence is a third."

"Certain people bundled all that together, mixed them up and arrived at independence."

Confederation for Quebec is a framework, nothing more.

"When the framework comes a yoke, it must be changed. That's what we're in the process of doing."

"Canada and the constitution of 1867 do not make an absolute equation."

Five Seek Seat In Monday Vote

By REMY D'ANJOU
NICOLET, Que. (CP) — The 24,046 registered voters in the federal constituency of Nicolet-Yamaska will have to choose among five candidates Monday in a byelection to fill the seat vacated by Clement Vincent, elected as a Progressive Conservative in the constituency in the November general election.

Mr. Vincent resigned his seat following his election as a member of the Union Nationale in last June's provincial elections. He now is minister of agriculture and colonization in Premier Daniel Johnson's cabinet.

The Nicolet-Yamaska byelection, and two others in Newfoundland — in Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador and Burin-Burgo — which also will be held Monday, are the first since the general election.

The Liberal candidate in Nicolet-Yamaska will be Florian Cote, a farmer from Ste. Brigitte des Saules, and seeking to retain the seat for the Progressive Conservatives will be Normand Beaudoin, a school director in Daveluyville.

Georges-Henri Fortier, a school teacher in St. Bonaventure, will represent the New Democratic Party, and the other two candidates will be Jean-Marc Denoncourt, standing as an independent, and Georges Grenier of Montreal, representing a party of his own founding, Le Droit Vital Personnel (the Vital Right of the Individual party).

Mr. Grenier has been an unsuccessful candidate in 15 federal and provincial elections in the last 20 years. The main plank of his platform is increased social benefits.

VINCENT BACKS GRENIER
During the last few weeks of the election campaign, the Progressive Conservative candidate, Mr. Beaudoin, has had the active support of the former member, Mr. Vincent.

The farming vote represents about 72 per cent of the electorate in the constituency.

Several federal ministers helped in Mr. Cote's campaign and Robert Cliche, leader of the province's New Democratic Party, has been active in support of his party's candidate.

However, many observers have noted a lack of public enthusiasm throughout the campaign. One reason being given is that Nicolet-Yamaska will disappear with the redrawing of federal constituencies.

The 129 polling booths in Nicolet-Yamaska will be open from 9 a.m. EDT until 8 p.m.

Representation in the House of Commons at the moment is 128 Liberals, 96 Progressive Conservatives, 21 members of the New Democratic Party, eight Creditistes, five Social Credit and three independents.

A further byelection is to be held to fill the seat left vacant by the recent death of Alexis Caron, Liberal member for Hull, Que.

Canadian Orator Dies At 78; Emigrated From Wales In 1912

TORONTO (CP) — Leonard Brockington, one of Canada's foremost orators, who died Thursday at 78, made his reputation as an orator with statements such as:

"I am proud to be a citizen of Canada, a land too wide for intolerance or narrow racialism, a land where the prevailing wind is the wind of freedom. And for one like myself, the Commonwealth stands above all for human brotherhood. We are all citizens of one city—the world."

In the same speech to the 1939 House of Commons broadcasting committee he said: "Freedom is not for sale at \$50 a minute on the air. If it were, free air would soon degenerate into just a sign outside a filling station."

Mr. Brockington immigrated to Canada from Wales in 1912. Speaking of the French-English division he said: "I have seen, as every Canadian must see, that the marriage of true minds of English-speaking and French-speaking Canada is indissoluble and perpetual. I have felt that Canada will find her national soul in the fulness of her splendor on that day when we take pride in each other and this nation realizes that her inheritance of two languages and two cultures is a strength, not a weakness."

"This land which I chose as a home for my children and my children's children has been to me a most kindly mother. I have tried to look at it always as one nation, united and free. I have hated with a passionate hate the pettiness of partisanship and things that divide, distract and disunite us. I have learned to respect my French-Canadian fellow citizens equally with those of other races."

After unsuccessfully trying to persuade a London spiritualist not to write a book showing that Prime Minister Mackenzie King was a convinced spiritualist, Mr. Brockington commented: "Never before have I felt so inclined to strike a happy medium."

He rocked a St. David's Day dinner in Winnipeg with his comment on other nationalities: "The English, at their national gatherings, begin by claiming modesty, and then, with typical English logic, claim all other virtues as well."

He said the Scot's national reputation for generosity had been vindicated "because they were given a hand when they sing Auld Lang Syne."

"I have always gazed in admiration on the Fourth of July when Italians from New York, Germans from Milwaukee and Swedes from Minneapolis, thank God that their ancestors were liberty-loving Englishmen who fought the War of Independence."

Commenting on English politics he said: "Whether one agrees or otherwise with the Labor party of Britain, one must admit that it does not consist of fools... they recognize the appearance and reality of the freedom which they have won."

Mr. Brockington also suggested this was not an age of reform, but an age of defence... when all men of good will should devote all their powers to preserve the good things handed down."

PICTURE IS INTEREST AS MAN WADES RIVER

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP)—One person in a group of visitors who saw a man wading in the swift-flowing rapids above the American falls shouted: "Let him jump I want to get a picture."

A witness said Friday: "The comment, said James Gotthelf, 20, of Paterson, N.J., came after he asked whether anyone had called police."

Gotthelf and his wife, Joyce, 20, along with others watched as the man paced the shoreline near the brink of the falls and then waded into the rapids Thursday.

"We saw him throw a bottle into the river, blow himself and put his face in his hands," Gotthelf told a reporter.

"Then he moved closer to the falls and put his feet into the water. I thought he was going to end it all."

"He looked ready to jump. Then he lit a cigarette and started to pace back and forth. He lost his balance once."

Gotthelf said he ran to a nearby train-ticket booth and a ticket-seller summoned police.

Patrolman Oscar Henschel of the Niagara frontier state park police, assisted by several spectators, hauled the man to safety.

The man, identified as Dennis Murphy, 42, of Niagara Falls, was charged with public intoxication. Park police said they do not believe he had planned to take his life.