

N.S. Plans Increased Aid To Education And Welfare

By DAVE NICHOLSON
HALIFAX (CP)—The 1966 session of the Nova Scotia legislature opened Wednesday and heard plans of increased government aid to education and welfare.

The speech from the throne, read by Lt. Gov. H.P. MacKeen, said the Progressive Conservative government of Premier Robert Stanfield would increase its share of the costs of education, public health, public welfare and the administration of justice.

Aid outlined in the throne speech included increased grants to universities and colleges, more money for school building costs and teacher's salaries and a wide program of establishing more technical and vocational training institutes.



LEUTENANT-GOVERNOR H.P. MacKeen is seen as he opens the 1966 session of the Nova Scotia legislature in Halifax Wednesday. (CP Wirephoto)

Answers Given To Queens MP

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — The Department of Transport plans to spend another 380,000 on its agency facilities at Charlottetown, Hon. J. Angus MacLean, MP for Queens, was informed here Wednesday.

Replies to questions Mr. MacLean placed on the order paper, James Byrne, the parliamentary secretary to Transport Minister Pickersgliff, said that two contracts have yet to be let. They are for the construction of Marine shops estimated at \$350,000 and a body shed at an estimated \$30,000.

New Treatment Is Claimed For Some Mental Patients

SASKATOON (CP) — A new and "remarkably successful" treatment for schizophrenia was announced Wednesday by Dr. Abram Hoffer, provincial director of psychiatric research at University Hospital here.

The treatment consists of massive doses of capsules, taken by mouth, of a substance identified as DPN, a natural substance extracted from yeast. It produces the same body compound as that made from nicotinic acid.

Balanced Budget Promised Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A balanced budget for 1967 with record revenue and expenditure of \$204,131,200 and no tax increases, was forecast in the Newfoundland legislature Wednesday by Finance Minister Dr. E.W. Rowe.

Premier Smallwood announced Oct. 5 last year that a cash allowance of \$50 a month would be paid students living at home in St. John's and \$100 a month to outside students living here. At that time he announced free tuition for all students including the fifth year.

LIBERALS HOLD FOUR

There are 39 Conservatives in the 43-seat house. Liberals hold the other four seats, but Liberal Leader Gerald Regan does not hold a seat and has said he will direct the Opposition from the gallery.

H. H. Pothier (PC - Clare), moving the address in reply to the speech from the throne, said the speech had given "concrete evidence" of the government's determination to meet pressing problems in the province.

Proclamation Of Election Act Is Announced By Premier Shaw

By ALAN HOLMAN
The proclamation of new election act for the province was announced yesterday by Premier Walter R. Shaw. The act had been passed by the Legislative Assembly in 1963.

The new act calls for the enumeration of all voters in a provincial election; eliminates the 4th district of Kings; provides for a 43-day period between the issuing of the election writs and election day; eliminates the property vote; adds two seats to Charlottetown and St. John's; and makes the Town of Summerside a separate electoral district.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, 1966
The Commons continued study of transport department spending estimates, centring on grain movement by rail off the Prairies.

Denis Trial Is Recessed

OTTAWA (CP) — The trial of Raymond Denis was recessed Wednesday after a morning-long legal argument with the jury of 10 men and two women excluded.

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GEORGETOWN DISTRICT DROPPED

Proclamation Of Election Act Is Announced By Premier Shaw

With the proclamation of the new act, political pundits in Charlottetown were saying that it is a further indication of the possibility of a spring election. They are quick to point out that the new act wipes out the 5th district of Kings, two seats now held by Liberals George Ferguson and Arthur MacDonald. It also takes away from 5th Prince the outlying areas of Sherbrooke and St. Eleanor's.

The proclamation of the new act will not affect the composition of the Legislative Assembly and will have no bearing until the Shaw government decides to seek a new mandate. The last provincial election was on Dec. 10, 1962, and there is no need for another to be held until the late fall of 1967.

New Act Is Welcomed, Defects Are Claimed

The proclamation of the new election act by Premier Walter R. Shaw yesterday was welcomed by Liberal leader Alex Campbell. Mr. Campbell said it gives Islanders a chance to vote in provincial elections under the same procedures as they do in federal elections.

5th district of Kings and re-adjusts the boundaries of the 3rd, 4th and 5th districts of Prince. "On the basis of the franchise vote in the 1962 provincial elections, the new act leaves approximately 2,600 voters in the 3rd district of Prince and 4,700 voters in the 4th Prince. The voting population in these two districts could be adjusted by placing St. Eleanor's and Sherbrooke in the 3rd district instead of the 4th.

Arranged Viet Nam Peace Plea By Churches Council

By ANDREW BOROWIEC
GENEVA (AP) — The World Council of Churches has thrown its prestige and influence behind a negotiated solution in Viet Nam. As one step it urged a halt to U.S. bombings of North Viet Nam.

The council Wednesday described any military effort in Viet Nam as futile in the solution of political and economic problems. A far-reaching resolution by the council's policy-making central committee called for peace negotiations that would include the Viet Cong guerrillas as representatives of parts of South Viet Nam.



007 IN POLICE CLUTCHES
David Mercer, 30, of Halifax, will get his license plates, loudspeaker under the hood, extra-strength headlights and two-way radio. He was working on system to lower bullet-proof shields over the three and smoke and water throwers. (CP Wirephoto)



Liberal Senator Dies In Quebec

QUEBEC (CP)—Liberal Senator Paul Henri Bouffard, a director of a number of industrial and commercial firms, died suddenly in hospital Wednesday night at the age of 70.

A lawyer born and educated in Quebec City, Senator Bouffard was a governor and a member of the board of trustees of Laval University. He was appointed to the Senate Dec. 27, 1964.

Burning Ship Has New Threat

HALIFAX (CP)—The United States freighter American Importer with fire in two of her holds under control ran into more difficulties 150 miles east of St. John's, Nfld. Wednesday.

The air-sea rescue centre here said the 3,200-ton freighter, being escorted to St. John's through stormy seas, reported she was taking in water following a shift in cargo. The report said the vessel had a cracked bulkhead.

Liberal Wins Sask. Byelection

ASSINIBOIA, Sask. (CP) — Alex Mitchell, 54, a Cardross farmer, Wednesday retained rural Bengough constituency for the Liberal Saskatchewan government in a provincial byelection.

Mitchell polled 2,413 votes to nose out Ray Dahllman, CCF, with 2,276. George Spicer, Progressive Conservative, received 556.

Fast And Abstinence Rules Eased By Catholic Church

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church, in a change in customs dating back 17 centuries, has eased its regulations on fast and abstinence. An announcement Wednesday night from the National Catholic Welfare Conference said:

"Pope Paul issued new regulations for days designated as days of fast and abstinence to be observed by Catholics only to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday."

The traditional law requiring Catholics to abstain from meat on Friday remains in effect. Details of the meaning of the new regulations were not immediately available in Washington. Catholic authorities were awaiting an announcement from Rome in the form of an apostolic constitution by Pope Paul, to be published today. Authorities said, however, that apparently the regulations will mean marked changes in the observance of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday—this year Feb. 23. Fast, in Catholic regulations, means to refrain from food for a time or reduce the amount of food taken—usually only one full meal during the day with meat at only the main meal. Abstinence means to refrain from eating meat all day. Although rules have not been uniform, most North American dioceses observed the following regime during Lent: Every day except Sunday and in some cases such special occasions as St. Patrick's Day, was a day of fast and at least partial abstinence. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, meat could be eaten only at the main meal. The other two meals were small meals, and no solid food was eaten between meals. On Friday the faithful abstained from meat together, as on non-Lenten Fridays also. Pending receipt of further information from Rome, Catholic authorities here withheld detailed interpretation of the new regulations. The chancery office of the Wilmington, Del., diocese said it has been advised the regulations mean: TWO FAST DAYS The only fast days for Catholics will be Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the only abstinence days will be Ash Wednesday and all Fridays. The NCWC, in its announcement on the new regulations issued by the Pope, said: "Children under 14 years of age were freed from the obligation to abstain from meat. Heretofore the abstinence law applied from the age of seven. The age bracket for the law of fasting remains the same—beginning at 21 and ending with the beginning of the 60th year. The revisions became effective Feb. 23, Ash Wednesday. Major points covered in them were sent to U.S. dioceses by the apostolic delegation here.

Bait Is Offered To Attract More

By KEN CLARK
OTTAWA (CP)—Top ranking agriculture officials from the federal and provincial governments meet here today to talk over reshaping the national crop insurance plan to pave the way for expansion.

Here's the way things stand now. B.C. is studying insurance for tree fruits. Ontario and Quebec are doing the same thing for forage and cash crops. New Brunswick, which has also made a commitment to enter, is studying the whole idea.

LEGISLATION PASSED

Nova Scotia is studying insurance against hurricane damage to apple orchards. Legislation allowing the province to join the plan has been passed. About 200 farmers—a drop in the bucket—have been insured in Prince Edward Island where the plan has been operate since 1960. Potato and grain insurance is offered and the province is contemplating making changes to get more farmers in it.

On the Prairies, Manitoba jumped in first, setting up a plan in 1960 insuring wheat, oats, barley, flax and sugar beets. Last year 6,610 farmers purchased coverage worth \$18,717,000. Premiums so far have built up a \$1,000,000 reserve.

BOUGHT COVERAGE

In Saskatchewan, 3,172 farmers last year bought coverage worth \$4,565,667 in wheat, oats and barley. There's \$850,000 in hand. Alberta began last year with three test areas covering 1,512 farmers. Coverage totalled \$3,135,000 and premiums exceeded payments by \$20,000. Expansion is being considered.

The province's agriculture department pays half the administrative costs in addition to the premium shares and also re-insures provincial risk. All provinces except Newfoundland are expected to join sooner or later. Federal agriculture officials hope it is sooner. The underlying federal aim is to develop a truly national plan.

141 P.E.I. Lobstermen Ask Special Assistance

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — A total of 141 P.E.I. lobster fishermen have applied for \$36,650 under the federal government's special assistance program.

Minister J.E. Robichaud said Wednesday. He was replying to a question placed on the Commons' order paper by Queens' MP Heath MacQuarrie.

The minister said that the lobster fishermen of district eight were eligible for the assistance that the department made available during January, February and March where fishermen suffered a loss of income as the result of catch failures. But Mr. Robichaud made it clear that the measures taken to assist the fishermen were nationwide and it was not the intention to develop methods of assistance that would apply to individual groups of fishermen.

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