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MILLION MILES WITHOUT ACCIDENT

Driving various types of automobiles and trucks a million miles on Island roads in all varieties of weather without being involved in an accident is the remarkable record achieved by C. E. MacGregor, Charlottetown (right), veteran employee of the Island Telephone Company. Mr. MacGregor was one of the 19 Company drivers presented with the Company's two-year Safe Driving Award Wednesday evening. Congratulating Mr. MacGregor on this outstanding achievement is Mr. A. M. MacKay, Halifax, (left) president of the Company. Mr. E.G. Cameron, superintendent of the Charlottetown plant and another company employee are interested observers.

50 P.C. Annual Return Is Seen In Causeway Project

Potato Report Shows PEI Holdings Lower Than 1957

Potato holdings in Prince Edward Island on April 1 this year were 2,102 thousand cwt. This shows a drop of 61 thousand cwt. from April, 1957 when holdings for the Island were reported at 2,163 thousand cwt. This information is contained in the potato market report issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

The holdings for the whole of Canada also show a decrease from last year. In April 1957, is is seen that 6,880 thousand cwt. were on hand while the April report of this year shows 6,571 thousands cwt. on hand.

Only in Western Ontario do holdings show an increase over last year. These are 585 thousand cwt. in 1958 compared to 416 thousand cwt. in 1957.

MARITIMES DOWN

The Maritime holdings are down from 5,515, to 5252 thousand cwt. Quebec shows a decrease from 418 thousand cwt. to 357 thousand cwt. The Prairies also show a drop in holdings from 263 to 167 thousand cwt; British Columbia holdings show a drop of ffom 226 to 168 thousand cwt.

Movement of potatoes by rail and water from P.E.I. from August 1 to April 14, 1958 shows that 10,090 thousand cwt. were shipped compared to 8,249 during the same period the previous year.

The report which is dated April 14 shows that the wholesale price of P.E.I. white potatoes at Montreal was $2.60-2.75 per 75 lb. bag with the same price at Toronto.

It was reported earlier this week that there were 1,600 more cars of potatoes on hand in Prince Edward Island at the first of April this year. This report is seen to be incorrect in the light of the most recent figures.

APEC President Declares Organization Behind Plan

"A one hundred million dollar investment in a causeway would bring a 50 per cent annual return to the Province of Prince Edward Island". This was the opinion expressed last night by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, President of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

At an executive meeting of APEC held in Charlottetown yesterday, Wendell Mutch reporting for the tourist committee said there were 140,000 tourists in P. E. I. last year. He felt that with 170,000,000 people in the United States and 17 million in Canada, "we are not even in the tourist industry".

NO WORRIES

Mr. Mutch said people are waking up to the value of the tourist industry and it is no longer necessary to sell the idea to them." Once we get the causeway there is not much to worry about regarding tourists".

Dr. MacKinnon assured the meeting that APEC has been behind the causeway project from the beginning and would continue to press for a connecting link between the Island and the mainland.

Mr. Mutch observed that a second boat was "badly needed" at the present time but felt it would not be prudent to advocate another boat at this time because, "it might lessen the chances of getting a causeway."

LONDON APPOINTMENT

The appointment of Watson Jamer as agent general for the Canadian Atlantic Provinces in London was noted with satisfaction. Brig. W. W. Reid, P. E. I. Government representative of the Atlantic Provinces Committee, said Mr. Jamer's first job is to get to be known as "Mr. Atlantic Provinces".

Brigadier Reid outlined the duties connected with Mr. Jamer's job as government representative. These included publicity, trade development, industrial development, tourist promotion, immigration, and liaison with Federal and other government agencies. He said Mr. Jamer will be in Charlottetown on April 23 to meet with local government officials and business men.

Referring further to the Agent General, Brig. Reid said he wanted to make it clear that his appointment was made by the governments of the four Atlantic provinces who will look after the expenses of that office. However he pointed out that this was an APEC project and solicited the support of all the members.

DIRECTOR'S NAMED

Two new directors were named to APEC. They are Wendell Mutch of Southport and Eugene Gorman, Deputy Minister of Fisheries for the Province.

A trade committee was named. Constituting this committee are Lester Jenkins (chairman) Summerside; Horace MacFarlane, Summerside; John A. Macdonald, M.P., Cardigan; George Chandler and E. D. Reid, Charlottetown.

Heading the tourist committee is Wendell Mutch, Southport, Gordon Shaw, Brackley; Bonnell LePage, Cavendish; Wallie Rodd, Charlottetown; Dan Chan, Summerside; Vaughan Groom, Summerside.

Adenauer And Macmillan Meet

LONDON (CP)—West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer conferred with Prime Minister Macmillan Wednesday and the two agreed the West is taking the right approach to a summit conference with Russia.

Then Adenauer went off to a dinner given for him by the Queen. He is the first German leader to be entertained by a British sovereign since Kaiser Wilhelm in the days before the First World War.

The 82-year-old chancellor, accompanied by Foreign Minister Brentano and economics Minister Erhard, arrived Wednesday for three days of talks.

The conference in the prime minister's official residence will continue today.

The talks are covering the West's stand that German reunification should be a subject for discussion at any summit meeting.

Rush As Fair Opening Nears

BRUSSELS (CP)—On the eve of its grand opening today, the mammoth 1958 Brussels Universal International Exhibition was a study in unfinished business.

An army of men attempted the seemingly impossible task of completing an estimated two weeks' work in the 12-odd hours that remained before King Baudoin, Belgium's tall, 27-year-old monarch, arrived to open the first world fair since 1939.

The ribbon he will snip is ready. And so is Belgium's spectacular atomium, easily the dominant structure of the exhibitino. But it was doubtful more than six of the 50-odd countries would have their displays ready for the opening-day crowds.

The Italians had not yet made a start on installing windows in their pavilion and it was doubtful the elegant French building, an incredible butterfly-like creation in glass and tubular steel, would be finished by mid-May.

Canada's attractive pavilion is one of the few almost completed. All major structural work is finished but it probably will be another two or three days before all the exhibits are in place.

HOUSEKEEPING JOB

"It's mainly a housekeeping job now," said Hugh Scully of Toronto, deputy commissioner-general of the Canadian pavilion. "We have been badly delayed by poor weather in March."

Britain, Russia and Venezuela appeared to have their exhibits closest to opening-day readiness.

Outside the 550-care exhibition site no the northern outskirts of Brussels, Belgium is more than ready to take care of the 35,000,000 visitors expected to attend the exhibition before it closes in October.

Prices are jumping to astronomical levels that may overshadow the 330-foot atomium itself.

Deputy Finance Minister Denies Premier's Charge

OTTAWA, — (Special) — Dr. Kenneth Taylor, Deputy Finance Minister, yesterday denied charges made in the P. E. I. Legislature Friday by Premier Matheson relating to the Halifax conference of Federal and Provincial finance officials.

Premier Matheson was reported as having said that Dr. Taylor had told the conference at its December meeting that Prince Edward Island should receive only $1,700,000 and that "this is more than they deserve."

"Not even in jest did I make such a statement," Dr. Taylor said. He explained that it was a purely private meeting, attended by no cabinet ministers, and he had been asked by Finance Minister Donald Fleming to represent Ottawa at it. The matter of distributing the $25,000,000 federal grant to the four Atlantic Provinces was discussed. "I can say definitely that the statement attributed to me was not said by me," Dr. Taylor said.

Gov't Trails In Early Returns From So. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters)—Two cabinet ministers of Prime Minister Johannes Strijdom's Nationalist party were among the first candidates elected today in results of South Africa's general election.

The Nationalists had secured nine seats to a total of 34 for the opposition United party. Of these, 24 seats were unopposed.

First results do not necessarily indicate any trend in the election, since the United party is traditionally strongest in the cities and the Nationalists in rural areas.

The pre-election house standing was: National, 96 United, 52 Labor, 4 and independents, 4.

The United party campaigned in favor of racial integration, the Nationalist for segregation. Unlike the Nationalists, the United party urged closer ties with Britain.

NO AFRICANS AT BEG

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia (Reuters)—No Africans will be selected for Rhodesia's team for the British Empire Games in July. Officials of the Rhodesian athletic and cycling union explained Wednesday that because no Africans belong to any affiliated associations here it would be impossible for them to be chosen. even if they had been good enough.

BRIEFS

Fisheries Group Names President

HALIFAX (CP)—The Fisheries Council of Canada Wednesday elected H. D. Pyke of Lunenburg Sea Products Limited, Lunenburg, N.S., as president of the association for 1958-59.

He succeeds O. J. McDonald of Queen Charlotte Fisheries Limited, Vancouver.

It was the final day of the council's three-day annual meeting. About 350 delegates from across Canada attended.

CASUALTIES LIGHT

TOKYO (AP) — Indonesian foreign Minister Subandrio Wednesday said no more than 110 persons have been killed so far in his country's seven weeks of civil war. Subandrio told a press conference not more than 10 of the Jakarta government's troops have fallen.

Nfld. Fishermen Have Troubles

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Unemployment insurance supervisor N. S. Batten said Tuesday many problems have occurred because many Newfoundland fishermen failed to understand the unemployment insurance plan available to them for the first time last year.

He told the Newfoundland Federation of Fishermen that more than 1,700 claims were delayed because applicants did not send in their unemployment books or failed to supply necessary information.

He said 15 per cent of the applications were unsigned. This often delayed claims as long as eight days.

"We have met the problems we had expected but still many of those problems can be overcome if the fishermen took time to read information booklets on the payment scheme."

Temperatures Soar Far Above Normal In Eastern Canada

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

If April's showers are going to bring any May flowers, they'd better get a move on there are only two weeks left.

Temperatures Wednesday soared far above normal in Eastern Canada and parts of the West. In Ottawa the mercury climbed to 75 and in Quebec City it was 70.

By contrast, Vancouver registered only 52. At Churchill, in northern Manitoba it was below freezing but still above normal.

In Nova Scotia fishermen got out rods and reels for the opening of the trout and salmon seasons Tuesday. Wednesday's temperatures were generally in the 60s throughout the province and fishermen flocked to the province's fish - laden rivers and streams.

SUNNY IN MARITIMES

All three Maritime provinces reported sunny, warm weather. Fredericton was high at 66 and Halifax recorded 62 at noon.

Sunshine blanketed most of Quebec and Ontario too.

Cooler air is starting to move into Quebec from the north and indications are temperatures will be down about 10 degrees Thursday.

Montreal reported 68 degrees Wednesday. The usual average temperature for Montreal at this time of year is about 45.

Ontario temperatures soared for the second successive day, with Southern Ontario reporting in the 70s, about 20 degrees above normal.

Temperatures were not so warm in Northern Ontario, though above normal. James Bay reported the biggest drop, with temperatures below freezing, compared with Tuesday's 70.

Southern Manitoba boasted sunny skies early Wednesday but these slowly gave way to cloud. Colder air was reported in the northern portions of the province.

WINDY IN WEST

Alberta and Saskatchewan were receiving the tail end of a storm that came out of British Columbia Wednesday and many sections reported high winds, but temperatures for the most part stayed above normal.

A Pacific storm upset what otherwise would have given all Canada a really sunny day. Skies broke briefly on the west coast but rain and showers are forecast for Thursday.

With the exception of Ontario and the Maritimes the temperatures are expected to be slightly lower. Southern Ontario and Nova Scotia will be vieing for highs Thursday.

Western Ambassadors Ready For Preliminary Talks Today

MOSCOW (AP) — The ambassadors of Britain the United States and France told the Soviet Union Wednesday they are ready to begin talks today in preparation for a summit conference.

But they insisted on going far deeper into issues at the diplomatic level than the Russians want to go. Thus they put the next move up to the Russians and the Kremlin was silent.

Similar notes from the three Western Powers delivered to Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko accepted the Russian proposal of April 11 that preparatory talks for a summit conference begin on the diplomatic level today.

They rejected, however, the suggestion that the diplomatic exchanges be confined to such simple housekeeping matters as arranging the time and place for a later foreign ministers' conference to lay the groundwork for summit talks.

EXPLORE IN DEPTH

The West insisted that diplomats take up the "major questions and issues," explore them "in depth" and see whether there is a "reasonable prospect of achieving concrete results."

The three Western ambassadors, Llewellyn Thompson of the United States, Sir Patrick Reilly of Britain and Maurice Dejean of France, told Gromyko in 500-word notes they would make themselves available today for the talks.

A Western diplomat said this meant the ambassadors did not plan to call at the Soviet foreign ministry today or take any further steps, "unless a reply to our notes of today requests us to do so."

UP TO SOVIET

The initiative for starting discussions "now is in the hands of the Soviet foreign ministry," he said.

Most Western authorities doubted that the Soviet government would agree to such broad talks immediately.

The whole emphasis of the Western notes, which had been approved by all the North Atlantic allies, was on "broadly based talks on basic problems of world tension."

P. M. Suggests Canada As Site For Summit Conference

TORONTO (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker, calling for a new Western initiative in international affairs, Wednesday night suggested Canada as the site for East-West summit talks with Russia.

And he bluntly said he hopes the free nations will announce "in the immediate future" their willingness to discontinue nuclear weapons tests—a proposal being put forward in current Soviet overtures.

"We're losing the major war today," Mr. Diefenbaker said, referring to the recent series of what he called "intercontinental missives" written by Soviet Premier Khrushchev to Western leaders.

"I think we've got to act in a way we've not acted in the past."

The prime minister spoke at the annual dinner of The Canadian Press, in his first public address since his party's election victory March 31.

Referring to diplomatic talks opening today in Moscow among Britain, the United States and Russia on a possible summit meeting, Mr. Diefenbaker said he hopes a summit meeting can be acihieved.

If Russia in the talks indicated a real willingness to achieve results, Canada was prepared and willing "to take any step short of appeasement which would be conceived to reducing world tension."

Canada, as the nearest neighbor of both the U.S. and Russia, would be prepared to take its full part in facilitating preparations for an effective summit meeting.

"Sociological" Problems On Farms Discussed At Meeting

The Prince Edward Island Branch of the Agricultural Institue of Canada held its April meeting at Birch Court, the Experimental Farm last night.

The program consisted of a panel discussion on the sociological problems associated with farm populations. This problem is being studied by a member of Agricultural Institute branches across Canada.

Dr. G. C. Fisher, the leader, introduced his panel. The members were Miss Teresa MacLeod, provincial director of Women's Institutes, Mrs. David Mutch, a national director of the Federation of Agriculture, Rev. Father Alyward, agricultural manager at St. Dunstan's University, Charles Yeo, a farmer from Sherbrooke and Alliston Profitt, a farmer from Freetown.

Dr. Fisher introduced the problem, which covers the lack of medical care, social work and in general the leadership that is available to people in urban communities.

Mr. Charles Yeo, stated that the problems of the farmer are many, and that any contributions that can be made would be welcomed. He said that the farmer's lot could be improved by more money and hat it was up to the professional agriculturist to increase farm income by energetic leadership.

Father Alyward disagreeded with the point, stating that the farmers were not making use of the facilities now available.

Miss MacLeod contended that the farmer and his family are more important than farm products and should be considered as such.

Mr. Protitt supported the farmer for sometimes considering his cattle before his family as a matter of economic nessesity, but thought that rural families were not neglected health-wise but were in better condition when some urban families in the same financial range.

Mrs. Mutch brought out the point hat better cooperation between farmers and professional people would bring about the desired results. The subject was hotly discussed by the panel, with points being made and attacked on all aspects of agriculture and farm life.

Following the general discussion the panel members summed up with their various impressions and reached agreement of some points, stronger farmer's organization and farm management brought to a higher degree of efficiency were stressed, as well as the need for more vigorous leadership, both by professional people and the farmers themselves.

A large number of farmers, their wives and friends attended from various parts of the province. Refreshments were provided by the Agricultural Institute Branch. The president Keith LeLacheur expressed thanks of the large group to the participants.

See Car Ferry Needed On River

SEPT-ILES, Que. (CP) — A car ferry is needed to service the rapidly-developing lower St. Lawrence River region, a shipping executive told the chamber of commerce here Wednesday night.

His company is studying the possibility of building such a ship, said Stanley D. Clarke, managing director of Clarke Steamship Lines.

He said the company is seeking co-operation of chambers of commerce in the region to obtain estimates of traffic requirements and in pressing demands for suitable wharf facilities at Rimouski, Baie Comeau and Forestville.

If a ferry is built it would be operated by a Clarke subsidiary, the Lower St. Lawrence Transportation Company.

Text of his address was released before delivery.

"Should wharf facilities in the Rimouski area be constructed at a suitable winter location . . . there is no reason why this future vessel should not be able to give an all-year transportation service," he said.

"It is certainly the intention of the company to build such a vessel for winter navigation."

Sea Push Seen As Start Of Drive On Indonesian Rebels

PADANG, Central Sumatra (AP) — Indonesian warships opened fire on this port city Wednesday in an apparent prelude to the big offensive against Central Sumatran rebels. The rebels braced for a possible amphibious landing by 6,000 men at dawn today.

A destroyer and four corvettes lobbed shells for two hours but all dropped harmlessly into the steaming mountain jungles behind this rebel stronghold. Rebel shore batteries also were far off their targets. Few of their 24 answering rounds came any closer than 300 yards from the fast, little ships.

Padang's civilian population was much too interested in gaping at the bursting shells to take cover. The civilians were disturbed only by the noise of the booming guns and the squawking of thousands of birds startled out of the jungle.

PEACEFUL BATTLE

There were no casualties in Padang or on the warships.

The ships were accompanied by five troop transports. Rebel army intelligence siid as many sa 6,000 government troops may swarm ashore.

Progress Being Made In Aiding The Retarded

WINNIPEG (CP)—Mental retardation in children is one of the biggest problems at present facing medicine, a University of British Columbia professor said Wednesday.

Dr. John F. McCreary, professor of pediatrics who is attending the scientific convention of the College of General Practice of Canada here, said in an interview that until 10 years ago the custodial home was thought to be satisfactory for the retarded child.

Three per cent of all children born were mentally retarded and their life expectancy was four to six years.

However, in the last 10 years we have tried to prevent retardation as well as treat it, said Dr. McCreary.

NOT FOREDOOMED

Doctors had learned that abnormalities at birth were not necessarily foredoomed. Some of these so-called congenital defects were really the results of some mishap during the first three months of life in the mother's uterus,

Dr. McCreary emphasized that the first nine-week period after conception is the most important and this fact has been increasingly recognized during the last five years.

FAMED LANDMARK

The cross on St. Paul's cathedral at London, England is 365 feet above the ground.

Gloomy Predictions Made Of Long Cabinet Crisis In France

PARIS (AP)—President Rene Coty began Wednesday night a search for some sort of parliamentary coalition to govern France, amid gloomy predictions of a long-term cabinet crisis.

With Premier Felix Gaillard's cabinet routed by the combined attack of Conservatives and Communists, the president's search for a national assembly majority promised to be an anguished one.

If the next government, when it finally is formed, is more to the right than the last — which seems likely — a hardening of French policy toward North Africa appears inevitable.

This was the fifth time a French government had been thrown out on a North African issue. This time Gaillard had backed a U.S.-British good offices solution to achieve better relations with Tunisia. He fell Tuesday night on a 321-to-255 vote after five months and 10 days in office.

French foreign policy probably will continue along lines already laid down. France will be at a summit conference if one is convened and if there is any government at all at the time.

GLOOM STILL THICK

But this did not relieve the gloom. Political observers recalled the last crisis in October lasted 36 days before Gaillard took office. Thus they saw a possibility France might not be properly represented at the NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Copenhagen May 4. Gaillard stays as head of a caretaker government until a new one is formed.

Fisheries Council Wants Foreign Subsidies Probed

HALIFAX (CP) — The Fisheries Council of Canada passed a resolution Wednesday asking the federal government to investigate subsidies paid by foreign countries to their fishing industries.

The council said it could not understand how foreign trawlers could fish waters adjacent to Canada and still compete with this country on the world fish market.

The resolution was one of nine passed in the last day of the organization's 13th annual meeting.

A request for the government to amend regulations to allow Canadian boats over 65 feet the same privileges as foreign vessels was made. At present Canadian boats are not allowed to fish in a nine-mile wide band of water between the three and 12 mile limits. Foreign boats are allowed to fish within three miles of the coast.

Greater consolidation of RCMP, navy and department of fisheries was suggested for greater efficiency in rescue work. The resolution called for a search and rescue unit under one command.

ASK INCREASED SUBSIDY

Government was asked to continue the present 50 per cent subsidy on salt, and if possible to increase it.

The council requested the government to amend customs regulations to allow a refund on sales tax on petroleum products and lubricants used in commercial fishing, regardless of voyage duration.

They also asked the excise and sales tax be removed from bombardiers, tractors and snow toboggans used in commercial fishing operations in Ontario, the Northwest Territories and Prairie provinces.

Inspection, grading and packing of salt fish in Newfoundland should be designed to suit demands of salt fish markets in that province. In the same line they asked the federal authorities to provide assistance to encourage and develop new markets for salt fish.

A regulation permitting lobster fishermen to set their traps at noon on the day prior to the season opening was asked to be changed to allow trap setting two hours earlier.

Music Festival Executive Makes Plans For Big Event

In those musical festival classes designated as preliminary only two representatives from each centre will be permitted to compete in the finals.

A motion to this effect was passed at an executive meeting of the Musical Festival Association held last night in the Prince of Wales College library. The president of the organization, Professor Gordon Bennett, presided.

The executive also decided to hold this year for the first time a "Stars-of-the Festival" concert restricted solely to dance competitors. Tentatively, the evening of May 3 has been selected for this event.

This decision was made following a suggestion introduced by Mrs. Gordon MacMillan, convener of dance.

The concerth committee was authorized to hold senior "Stars" Concert on March 16 and 17, and the Junior Concert in the afternoon of the 17th, the final two days of this year's festival.

An increase in membership in all three Counties was reported by the convener of membership, Mrs. Lorne Callbeck.

Mrs. Neil A. Matheson reported that 10 record-recordings had been made for use in various competitions.

This was done at the request of rural one and two-room schools Mrs. Matheson said.

The minutes of the last executive meeting, which was held in Summerside, were read by the assistant secretary, Miss Mary Donahue.

Large representations were present from each centre — Montague, Charlottetown and Summerside, the group from Kings County being particularly num-