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Prime Minister Pleased At Governor's Decision To Accept Term Extension

OTTAWA, (Special) — Prime Minister St. Laurent Monday afternoon expressed gratification that Hon T. W.L. Prowse, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edwad Island will remain in office for some time beyond the expiration of his five-year term earlier this month. Speaking of the informal extension of the Lieutenant-Governor's term, Mr. St. Laurent told The Guardian:

"We are very happy to learn that the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island is willing to continue in office beyond the usual term. He and Mrs. Prowse are discharging their responsibilities with conscientiousness and with great dignity."

Death At Montreal Of Rev. Ronald McDonald

The death ocurred yesterday in Montreal of Father Ronald MacDonald, who for thirty-six years until his retirement on July 6, 1953 was the pastor at St. Columba Parish, East Point. He had suffered a stroke in March, 1953 and up to four week ago was a patient at the Charlottetown Hospital.

Born at Peakes Station in the Parish of St. Teresa's, Father MacDonald attended St. Dunstan's University from which he graduated in 1905. He was immediately appointed to the staff of his Alma Mater where he remained for one year. In 1909 he bacame pastor of the [illegible] there for eight years. His appointment as Parish Priest at St. Columba came in 1917.

Rev. Father "Ronnie", as he was affectionately known by his parishioners, was the son of the late Alan MacDonald and Mary Gillis of Peakes. Surviving are two brothers, Dougald and Peter, of Peakes, and a sister, Mrs. Raymond MacKinnon of St. Peters. Sister Mary Irene of the Charlottetown Hospital and Sister St. Elaine of St. Josephs Convent are neices of the late Father MacDonald.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CP)—George Alexander Foster, 58, former manager of a metropolitan chain store branch in Halifax, died Monday.

Coming Events

Dance cancelled in Crapaud Rink until further notice.

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Masquerade Dance, Fortune hall Wednesday, Oct. 26th, Prizes.

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Regular dance Stanley Bridge every Tuesday, Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra.

Reserve Thursday Oct. 27 for Crapaud Annual United Church hot Turkey Supper.

Hot dinner in St. Peter's Bay Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 26th. Sponsored by United Church.

Dancing every Thursday night, South Rustico Hall. Music by Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.

Enjoy the regular Friday night dance St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Music by Al Blanchard Orchestra.

Masquerade dance Lorne Valley Hall Tuesday, Oct. 25. Prizes. Webster's Orchestra.

Annual meeting of Crapaud Rink Co. in Crapaud Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m.

Dance Cardigan Legion Hall, Thursday, Websters Orchestra. P. A. system. Canteen service.

Reserve Dec. 3rd for Hunter River United Church W. A. pantry sale and bazaar.

Weekly dance Winsloe Station Hall every Friday night. Rollie MacKenzie's orchestra. Dancing to 12:30.

Masquerade dance Stanhope and Covehead Community Hall Monday, Oct. 31. Dancing 9 to 12. Proceeds in aid of hall.

Masquerade dance Emerald Hall Friday, October 28, MacDonald's Orchestra. Prizes for best costume.

Community Bingo at Morell Wednesday. 20 cash prizes of $1.00 each. Plus jackpot now worth $35.00. Admission 35c. 8 o'clock.

Shur-Gain Amateur Cavalcade in Breadalbane Hall date to be announced later. Send entries to Mrs. Allan Hickox.

Hot chicken supper at Harold Dunn's, Wednesday, October 26. Serving 6-9. Sponsored by Summerville Womens Institute.

Masquerade dance in Cambridge Hall Wednesday, Oct. 26th. Prizes for best costumes. Good music. Door prizes.

Will be buying fowl every Monday from 1 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday will pick up and pay at the farms. Paying highest market prices. A. P. Gallant, Rustico.

There will be a regular meeting of the South Shore Branch Fish and Game in the Tryon hall tonight at 8 p.m. Two interesting films to be shown. Randolph Stevenson, Secretary.

French River hall Oct. 28, Mr. Archie Johnstone will show slides and tell of his travels in the Old Country. Admission including lunch 35 and 25, sponsored by W.

Come! and hear "Smiling Bill McCormick" in Ebbsfleet Womens' Institute Hall, on Friday, Oct. 28th. Admission adults 50 cents; children 35 cents. Sale of candy during intermission.

CH'TOWN ROTARY CLUB HOSTS AT DINNER

Pictured above are the members of the Economic Commission and the distinguished visitors who were guests of the Charlottetown Rotary at a dinner meeting held at the Charlottetown Hotel last evening. Left to right · Frank W. Curtis, Rotary President; D. V. LePan, Ottawa; Lt. Governor T. W. L. Prowse; Dr. Ray Gushue, St. John's; Hon. A. W. Matheson; W. L. Gordon, Toronto; Mayor J. D. Stewart; O. Lussier, Quebec; Dr. A. Stewart, Edmonton; A. E. Graves, Vancouver; Dr. Frank MacKinnon. Barter's Film Lab.

Federal Branch Makes Report

OTTAWA, (CP)—The federal combines branch says it has found no evidence of a combine in the eastern Canadian fertilizer industry.

Working on complaints, the combines men investigated the industry at the mixing level—parts of the industry where chemicals are combined to provide plant food. Almost all of the mixed fertilizer is produced and sold in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes.

"Price policies, at the mixing level, appeared to be governed by a type of price leadership which resulted in a fairly stable price structure in such areas as eastern Ontario and Quebec where the major producers were in a dominant position," combines investigator T. D. MacDonald said in his 1954-55 annual report.

"In western and southwestern Ontario small mixers appeared to be somewhat more aggressive than elsewhere and their product offered considerable price competition to that of the major producers.

"The Prince Edward Island market appeared to be supplied largely by one local producer who also offered some competition to the larger producers on the mainland.

"While the list prices of the major producers appeared to be substantially identical within individual market areas, competition appeared to exist in seeking dealer accounts, in granting dealer and early-delivery discounts and in absorbing transportation costs. It also appeared that new mixers could enter the business with reasonable means and effort."

PEI Community Planning Ass'n Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Branch of the Community Planning Association of Canada was held Monday evening in Prince of Wales College with the Provincial President, Dr. Frank MacKinnon, presiding. There was a good attendance of interested members, Summerside being particularly well represented.

Mr. G. Claude Smith explained to those present the results of tree planting projects carried on in nine communities this past season and expressed the hope that many more would enter into this worthwhile community improvement project next year. He also stated that an Amendment had recently been passed under the Town Planning Act whereby roadside regulations along the Trans-Canada Highway are now in force.

Dr. Henry Moyse reviewed the contest promoted by the Summerside Branch of C.P.A.C. and the Lions Club which was to encourage individuals to improve the conditi-

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Island's Economic Problems Outlined Before Commission

Transportation and power requirements needed for developing and expanding Prince Edward Island's basic industries were emphasized particularly in the brief presented yesterday by Premier Mathieson on behalf of the Provincial Government, at the hearing before the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects.

"We don't wish to be identified as a 'have not' or a 'can not' Province," the Premier declared. "Our policy with respect to economic prospects is to ask 'Why not . . .?' and "May not . . .?' And he proceeded to show wherein national policies, adjusted to regional requirements, could be of great benefit in developing the Island's economic potential.

Following is the text of the Government brief:

Premier Matheson first welcomed this Commission and expressed the hope that its investigations would make a valuable contribution toward the understanding of the economic affairs of this country. "We also appreciate this opportunity of describing the situation of this Province within the nation and stating our views with respect to its problems," he said. "Canada is a federal state and one of the prime necessities of federalism is national consideration of the contributions and needs of all partners in the union.

"We are proud of our position as a Province of Canada, and we declare that size, wealth, and economic potential are not the only factors of national welfare and prestige. Like Tasmania in Australia and Rhode Island in the United States, we maintain that special consideration must never be neglected for the small partners, their position in the state, and the abilities and needs of their people."

FACTORS OF PRODUCTION

Following is the text of the Government brief:

The economy of Prince Edward Island is based largely on agriculture and its related activities and on fishing. There are no manufacturing industries of any size and no concentration of economic activity in any one area. The Island is not on the great trade routes of the nation and every enterprise is affected by separation from the mainland. The population is small (about 100,000), yet it is the most densely settled province in Canada. It has had a long history, yet its economy is comparatively static. The dominant characteristics, therefore, are economic specialization, dependence on transportation, and limited opportunity.

Economic progress does not permit docile acceptance of basic limitations, and if this Province is to play its proper part in the nation as well as provide the good life for its own people, we must seek ways and means of compensating for geography. Canada as a whole must do this; the Island is not unique in this respect. There are many things we can do for ourselves, but there are also many ways in which the nation in its national policies can contribute toward the solution of the problems of this region. A fourth characteristic, therefore, is the extent to which this Province participates in economic activities which are carried on, on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the nation as a whole.

BASIC INDUSTRIES

The dependence of Prince Edward Island on agricultural and fisheries production, processing, and marketing is well known. While there is a substantial amount of self-sufficiency, there is, nevertheless, a marked inter-dependence among the primary industries and all other enterprises and an important reliance on a few specialized export commodities which are highly vulnerable to national policies, general economic conditions, and other external forces.

With respect to production, there are no unusual or unnatural problems. The natural conditions are suitable and the quality of the products is high. The processing and marketing functions, however, leave much to be desired, for here the Island suffers from its most important difficulty, transportation. Any discussion of the provincial economy must consider first that every activity is affected by the presence of Northumberland Strait.

Transportation difficulties were recognized when the Island entered Confederation and provision was made in the terms of union for "continuous and efficient" year-

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Package Deal For Molotov

PARIS, (Reuters)—The foreign ministers of Britain, the United States and France agreed Monday on the Western policy for the Big Four foreign ministers conference opening in Geneva Thursday.

Informants said they will offer Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov a package deal under which an East-West security alliance, which Russia wants, would be tied to an agreement for free elections to unify Germany.

Snow Storm In Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., (CP) — Northerly winds that brought premature winter to Newfoundland continued to buffet St. John's Monday night.

After dropping nearly five inches of snow on St. John's and 11 inches on Gander Sunday the wind worked itself up to a screaming gale and late in the evening a gust of 90 miles an hour was clocked.

It was down to 30 with gusts to 60 Monday. No major damage was reported. Temperatures hovered between 31 and 36 degrees and the city received frequent frigid showers.

Abitibi Co. Boosts Price

TORONTO (CP)—Abitibi Power and Paper Company Monday became the second Canadian newsprint producer within a week to raise its price for newsprint $5 a ton. Its product becomes $127 a ton in Canada and $131 in New York, effective Nov. 1.

Home Accidents Top All Others In Great Britain

LONDON (Reuters) — Statistics published Monday showed that the home was most dangerous place in Britain last year.

A total of 7,723 persons died at home from fire, falls, scalding and poisoning, says a 312-page annual abstract of statistics.

Highway deaths hit 5,090 and 1,522 persons were killed in industry.

Other statistics for 1954:

Population—up by 173,000, in spite of a drop of 9,000 in the birth rate; the new total: 50,784,000.

Weather—colder; the average temperature was 49.6 degrees.

Victory For Conservative In Strong Liberal Riding

TORONTO, (CP)— Charles E. Rea, Progressive Conservative, won Toronto Spadina from the Liberals Monday in a federal by-election, first victory for his party in the constituency since 1926.

Samuel Godfrey, Liberal, conceded defeat at about 8 p.m. EST on the basis of almost complete unofficial returns. He was trailing the Progressive Conservative by about 500 votes at that stage.

Victory for Mr. Rea, insurance man and former member of the Ontario Legislature, increased his party's strength to 53 in the 265-seat House of Commons against 169 Liberals, 23 CCF, 15 Social Credit and four independent. One seat is vacant, St. Johns-Iberville-Napierville, due to death last Aug. 7 of Postmaster-General Cote.

It was the second by-election defeat for the Liberals in a month. The Progressive Conservatives won Restigouche-Madawaska in New Brunswick in a vote Sept. 26.

FAIR TURNOUT

During the day returning officer John Kinsella said turnout of voters was "pretty fair for a by-election" despite unfavorable weather—intermitent rain during the day and high winds in late afternoon.

The 45,000 eligible voters had a choice of four candidates—Samuel Godfrey, Liberal; Charles E. Rea, Progressive Conservative; Joseph Salsberg, Communist Labor-Progressive; and Harry Waisglass, CCF.

The vote followed a campaign fought largely on the busy streets of the west-central Toronto constituency which takes in Toronto's garment-making district. Noon-hour street-corner meetings were commonplace. Trucks and autos equipped with loudspeakers went on organized tours to proclaim slogans of the candidates, interspersed with songs and martial music.

The constituency has returned a Liberal in every Dominion election since 1926 when Sam Factor, now a judge, won it from the Conservatives. Mr. Factor held the seat for 15 years. Mr. Croll, a former mayor of Windsor and a former cabinet minister, held it for 10.

Mr. Croll won his third victory in the riding in the 1953 Dominion general election when he polled 15,496 votes. The Progressive Conservative candidate received 6,554, Liberal 3,270 and Labor-Progressive 1,938.

The by-election was the 15th since the last general election. In the previous 14, the Liberals retained eight seats and lost two—one to the Progressive Conservatives and one to the CCF. The Progressive Conservatives held three and Social Credit one.

MR. CHARLES E. REA

VOTING TOTALS

Toronto Spadina complete—Godfrey (L) 6,108; Rea (PC) 6,708; Salsberg (Lab.-Prog.) 3,937; Waisglass (CCF) 2,938.

Sees Potato Marketing Agreement Most Unlikely

Word of the initial payment which the Agricultural Prices Support Board is prepared to recommend if a marketing agreement is undertaken this year was received by the Potato Board last night. The amounts are 15, 20, and 25 cents per bushel for three pool periods, as compared to 42, 50, and 55 paid for the 1953 crop.

Commenting on these figures the Board Manager stated that it was highly unlikely that the Board would consider accepting such an agreement. The reason, he stated, for such a pessimistic outlook on the part of the federal officials is that through being too optimistic in 1953 they had unintentionally cost the treasury about six million dollars, and they could not afford to make another mistake of that nature.

The Agricultural Products Co-operative Marketing Act, he continued, is not intended to provide "financial" assistance. It is designed to provide "financing" assistance to groups wishing to market their products on a co-operative pool plan. The above figures make this point abundantly clear.

This does not mean that no assistance can be made available. However, the many complications and details involved in a planned support program make it impossible at this point to predict as to whether or not such assistance will be obtained. Federal authorities, who are responsible for the welfare of producers all across Canada, cannot, without inviting trouble, give special consideration to any one area. The recent experience of the Nova Scotia apple growers is a case in point.

Aid To Education On National Basis Urged

The lack both of a good common school education, and specialized training at the high school and university level, in the rural communities of this Province was deplored in a brief presented to the Economic Commission yesterday by the P.E.Island Teachers Federation.

"The two basic requirements needed to give our children a sound education "The brief n t[illegible] first, good teachers; and second, adequate buildings and equipment. We have placed these basic requirements in the order of their importance because spending money on buildings and equipment is absolutely useless unless there are available teachers who are interested, well-trained, and having the necessary adequate knowledge.

"The supply of properly qualified teachers, however, is lacking. A very large percentage of our rural schools are staffed with Permit teachers or teachers of little or no experience. The small number of students enrolled in the Teacher Training Course at Prince of Wales College does not fill 50 percent of the vacancies caused by those leaving the profession each year. Thus the situation is growing worse. What causes this shortage? The LaZerte Report lists: First, low salaries; and Second, unattractiveness of rural working and living conditions. For these two reasons, it has been possible to attract into the teaching profession very few people of the highest calibre and good cultural background.

A BASIC SERVICE

"Teaching in our schools is truly an essential and basic public service and that it must be maintained no one will deny. We find, however, that to improve our present status in education, we require greatly increased finances. It is generally conceded that no undertaking of any kind suceeds unless adequately financed. Therefore, if we wish our schools to carry out properly their roles in the preparation of the personnel required to develop the natural resources of the province and the nation, adequate finances are absolutely necessary.

"What is to be the source of the money needed for this extra expenditure? Since our provincial government is already paying to education approximately one-seventh of its total revenue, Federal Aid to Education, we feel, is the main solution as far as Prince Edward Island is concerned. Moreover, we believe that such Federal Aid should be considered with a view to equalizing educational opportunity, so that all Canadian children, irrespective of location, may be given the same chance to secure that degree and quality of education which may enable them to play their proper role in the development of our vast natural resources."

Montreal Murder Trial Deferred

MONTREAL, (CP)—The murder trial of Vladimir Nekrassoff, 35-year-old Russian immigrant doctor accused of the torture slaying of nine-month-old Susie Timm, was deferred Monday to the next session of the Court of Queen's Bench opening Nov. 2.

Nekrassoff, was arrested shortly after the slaying last May, was scheduled to appear for trial Oct. 28.

Said Opposed To Marriage

LONDON (AP)—Princess Margaret and Peter Townsend met again at teatime and went partying Monday night amid reports that at least one Commonwealth country—South Africa—opposes a mariage of the two.

The romance of the 25-yearold princess and the divorced commoner, 40, also sparked a sharp discussion here on churchstate ties. Two London newspapers suggest the Church of England should bow out of its centuries-old alliance with the state if it cannot swallow its opposition to the match.

Smiling happily and looking without a care, the princess returned to her London home earlier Monday from a quiet weekend at Windsor with ueen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SPECIALIST DIES

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dr. Donald E. H. Cleveland, 65, a prominent Vancouver skin specialist died Saturday after a two-year illness. He was past president of the Canadian Medical Association.

NO PROGRESS

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor department officials said Monday no progress has been made in settling a strike of seamen which for more than three weeks has tied up ferry service across the Bay of Fundy.

PLANT DESTROYED

CALGARY (CP) — Damage estimated by company officials at about $200,000 resulted Sunday from a five-hour, four alarm fire which destroyed the Iko Asphalt Roofing Products Ltd. plant here.

LAUNCH PROBE

WASHINGTON (CP) — The U.S. justice department launched an inquiry Monday into the newsprint situation but refused to say whether its interest extends to the Canadian newsprint industry.

DELEGATION QUITS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP) - South Africa's delegation walked out of the General Assembly's special political committee Monday on the eve of debate over race conflict within its borders.

LAYS CORNERSTONE

MONTREAL (CP) — Works Minister Winters Monday laid the cornerstone of a $5,230,000 National Film Board building in suburban Ville St. Laurent. The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy by May, 1956.

Island Spokesmen Queried By Economic Commission

The hearing before the Royal Commission on Economic Conditions occupied but a few hours here yesterday, but a considerable amount of information was presented and the Commissioners expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the presentations. The hearing was held in the Law Courts building, with chairman W. R. Gordon, Toronto, presiding over the five-man Commission which included Dr. H.E. Graeur, Vancouver, Dr. Ray Gushue, St. John's, Newfoundland, Dr. Andrew Stewart, Edmonton, and Mr. O. Lassier, Quebec City.

Four submissions were made before the Commission which began the hearing at 10 a.m. and concluded shortly before 1.30.

Premier A. W. Matheson presented the brief for the Provincial Government, His Worship, Mayor Stewart for the City of Charlottetown; Mr. J. Lincoln Dewar for the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture, and Lt. Colonel Leo F. MacDonald on behalf of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation.

In reference to the Premier's brief Mr. Gordon wanted to know what railway services had been curtailed in the Province and what was the effect therefrom. Premier Matheson told of the discontinuance of passenger trains in the Eastern section of the Province. He did not believe that the Railway could be critized too much for this move since it was a recognized fact that very few were being carried during the summer months. It remained to be seen, however, what the results would be in regard to freight schedules. He pointed out that the curtailed service had been in effect for only a few weeks and it was difficult to assess what the results would be.

The Premier said that if the freight did not travel on the rails it must of necessity be hauled by trucks, and went on to show that the Island soil is not conducive to the production of good road beds. He maintained that if the railroad services were to be curtailed or discontinued the Province was entitled to some compensation in return.

FERRY SERVICE

The Premier called attention to the fact that one of the ferry boats in use at the Borden-Tormentine run was 40 years old and that it was inadequate for modern service. The larger boat, he said, was crowded and if the increase continues there is definite need for another boat. He quoted figures to show that the upswing in traffic during the past two years has increased about 12 per cent from Borden to Tormentine while the increase has been about 10 per cent from Tormentine to Borden.

Mr. Gordon's asked what percentage of the tourist trade was American and what percent Canadian. Mr. Matheson said that 21 percent was American and the rest from other parts of Canada. He stated that many tourists, foreseeing a long delay at the ferryboat, returned to the mainland rather than wait for the boat to make the crossing.

Dr. Stewart asked the Premier whether there was much abandonment of farms on the Island The Premier replied that with increased mechanized farming more land was being cultivated by fewer farmers. At the same time some of the land in the Province which had previously been settled had proven to be useless for growing crops, and these had been vacated. He said, however, that some of the land which was not suitable for growing the standard crops of potatoes and grain was being used for other purposes.

The Premier told the Commission about the cucumber industry in the Province, stating that the amount of ground contracted for during the first year's of operation was so productive that the company had to dump a large amount of the crop.

In conclusion Mr. Matheson said: "What is good for Prince Edward Island is good for the rest of the Maritimes Provinces. I believe that we have an opportunity of helping

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TORONTO, (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	20	40
Vancouver	49	56
Edmonton	35	64
Winnipeg	17	43
Toronto	58	65
Montreal	46	64
Fredericton	29	58
Saint John	33	54
Moncton	33	58
Halifax	39	57
Charlottetown	—	54
Sydney	—	54
St. John's	—	36

HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather office says a sudden change in weather is in store for the Maritime district. Much cooler air is charging across New England toward the Maritimes and temperatures are forecast to be down to the 30s and 40s Tuesday afternoon. Showers are expected in all regions but will change to snowflurries in the northern part of the district.

Northern Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island: Cloudy; scattered showers; much cooler; west winds 20. High-low at New Glasgow 35 and 45, Charlottetown 35 and 40.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 4:01 a.m. and 5:48 p.m.; at Rustico at 1:50 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 6:41 a.m. and sets at 5:13 p.m.