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Feb. 10th Set As Date For Opening Of House

The fourth session of the 48th General Assembly of Prince Edward Island will commence on February 10, 1959, one month earlier than the opening date of the third session which got under way last March 11.

Freight Rate Hike Hits Island Farmers, Shippers

Though in the main still protected by the Agreed Charges established some years ago through the efforts of the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board, Island potato growers and shippers will not remain entirely unaffected by the 17 per cent general increase in freight rates that became effective December 1.

In the first place all shipments to the United States, Western Canada, and to any point within the Atlantic Provinces will cost 17 per cent more than prior to December 1.

Some dealers estimate that possible 20 per cent of the annual crop will be thus directly affected.

OTHER CHARGES In addition the railway has hiked the heat charge on refrigerator cars to three and one half cents per mile, an increase of one-half a cent per mile over the former rate. Shipping a car under heat to Montreal will now cost \$3.55 more than formerly, while the Toronto cost for this service will be greater by \$5.20.

Though demurrage charges were not increased, diversion charges were upped by a whopping \$1.12; from \$6.60 to \$7.72.

Export rates for shipments to Halifax and Saint John went up five cents per hundred pounds on December 1. This means that freight will cost shippers using either port \$25 extra on each car from now on.

NO PROTECTION Those shipping turnips or other field crops, none of which are under any type of protection, must bear the full burden of these increased charges. For instance, to land a car of turnips on the Montreal market will cost shippers in freight alone, \$63 more than it did one week ago.

The new railway tariffs put in effect December 1 indicate that no changes in the basic rates established under the Agreed Charges are contemplated at this time.

In addition officials of the P. E.I. Potato Marketing Board stated that as yet the railroads had not signified in any way they intended to upset the agreement.

The Board Chairman, W. A. MacLennan said several days ago that the agreement between the Board and the railroad could not be discontinued or

Sputnik III Rocket Near End Of Flight CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory predicted Tuesday night that the final-stage rocket that fired Sputnik III into orbit last May 15 would burn up around 10 a.m. AST today.

The rocket might begin glowing over the midwest about 9:30 a.m. AST, the scientists said. If death occurs as predicted about 10 a.m., the rocket might come down anywhere from central Europe to the Middle East.

The dying rocket was tracked by a giant radar telescope as it orbited over the northeast late Tuesday.

Borden Train Is Stranded On Mainland

At midnight last night the Borden train which normally arrives in the city between 9 and 9.30 p.m. had still not left Cape Tormentine, N.B. High winds, at times reaching gale force, kept the M.V. Abegweit in port at Borden following its third run yesterday at 2.21 p.m. and it was not able to make a crossing to carry the train to the Island last night.

Bush Fires Raging In California

MALIBU BEACH, Calif. (AP) Flames fanned by hot desert winds swept the hills near this southern California resort Tuesday when two fires broke out on the inland slope of the Santa Monica mountains and raced toward the sea.

Suggested Talks On Berlin Denounced By Soviet Union

BERLIN (Reuters) — Russia Tuesday denounced in advance a suggested East-West conference of the four powers to discuss German reunification.

Claims Red Missile Went Past Moon

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Erik Bergquist, editor of Missiles and Rockets magazine, says that within the last two weeks Russia sent a missile past the moon and toward Mars.

Bergquist told the Ad Club of Pittsburgh Tuesday U.S. scientists tracked the missile by radio for three days.

However, a spokesman at the defence department, asked if the military had confirmed such a launching, replied: "Emphatically no." Scientists associated with space programs also said they knew of no Soviet moon rocket launching.

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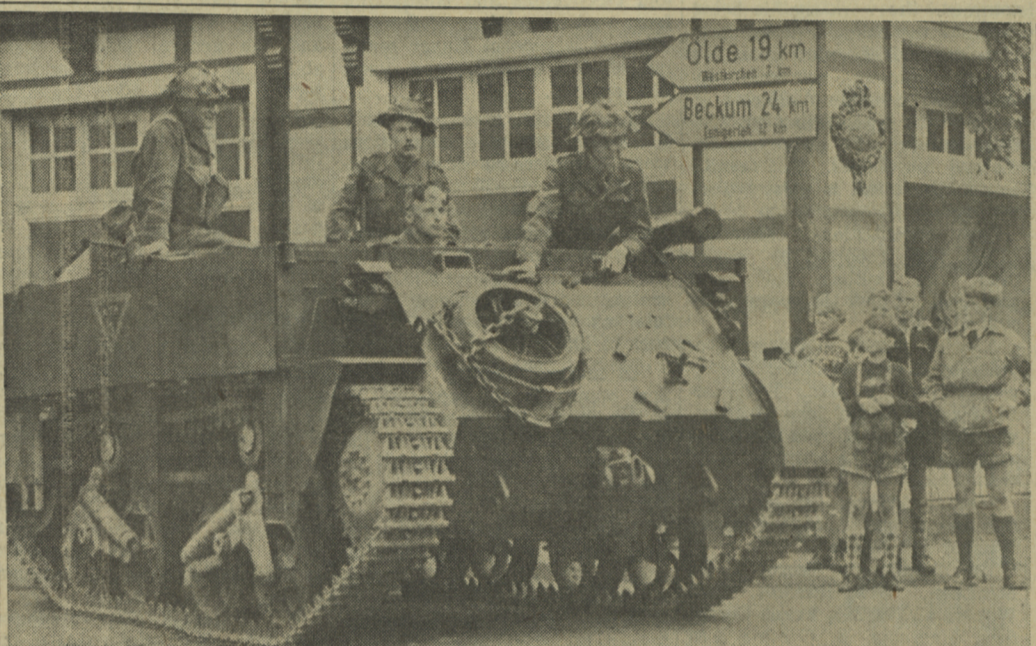
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ANOTHER RATE INCREASE

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WAR VETERANS 'CREMATED'

Universal carriers, battle-tested veterans of the Second World War, have been cut to pieces and are no more. One hundred and 10 of the tracked vehicles which travelled many rugged miles during the campaign in Sicily, Italy and Northwest Europe met a fiery death at the hands of German torch-wielders and will now be cremated in a steel mill's blast furnace.

Snow And Gale Disrupt Traffic Yesterday Throughout Province

The season's first snow storm accompanied by gale force winds dumped seven inches of snow on Prince Edward Island yesterday, tied up ferries at both Wood Islands and Borden, grounded several scheduled air flights and brought highway traffic in West Prince to a virtual standstill.

The swirling ground drift filled in cuttings almost as fast as government plows could open them, and although some vehicles continued to move, visibility was reduced to only a few feet by the blizzard.

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Borden Service Passengers Will Pay An Extra \$20,000

Described by Premier Matheson as "unwarranted, unrealistic and unfair", passenger charges on the Borden-Tormentine ferries have been increased by the Canadian National Railways as of December 1.

Since that day passengers using this service have been required to pay 50 cents for a single fare or 90 cents for the return trip, an increase of five and ten cents respectively in the fares previously in effect.

First intimation of the increase, which will total more than \$20,000 annually on the basis of current passenger traffic, was received yesterday by the Provincial Government.

Commenting on the situation last evening Premier Matheson said the increases were unwarranted in that they exceeded the chargeable per mile maximum laid down by the Board of Transport Commissioners — 4.4 cents in the case of first class passengers, and 3.67 cents in the case of second class, unrealistic in that they would fall to increase the CNR profit by as much as one cent, but would simply have the effect of decreasing the deficit normally incurred by the Dominion Government; and unfair in that so far as could be ascertained, no other rates in the immediately adjacent areas were affected.

SEES ADDED DANGER Recalling that the previous rates in effect at Borden had only been established some twenty years ago after a long, hard, struggle, Premier Matheson viewed this recent action of the CNR with great alarm.

"Since this increase was unannounced and effected without prior consultation with any outside body that might be directly or indirectly interested, what's to stop them from going further and demanding increases in both auto and truck fares?" he inquired.

"The run to the mainland via Borden is not only part of our Trans-Canada Highway system, but also part of the 'continuous communication' guaranteed this Province at the time of Confederation. As such, the CNR does not own these boats, it merely operates them as agents of the federal government."

OTTAWA, (Special) — Prince Edward Island oyster farmers yesterday were cautioned against over-fishing their stocks lest they fish themselves out of business.

The warning was sounded by J. C. Medcof, a researcher at the federal biological station at St. Andrews, N.B., who said Island oyster-men were fishing their stocks "hard" to meet the "heaviest market demands they have ever experienced."

The new customer was the Federal Department of Fisheries which was purchasing P. E. I. oysters to be used as brood stock to reestablish the devastated Nova Scotia and New Brunswick populations.

Mr. Medcof, in a circular letter to oyster fishermen, explained that an epidemic disease—harmless to humans—three years ago had struck oyster populations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick "and is still raging."

The 1957 oyster harvest in these two provinces was down to 30 percent of its pre-epidemic level.

Experience gleaned in the oyster disaster in P. E. I.'s Malpeque Bay (1915-35) indicated that rebuilding takes not less than 20 years "unless special efforts are made at rehabilitation."

The "special efforts" referred to by the fisheries scientists include transplanting of P.E.I.'s now disease-resistant seedlings into such areas as New Brunswick's Shippegan, Richibucto River mouth, and the north and south shores of Miramichi Bay, where mortality rates were the result of the 1935 outbreak — ran as high as 95 per cent.

Transplanting are also being made in Nova Scotia in such regions as Wallace and Malagash, across Northumberland Strait from P.E.I. Over a three-year period the Department of Fisheries hopes to plant 10,000 barrels of Island species in the affected areas of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

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The boy died while the plane was in the air between Gander and Halifax. His body was taken off here and his parents will accompany him back to Gander.

Montreal Fire Takes 3 Lives

MONTREAL (CP)—A mother and her two children died Tuesday when fire ripped through their apartment in the city's east-end.

Police identified the dead as Mrs. Alice Cardinal, 37; her daughter, Madeleine, 4, and a young baby.

Lakes Freeze Threatens To Trap 38 Ships

MONTREAL (CP) — Some 38 ships are in danger of being frozen in for the winter between Montreal and the Great Lakes, a spokesman for the Federal transport department's 21st a.i. service reported Tuesday night.

Ice in the locks of the Lachine Canal which knifes through Montreal Island had trapped 18 east-bound vessels in nearby Lake St. Louis.

Another eight east-bound ships are tied up at Cascades Point at the eastern entrance of the Soulanges Canal, 40 miles west of Montreal, because of frozen locks in the Soulanges.

Ice began forming during the weekend and is getting thicker, the spokesman said.

Twelve of the trapped ships are ocean-going.

East-bound ships got through the Lachine Canal Tuesday but one had to break ice with her anchor to do it.

Among the ocean ships caught in the lakes canal system are the Monika Smith, Lokalm, Heinrich, Gretefeldt, Udo Schulte, Ingrid Weide, Auguste Schulte, Cresten Wilde, Prins Willem IV, Prins Willem II, Waldemar Peter and Manchester Prospector.

Twelve west-bound ships are caught in Montreal harbor, unable to get back through the canal back to the lakes.

Downriver from Montreal in the swiftly-flowing parts of the St. Lawrence River that do not freeze early, certain marker buoys have been displaced by ice. Summer buoys between Sorel and Quebec City are now being taken out and winter markers put in.

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PM Arrives In Australia

DARWIN, Australia (Reuters) Prime Minister Diefenbaker arrived here early today from Jakarta on his way to Canberra.

Attend Electric League Dinner

Those seated at the head table during a dinner meeting of the Electric Service League of P.E.I. held at the Charlottetown Hotel last evening were, left to right, W.J. Poole, P.E.I. electrical inspector; J. W. Kirby, electrical inspector; A.D. Cameron, Maritime Electric; Stuart MacKay, Red Seal home owner on Burbury; James Miller, Red Seal home owner on Union Road; Willard Burke of Burke Electric; Barry Bugden, league secretary; treasurer; A. E. MacLean, of MacLean Electric; P.E. Palmer of Palmer Electric; and G. D. Murchison of Rogers Hardware.

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NO POSITIVE EVIDENCE Earlier, Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn said arson had not been stricken from the list of possibilities although no positive evidence along that line had been found.

"We always suspect arson where there is loss of life, particularly in a public place, and we cannot establish the cause of the fire," he said.

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But investigators did not eliminate the possibility that the blaze was deliberately touched off.

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