

# BOARD ADVERSE TO POTATO TARIFF

## Board's Ruling Protested By Island Farm Interests

There was prompt reaction yesterday by various members of the potato industry in Prince Edward Island regarding the report of the Tariff Board. Eric Campbell, manager of the Potato Marketing Board, N.W. Wilson, president of the Prince Edward Island Dealer's Association, J.L. Dewar, secretary of the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture and E.D. Reid, produce dealer all expressed dissatisfaction with the report.

**P.E.I. BOARD MANAGER**  
"The time has come when it would be nothing more than a show of weakness if we permitted this most serious matter to encounter any further delay in receiving remedial action," said Mr. Eric Campbell, manager of the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board.

"There is no significance in the fact that the Tariff Board has not made any recommendations with regard to potato tariffs," Mr. Campbell continued. "Under its terms of reference it was not asked for recommendations but merely for the facts. Generally in cases of this kind, when tariff questions

are referred to the Tariff Board for investigation, the Board is asked for the facts and for its recommendations. In the case of the potato tariff reference, only facts were requested.

"We do not overlook the fact that very often, when such a matter as this is referred to the Tariff Board, it has the effect of giving the subject a 'hoist' Mr. Gardiner's recently reported recommendation of caution and the Tariff Board's unwarranted emphasis on the danger of losing our Southern seed markets can well be classed in this category."

**STILL AVAILABLE**  
"Our Southern seed markets

would still be available, even if no quota were allowed at the reduced 37½ cents rate. The Southern States require Northern seed and our only competition in this market is that of Maine, Northern New York and North Dakota and these states cannot supply the Sebago seed which is now in demand for the major part of the planting. Maine seed growers have a more serious transportation problem than we have and the same is true of the other areas mentioned above."

Mr. Campbell said that more important is the fact that Southern growers are well aware of the superiority of Prince Edward Island seed.

## Local Theatre Gutted By Fire

A fire which was discovered in the Prince Edward Theatre at 2:07 a.m. this morning had at the time of going to press developed into a major conflagration which City Firemen believed had the building doomed.

Thick clouds of smoke hampered the firemen as they fought the blaze in the building which is owned by the Masonic Temple Company. Its seating capacity including a gallery is about 1,000. The three-storey building was of brick and wood construction.

Mr. George Walters, theatre manager said that when he and his staff had left the building at about 11:30 p.m., everything was in order. A call to City Police from an unidentified passerby was the first indication that anything was wrong.

The Prince Edward has been a byword to people of this City for several generations. Before

the advent of motion pictures it was known as the Opera House. It has been operated by the F.G. Spencer Company of Saint John, N.B.

Above the theatre are the Lodge rooms of St. John's and Victoria lodges of the Masonic order. A confectionery store and news stand on the south west corner of the building is occupied by Mr. Ray Keenan.

An absence of wind is in favor of the blaze not spreading but it was not known whether adjacent buildings would be in danger as the fire progressed. To the east, and separated from the theatre by a small roadway, is a two storey wooden building occupied by a Chinese laundry and to the west of it is another wooden structure occupied by the Bowlin Radio Repair Shop and the Windmill Restaurant.



PICTURED SEATED LEFT to right are Mrs. Henry Larter, Souris, His Worship J. D. Stewart, Mayor, Mrs. John Van Maaron, Kensington. Standing — John Van Maaron, president, Henry Larter Souris, E. A. Jessome, Kensington. Photo by W. Taylor.

## Crippled Ship Still At Mercy Of The Sea

HALIFAX, (CP)—The crippled British freighter Lord Church was still at the mercy of the sea Tuesday night. She drifted aimlessly 500 miles southeast of Cape Race, Nfld., partly flooded, her lifeboats smashed and part of her bridge carried away. But help was coming.

On the coast two disabled fishing vessels appeared to be almost out of danger. The battered Newfoundland dragger Blue Haze, buffeted by heavy seas for three days, was finally being towed to port. A rescue boat was on the way to the Nova Scotia longliner Emma Marie, whose engines were out of commission.

The 6,219-ton Lord Church, her engines useless, had drifted about 60 miles further from shore since she sent a distress message late Sunday. She was crippled by an Atlantic storm while bound for Bremen, Germany, with coal from Hampton Roads, Va.

The Halifax salvage tug Foundation Frances breastheaved heavy seas in a race to the freighter's aid. She was expected to reach the Lord Church about noon today.

Rescue efforts were hampered by heavy seas and a strong wind. The Lord Church was expected to be rescued by the tug Foundation Frances and the tugboat Blue Haze.

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## Vetoes Kill Canadian Plan In Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP)—A carefully laid Canadian plan for widening UN membership by nearly one-third fell to pieces Tuesday under a wave of Soviet vetoes in the Security Council.

Retaliating against a Nationalist Chinese veto of Communist Outer Mongolia, Arkady A. Sobolev of Russia raised his hand 13 times in opposition to Western-sponsored candidates included in an 18-member Canadian "package."

Earlier, Russia also had wielded its big-power veto against South Viet Nam and South Korea which China proposed should be added to the 18.

Of 16 votes cast, Russia accounted for 15. Four of its own candidates, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary—managed to get the required majority when voted on individually, but when the operative paragraph containing their names was voted on as a whole, it went down 1 to 4 with six abstentions.

The university report said there is nothing to indicate that it is harmful to persons of any age.

"In the circumstances, therefore, the introduction of 1.2 parts sodium fluoride to 1,000,000 of water in municipal water supplies would appear to be both harmless and beneficial," Dr. Phillips said.

**PROMPT REACTION**  
TORONTO (CP)—Endorsement of fluoridation by Health Minister Phillips of Ontario brought almost immediate reaction in at least four cities.

In a fifth, North Bay, the announcement coincided with a city plebiscite in which the voters approved fluoridation of community water supplies. North Bay is the first city in Canada to endorse the measure by a public vote.

In London and Windsor, health officials said they will ask their city governments for early approval. Sarnia and St. Thomas, both of which have shelved the measure, said they will reopen discussions.

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## Island Lions Club Observe Charter Night

Charter night for the Lions' Clubs of the Province brought together more than 80 members, their wives and friends at a dinner meeting at the Queen Hotel last evening.

Mr. J. Van Maaron, President of the local club, presided over the assembly which included His Worship Mayor J.D. Stewart and representatives of the various service clubs in the city. Many members of the Lion's Clubs of Souris, Kensington and Souris were also in attendance, accompanied by their wives.

Following the dinner, the members and their guests repaired to the Clover Club where the annual dance was held, as a fitting climax to an active and successful year on the part of Lionism in the City and Province.

## AIRCRAFT SEATS ARE TOO SMALL

OTTAWA (CP)—The seats on Trans-Canada Air Lines' aircraft just weren't built for Archbishop Boris of the Russian Orthodox Church.

He takes two. The 275-pound cleric climbed aboard a plane Monday night for his flight to Edmonton. It was simple enough to remove a centre arm-rest and settle the six-foot-three-inch archbishop into a pair of seats.

But the safety belt wasn't long enough to circle his girth. An extension was called for. He was girdled. But in the process his flowing dark-brown beard became entangled in the belt.

The passenger agent freed the beard without the loss of a whisker.

## Await Decision On Labor Leader

LONDON (CP)—British politicians waited expectantly Tuesday night for a verdict that will probably determine the leadership and direction of the country's main opposition party for generation.

Within 24 hours, the parliamentary Labor party was to make known the result of a secret ballot to choose a new leader succeeding 72-year-old Clement Attlee, who resigned last week after 20 years at the helm.

## Infant Burned In N. S. Fire

WESTVILLE, N. S. (CP)—Two fires in northern Nova Scotia have claimed the life of a two-month-old baby and sent a woman to hospital.

An inquest into the death of Deborah Cyr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cyr, opened Tuesday shortly after the infant died in a fire that swept the room where she was sleeping. It was adjourned until Dec. 21.

Mrs. Leslie Fraser of nearby Trenton was in hospital for treatment of burns to the arms, legs and body. Mrs. Fraser's clothing was ignited as she tried to fix a stove.

## Will Make No Recommendation

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## Coming Events

- New Glasgow concert, Dec. 22.
- Kelly's Cross Concert—December 22.
- South Melville Concert—December 20th.
- Lady Fane school concert, Dec. 22nd.
- Mt. Mellick Christmas Concert—Dec. 20th, Pownall Hall.
- Lynndale Christmas Concert—Monday, Dec. 19th, 8:30 p.m.
- Card game every Wednesday night, Legion Hall, Mt. Albion.
- Elmwood Christmas Concert, Wednesday, 21st.
- Christmas Concert in Hopfield Hall, December 22.
- Dance in Mount Ryan Hall every Thursday night.
- Crapaud Christmas Concert—December 20 at 8:30 p.m.
- Christmas Concert Brackley school, Wednesday, Dec. 21.
- Headtable Christmas Concert—Friday, December 23 at 8 p.m.
- Cape Traverse School Concert in Cape Traverse Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.
- Reserve Wednesday, Dec. 28th for Alumni dance in Kinkora Hall.
- Dance Cardigan Legion Hall, Thursday, Webster's Orchestra, P.A. system, canteen service.
- Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rolfe McKenzie's Orchestra, Canteen Service 9:30 to 12:30.
- Meeting of the Vernon Driving Club to be held in Vernon Hall, Dec. 15. All interested are urged to be present.
- Farmers before selling your chickens and fowl contact Amos Gallant, South Rustico. Also buying dressed geese and ducks.
- The School Concert given by St. Augustine's Convent will be held December 16th, at 8 p.m. in St. Augustine's Parish Hall, South Rustico.
- Boys' Lodge members are advised that a special meeting will be held in the Orange Hall Friday, December 16. Installation of officers and film showings.

## One Dead, Others Missing In Fierce Prairie Storm

REGINA (CP)—One person was dead, two others were missing and feared dead and at least 10 others accounted for as a fierce blizzard raged unabated Tuesday night over much of the prairies.

All of residential Saskatchewan was paralyzed, caught in the grip of a severe, Arctic-spawned storm that brought six inches of snow, driven into waist-high drifts by 72-mile-an-hour winds, and sudden cold.

Motor traffic simply could not move. Drifts as high as 10 feet were reported on some Saskatchewan roads.

Hundreds of persons were stranded, many of them school children.

Nearly every school in Saskatchewan and many in Alberta were closed. Several towns were without power as high winds snapped lines.

**NO END IN SIGHT**  
Communication was difficult at best in country points in both provinces. Rail and air traffic was delayed, some flights cancelled.

Weather forecasters foresaw no end to the severe blizzard conditions prevailing in eastern-central Alberta and all of Saskatchewan until at least mid-morning today.

The snow is expected to stop slightly, but not enough to stop drifting. Clearing skies are expected to send temperatures skidding even lower.

Visibility in Saskatchewan Tuesday was zero and temperatures hovered a few degrees below zero. Weather officials predicted overnight lows of 15 to 25 degrees below zero.

## Issue Joint Communiqué

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These political and commercial developments were announced on the last day of the visit of Russian Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party secretary Nikita Khrushchev to India.

The joint communiqué, signed by Bulganin and Prime Minister Nehru, condemned military alliances and blocs as widening the frontiers of the cold war. It said disarmament is the only course open to establish peace and eliminate conditions leading to "the conceivable disaster of another world war."

There should be unconditional prohibition of nuclear weapons, reduction of conventional arms and arrangements for effective control.

The leaders also called for Communist China to be seated in the

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