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"MARCH ON FREDERICTON" PLANNED FOR TODAY IN N.B.

British Labor Gov't Majority Reduced To Three

Premier Foresees Early Development Of Coal Run Mabou To Georgetown

The possibility of a big development in Georgetown this summer, (later learned to be the opening up of the proposed coal run between Mabou, Cape Breton, and the King's County port) was strongly hinted at in the Legislature by Premier Jones yesterday afternoon.

The coal, it is reported, will be taken from a re-opened mine at Mabou by Mr. W. N. MacDonald of Pictou. This coal is to be towed across the approximately 50 mile stretch between the two points to Georgetown.

It is rumored here that Mr. MacDonald has been negotiating with the Maritime Electric Company for a coal contract, should the proposed scheme become a reality. Whether or not the Electric Company would take all or the majority of the coal conveyed could not be learned.

The original plan of Mr. MacDonald was to have the coal processed into "brigquets" at Georgetown. This idea may still come into effect but it is believed that it has been shifted into the background.

Reportedly the only impediment to the opening up of the coal run is the undredged waters around Mabou. A sum of money has been voted by the Government for this purpose but has not yet been forwarded to Mr. MacDonald.

In connection with this development Premier Jones stressed the importance of a paved road into Georgetown stating that the road would be paved this year as previously noted by Hon. H. H. Cox, Minister of Public Works.

The mine it is believed originally belonged to a French religious order but through transactions over the years became the property of the Nova Scotia Government. Mr. MacDonald purchased it from the Government and through the use of machinery has received large outputs.

The mine is only a short distance from the shore line and Mr. MacDonald proposes to transfer the coal to the breakwater by means of a conveyor belt. The coal will be loaded onto barges which will be towed across to Georgetown.

To operate the mine Mr. MacDonald has purchased the engine of one of the fastest boats in the world.

Mr. MacDonald was in Charlottetown last week at which time he conferred with Premier Jones and Mr. V. Ainsworth of the Maritime Electric Company. He is in Ottawa at present.

FIRST WOMAN MAYOR

BATH, Somerset, England, March 27 (AP)—The City Council elected a woman mayor today for the first time in its history—which goes back to 1230 A.D. She is councillor Kathleen Harper, 60-year-old spinster. She will be Bath's 722nd mayor.

Coming Events

- **Grain Cleaning. Arnold Beer.
- **Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- **Cornwall concert Tuesday, March 28th.
- **Garden Seeds. Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vessey, York, P. E. I.
- **Farmers now booking Clover Seeds. Rush order. McCulligan & Boyle.
- **See "Shaggy" in technicolor, plus Serial at MacDonald Bros. Theatre, tonight.
- **Annual Meeting of Vernon River Co-operative Association Ltd. will be held in Vernon River Hall, Monday, April 3rd, 8 P. M.
- **Cleaning Seed Grain beginning March 27th. Mr. Stewart Grain Growers, operating at Brasnet MacEachern's Farm.
- **Reserve Wednesday, 29th March for Y's Men's Auction. Complete list of articles listed in Sun-mercury Journal.
- **Receiving hogs every Tuesday all day at Albany, trucks banned, no permits issued. Will play 40 cents per hog cash above market price delivered. J. George MacKay and Son.
- **Special Meeting of the shareholders and partners of the Whitshire Dairyming Co. will be held in Whitshire Hall, Thursday, March 30th, at 2 P. M. for the purpose of discussing the building of a new Creamery. By order of the Directors. Nelson Hartney, Secretary.

Death Claims Second Member Since Election

LONDON, March 27 — (CP) — The death of a Labor member of Parliament today reduced the Government's majority in the House of Commons to three.

The death of F. A. Cobb, 49, member for the Yorkshire constituency of Brighouse and Spensborough, was announced to the House by the Speaker, Col. Douglas Clifton-Brown.

Cause of his death was not announced. He was re-elected in the Feb. 23 general election by a majority of 2,132 in a tough two-way race with W. E. Woolley, National Liberal, an ally of the Conservatives.

Cobb's death will bring on the third by-election of the new Parliament, all involving seats won by Labor candidates in the general election.

The Labor Party's present slim majority is all the more shaky in view of the fact that there are many day-to-day casualties on both sides of the House.

At present one Labor member is in hospital. He has been there for a week. On the other hand, three Opposition members have taken their oaths of office. Two are Irish Nationalists who boycott Parliament. The other is an Ulster Unionist, allied with the Conservatives, whose eligibility has been questioned.

Clement Davies, leader of the Liberal Party's nine-member group in the House, was ordered today to take a complete rest for at least three weeks.

Cobb's seat is the second Labor loss by death. The first was caused by the death of A. S. McKimley, member for West Dunbartonshire. McKimley had only a majority of 319.

Commons Rejects CCF Plan To Control Farm Exports

OTTAWA, March 27—(CP)—By a vote of 143 to 23, the Commons today rejected a C.C.F. proposal which would have brought the export sale of Canadian farm products under Government control.

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The C.C.F. proposal developed as the Chamber studied a government bill—later given third reading—to extend for one more year the Agricultural Products Act, which now empowers the Government to negotiate and fulfill food contracts with Britain.

Mr. Wright said the C.C.F. group felt the Government's plans were not sufficient. The temporary methods followed to date "have lost most of our markets for surplus agricultural products." There should be a permanent export board.

In the count, the C.C.F. won support from the Social Credit group and a lone Progressive Conservative—H. H. Hatfield (Victoria-Carleton).

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Independent confirmation of these reports is lacking, but Western observers believe increasing Russian help and advice is available to the Communist Government.

Unprecedented Protest Against Retail Sales Tax

FREDERICTON, March 27 — (CP)—A "March to Fredericton" by automobile and train—will be made tomorrow.

Unprecedented on such a scale in New Brunswick, the influx to the capital city from points throughout the Province has been planned by local and provincial groups to protest the pending imposition of a consumer, or retail sales, tax.

A public meeting will be held in front of the Parliament Buildings at 2:45 p.m. 15 minutes before the Legislature resumes its sittings after the usual week-end adjournment.

The provincial budget is to be brought down Wednesday, and Premier McNair announced last week that it will explain details of the measure could be introduced the same day or later in the sitting.

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Premier Locks Horns With Opposition On Both Sides

In a speech in which much of his time was occupied in answering criticism from former Government colleagues as well as from the Opposition, Premier Jones complained yesterday in the Legislature that the big issues were being ignored and that the only tangible proposal to come from the Opposition leader was that potato acreage should be limited.

Speaking in the Budget debate, the Premier engaged in lively exchanges with members on both sides of the House and ranged far and wide in his defence of government policies.

From the tone of Opposition speeches it would appear that everyone was talking hard times. "I haven't been able to see it myself," the Premier said. He cited a statement of Prime Minister St. Laurent, to the effect that the country is more prosperous than ever before; and this statement was borne out by the unprecedentedly high level of the gross national production, which is now rated at 16.14 billion dollars, as against 13.6 billion dollars in 1948 when the Dominion-Provincial conference on tax agreements was held. This Province has produced 12.5 per cent more revenue from Ottawa under this heading.

"The times are remarkably prosperous in Canada," the Premier insisted. "With one-half of 1 per cent of the world population we are the third largest trading country in the world; our trade, on a per capita basis, is three times as great as that of the United States and twice as great as Great Britain's."

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Expect Canso Bridge Open By Early 1954

OTTAWA, March 27 — (CP) — The Strait of Canso bridge in Nova Scotia is expected to be opened for traffic in late 1953 or early 1954, Transport Minister Chevrier today informed Percy Black (PC-Cumberland) in the Commons.

The Minister said it is expected tenders will be called in July of this year, with construction work on the main piers starting next spring.

Answering a series of questions from Mr. Black, he also gave this information:

1. The bridge itself will cost \$10,638,198; rail and highway approaches another \$3,015,930, and other expenses \$23,847.
2. The Nova Scotia Government will bear one-third the cost or \$5,000,000, whichever is the lesser. The Federal Government will pay the remainder.
3. Estimated annual maintenance cost will be \$68,000, borne by the Canadian National Railways, the only rail line using the bridge.

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To Form Retail Association Of Local Merchants

At a meeting of approximately forty retail merchants in the City Hall last evening it was unanimously decided to form a Retail Merchants' Association to function within the framework of the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

Brought out in discussion was the fact that the Association should not be one which dictated rules to stores, either large or small, but rather be a means whereby the merchants could meet to discuss ways and means of making Charlottetown the shopping centre of Prince Edward Island.

The meeting was opened by chairman Mr. F. W. Curtis, President of the Board of Trade, and the outline of work which could be accomplished by the proposed Association was given by Mr. F. J. Storey, chairman of the Retail Merchant's committee of the Board. Mr. Storey spoke of the Associations formed by the jewellers and the druggists, and suggested that if it were possible to enlarge these organizations to include all types of businesses, the city of Charlottetown would benefit tremendously.

It was suggested that each type of retail business form its own committee and pick its chairman, who would in turn meet with the other chairmen to discuss their various projects and problems. The convenor of this group would then bring their decisions before the Council of the Board of Trade.

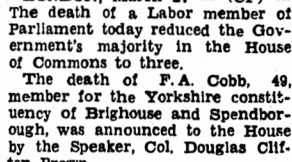
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Federal Budget Due Tonight

OTTAWA, March 27—(CP)—The 1950-51 budget, due to be presented to the Commons at 9 p. m. AST tomorrow, may mark at least a temporary end to heavy post-war tax reductions.

In every budget since the end of the war, the tax bills of Canadians have been lightened. The largest reductions resulted from the 1949-50 pre-election budget which cut more than \$370,000,000 from the tax bills and removed an estimated 750,000 Canadians from income-tax rolls.

There has been some speculation—a word branded in Parliament—oracles as guessing—that there may be some scattered changes in the eight-per-cent sales tax.

Some believe Mr. Abbott will remove or reduce the sales tax on coffee, ice-cream, cigars and certain foodstuffs.

A number expect that he will tighten the income tax law to obtain for the Treasury part of the capital gains made on investments in Canada.

Two Wounded On Toronto Street

TORONTO, March 27 — (CP)—Two men were shot and seriously wounded on the street tonight when a passer-by drew a pistol and fired a string of shots for no apparent reason.

Donald E. White, 30, and Edward Long, 36, both of suburban Long Branch, were taken to hospital, both suffering shock and serious loss of blood.

Police were seeking a man who had been looking at a hotel on mid-town Pembroke Street, where the shooting occurred. They said the suspect came to Toronto from Sudbury. All bus terminals and railway exits were placed under guard.

Premier Says Statement To Farmers Misconstrued

Claiming that he had not been quoted "exactly right" in his remarks to the delegation from the Federation of Agriculture, Premier Jones yesterday in the Legislature undertook to rectify the matter and explain what he really had in mind.

When he looked at the delegation in the Legislative Chamber, the Premier said, he noted that it was a lovely March day and he had told them, "in the most friendly way," that it was hard to be away from their farms a day like this, and that if they were real farmers they could hardly afford to stay away. Next day it was reported that he had said that "if they were real farmers, they would not be away."

"I didn't say that to the farmers at all," he maintained. "I said 'You couldn't afford to be away if you were real farmers.'"

Looking over to the Opposition, he said he could see only one real farmer there. "And I don't think he can afford to be away from his farm in good weather either," he added.

"The Press had you right!" retorted Hon. Dr. MacMillan. "Not at all," the Premier replied.

Mr. R. R. Bell: "Did you correct it at the time?"

Premier Jones: "Oh, well—"

Mr. Bell: "You chastized the former Minister of Agriculture for not correcting his statements?"

Comments on Brief

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that farmers would come in and discuss their grievances, but what do we find this time? They come in with a brief. It is not signed by anybody. Look at the thickness of it! It was not read by a farmer; it was read by a man they hire, and he probably wrote it. I doubt if a man of this farmers' group ever saw it until this man got up and read it."

The Premier went on to quote excerpts from the brief, maintaining that they covered matters of government policy which were determined months ago, and which should be matters of common knowledge. He cited in particular the Government's nursery and rural electrification policies. The latter had been determined by the recommendation of Mr. Hoag two years ago, and the Government was making "great progress" in this direction. "Electrification is going forward just as fast as it can possibly be done," he added. "We don't have to be reminded by people to 'state our policy' on a matter of that kind. It is there for anybody to see it."

The same applied to the recommendation about silos. He had silos on his farm for thirty-five years, and there are dozens of silos throughout the Province. He did not know whether many of the farmers' delegation knew about them or not. "They have their minds on marketing," he said. "They want to have their marketing done in some fancy way. They say our whole marketing system is chaotic, and I don't agree."

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Quote Report Stalin Dead

BROCKVILLE, Ont., March 27 — (CP)—The Recorder and Times today quotes a former British army intelligence officer as saying he has information that Prime Minister Stalin died several months ago.

The newspaper's informant, who declined to give his name for publication, said Stalin's death would not be announced officially until late in 1951 or early in 1952. In the meantime, V. M. Molotov, deputy prime minister, would have an opportunity to consolidate his position as political and spiritual leader of Russia.

The newspaper's editors said they are able to vouch for the reliability of their informant.

Donald Gordon Gets Salary of \$45,000

OTTAWA, March 27 — (CP)—Donald Gordon, president of the Canadian National Railways, gets an annual salary of \$45,000.

This was disclosed today in a return tabled in the Commons by Transport Minister Chevrier for Claydon Hodgson (PC-Victoria, Ont.).

Mr. Gordon, assumed presidency after the death of A. S. McKimley, was deputy governor of the Bank of Canada, which carries with it an annual salary of about \$20,000 a year.

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Believe Chinese Reds Ready To Hit Back In Air