

## Two-Cent Hike In Nfld. Gas Tax

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Finance Minister Power brought down Newfoundland's 104th consecutive budget in the legislature Monday, heralding a third multi-million-dollar post-confederation loan and higher gas taxes.

Mr. Power also budgeted for the island province's fifth straight surplus.

The minister said Newfoundland would end the fiscal year 1954-55 with an actual surplus of \$1,344,100. He said the gasoline tax would be hiked by two cents a gallon to 17 cents, equal to Nova Scotia's which previously was the highest on the continent.

Mr. Power said he would ask the House to approve a \$16,000,000 loan. He did not say how it would be spent but that it would fit in with "our planned program of capital expenditure."

**NO OTHER CHANGES**

He budgeted for a 1955-'56 surplus of \$447,200. There were no other tax changes.

## Only Speedy Sales Will Defer Closing Of Mine

GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP)—Chief of management and labor left a meeting here Monday with the scheduled closing of the big No. 1-B colliery unbreached unless markets for Cape Breton coal can be speedily found.

Tom McLachlan, president of UMW District 26, said in a prepared statement that "the matter of providing sufficient markets to assure continued operation of the industry can and should be a federal level."

He was supported by Michael McDonald, leader of the Nova Scotia CCF party. Mr. McDonald said Saturday's announcement that 1-B would shut down permanently May 31 was more evidence of "the crying need for a national fuel policy."

He said a federal fuel policy to protect coal from the invasion of oil "is an urgent need when some mines close and others live in a state of fear."

**WILL MEET TODAY**

Mr. McLachlan and other district officers met with H. C. M. Gordon, chief of coal operations for the Dominion Coal Company which operates No. 1-B.

Mr. McLachlan said the union and company agreed to meet again today but no "false hopes" are held for a change in company policy unless operating costs can be reduced and new market found for the 400,000 tons of coal produced annually by the colliery.

Mr. Gordon said Saturday that oil and other domestic fuels have eroded the mine's markets. About

## Seek To Make 'Copters Safe For Use In Winter

By JOHN BIRD  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—The National Research Council, trying to make helicopters safe for winter search and rescue work, has launched a long-range program to develop equipment which will enable the "copters to shed ice."

Success of the project also will speed the day when a more economical helicopter can be used year-round on scheduled flights for transport of mail, passengers and freight.

Deicing equipment is not installed on RCAF helicopters used for search and rescue of freight operations or on machines used by commercial aircraft companies because it is too heavy and would almost eliminate the aircraft's ability to carry anything else.

**OTTAWA PROJECT**

The research is being conducted at the RCAF's Uplands station on Ottawa's outskirts. A specially-designed spray rig has been built to produce artificial icing conditions and permit scientists to test anti-icing equipment on two machines borrowed from the navy.

The tests started early this year but will be continued next winter. Results of experiments to date will receive laboratory study this summer.

They follow completion of experiments with the air force's

famed "Rockcliffe Ice Wagon" on the development of better deicing equipment for conventional aircraft. These experiments, done over a five-year period, showed that the best method for deicing employs the electro-thermal principle.

Ice is allowed to form for a short time on the propeller, wing or fuselage. Sufficient heat then is applied to surface to produce a thin film of water between the ice and sections of the aircraft where ice has accumulated.

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## Coming Events

- \*See Wellington Parish Play, Wellington Station Hall, Friday, April 22nd.
- \*Cleaning grain and timothy by appointment till May 14th. Wilfred Pickering, Kensington.
- \*Rummage Sale, Trinity Church Hall, Wednesday, April 20th, 3 p.m.
- \*Highfield United W. A. cake sale Holman's, Saturday, April 23.
- \*Y. P. U. social evening Ian Dunning's, Thursday evening, April 21. Pot luck supper, 35 cents.
- \*Reserve Wednesday, August 19th for the Caledonian Club's Centennial Year Highland Gathering.
- \*Kinkora hall, see Summerside Players present their play Kinkora hall, Tuesday, April 19th. Good seats, 8:30 p.m.

**Anti-icing Equipment Is Tested**

A helicopter engages in a test at Ottawa's Uplands station during the National Research Council experiments to develop equipment which will enable helicopters to shed ice and make them safe for winter search and rescue work. A specially-designed spray rig (at left) has been built to produce artificial icing conditions and permit scientists to test anti-icing equipment on two machines borrowed from the navy. (CP Photo).

# BLISTERING ATTACKS ON COMMUNISM AND COLONIALISM MARK CONFERENCE OPENING

## CFCY Manager Discusses Television Plans For PEI

Following the announcement yesterday that Station CFXY had been granted a television license, Mr. Robert Large, manager of the island Radio Broadcasting Company Ltd., anticipated that the new TV station to be built at Stratgartney will not get into operation until early in 1956.

A studio and transmitter building, each about 30 x 40 feet will be constructed and the installation of the technical equipment has been planned by the R.C.A. Victor Company. The station will have an antenna height of about 400 feet above sea level. It is hoped to have the buildings well under way this summer but the construction of the Trans Canada Highway in this area will, it is believed, cause considerable more delay than was first anticipated.

The complete installation will involve an investment of \$250,000. Mr. Large stated that until the microwave network connection is arranged in the Maritimes, most of the programs will be from films. He anticipates that the microwave network will be in operation in the Maritimes by 1958. This means that the station will be able to broadcast national hook-up programs direct from the major centres. Direct actuality broadcasts will not be available until that time.

## Local Station Granted License

OTTAWA, (CP)—The CBC board of governors today recommended that licenses be granted for a privately-owned television station at Charlottetown.

Licences also were approved for private-owned radio stations at St. Jerome, Que., Lethbridge, Alta., Wingham, Ont., Lindsay, Ont., and Smith Falls, Ont.

It deferred decision on a licence application for a radio station at Weyburn, Sask.

The board denied an application to transfer control of International Broadcasting Co. Ltd., owner of radio stations CKNW, New Westminster, B.C., to the Southern Co. Ltd. The station is owned by William Rea, Jr.

The board deferred consideration of an application to transfer control of radio station CFDA at Victoriaville, Que., to Dr. C. A. Gilbert. It said it did not wish to recommend an application for a change in control prior to the outcome of legal proceedings among shareholders.

The board also said it will pass a regulation at its next meeting to restrict the use of simulcast broadcasts of sports events unless present "abuses" cease.

## R.C.A.F. Pilot Killed In Crash

CHATHAM N.B. (CP)—The pilot killed in Monday's crash of a Sabre jet near the RCAF base here was identified as FO William Frederick Griffin, 31, of Hamilton.

Officials said the plane, on a routine training flight, was approaching for a landing when it crashed a half mile east of the base. Observers in the air control tower at the station saw the accident and an ambulance reached the scene within minutes.

The victim, an instructor, joined the RCAF staff here in 1951. He is survived by his widow, two sons and one daughter in Chatham.

Griffin enlisted in 1941, served overseas and was a prisoner of war.

The funeral service will be held here today.

## 5-Year Term For Holdup

MONTREAL (CP)—Ernest McGarrity, 33, still proclaiming his innocence, Monday was sentenced to five years for a \$3,200 armed holdup at the offices of General Wood and Vener Company a year ago.

McGarrity, arrested in Montreal, N.B., and returned here for trial, was found guilty two weeks ago by a court of Queen's bench jury.

Before sentence was passed he said he had never committed an armed holdup. At his trial defence witnesses said that at the time of the robbery McGarrity was making arrangements to have his child baptized.

## Labor Merger Talks Reported Going Well

OTTAWA (CP)—Heads of Canada's two largest labor congresses, negotiating for a merger of their 1,600,000 members, said on Monday renewed talks are going well.

"We made progress—things are going very well," said Claude Jodoin and A. R. Mosher after a day of discussion by a unity committee within a year to replace the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labor.

Mr. Jodoin heads the 600,000-member T.L.C., and Mr. Mosher is founder and president of the C.C.L., which has close to 400,000 members.

The two presidents declined to say how far the committee got in drafting a joint constitution, but T.L.C. secretary-treasurer Gordon Cushing indicated there was lack of unanimity on some points. The committee meets again today.

## New First Sea Lord Takes Over

LONDON (Reuters)—Admiral Louis Mountbatten takes over today as first Sea Lord, Britain's top naval post, and an office from which his father was ousted more than 40 years ago.

At that time, the Mountbattens were still Battenbergs, an unfortunate name to own in the first year of the First World War, when Britons were incensed by anything German.

Prince Louis of Battenberg, married to a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria, was an outstanding naval strategist who had done a masterly job of mobilizing the fleet swiftly, but the public took note only of his German ancestry.

Prince Louis handed in his resignation to the navy minister, then Winston Churchill, and translated his German name into the English form—Mountbatten.

Admiral Earl Mountbatten, 54, was a naval cadet in the Royal Navy at the time of his father's humiliation and vowed to make right the injustice by one day becoming First Sea Lord himself.

Today, he moves into the cream-colored office on the first floor of the admiralty which his father used so many years ago. The vow will be fulfilled. And, ironically, it was Sir Winston Churchill, this time as prime minister, who approved the appointment.

## N. B. Liberal Member Of Commons Dies

EDMUNSTON, N.B. (CP)—J. Gaspard Boucher, Liberal member of Parliament for Restigouche-Madawaska, died suddenly at his home here today, aged 58.

A native of Notre-Dame-du-Portage, Que., he was a member of the New Brunswick legislature before he went to the Commons. He was deputy speaker of the N. B. legislature chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission and provincial secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Boucher was educated at Ste. Anne de Bellevue College, St. Joseph University in New Brunswick and Ecole d'Agriculture Supérieure.

He was president of the Madawaska Printing Office, publisher of the weekly newspaper Le Madawaska.

He was first elected to the N. B. legislature in 1935 and was re-elected in 1939, 1944, and 1948. He headed the hydro commission from 1940 to 1949 and was secretary-treasurer from 1949 to 1952.

He entered the Commons in 1952.

His death creates the second vacancy in the 265-seat House of Commons. Robert Fair, Social Credit member for Battle River, died last year.

The funeral will be Friday at Edmundston.

Mr. Boucher married Annette Lamarche of St. Anne de Bellevue, Que., in 1921 and they had nine children.

Standing in the Commons: Liberals, 171; Progressive Conservatives, 51; CCF, 24; Social Credit, 14; Independent, 3; vacant, 2—total 265.

## First Freight Over Causeway

SYDNEY, (CP)—The first freight train moved across the Canso causeway Monday carrying an all-Cape Breton crew and a bevy of Canadian National railway officials.

Passenger service across the 7,000-foot link between the mainland and Cape Breton will be inaugurated May 14 by a Halifax-Sydney train.

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Death was from a ruptured aorta, the body's main artery, and hardening of the arteries.

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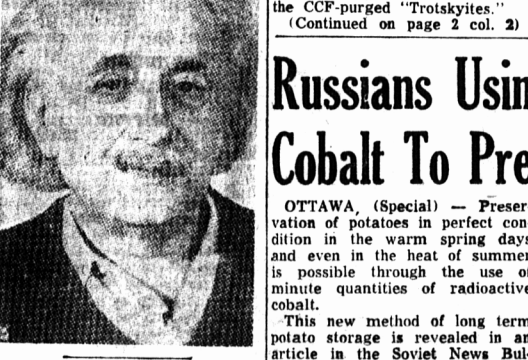
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The dominant tone of the first session was set by strong denunciations of colonial domination and racial discrimination, coupled with pleas that the Afro-Asian states play a buffer role in the clash between East and West.

But Iraqi delegate Fadhl Jamal broke away from the prevailing "third force" theme with a scathing attack on international Communism as a "new colonialism" worse than anything ever spawned by the West.

While Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai watched impassively Jamal lumped communism with old-style colonialism and racial discrimination as one of the three forces disturbing world peace.

Other speakers followed the line of Ceylon Premier Sir John Kotelawala, who saw the Afro-Asian nations as uncommitted in the East-West struggle and urged them to offer themselves as mediators "between the giants of communism and anti-communism."

**DEMANDS U.N. REVISION**

Kotelawala also said the Afro-Asian nations should demand revision of the United Nations charter to make it an "effective instrument of peace" with abolition of the big-power veto in the Security Council.

The expected scorching attacks on colonialism came from President Achmed Soekarno and Premier Ali Sastromidjojo of Indonesia and Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt.

Soekarno said the conference would "inject the voice of reason into world affairs," and he spoke of mobilizing "moral violence" among the assembled nations to show the way to peace.

He also called for the eradication of "modern dress" colonialism involving indirect control by small alien communities. Sastromidjojo, who was named chairman of the conference, similarly

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## Minimum and maximum temperatures.

Location	Min.	Max.
Dawson	.....	40
Vancouver	.....	38
Victoria	.....	39
Edmonton	.....	30
Regina	.....	32
Calgary	.....	29
Winnipeg	.....	43
Toronto	.....	42
Ottawa	.....	34
Montreal	.....	43
Quebec	.....	36
Fredericton	.....	34
Saint John	.....	34
Moncton	.....	34
Halifax	.....	32
Charlottetown	.....	31
Eyrydne	.....	28
Yarmouth	.....	34
St. John's, Nfld.	.....	18

## HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office says pressure is high and fine weather is indicated for today.

Forecast:

Lower St. John river valley: Sunny clouding over in the evening; little change in temperature; light winds. Low-high at Fredericton 28 and 50, Saint John 30 and 50, Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; little change in temperature; light winds. Low-high at New Glasgow 32 and 50, Charlottetown 30 and 48.

Eastern N.B. counties, upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Clear clouding over Tuesday evening; little change in temperature; light winds. Low-high at Moncton 28 and 35, Edmundston 26 and 30, Campbellton 25 and 45.

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