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MONTREAL—Firemen survey the shattered rubble of a two-storey dwelling in northeast Montreal after a powerful explosion squashed the building Saturday night, injuring 15 persons, four were trapped in the wreckage. (CP Wirephoto).

Launching Man To Head Provincial Junior Farmers

George MacPherson of Launching was named president of the Provincial Junior Farmers organization at the annual meeting held last evening in Prince of Wales College. Annette Fay of Newport was chosen as secretary and George Riley of Malpeque, vice-president. Edward Clark of Belmont 16, the retiring president, was in the chair. The meeting was largely attended and was said by executive members to be one of the best in some years. Some of the more important matters discussed included increased membership and the organizations support of the dairy herd improvement plan. They asked that more basic agriculture be taught in the rural schools of the province and pressed for lower rates of interest on farm loans. The group extended thanks to the department of agriculture for assistance and co-operation during the year and endorsed a resolution asking the department to appoint a co-ordinator to further assist the junior farmer movement or assist in some other practical way. The group also asked for the resumption of farm market broadcasts similar to those provided to past years. They also added their support to those who have been asking for a system of unemployment insurance for farm labor. They praised Premier A.W. Matheson for instituting a probe into the high cost of farm machinery. In his presidential report Mr. Clark reviewed the year's activities and expressed the thanks of his organization to those who helped make the year a success. These included the department of agriculture, the press and radio and the Experimental Farm where the annual field day was held. The New Glasgow Junior Farmers were thanked for entertaining the members of the provincial organization the night of the field day. Directors appointed for the coming year are as follows: For Prince County—Miss Ruby Best and Edward Clark, Belmont 16; George Riley, Malpeque; Mrs. A. Dekker, Sherbrooke; Douglas Proffitt, Free-town; Darrel Lyle, Central 16. Queens County—Robert Rackham, Mrs. Sterling MacRae and Mrs. William Andrew of the New Glasgow Junior farmers group; Rev. John Cash, Vernon River; Wallace Wood, Mansfield. Kings County—Peter Saver, Savage Harbor; George MacPherson, Launching; Laure MacLellan and Annette Fay, Newport; Ivan Morrison, St. Georges.

Heavy Snowfall Blankets U. S. Seaboard To Virginia

NEW YORK (AP)—A heavy snowfall, whipped by mounting winds, blanketed the eastern U.S. seaboard Tuesday night as far south as Virginia. Even Florida braced for its second freeze of the winter. Gale warnings, with prediction of 60-mile-an-hour winds, were raised from Maine to Rhode Island and at other points along the coast. The New England states expected a snowfall of up to a foot, and even deeper on eastern mountain slopes. At Ludlow, Mass., a U.S. Air Force F-86 Sabre jet crashed in woods during a blinding snow-furphy, but the pilot bailed out safely. In Florida, the weather bureau forecast below-freezing temperatures in the northern and central parts of the state. Citrus growers and other Florida farmers still were trying to recover from the effects of a killing freeze in December. That cold snap hit orange trees so badly that 47 per cent of the crop was considered unfit for sale as fresh fruit. The storm swept from south to north, progressively dumping snow on state after state up the seaboard.

Want 10-Year Average Farm Market Price Plan Scrapped

OTTAWA (CP)—The Inter-provincial Farm Union council called on the federal government Tuesday to scrap the 10-year average market price plan proposed in the agricultural prices stabilization bill and establish a guaranteed price based on the cost of production. Following a meeting with Agriculture Minister Douglas Harkness, James Patterson of Winnipeg, IFUC vice-president, said he could see no reason why the cost-of-production basis could not be used for the payment of price supports for farm products. The stabilization bill now is before Parliament. The amendment will be made in the bill to give some assurance that the farmer's production costs will be met," he said. In a brief presented, the council urged that support prices be established on a regional basis and that they be guaranteed for a period of not less than 12 months.

Macmillan Confident, Starts 6-Week Commonwealth Tour

LONDON (Reuters)—Prime Minister Macmillan flew off Tuesday on a six-week Commonwealth tour after expressing full confidence in the agricultural prices stabilization bill and establish a guaranteed price based on the cost of production. Following a meeting with Agriculture Minister Douglas Harkness, James Patterson of Winnipeg, IFUC vice-president, said he could see no reason why the cost-of-production basis could not be used for the payment of price supports for farm products. The stabilization bill now is before Parliament. The amendment will be made in the bill to give some assurance that the farmer's production costs will be met," he said. In a brief presented, the council urged that support prices be established on a regional basis and that they be guaranteed for a period of not less than 12 months.

Gales And Blizzards In Europe

THE HAGUE (Reuters)—Gales and blizzards swept northern Europe Tuesday and took the lives of at least nine men whose boat foundered and sank off the Dutch coast. The Dutch coaster Capella reported early Tuesday that she was listing 50 degrees 10 miles northeast of the Texel lightship. A Dutch search plane found only an empty waterlogged lifeboat, while a tug radioed it had found two bodies, presumably from the Capella. Winds along the coast dropped enough for dike patrols north of Amsterdam to be withdrawn. Three other ships also reported they were in difficulty. One, the French freighter Crozon, was taken in tow by a Dutch tug after drifting helplessly. Two British trawlers stood by the crippled trawler Holkar in a North Sea gale waiting to tow it into an English port. The gales that swept Holland reached into Scandinavia and brought the first heavy snows of the season to Norway and Sweden, disrupting communications and delaying trains. In West Germany, heavy storms uprooted trees and cracked electricity poles, blacking out many towns and villages. Winds on the North Sea coast and in the Bavarian Mountains reached 112 miles an hour. France also had widespread storms with snow in the Alps and heavy rain in the valleys. In northeast Switzerland, winds broke or uprooted hundreds of electricity poles, depriving whole areas of light. In other areas, rail communications were disrupted by fallen wires.

Airmen Die In Road Accident

OSCODA, Mich. (AP)—Two members of the RCAF based at Chatham, N.B., were killed Tuesday in a head-on automobile collision on a highway six miles north of here. Police identified the men as Kenneth Bernhard Rasmussen, 23, of Vancouver and Ronald George Hutcheson, 20, of Victoria. Rasmussen's wife, Shirley, 20, suffered internal injuries. She told police they left Chatham before Christmas on a vacation trip. Donald Sommerfield, 37, of Saginaw, driver of the second car, was severely injured. Rasmussen apparently was driving the Canadians' car.

Macquarrie Advocates Bill Of Rights In Commons

OTTAWA, (Special) Heath Macquarrie, Conservative M. P. for Queens, said in the Commons Monday night that he was not only surprised but "a bit shocked" that not a single Liberal member had taken part in the day's debate on a Canadian Bill of Rights. He had, Mr. Macquarrie said, been associated with the movement for a Canadian Bill of Rights for many years. The Conservative Party, he told the chamber, had been urging the passage of a Bill of Rights for upwards of a decade. For himself, he found that the House of Commons itself had been in recent years, denied its due rights. "Some months ago," Mr. Macquarrie said, "I sat in the gallery of the House of Commons throughout the so-called pipeline debate. Surely this was a question which dealt with one of the fundamental freedoms in this nation of ours. I am sure that no one could witness that episode and be unaffected. I can say that that episode is linked very intimately, directly and definitely with my presence in this assembly today."

Albania Forces Down U. S. Jet

ROME (AP)—Albania, the Soviet satellite on the Mediterranean, reported Tuesday night its jet fighters have forced down a U.S. jet trainer and the pilot is being held. The plane presumably is a T-33 that has been missing since Maj. Howard J. B. Curran took off at Chateauroux, France, Dec. 23 for Naples. He was last reported over north Italy that day.

Commons Rejects Move By CCF For Education Aid

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons rejected 163 to 27 Tuesday night a CCF motion suggesting federal grants to the provinces "to relieve the crisis in education." The motion, technically one of non-confidence in the Progressive Conservative government, was proposed by CCF leader Coldwell. It was supported from Herman M. Batten (L—Humber-St. George) and Frank Christian (SC—Okanagan-Boundary). But government supporters and most Liberal and Social Credit members opposed the suggestion in the form proposed by Mr. Coldwell. Former immigration minister J. W. Pickersgill (L—Bonavista-Twillingate) said the Liberals opposed it because no matter how such a proposal was hedged about with words, by earmarking federal funds for education the federal government would be invading a field of provincial responsibility. Social Credit leader Solon Low said this was not a proper motion for the government to consider as one of non-confidence. But since a new federal-provincial conference that could consider the matter was to be called soon, Social Credit would oppose the motion, although it believed more money is needed for education. Mr. Coldwell's motion called for federal aid to expand and equalize educational opportunities "without in any way encroaching on the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces in this field." Two cabinet ministers said the government feels education is of great importance. However, they

BIG TANGLE SHAPES UP

Cabinet Suspends Freight Rate Increase To March 1

WASHINGTON AP—Congress embarked on its first space-age session Tuesday in an atmosphere of concern over Russia's scientific strides. That defence matters will get top billing was pointed up a few hours after the session opened. President Eisenhower forwarded to the Senate and House of Representatives an emergency request for \$1,260,000,000 to speed missile development and expand air defenses. The supplemental money request, for the current fiscal year that ends June 30, also called for transfer to the missile program and related projects of \$110,000,000 already appropriated. Senate Republican leader William Knowland of California predicted President Eisenhower will offer to Congress "a constructive series of suggestions" strong enough to answer the Soviet challenge. Eisenhower will lay down the defence part of his program in a State of the Union Message to be delivered to a Senate-House session Thursday. Details of his domestic program will be held for a message Monday proposing a balanced budget of \$74,000,000 for the fiscal year starting July 1, and a boost in defence of some \$2,000,000,000.

Senator Grant Denies He Will Support Henderson

Senator T. V. Grant, has denied a reported statement by mayor H. L. Henderson of Portage la Prairie, to the effect that he would have senator Grant's support for the leadership of the liberal party. Senator Grant at Montague Tuesday, said "that he was not responsible for what someone told Mr. Henderson by phone or otherwise, that he did not know Henderson, that to his knowledge he never met him, and never heard of him until the newspapers began reporting his probable candidacy, and then paid no attention to it. Senator Grant said that he certainly would not support Henderson for the leadership, and with reference to Henderson's statement that he would run in Kings County, Senator Grant said: "I am supporting T. J. Kickham and shall continue to do so, if around, at the coming federal election."

DEFENCE: \$40 BILLION

Eisenhower told Republican congressional leaders that, they said, the budget will be some \$74,000,000,000 with \$40,000,000,000 earmarked for defence. Both totals are up some \$2,000,000,000 from those for the current fiscal year ending next June 30.

Bill introduced in the House reflected concern over the success of Soviet sorties into space. Into the hopper went measures designed to: Set up a joint committee on outer space, create a U.S. science academy, award hundreds of federal science scholarships, establish a single military chief of staff in place of the present triumvirate, provide for a national science council.

Federal Minister Stresses Vital Role Of Fisheries

The vital importance of scientific research, not only in terms such as those suggested by the successful launching of the two Sputniks but for the survival of the world's increasing population, was stressed today by Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean at the opening of the annual meeting of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. Mr. MacLean said that until relatively recently, within the past 400 years, this continent was virgin territory but the impact of rapid increases in population on natural resources was evident. This was not a new problem, he said; older civilizations in the world had been faced with it and their passing could in part be attributed to the lack of conservation of their natural resources. The sources of proteins to feed the world's people were not inexhaustible, the minister pointed out, and as time went by man would have to turn more and more to the resources of the sea. Mr. MacLean also spoke of the problem of water pollution, which constituted a threat to many fish populations, as well as the general impact of industrialization on natural resources. He said it was not enough to learn just what the problems were and to find means of solving them, but that it was also necessary to obtain public support. He had been greatly impressed by the work being done at the Board's stations across Canada which he had visited during the past year.

Other Re-action To Gov't Move To Suspend Rate Boost

Premier Stanfield said at Halifax he is pleased with the federal government's suspension of a 3.6 per cent freight rate increase. "I'm sure the people of Nova Scotia will be pleased, too," he said. Mr. Stanfield said the Atlantic provinces will be ready whenever the appeal is heard. The Maritime Transportation Commission handles such cases for the four Atlantic governments. Acting Premier W. J. West of New Brunswick said in Fredericton the suspension is "very good news indeed. I am sure the people will be glad to hear it." In Regina, Premier Douglas said he is glad the federal government decided to hear the appeal. Mr. Douglas said Saskatchewan's case will be ready whenever the government is ready to hear it. Saskatchewan was basing its appeal on grounds "the board of transport commissioners erred in not allowing as income tax the \$9,500,000 the CPR did not have to pay as income tax expense." In Winnipeg, Hon. F. L. Jobin, railway commissioner for Manitoba, said he is "extremely pleased the government has given us the opportunity and time to appeal. In anticipation of the appeal being granted, our legal counsel has been developing our case." In Edmonton Premier Manning of Alberta said he was "very glad to hear" of the development. He said Alberta government counsel at Ottawa prepared much of the province's case against the increase. Alberta was among the provinces requesting suspension of the increase. Howard A. Mann of Moncton, N.B., executive manager of the Maritimes Transportation Commission said in Ottawa: "Naturally, our commission, which has been acting on behalf of the governments of the Atlantic provinces in this case, is gratified that the government has agreed to hear the appeal of the provinces."

P. M. Writes To Provinces

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Tuesday he has written to the provinces since the federal-provincial fiscal conference here Nov. 25-26 and hopes to make the letters public "at the earliest possible date." He was replying in the Commons to J.W. Pickersgill (L—Bonavista-Twillingate), who asked whether there had been any correspondence on matters discussed at the conference. No date has been set for a new meeting with the provinces on the question of changing tax-sharing arrangements.

Ear Operation On Deaf Singer

NEW YORK (AP)—A major ear operation was performed Tuesday on singer JoKenny Ray, deaf since childhood. Mr. Sinai hospital officials said he is resting comfortably and that the effectiveness of the surgery on his left ear will be known in three days. A "pokesman" said that hearing is restored in about 80 per cent of such cases. The operation was described as "fenestration"—the making of a new opening within the left ear to replace a non-functioning natural channel.

Railways Planning Separate Appeal To Supreme Court

OTTAWA (CP)—The most complex freight rate tangle in decades shaped up Tuesday as the cabinet suspended a 3.6-per-cent increase to hear an eight-province appeal. It became known the railways plan a separate appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. In the unprecedented two-way action, the provinces are arguing before the cabinet that the railways should have received no increase and the railways will tell the High Court that they did not get enough. The increase authorized by the board of transport commissioners Dec. 27, estimated to yield \$15,000,000 a year to the major railways, was to have taken effect Jan. 15. Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced in the Commons it has been suspended until at least March 1 to enable the provinces—all except Ontario and Quebec—and the railways to prepare their arguments. As far as freight rate experts here could recall, the suspension was the first for a general freight rate increase since February, 1918.

There have been various appeals to the cabinet and to the Supreme Court of Canada, but none in which a board-authorized increase was held up pending judgment. Nor has there ever been, concurrently, a case in which one disputing party went to the cabinet and the other appealed to the High Court. The railways, it was learned Tuesday, told the cabinet in their initial formal reply to the provinces' appeal that they will appeal to the court on the grounds of law and jurisdiction. The two bases of appeal from the board to that tribunal. Informants said the railways, which had been seeking a 10-per-cent boost worth about \$35,000,000 a year, told the cabinet they will claim before the court that the three-man panel of the board headed by assistant chief commissioner Hugh Wardrope made a "fundamental error in law." It would also be claimed that the board exceeded its jurisdiction in denying the railways an increase of an extent which the railways believe it was the board's duty to award. No details of the point of law were given, it was learned. The railways have until Jan. 26 to file the appeal.

NEED LEAVE TO APPEAL

To get before the court, the railways first will have to obtain leave to appeal. This will be sought from one of the justices. While the court is likely just to answer yes or no to the question of whether the board erred in law or jurisdiction the cabinet can exercise much wider power. According to law, it can change or rescind, a board order, either on a petition such as the present one or on its own initiative. In the current appeal, a main complaint of the provinces is that the board included a CPR deferred income tax fund as a charge against current earnings, of which freight tolls make up the greater part. The Canadian Pacific is used by the board as the "yardstick" line for setting rates. The tax fund now amounts to about \$9,500,000 a year. Had it not been allowed, the provinces say, there would have been no rate increase.

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