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Women To Get Equal-Pay Status With Men In New Legislation

Two Bills To Aid Western Farmers

OTTAWA (CP)—Parliament will be called on to prescribe equal pay for the same work done by men and women, the Speech from the Throne read at Parliament's opening announced today.

The legislation— a major new item in a government program largely forecast previously—will benefit women in employment under federal industrial relations jurisdiction such as railways, communications, shipping and other interprovincial operations.

73,000 WOMEN AFFECTED

An estimated 73,000 women in these industries will be directly affected. Another 60,000 in the federal Civil Service have equal pay status with men. Three provinces — Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia — already have equal pay legislation.

The speech, read by Governor-General Vincent Massey, as the third session of Canada's 22nd Parliament assembled, listed more than a score of other measures the government will introduce at the session.

At the head of the list were two bills to help western farmers beset with a glut of grain.

Parliament will be asked to guarantee bank loans to growers against the security of their unsold grain and to have the treasury bear the cost of storage and interest changes on grain above the normal carryover held by the wheat board since Aug. 1, 1955.

SHARE RELIEF COST

Legislation will be introduced to implement federal-government sharing of the cost of relief for jobless not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. The governments offer to the provinces call for the treasury to bear half the cost of relief in a province where unemployment passes .45 per cent of its population.

"A strong North Atlantic Treaty Organization and adequate protection for this continent are in their view fundamental to the preservation of peace and the security of Canada.

BETTER UNDERSTANDING

"Security, however, cannot rest on arms alone. The government, therefore, is continuing its constant efforts through diplomacy and negotiation and through the United Nations and other international agencies, to bring about better understanding between nations."

Other highlights of the speech included:

● A specific proposal for a federal-provincial tax arrangement has been sent to the provinces;

● National housing act aid to be expanded for city slum clearance;

LOANS TO BE EXPANDED

● NHA funds for home improvement loans to be expanded and the size of loans under the Canadian farm loan board to be increased;

● Federal and Ontario governments to build jointly a 673-mile northern Ontario stretch of Alberta-to-east natural gas pipeline.

● Trans-Canada Highway Act to be amended to speed completion of essential links in the road.

● Higher level of employment this winter that last "seems to be assured."

● Record productivity seen last year in Canada's economy.

Amendments to the national housing act, the speech said, will provide more help for "redevelopment of older sections of our cities to their best use."

Another measure will tighen federal control on small loans companies, officials said the control on interest rates—now applying only on loans up to $500—will be extended to $1,000.

Gales Add To Ordeal Of Evacuees

Bad Weather Slows Repairs

HALIFAX (CP)— Rain pelted down on the flood-bedraggled Maritimes again today, raising new threats to life and property along 15 rivers already over their banks.

A gale whipping up to 60 miles an hour added to the discomfort of 700 flood evacuees in Nova Scotia and thousands of families without heat in a sleet-battered belt across both sides of the Nova Scotia-New Brunswick border and Prince Edward Island.

The bad weather slowed work of hundreds of telegraph, telephone and power linemen trying to unravel a tangle of ice-broken poles and wires.

Rivers along Nova Scotia's south shore rose again, driving another 100 persons from their homes. More than 700 have been flooded out since a week-long January thaw started rivers on the rampage Friday. The forecast: More rain.

22 FAMILIES REMOVED

RCMP used boats to evacuate 22 families near Bridgewater. Upstream 500 residents of New Germany were isolated, water covered roads and railway tracks on all sides of the village.

The Medway river, 20 miles southwest, overflowed its banks Monday, flooding Highway 3 and menacing many homes. It was still rising.

New anxiety gripped LeHave valley residents when watchmen reported Sherbrooke lake dam, 15 miles from Pinehurst, was not likely to last another 24 hours.

Many towns were still isolated. Summerside, P.E.I., one of the worst-hit centres, still was cut off, as were Springhill, Oxford and Amherst, N.S., and Shediac and Sackville, N.B. Sackville Memorial Hospital had been without power since Saturday.

"Millions of dollars" was as far as anyone would go in estimating property loss in the three provinces from floods and sleet. Shediac's Mayor J. E. Leblanc estimated it near $1,000,000 in his town alone.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD PATSY GRAY, of Toronto, confined to a wheelchair, is the "poster child" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada campaign for funds. Starting next Monday volunteers in Prince Rupert will go from door to door in the annual "march" for funds to fight muscular dystrophy. Again this year, the drive is being sparked by Local 559 of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Firemen Seek Volunteers For Campaign Next Week

An appeal for volunteers to ring doorbells in the 1955 March for Muscular Dystrophy, which gets underway next Monday, was issued today by Jack Pearson, campaign chairman.

Campaign was postponed from November until this month because it conflicted with other fund drives which were underway at that time. The drive is again this year being spearheaded by city firemen, members of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 559 (AFL-TLC)

JOINED NATIONAL DRIVE

Local fire fighters joined the fight against muscular dystrophy last year for the first time along with firemen across the country.

Muscular dystrophy is a fatal and progressive muscular affliction affecting at least 10,000 Canadians, more than half of whom are children.

"The current campaign will seek funds to support increased medical research into this killing disease, about which so little is known at present, Mr. Pearson said.

"More clinics, wheelchairs and orthopedic equipment are also needed," he added.

ONLY IN TIME OFF

In asking for volunteers, Mr. Pearson pointed out that firemen were only able to canvass the city in their off time and urged residents to support the cause.

"As the tragic truth of this terrible disease becomes clearer," the campaign chairman said, "it is evident that much more money is needed to combat it."

RINGING DOORBELLS

"This means ringing doorbells . . . and it means the man and woman power to ring the doorbells," he said.

"If we have 125 volunteers for every 25,000 people in a community, it means that every volunteer must ring 50 doorbells. I would like to see the quota cut to 25 doorbells for each volunteer canvasser in Prince Rupert," he said.

Mr. Pearson urged volunteer canvassers to get in touch with him at the Fire Hall, Fulton Street, or by phoning 2211 or 3962.

Socreds In Easy Victory

Tory Places 2nd, LPP, CCF Trail

VANCOUVER (CP) — Leslie Peterson, 32-year-old lawyer Monday retained the British Columbia riding of Vancouver Centre for Social Credit.

The four-way Vancouver Centre skirmish narrowed down to a battle between Mr. Peterson and Douglas Jung, 31-year-old Chinese-Canadian lawyer.

Final unofficial standings showed Mr. Peterson with 6,075 votes to 3,691 for Mr. Jung. Mrs. Dorothy Steeves, veteran CCF campaigner, polled 2,788. Jack Gillett, Labor-Progressive (Communist) party candidate, trailed with 438 votes. The legislature convenes Jan. 17.

CHINESE VOTE SPLIT

Mr. Jung's expected heavy support in Chinatown failed to materialize as only 2,500 Chinese voted. There are more than 25,000 Chinese in Vancouver. Those who did vote, split their favor evenly between Mr. Peterson and Mr. Jung. The by-election was decided by only 38 per cent of the 34,057 eligible voters.

Mr. Jung was the first to concede, rushing to Social Credit campaign headquarters and embracing Mr. Peterson as he was thanking his campaign workers.

"I couldn't have fought a better opponent," he said, "but watch out next time."

PREMIER HAPPY

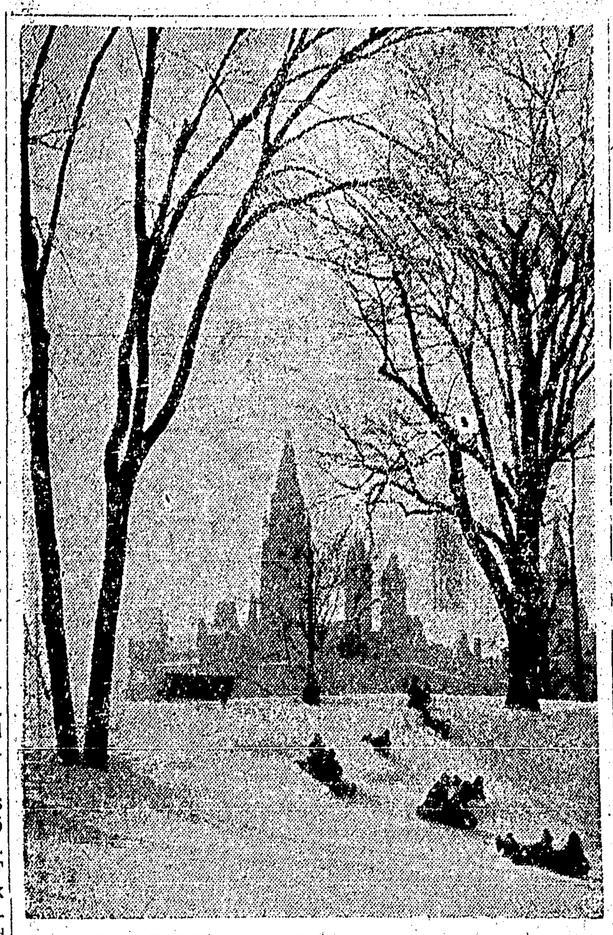
About an hour after the polls closed Mr. Peterson received a long-distance telephone call of congratulations from the entire cabinet, meeting informally in Victoria.

Later, in a press statement, Premier Bennett said:

"This is a great victory for our candidate and a great vote of confidence in the Social Credit government."

He said the victory was "a nice way to begin the week and a better way to begin the year."

Monday's result leaves the House standings: Social Credit 28; CCF 14; Liberals 4; Independent 1; Independent-Labor 1. Total 48.



REMEMBER THE DAYS? — These Ottawa youngsters enjoy an afternoon of sliding down a snow-covered slope in Major's Hill park almost in the shadow of the Parliament Buildings. (CP Photo)

Terrace Airport Plan Said 'Nonsense', 'Dead'

A proposal to seek federal aid in paving Highway 16 so that the Terrace airport could be made the recognized centre of operations for Prince Rupert air travellers met lively opposition at the annual meeting last night of the Chamber of Commerce.

"We have an airport committee which has worked for a long time in trying to get an airport for Prince Rupert and now has reason to believe the project will be carried out." A Bruce Brown, MLA, said. "A decision on the matter should be made within a few weeks. But now we are being asked to scrap all this work and call upon the federal government to turn its attention instead to Highway 16. It's nonsense."

SAID INEVITABLE

The proposal for promoting Terrace as the centre of air travel was made by Arthur Murray who contended it was "inevitable" that sooner or later this would occur in any case.

"Only a small portion of the established population of Prince Rupert travels by air so that it would be no great inconvenience to us who live here," he contended. "A bus service between here and Terrace would serve the needs of travellers quite well. In addition, it will be an economic advantage to have the road paved as Kitimat will get all our business as a port if it is not."

J. T. Harvey, airport committee chairman, maintained that the paving of Highway 16 had nothing to do with the airport question.

"We have convinced the federal air transport officials that Terrace is no alternative," he said. "We have no reason to fear that the Terrace idea will be brought up again. It is dead. We should have word shortly about an airport for Prince Rupert and I am optimistic about the result."

WAITING LIST

A. D. Vance further argued that although considerable use already is being made of the Terrace airport for Prince Rupert travellers, there is frequently a waiting list for the Sandspit flight. He maintained there could be no guarantee that the road would be open and that even now there are frequent diversions of planes from Terrace to Sandspit.

A comment that there had

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None Injured As CN Train In Derailment

GHOST RIVER, Ont. (CP) — Eleven coaches and a diner of the CNR's crack Super-Continental left the tracks east of here Monday evening, but more than 50 fortunate passengers escaped injury except for a shaking up when the cars stayed upright as the train ground to a stop.

The 13-car diesel-drawn train was travelling at about 20 miles an hour when its last 12 cars slithered off the tracks near this lonely main-line whistle stop, 275 miles east of Winnipeg. It was on its way from Winnipeg to Toronto and Montreal.

A special train was sent from the CNR's divisional point at Sioux Lookout, 23 miles west of here, to pick up the passengers. They will continue their journey east along a branch route through Port Arthur and Long Lac.

SPEEDY CLEANUP

A CNR official said the 12 derailed cars would be put back on the tracks early today by auxiliary crews.

John Carroll, CNR station master at Sioux Lookout, said the Super-Continental had waited on a siding until the west-bound No. 1 had passed. It was just gathering speed when the rear cars swerved off the track.

Trades Licence By-Law Effective January 15

The city's new trades-licence by-law, which covers every conceivable category of business from shoelace hawkers to banking establishments and wax-works exhibitors to trust companies was finally adopted by city council last night and will come into effect January 15.

The bulky by-law, 19 pages long has in many cases brought about a substantial increase in the amount businesses in Prince Rupert will pay in 1956 for their trades licence, compared to that paid in 1955.

No definite figure can be placed on the amount the increased licence fees will bring the city, City Clerk R. S. Long told council. New categories had been drawn up, some old ones eliminated, while some specific cases will be left to the recently appointed licence inspector to decide the charge.

New by-law was drawn up by a special committee to bring the city's trade licence levy in line with that in force in other municipalities as well as in line with that permissable under the Municipal Act.

Although city businesses will be advised what their new trades licence fee will be when notices are mailed January 15, the city council will advise the public that it can check ahead of time by asking to see the by-law at City Hall.

Cost of publishing or circularizing the by-law was felt by council to be both too costly and likely to be passed over by readers.

Duncan Rites Set Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Kathleen Duncan, formerly of Prince Rupert, will be held from Ferguson Funeral Home Thursday at 2 p.m. Rev. R. J. Wray will officiate.

Mrs. Duncan, who lived at 1120 Ambrose Avenue before she left here four years ago, died Sunday morning in New Westminster at the age of 81 after a lengthy illness. She was predeceased by her husband Robert John Duncan in 1917.

Born in Lanark, Scotland Mrs. Duncan went to the United States in 1907 and came to Prince Rupert from San Francisco in 1910. Mr. Duncan, a carpenter worked for both the CNR and Mitchell and Currie with which company he retired.

Mrs. Duncan is survived by three sons Alex Duncan in Prince Rupert, William F. Duncan in Vancouver, Robert Ross in Steveston, one daughter Kathleen, Mrs. Roderick Guith in Prince Rupert and five grandchildren.

Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Herring Catches Far From Quota

Since herring fleet set out again after the Christmas lay-off 6,250 tons of fish have been netted in the central sub-district and 833 tons in the northern sub-district, the department of fisheries announced yesterday.

This brings the central sub-district total for the current season so far up to 31,350 tons. The normal 40,000 ton quota for the central sub-district was increased to 50,000 tons for this season only. Northern sub-district total so far this season has reached 2,433 tons on a 30,000-ton quota. About seven seiners are operating in the northern sub-district, while from 50 to 60 vessels are fishing waters of the central sub-district.

Early Resident E. R. Pearce Dies Aged 59

Longtime resident of Prince Rupert and a man who worked among the fishing fraternity for more than 30 years, Ernest Robert Pearce, 59, of Port Edward, died Saturday in Prince Rupert General Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Victoria February 17, 1896, to Samuel and Hannah Pearce, Ernest Pearce came north to this city before its incorporation in 1910. He worked in pioneer stores and also on the Evening Empire, the city's first newspaper. He was both a fishboat and fish packer skipper before going to work for Nelson Brothers Fisheries Ltd., in Prince Rupert in 1940. Two years later he moved out to the Port Edward plant and was a foreman there at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, Victoria, at Port Edward; two sons in Vancouver, George and Bonnie; daughters, Mrs. Catherine Remple, Mrs. Jeannette Nayko, Mrs. Frances Hutchison, Constance Pearce in Vancouver and Peggy in Edmonton, and Nelson and Richard at Port Edward; two sisters, Mrs. William McIvor and Mrs. Edna Thompson and a brother Charles Douglas Pearce at Sunnyside.

A memorial service will be held at Ferguson Funeral Home tomorrow at 7 p.m. with Canon Basil S. Proctor officiating. Funeral services are set for 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Probe Report Sent Government

VANCOUVER (CP) — An interim report on the royal commission investigation into charges of corruption in the Vancouver police department is in the hands of government officials in Victoria, it was disclosed Monday.

However, the report is expected to be kept secret for some time.

Prepared by Commissioner R. H. Tupper, the report was delivered to provincial secretary Wesley Black, who will present it to Attorney-General Robert Bonner and the cabinet today.

Mr. Bonner said he proposed first to send it to the Vancouver police commission for study.

It may not be made public until it reaches the floor of the legislature. Under house rules, the attorney-general must give the report to the members within 15 days after the legislature begins sitting.

The house convenes January 17 the date set for resumption of the royal commission hearings.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy today and Wednesday. A few showers both days mostly snow along the mainland and rain elsewhere. Little change in temperature. Winds southeasterly 20. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy and Sandspit 35 and 40, Prince Rupert 30 and 38.

Herman Froese Dies in Terrace

Special to The Daily News

TERRACE—A resident of the Terrace district for more than 26 years, Herman Froese, 68, died in Terrace hospital Saturday after a brief illness.

Mr. Froese came to Terrace in the fall of 1929 and was joined by his family in 1931. They worked their farm at Remo for several years until badly hit by the floods in 1936 and 1948.

He is survived by his widow Marie, two sons, Frank and Emil of Terrace; one daughter, Mrs. E. J. Bohn of Prince Rupert and four grandchildren.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. tomorrow at Christ Lutheran Church, Terrace.

TO ASK HOUSING

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Senior Citizens' Association of British Columbia will ask Premier Bennett for a $2,500,000 low-cost housing program for pensioners throughout the province.

COUNCIL TAKES FIRST STEP IN INTRODUCING FLUORIDATION

The city council took the first step last night toward fluoridation of the city's water supply when the city's board of works committee was instructed to determine which type of fluoridation equipment it was felt should be installed.

Move was made by Alderman Mike Krueger who asked the city to institute fluoridation, which was approved by voters in a referendum at the civic elections last month.

ALDERMEN DISAGREE

Opening of Young Street as Prelude To One-Way Traffic To Be Studied

Aldermen last night indicated they are opposed to instituting one-way traffic on Fourth and Fifth Avenues between McBride Street and Hays Cove Circle and advocated that Fifth Avenue be widened instead.

Opposition was voiced as city council passed a police committee recommendation calling for consideration by the board of works committee of opening up Young Street, with a view to putting one-way traffic into effect.

Alderman T. Norton Youngs said that making Fourth Avenue open only to westbound traffic while eastbound vehicles were confined to Fifth Avenue would result in "making these streets worse speedways than ever."

Ald. Youngs said that in paving these streets, the city had only provided parking space.

"We'd be better off in picking out some lots and making people park there," he said.

Ald. Mike Krueger said that he felt the only solution to the congestion on these thoroughfares was to widen Fifth Avenue, but he added that he was supporting the police committee recommendation because all it called for was "consideration" by the board of works in opening up Young Street.

Alderman Ray Smith, committee chairman, said that the question of one-way traffic on these streets had been under consideration for some time. She said that she too, had been in favor of widening Fifth Avenue, but that she had been led to understand that such a plan was too costly.

Ald. Sev. Dominato suggested that a way out of having a continual line of cars parked along these streets was to prohibit parking in certain blocks, leaving cars space to pull in and pass.

O. J. Gustafson, superintendent of works told the council that widening of Fifth Avenue would prove costly as considerable fill was needed at the McBride Street end.

The committee's recommendation was approved with Ald. Dominato dissenting.