

### Island Awaits Election On Thursday

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 9 (CP)—Around stores in "blue" village streets and kitchen tables in stove-covered farmhouses as well as in steam-heated houses of Charlottetown, voters throughout Prince Edward Island waited for Thursday to return the Liberal Government or substitute a Progressive Conservative or C.C.F. regime.

Except for three-to-day campaigning, electioneering had all but come to a halt and returning officers were making final preparations to set up the 235 polls that will be scattered throughout the province.

It will be the 21st general election in this agricultural province since 1878. Of the 26, the Liberals have won 12 and the Progressive Conservatives eight. Since the last election in 1943, when the Liberals captured 20 seats to the Progressive Conservatives' 10, 416 electors have been held. Four seats remained unchanged while the Liberals and the Progressive Conservatives each gained one seat from the other.

The C.C.F. was placing candidates in the running for the second time in the last race their nine standard-bearers lost their deposits. This time the C.C.F. is running 18 men competing with the full 38 for both the Liberal and Progressive Conservatives. There is also one independent candidate running on the Premier's ticket.

### Permit Entry Of Estonians

OTTAWA, Dec. 9 (CP)—Twenty-three Estonians, including eight women and a two and a half-year-old boy, who crossed the stormy Atlantic in a 40-foot sailboat, will be admitted to Canada as soon as immigration officials announced today.

Landing at St. John's, N.S., after a 10-day, two-month "battle" with Atlantic gales, the 23 were taken to Ellis Island, N.Y., and later granted temporary entry into the United States, with the understanding they would be permitted to find another country in which to settle.

The Canadian Lutheran World Relief Organization in Winnipeg took up the Estonians' case. Today's announcement said that on the recommendation of Miss Minister Olin, special provisions were made for their entry, providing they could meet the Immigration Act's mental and physical requirements.

### Claims of Japanese Canadians Confuse Commission Hearings

KAMLOOPO, B.C., Dec. 8 (CP)—The difficult task of hearing two conflicting claims from Japanese-Canadian for insufficient returns on possessions sold by the Canadian of Enemy Property, ranging from Japanese photographs to a stolen watch, today complicated the Japanese Claims Commission hearing behind schedule.

The seven claimants, who have appeared in the last two days before Mr. Justice Henry I. Bird of the British Columbia Court of Appeal—the one-man Royal Commission—have asked a total of more than \$20,000 from the Federal Government.

In today's afternoon session, Hideo Miyamoto, an elderly Japanese from Esquimalt, B.C., declared he had lost \$1,200 through the Government's disposal of his possessions.

He said that when evacuated in 1942 he left nets and fishing equipment in a company at Sea Island, B.C., expecting to return and pick them up. Col. John W. O'Rourke of Toronto, counsel for the Dominion Government, said many Japanese, like Miyamoto, left equipment behind because they were "lucky" to get what they did.

Adding to the difficulty of the proceedings is the hardship involved in placing a value on household and miscellaneous goods which the claimants say disappeared after their evacuation.

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### New Hemisphere Defence Plan



A three-way program for strengthening defence of Western Hemisphere, United States President Harry Truman has proposed to Congress that Panama Canal be converted into sea-level waterway to cost \$242,000,000. Other proposals included an map include setting up

### Hotel Guests in Britain Will Eat Well at Yule

LONDON, Dec. 9 (CP)—British hotels will be full at Christmas and there are no signs that there will be any lack of good food for visitors.

The manager of a Whitley (Yorkshire) hotel has so many bookings he is boarding guests out.

"Our charges for two guests (18.00 a day) but for that we provide entertainment and first-class meals," he said.

"The never short of poultry and have an trouble-barring large quantities at controlled prices.

A Manchester hotel manager said he was offered turkeys at 55 (23) and chickens at 25 (12) but refused them.

"There is a big black market in poultry in this area," he said.

At Newcastle the chief food enforcement officer of the Ministry of Food said it was impossible to watch every black market source.

"The people who are buying in are the farmers with fewer than 20 head of poultry. They don't need a license to sell and none of them are making big profits."

London's West End hotels are full, filling up and a few, like the Harry, the Berkeley, Marlborough and Claridge's, have no vacancies for Christmas.

Popular medium-priced Strand Palace Hotel will be serving upwards of 1,200 meals on Christmas and Boxing Day. All accommodation has been booked since early October.

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### Provinces End Arguments On Rail Rates

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (CP)—Provinces opposing railway freight-rate increases closed their long arguments before the Board of Transport Commissioners today with the Maritime and British Columbia urging against percentage rate hikes.

The railways interlocking digital their final submission in support of 20 per cent increase, and C. F. H. Carter, Canadian Pacific Railway counsel, contended their case had been "proved to the hilt."

Opening of the railways' winter campaign marked the final stage in the long session that opened last February 11 and which carried the board across the country on an investigating tour. It was expected to continue into the early part of next week, with the board's decision in the multi-million-dollar case coming down pretty shortly after the new year.

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### Russians Play Waiting Game To Blame Allies for Failure

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr., A.P. Foreign Affairs Analyst  
Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin of Britain, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault of France and State Secretary George Marshall of the United States now are faced with the necessity of refuting unacceptable Russian suggestions and still continue to play a waiting game.

The Allies are not going to agree to German reparations payments to Russia which under present circumstances would merely mean paying the bills ourselves while German production, needed in the fight to preserve Western Europe, is drained off to help the enemy.

clear out of Germany and leave the people free to establish a democratic government, not a bureaucracy which could easily be turned into a police state as the Communists have done throughout Eastern Europe, then perhaps they could get a hearing on a central government in Berlin. This will only be the day when they abandon the "cold war" and drop their ideas of expansion and world revolution.

### Montreal Election Indicates Apathy

MONTREAL, Dec. 8 (CP)—The civic administration was upheld today in an election marked by apathy of the voters who were called to choose 37 members of the 80-man City Council.

All members of the executive committee who ran for re-election, including Chairman J. O. Asselin, were re-elected. Public apathy was attributed to the lack of interest following the re-election by acclamation of Mayor Camille Houde.

### Hint McNaughton To Get New Post

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (CP)—Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton will probably head Canada's permanent representation to the United Nations in New York, a high Government source indicates today.

The representation is expected to be elastic enough to allow others, such as L. B. Pearson, under-secretary of state for external affairs, also to go to New York from time to time to speak for Canada in the Security Council.

This would be necessary to enable the general to carry on as well as at least some of his permanent duties as Canadian representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, the Canadian member on the joint Canada-United States Defense Board and as head of the Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board.

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