



Premier: Europe loves Hydro plans

By Frederic Tremblay
BRUSSELS (CP) — The campaign against Quebec's Great Whale hydroelectric project has had little impact in Europe, Premier Robert Bourassa maintained Wednesday.

Bourassa said that's what he concluded after meeting with several business leaders since he began his visit to Europe on Saturday. The subject of the \$12.6-billion project just didn't come up during the discussions, he said.

He said the protest by Quebec Cree and environmentalists, which has received prominent media play in the United States, has not been taken up by the European media.

"There was much talk in

Quebec about European protests against Great Whale," Bourassa told a news conference. "I've asked for information about this from the Quebec delegate in Brussels, one of whose functions is to examine the impact of these protests on the media."

"He told me he saw no sign of any protest whatsoever," Bourassa said. Hydro-Quebec was reconsidering a proposed \$10-million publicity campaign aimed at polishing Quebec's image on energy and environmental policies abroad.

"It's a matter of evaluating the cost benefits. Is it advantageous to spend millions in public funds on a promotional campaign? Could we find

other, cheaper, ways of getting Quebec's point of view across?"

One of those means was the opening of a permanent Hydro-Quebec office in Brussels last fall.

Another may be Bourassa's meeting with about 20 Green party members of the European Parliament who oppose the massive northern project.

NEED SOLUTIONS

The premier said he'll tell them that energy conservation "can't be an absolute solution. Other solutions must be found. Hydroelectricity is the only ecological energy there is and we Quebecers believe it is the most effective solution."

Bourassa maintained his po-

sition on proposed changes to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade accords, while lambasting Parti Québécois Leader Jacques Parizeau.

"I understand that to get some attention, Mr. Parizeau is ready to say anything," the premier said.

Parizeau reiterated his criticism Tuesday and again Wednesday that Quebec would lose almost its ability to aid industries if the GATT agreement is amended as recommended by GATT director Arthur Dunkel.

Dunkel wants the definition of subsidies to industry and agriculture in the GATT accord to be tightened to prevent provincial governments from giving grants to companies.

Dunkel wants only national governments to provide such funding.

Bourassa repeated his belief that the proposals would improve "certain points" but emphasized that improvements might still come.

"I think we should continue (Canadian representations to GATT). I'm not going to give a final judgment because the text is not finished. The text must be improved — I've said it before and I'm repeating it, that's not new."

On Sunday, Bourassa said there was a limit on the number of improvements that could be made, noting that it would be difficult to completely please all 108 members of GATT.

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Just three years to go?



Parti Québécois leader Jacques Parizeau was in the Sherbrooke area Wednesday to meet Eastern Townships party members and raise money at a gala supper. The chief was greeted by PQ regional president Henri Bourassa.

Parizeau predicted that Quebec will become an independent country within three years — without harming the province's 800,000 English-speaking citizens. For the full story, turn the page.

RECORD/GRANT SIMEON

'Health reform'... Hospitals want sick to pay for treatment

By Daniel Sanger
QUEBEC (CP) — Quebec must take drastic action to find new money for its soaring health care costs, the province's hospitals said Wednesday, supporting proposals for modest user fees and room-and-board charges for patients.

"If we don't do something, the consumer you are worried about might not have health services soon," Jacques Nadeau, of the Quebec Hospital Association, told a National Assembly committee studying health care costs.

pull out unilaterally and not allow the provinces a way to make up the shortfall."

He added: "By 1997 the federal government won't be paying hardly anything for health care in Quebec so what would they take away. The federal government will have to budge."

Testifying before a standing-room-only crowd, rare for committee hearings, Nadeau also proposed a variety of other measures to keep health care costs down.

One which interested both Liberal and Parti Québécois members was having Quebec hospitals perform more outpatient operations.

At present, less than 30 per cent of people who undergo surgery come and go from the hospital the day of the operation. In British Columbia, however, the figure is 43 per cent while in the U.S. about half the people who undergo surgery don't spend any nights in hospital.

Nadeau said between 500 and 1500 hospital beds could be freed up if there was an increase in outpatient operations — a savings of \$170 million annually.

He also called for more flexibility for hospitals, saying many institutions are crippled by union and government rules.

"It's impossible to measure but there are very important financial and human savings that could be made if we had more room to manoeuvre."

Representing 200 institutions that gobble up more than half of Quebec's \$12-billion health care budget, Nadeau said hospitals could save millions if there were less government and union bureaucracy.

But he also lined up firmly behind proposals to impose a \$5 or \$10 user fee for each visit to a doctor, to tax citizens on medical services they consume and charge hospital patients a minimal amount for room and board.

"People would prefer to pay user fees than have their taxes raised — we polled them and that's what a majority told us," Nadeau said, adding that room-and-board fees of \$10 or so per day are fully justified.

"People should pay for those services because they are not medical services. They're services they would use if they were at home."

But such charges should only be imposed on people who can afford them, he said.

"It should in no way compromise accessibility."

The hospitals' support for the dramatic measures, proposed

in a government discussion paper in December, pleased Health Minister Marc-Yvan Côté.

"Thank you for an exceptional contribution," he said at the end of the 90-minute presentation. "Your ideas will carry considerable weight."

BLAMED OTTAWA

Côté was also pleased that Nadeau blamed the province's health care woes on the federal government.

Calling cuts in federal transfer payments "odious and unilateral," Nadeau said Quebec wouldn't have a problem if Ottawa had kept up its payments.

For that reason, he suggested, Ottawa should change the Canada Health Act to allow provinces to impose user fees and other charges on patients who can afford them.

Under the Canada Health Act the federal government can take \$1 away from payments to a province for every \$1 it charges in user fees.

"You can't lose \$1.2 billion per year and not consider drastic measures," Nadeau said. "The federal government can't

Montrealers die in copter crash

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (CP) — A helicopter carrying three tourists from Montreal crashed in Barbados on Wednesday, killing all aboard, police in Barbados said.

A police spokesman said the copter crashed about 10 kilometres inland from the capital of the small Caribbean island at 9:50 a.m. He said the bodies of the three Canadians, a U.S. woman and the Barbadian pilot were recovered and returned to Bridgetown.

A police sergeant identified the three Cana-

dians as Edith Dunlop, 41, Barry Dunlop, 75, and Steven Murville, 28, all of Montreal.

The police spokesman said the two others were Noreen Speidel, a U.S. national, and Alan Heath, of Barbados, the pilot.

The craft was owned by Bajan helicopters. A man who answered the phone at the company said the crash may have been caused by heavy cloud cover. He said he had no further information.

Haiti democrats slam U.S. 'lip service'

From AP-Reuter
PORT-AU-PRINCE (CP) — A U.S. government decision to ease its trade embargo against Haiti prompted outcry from backers of ousted president Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Wednesday.

Joseph Fignole Jean-Louis, a member of the Haitian House of Deputies, said the U.S. action shows Washington does not really support the effort to reinstate Aristide.

"President Bush has paid lip service to the defence of democracy," he said in an interview.

"The United States has done everything it can to get around the embargo."

He said easing the sanctions will only encourage military coups elsewhere, citing the attempted takeover Tuesday in Venezuela.

On Tuesday, the U.S. State Department announced plans to make it possible for assembly plants in Haiti to sell their

products to the United States.

The decision represents a clear step back from the sweeping sanctions they imposed after a bloody army coup ousted Aristide on Sept. 30. The 34-country Organization of American States unanimously recommended a hemispheric embargo to press for Aristide's reinstatement.

The sanctions were aimed at a wealthy conservative elite that supports the military-backed provisional government installed after the coup.

Aristide said he hoped the measures would "asphyxiate" the coup's supporters but U.S. officials said applying the embargo to assembly plants put about 35,000 Haitians out of work.

HURTS POOR

Despite the embargo, store shelves in Port-au-Prince remain stocked with consumer goods and gasoline is readily available because of three spe-

cially arranged tanker shipments. Many businessmen complain of lost profits but the rich appear to be living comfortably. The Caribbean country's poor masses seem hardest hit.

"The embargo has not worked, politically speaking," the president of the Haitian Senate, Dejean Belizaire, said in an interview.

Belizaire and others involved in OAS-sponsored negotiations to create a compromise government complained the international community is using undue pressure.

He said easing the embargo "will facilitate finding a national solution to the crisis."

He asked it be extended to gasoline. Before the coup, Haiti received its petroleum products from Venezuela and Mexico, which have abided by the OAS embargo.

Aristide's backers have insisted pressure should be in-

creased, not eased.

Belizaire said he expects Congress to seek reparations for the embargo's damaging effects. A senate resolution calls for bringing suit against the OAS in international tribunals.

Businessmen said Haiti's assembly sector might never fully recover from the effects of the embargo. This sector includes the manufacture of baseballs and electronic goods.

MOVES PLANTS

They said the owners of several assembly plants moved their operations elsewhere, while some buyers in the United States found new producers and would be reluctant to deal again with Haitian manufacturers.

Raymond Lafontant, executive director of Haiti's association of assembly-plant owners, said some plants could reopen in two to three weeks but pre-coup production and employ-

ment levels probably will not be reached for at least two years.

Meanwhile, Haiti's interim government refused to receive a second group of returning Haitian boat people Wednesday, leaving two U.S. coast guard cutters circling at sea with 508 refugees aboard, U.S. officials said.

The U.S. coast guard attaché in Port-au-Prince, Cmdr. Larry Mizell, said the reason given by Haitian authorities for holding up the landing was "logistic problems."

Although Haitian police and immigration officials processed the first 381 arriving refugees without a hitch Monday, Mizell said authorities are now saying they need more time to prepare.

"It doesn't look like they will be brought in until tomorrow," he added.

The refugees were among

the more 10,000 Haitians intercepted at sea and housed at a U.S. internment camp at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba.

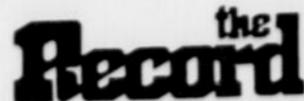
In Washington, the White House said it is studying a Haitian government request that the United States slow the pace of its forced repatriation of the boat people to ease their return to their native land.

"They want incremental arrivals that allow them to process them in a reasonable way, and we're discussing that with them," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

Haitian Foreign Minister Jean-Robert Simonise declined to explain the reason for the delay but said: "Things will go off well tomorrow."

The U.S. coast guard in Miami said 250 refugees aboard the cutter Bear and 258 aboard the cutter Northland were waiting in the Windward Passage between Haiti and Cuba.

The Townships



Farmers plan demonstrations against GATT deal



Claude Lafleur... Ottawa will have a problem on its hands.

By Mike Shahin
ST-FRANCOIS-XAVIER-DE-BROMPTON — After getting a lesson on the status of world trade talks Wednesday, local farmers unhappy with current proposals talked about staging a national demonstration to show the federal government they mean business.

And if that doesn't force Ottawa to fight for their interests in negotiating the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the farmers say they may consider more serious measures.

"The agriculture movement may become more militant" if

the Canadian government doesn't show it is willing to control imports of dairy and poultry products, said local UPA member John Boerson.

"What we'll do is not exactly civil disobedience, but demonstrations and maybe withholding payments on our farm loans."

OPPOSES PLAN

Claude Lafleur, chief economist for the provincial *Union des Producteurs Agricoles* (UPA), told an estimated 250 Eastern Townships farmers that the proposal released in

December by GATT director-general Arthur Dunkel is unacceptable. The UPA, along with most farm groups in Eastern Canada, has been firmly opposed to Dunkel's plan since it came out.

Farmers producing poultry, egg and dairy goods are afraid the opening up of protected markets to more foreign competition would devastate an already ailing industry.

"We can't accept the idea of solving one crisis by creating another one," Lafleur said in an interview.

"The government has promi-

sed to deliver for us the four pillars of agriculture: crop insurance, credit, marketing and stabilization. These things are threatened by the Dunkel paper."

OTTAWA RALLY

"If Ottawa doesn't deliver, and abandons us, they'll have a big problem on their hands."

Lafleur said farmers from across the nation may stage a rally in Ottawa on Feb. 21 to remind the government of what is at stake. Boerson said a contingent from the 4300-member UPA in the Townships

will hold a demonstration in front of Sherbrooke MP Jean Charest's office this Friday.

In its current form, Dunkel's GATT plan would replace border controls that protect farm marketing boards from an overflow of imports with new tariffs that would gradually be reduced. Many producers complain the tariffs wouldn't be high enough to protect them.

The United States and the European Community favor such a proposal, which would bring a kind of free trade for food.

The ongoing trade talks are to end by late April.



Surprise! Local Quebec Police Force officers uncovered a 13.6 kilogram cache of marijuana Wednesday while on a routine search of the home of a man arrested earlier this week. QPF spokesman Tom

McConnell said the four garbage bags full of cannabis has a street value of about \$95,000. The suspect will appear in court by subpoena to face drug-related charges.

Top guns on target at QPF

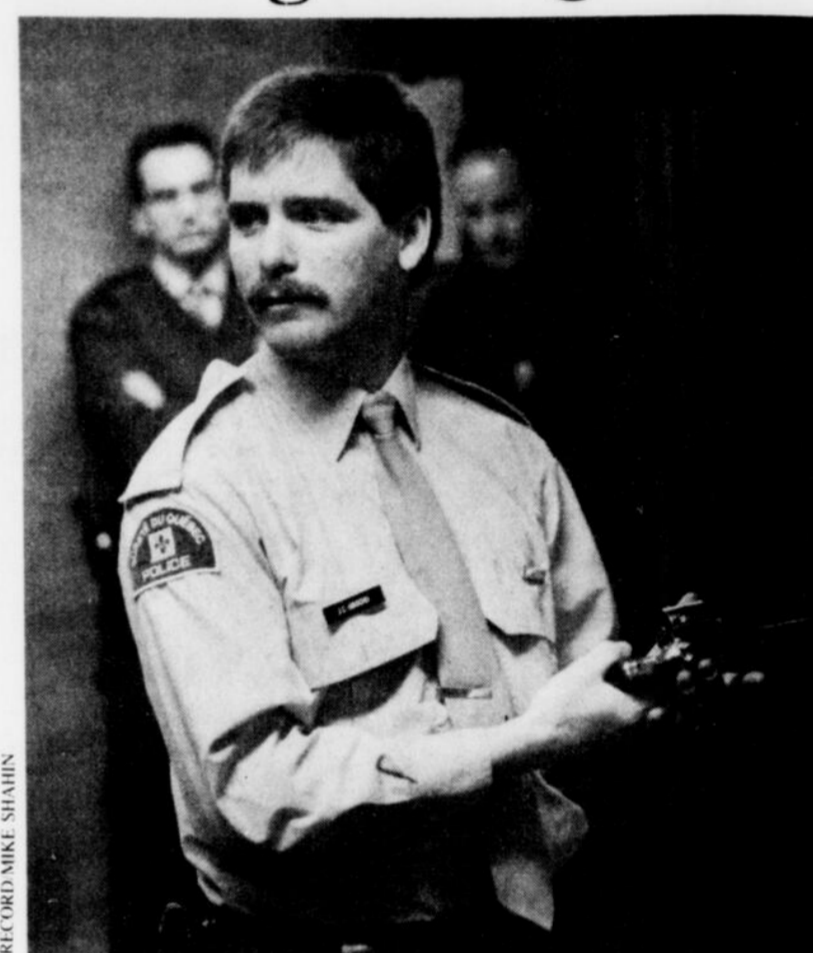
SHERBROOKE — Range officer Jean-Claude Brochu explained the use of a police-issue, double-action Ruger .38 special - .357 Magnum to reporters Wednesday, as they took part in the Quebec Police Force's annual shooting competition.

The idea was to familiarize reporters with police weapons and to select the top-gun local officers who will participate in the upcoming provincial firing championships in Montreal.

In the officer's class, Commander Rhéaume Ringuette came in first followed by Lt. Yvon Champagne and Capt. Bertrand Bilodeau.

In the junior-rank class, Yves St. Jacques took the honors followed by Dominique Martin and Robert Theoret, who tied and were to decide on who would go to Montreal in a shoot-out.

Heading the media class was the Record's own Mike Shahin. QPF officers must go for firearm testing at least once a year.



RECORD MIKE SHAHIN

Another trial in Lévesque sisters' affair?

By Donald McKenzie

MONTREAL (CP) — A Quebec woman sought by Italy on heroin-trafficking charges was dealt a major blow Wednesday when a Belgian court paved the way for her extradition to Italy.

Sylvie Roy, 31, has been in a Brussels prison since her arrest last November. Italian authorities want her extradited so they can charge her with trafficking 6.6 kilograms of heroin six years ago.

A Belgian magistrate said Wednesday that three Belgian judges reached a decision on the extradition request.

"From what I've heard, I believe the recommendation says she can be extradited," Raymond Bossuyt, who handled Roy's case after her arrest, said in an interview from Brussels.

But the final decision on whether the extradition goes ahead still has to be made by the Belgian Justice Department, Bossuyt said.

He added, however, that the

department rarely overturns such court recommendations.

"Generally, it rubber-stamps the court's recommendation although it isn't obliged to."

Roy was detained by authorities as she arrived in Belgium after her debut trip as a flight attendant with Nationair. Police were acting on an Interpol warrant issued in January 1986 and renewed in 1990.

Roy's mother and aunt were arrested at a Rome airport in January 1986 after 6.6 kilograms of heroin was found in their red suitcases. They were returning to Quebec from a trip to India.

SISTERS ACQUITTED

The middle-aged sisters, Micheline and Laurence Lévesque, pleaded not guilty and claimed they were victims of an international conspiracy. They were eventually acquitted.

Evidence at their trial revealed that Roy had given the sisters the suitcases as a gift. Roy

testified at a magistrate's hearing in Montreal that she bought the luggage from a man identified as André, a convicted heroin smuggler who was never found.

Micheline Lévesque, Roy's mother, was downcast Wednesday when she heard about Bossuyt's comments.

"Even if you don't want to get your hopes up too high, I'm an optimist and I had thought about Sylvie possibly getting

off," she said in a telephone interview.

Lévesque let it be known she believes her daughter is being framed.

"Somebody, somewhere, is stirring things up. There's somebody out there with vengeance on their mind."

Roy did not speak to Lévesque on Wednesday and the two women last spoke to one another on Sunday.

"When we chatted then, she

was ready for any news — good or bad."

Lévesque said that she probably won't go to Italy if her daughter is extradited.

"I'd like to go but we're going to put our money aside to get Sylvie the best legal help possible."

Roy has already hired Italian lawyer Francesco Saraca, who defended the Lévesque sisters in 1986.

"Mr. Saraca is reasonable

from a financial point of view but he still has to be paid and the justice system over there is slow."

Lévesque acknowledged she may have to return to Italy if she is called to testify as a defence witness.

"I'm not ruling out that possibility but we'll cross that bridge when we get there."

An official with the Canadian Embassy was to visit Roy today, Lévesque said.

Florida makes exception for Quebec man

By Jim Brown

OTTAWA (CP) — The state of Florida has bowed to Canadian authorities and promised not to execute an Abenaki Indian from Quebec if he is convicted of first-degree murder.

Lee Robert O'Bomsawin, 43, is currently in detention in Montreal awaiting extradition. He faces trial on two counts of first-degree murder in the 1987 shootings of his estranged wife and her lover in Jacksonville, Fla.

Justice Minister Kim Campbell demanded assurances from Florida prosecutors in December that O'Bomsawin would not be executed if he is found guilty.

Under the Canada-U.S. extradition treaty, the federal government can refuse to return a suspect to the U.S. unless American authorities agree to such a deal. But no minister had ever exercised the power and made a formal request.

Campbell's office issued a

terse news release Wednesday saying Florida had agreed to her conditions.

But George Bateh, a state attorney in Jacksonville, made it clear that he acted under duress and was unhappy with the precedent.

"It appeared that frankly we had no other options," Bateh said in a telephone interview.

"The minister of justice seemed intent on holding onto O'Bomsawin unless we agreed to the condition that we wouldn't seek the death penalty."

Michel Vien, an official with the Canadian Justice Department, said some paperwork remains to be completed before the extradition is official, but O'Bomsawin should be returned to Florida soon.

"I'd say a week or two max," said Vien.

Bateh said prosecutors will seek two consecutive sentences of life in prison if they win a conviction. Under Florida law,

that would mean no parole for at least 25 years on each sentence — a combined 50 years behind bars.

Nevertheless, Bateh said he was "concerned about the precedent this whole affair has created."

He suggested that other Canadians who kill in the United States may get the idea they can dodge the death penalty by fleeing across the border.

The case may even send a message to organized crime:

"If they want to commit a murder in Florida, hire a Canadian hit man to come down and commit it, and provide him with speedy transportation back to Canada."

Owen Lippert, a spokesman for Campbell, rejected that interpretation and said the decision was based solely on the merits of the O'Bomsawin case.

"Each one gets looked at separately," he said. "It's not

done lightly."

Melvin Weigel, a lawyer for O'Bomsawin, also dismissed the Florida prosecutor's fears, saying the case set no sweeping precedents.

"O'Bomsawin is not a Mafia hit man," said Weigel. "That's the whole point."

In December, Campbell noted that O'Bomsawin had no previous criminal record, surrendered voluntarily in Montreal, was under emotional stress at the time of the crime and may have faced a lesser charge than first-degree murder if prosecuted in Canada.

The federal government has previously refused to block extradition for other fugitives — including Charles Ng, wanted for a dozen murders in California, and Joseph Kindler, a convicted murderer from Pennsylvania.

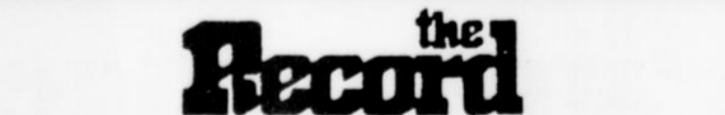
There have been no executions in Canada since 1962. Parliament officially abolished the death penalty in 1976.

WEATHER Doonesbury

Today will be sunny in the day with gradual clouding over in the evening. High -11. Outlook for Friday: Snow. High -7, Low -21.



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Questions linger after Stanstead East deaths

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — A day after the decomposing bodies of three elderly residents were discovered by police, the community of Stanstead East is in shock.

The bodies of twin brothers Abel and Elie Plouffe, 77, and sister Lorraine, 74, were discovered Tuesday evening in their rundown farmhouse on Route 143 in Stanstead East.

After police broke down the door, several cats escaped. Inside the filthy house, which smelled of death, police found the three bodies partially eaten by cats. They also found two dead cats.

While the cause of death is not yet known, police suspect the trio died of exposure or dehydration. There was little heat and no running water in the house and there were no tracks leading from the house to the stream where the three bachelors got their water.

QUESTION BEING ASKED

The question many people in this tiny border community are asking is: How was this allowed to happen? Some blame local health officials for failing to intervene.

The Plouffe's niece Simone, neighbors and Mayor Harvey Lothrop say they repeatedly contacted officials at the local community health clinic warning them that the elderly trio was in trouble, and asking for some action.

Rosaire Provencher, director of the Albert Samson CLSC, insists there is nothing he could have done to prevent the deaths.

"I don't have the judicial tools needed to go in and force medical attention on people who don't want to be treated."

"This is not the situation of ordinary seniors. This is exceptional and we must treat it as such," he said. "When people don't want to be helped it's hard for friends, family and neighbors to get through to them." Provencher said he told family and neighbors that something could be done if there was a serious doubt about the health or sanity of the three siblings. He said he told them where to go for help.

BLAME CLSC

But some people in the town still blame the CLSC for not taking action.

One close neighbor who called and visited the CLSC demanding they do something said she's upset nothing was done.

She said the CLSC turned her away refusing to help. "They told me it was none of my business," she said, asking for her name to be withheld.

Simone Plouffe also went to the CLSC repeatedly to ask for help.

"They told me there was nothing they could do," she said in an interview just hours after the corpses were discovered.

Despite the criticism and some angry phone calls, Provencher maintains he couldn't act.

"We're in a society where people can make their own decisions," he said. "If people see their doctor and go against his wishes they live with the consequences."

BEGAN TO WORRY

With no help forthcoming, members of the community began to worry as they saw no sign of the Plouffes.

Abel Plouffe, who trekked into nearby Rock Island every day for food, hadn't been seen there in more than three weeks.

Richard Eryou, who runs Richard's Restaurant in the village, said Abel visited the restaurant every day for the past 11 years before going to get groceries at the local Provigo.

"He came in for dinner and took home sandwiches and homemade muffins," he said.

But Eryou said he hadn't seen Abel Plouffe for the past three weeks and the last time he saw him he was really sick.

"Last month he started fading," Eryou said, adding that he didn't show up for a week, a couple of months ago.

The Plouffes' family doctor confirmed that Abel was sick in December, although he wouldn't say what the ailment was.

"He did pick up his prescription though," said Dr. Marcel Bonin. "I checked."

HADN'T BEEN SEEN

Neighbors also hadn't seen the Plouffes since mid-January.

Mayor Lothrop, who was also worried about the Plouffes, drove by every night.

"The light was on every night," he said. "God knows how long they were dead."

On Jan. 16 the Plouffe's niece, a concerned neighbor, the mayor, the local Catholic

priest and two QPF officers visited the house.

"They reported back to us without opening the door that they were alright," said Mayor Lothrop.

The Plouffes' nearest neighbor has known the family for more than 45 years. She said the family is well-liked and has lived there since 1909.

NOT HERMITS

"They weren't hermits," she said. "They were just different." The neighbor said she's sure Lorraine had Alzheimer's, a disease which affects people's memories and beha-

viour.

"For the last couple of months the more it went, the worse it got," she said, adding that Lorraine had completely lost the notion of time.

Niece Simone also said her aunt had memory problems.

"She couldn't remember things and asked the same questions again and again."

The neighbor added that Elie Plouffe had rheumatism, and could barely walk even with the aid of canes.

She said the Plouffes' death could have been avoided if the CLSC had acted sooner. She

said she hopes that in the future it will listen to the concerns of family and neighbors.

"I want the CLSC to wake up, to act quickly and not wait until it's too late." Meanwhile, she said, the Plouffes' suffering is over.

"They were terribly alone, deprived and scared," she said. "They are probably happier today."

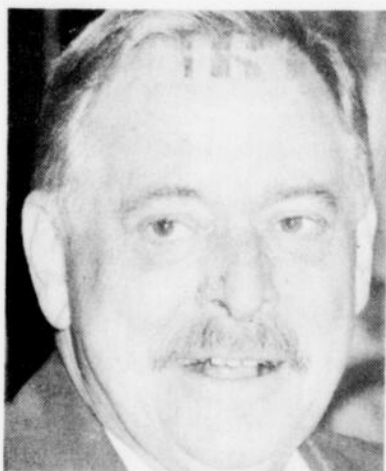
The mystery surrounding the deaths of the three Plouffe family members may be cleared up this week as the results of autopsies on the three victims are known.



The decomposing bodies were found in this house on Route 143.

RECORD/GRANT SIMEON

Parizeau: Sovereignty won't hurt anglophones



Jacques Parizeau... 'build something for ourselves.'

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — One way or another Quebec will be sovereign within the next three years, Parti Québécois leader Jacques Parizeau predicted Wednesday.

He also said the goal will be reached without hurting the province's anglophone minority.

Speaking to about 500 PQ supporters in Sherbrooke, Parizeau said Premier Robert Bourassa has painted himself into a corner with law 150, which forces the province to

hold a referendum on sovereignty before the end of October.

He said if Quebecers vote for sovereignty this fall, a clause built into law 150 will make Quebec a sovereign state one year after the referendum vote.

The PQ leader said he's convinced Quebecers will vote for sovereignty unless Bourassa "fabricates a complicated question where if you're for it you have to vote no."

Parizeau said Bourassa is trying to get out of holding the referendum. But if he does, Pa-

rizseau said, the backlash will pave the way for a Parti Québécois victory in the next election and fulfill the PQ's ultimate goal of sovereignty.

Quoting from a recent party poll, Parizeau said the PQ is ahead by 15 points in the Sherbrooke riding and by 10 points in St. François.

Parizeau also said he's pleased the debate this time around is more serene.

"Our goal is not to demolish others but to build something for ourselves," he said. "It's not against others but for us, for us and for our children."

In his speech at the PQ fundraiser, Parizeau repeated his criticism of proposed changes to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, saying Quebec would almost lose its ability to help industries.

Parizeau said the definition of subsidies to industry and agriculture in the GATT accord would prevent provincial governments like Quebec from giving grants to companies. He said it also wouldn't allow provincial governments to buy shares in Quebec corporations or to provide tax incentives or exemptions. The new regula-

tion would allow only national governments to provide such funding.

Parizeau said that because the provincial and federal governments have accepted the GATT proposals, he is counting on the Americans to stop it.

He said certain states are against the proposal because it will stop them from helping businesses.

"Quebec has thrown in the towel, Canada has thrown in the towel and we sit here and pray that the U.S. will listen to its states and defeat the proposal," Parizeau said.

City criticized for inaction on beeping traffic signals



SHERBROOKE — The administration at city hall has not kept its promise of installing beeping traffic lights in the city's intersections, a spokesman for a blind people's group complained this week.

Hughes Mailloux of the Association des Handicapés Visuels de l'Estrie (AHVE) predicted at a news conference Tuesday that the traffic lights won't be installed until the year 2000. The city promised in 1990 to install them.

City councillor Serge Cardin said Mailloux was exaggerating and that the special traffic lights will be installed long before the end of the century.

"I am not campaigning for elections so I have nothing to hide," he said at the conference. "But at least I can promise that the traffic lights will be up by the year 2000."

It's White Cane week in Sherbrooke, a period designed to raise public awareness of the problems faced by visually impaired people.

Among the activities planned for the week are visits to city schools by visually-impaired people to talk to kids about blindness.

Hughes Mailloux... not until the year 2000?

RECORD/GRANT SIMEON

Sherbrooke recycling plant starts mechanized sorting

SHERBROOKE (AC) — The only recycling plant in the Eastern Townships will no longer rely on Montreal to process its material.

Rosaire Baillargeon, owner of the Centre de valorisation de l'Estrie (CVE), announced at an inauguration ceremony Wednesday that the plant, which receives 20 tons of reusable material every week, has mechanized its sorting system.

"Before, the reusable material we collected in the Eastern Townships was sent to a company in Montreal to be processed, and we sorted the material manually," Baillargeon said. "Now with the mechanized system we can do that ourselves."

Baillargeon said the decision to mechanize was also a question of economics. He said it is less expensive to treat the materials here than to send it to a plant out of town.

"I created this sorting and processing plant because I wanted to improve on the recycling program started by the town of Sherbrooke last April," he said.

Treated metal will be sent SIDBEC DOSCO and glass to Robert Pellequin et Fils, both in Montreal. Plastic will be sent to a company in St-Dalmien a la Beauce.

In addition to helping the environment the plant has created 16 new jobs and Sherbrooke

Mayor Paul Gervais said he expects the number to increase.

"I believe the centre will be able to hire more people as a result of the mechanization,"

he said.

Starting Monday the public will be able to bring recyclable materials to the plant at 1050 Queen Street N. in Sherbrooke.



Plant owner Rosaire Baillargeon says it's cheaper to process the material here than send it to Montreal.

RECORD/GRANT SIMEON

Sand as an alternative to salt

Winter driving in Quebec can be hazardous, especially during snowstorms.

And that's mainly caused by Transport-Quebec.

The minute there is a small accumulation of snow, the road patrol, armed with plows and salt, start making its run.

That gives drivers a feeling of safety because in their minds, salt means clean pavement.

Wrong. When the salt is mixed with snow, it melts, creating a sort of soapy mixture.

And braking on this soapy substance is sometimes tricky and must be done very carefully.

Salt is also very controversial. During the past few years there have been numerous reports stating that road salt is not environmentally friendly.

It gets into streams, polluting everything in its path. It also infiltrates over- and underpasses, eating away steel and cement, and creating the bumpy roads we know.

Then there's what road salt — usually a mixture of calcium chloride — does to the metal parts of cars and trucks. It eats them away like some kind of industrial cancer.

Together, the damage to Canadian roads and automobiles must run into the billions every year.

The use of other less potent abrasive on roads is one solution, although it's costly too. But then nothing is free.

Instead of using salt or other less corrosive products, why don't more municipalities choose sand? Sand is cheaper, cleaner, and works much better.

On assignment during Tuesday's storm, I had to travel a number of small back roads near Stanbridge East. The roads had been sanded and the driving was just great.

Unlike the salted main roads, there was no sliding around in curves or at stop signs.

And best of all, there was no environmental damage. How can sand, which is a part of the Earth, hurt? It's also much cleaner. No dirty snowbanks on the side of the road.

So why is it that only small municipalities use sand? Larger communities should consider sand as an alternative to salt.

SYLVIE D. NELSON

Bush flack next envoy to Canada?

WASHINGTON (CP) — Peter Teeley, a long-time adviser to President George Bush, is expected to be nominated as the next U.S. ambassador to Canada.

The Associated Press news agency and the Washington Post newspaper reported Wednesday that Teeley, 52, is likely to have his name put forward by Bush for Senate confirmation.

Teeley, who operates a Washington consulting firm, was Bush's press secretary in the 1980 presidential campaign and served as his vice-presidential spokesman when Ronald Reagan was president.

The Post said Teeley coined the term "voodoo economics" for Bush to use against Reagan when they were contesting the Republican party presidential nomination in 1980.

The phrase has remained one of Bush's most-memorable lines despite the fact he only used it once and denied saying it until proof was produced on film, the Post said.

Teeley would replace Edward Ney, who became ambassador in 1989. A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa said he was not surprised by the reports because many U.S. ambassadors leave their posts after about three years.

Teeley is completing chemotherapy after surgery for colon cancer last year but is back to fulltime work. Bush and his wife Barbara attended a birthday party on Capitol Hill for Teeley on Jan. 23.

He served briefly as Bush's press secretary in the 1988 campaign and more recently developed an interest in children's issues. In September 1990, he led the U.S. delegation at the world summit for children, co-chaired by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney at the United Nations.

A spokesman for the Canadian Embassy in Washington said Ottawa has not yet been approached about a new ambassador. Under diplomatic protocol, a nominee's name and biography are submitted to the host country for its approval some time before the name is announced.

Did you know that...

LARGEST FORTRESS

The largest fortress ever built in North America was Louisbourg, named in honor of Louis XV of France and erected in 1713 near the tip of Cape Breton Island, N.S., to house 4,000 soldiers.

Royal anniversary reactions mixed

By Stephen Ward

LONDON (CP) — Forty years ago today, King George VI died at his north England estate of Sandringham, and his 25-year-old daughter became Queen and head of the Commonwealth.

Elizabeth cut short her tour of Kenya and flew home to London. Ashen but composed, she met her first prime minister, Winston Churchill, standing on the tarmac in tears.

A television documentary — Elizabeth R — includes the Queen reflecting on the shock of her sudden accession to the throne.

"It's a job for life," she says in the BBC program previewed Wednesday.

Today will be an ordinary working day for the Queen and she will spend it at Sandringham. The only public event is a visit to a nearby cancer hospice. It will be a poignant visit, as her father died from lung cancer.

It will also mark a brief lull in a growing, noisy debate on the monarchy after months of misadventures and frivolous behavior by the Royal Family.

The criticism now is reaching her: critics say the Queen should pay income tax. Others say her staff doesn't have enough members of ethnic minorities.

Some people wonder if she should allow Charles, her 43-year-old son, to become king. Charles has raised eyebrows with strong statements on architecture and a penchant for non-mainstream trends like holistic medicine.

"She has never given any indi-

cation that she will step down and I don't think she will," said Harold Brooks-Baker of Burke's Peerage.

Assessments of her reign vary widely.

"She is a dutiful, conscientious and dignified sovereign — if perhaps never an inspiring one — who has failed to control her family," said Michael Thornton, an author of several books on the Royal Family.

Author and royal chronicler Philip Norman thinks the Queen has put on an impeccable 40-year performance of seamless propriety.

"Queen Elizabeth II has been, complete with hat and handbag, a force for stability and focus of national self-esteem," Norman said.

At the heart of the turmoil is how to maintain an institution of medieval origin in an increasingly egalitarian society approaching the 21st century.

Preserving the royal mystique is difficult when popular British tabloids treat the foibles of the Royal Family as scandal-sheet entertainment.

"Mystique is what matters most to the Royal Family," said Eddie Mirzoeff, producer of a BBC television documentary on the Queen, called Elizabeth R, to be broadcast today.

TV SEEKS BALANCE

"The hardest point about making this film was slightly pushing back the frontiers, which was acceptable, without destroying the mystique."

The latest royal rumpus has Diana, wife of Charles, as the villain of the piece after she chose a German Mercedes car instead of buying British.

Last month it was her sister-in-law, the Duchess of York, known to tabloids as Fergie, who was in trouble with the popular press for living it up on the royal payroll and going on vacation with a Texan millionaire.

Although the Queen opposes any large outlay of taxpayers' money to celebrate her anniversary, the event won't go unnoticed. An anniversary trust has scheduled a year of public events culminating in an October pageant.

On a personal level, the Queen is known for her love of dogs and

her 34 race horses. She has a large extended family from her marriage to Prince Philip, who has increasingly receded into the background.

Still attending over 400 engagements a year, she'll visit Ottawa this summer to help Canada celebrate its 125th birthday.

Gov. Gen. Ray Hnatyshyn said the Queen "has graced Canadians with her wisdom and enduring optimism about the potential of our great nation."

"As head of the Commonwealth, Queen Elizabeth has served as a model of the virtues and dialogue of goodwill between peoples of differing cultural backgrounds and political persuasions," Hnatyshyn said in a statement.

Regal facts and figures

LONDON (CP) — Today is the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. Facts and figures on the monarch and head of the Commonwealth.

MAIN DATES: Born April 21, 1926; accedes to throne Feb. 6, 1952; coronation June 2, 1953.

STATUS: Head of state, constitutional monarch, supreme governor of Church of England, head of Commonwealth.

MAIN POWERS: In consultation with government: can summon, prorogue and dissolve Parliament, give royal assent to laws, appoint Church of England bishops and other high officers.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY: Queen Mother, 91; one sister, Princess Margaret, 61; husband: Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, 71; four children: Charles, Prince of Wales, 43; Anne, Princess Royal, 41; Andrew, Duke of York, 31; Prince Edward, 27.

REIGN: Fourth sovereign of House of Windsor, 42nd sovereign since William the Conqueror. Since 1066, only 14 monarchs have reigned for 25 years or more.

HEIRS TO THRONE: 1. Charles, Prince of Wales; 2. Prince William of Wales, eldest son of Charles; 3. Prince Henry of Wales, second eldest son of Charles; 4. Andrew, Duke of York.

The Queen has nothing to declare...

By Stephen Ward

LONDON (CP) — Critics of the Royal Family hope they're closing in on what they consider to be Britain's biggest and most artful tax dodger — the monarchy.

When it comes to paying tax, the Queen has nothing to declare.

But as the recession bites deeper, that royal exemption has caused a debate as the Queen marks the 40th anniversary today of becoming monarch.

"The basis for the Queen's immunity from taxation is unfounded, even though it has been agreed to by government," says Phillip Hall, author of the recently published book, *Royal Fortune*.

"Nobody likes paying tax... however, she manages not to pay any."

In the weeks leading up to the anniversary, Hall's book and a spate of newspaper and magazine articles have joined the issue.

The controversy comes less than a year since legislation requiring the monarch to pay taxes failed in Parliament last year. At that time, polls indicated 79 per cent of Britons believed the Queen should pay tax.

Charles Anson, a spokesman for the Queen, said Wednesday that the Queen has a logical claim to avoiding taxes on her personal income.

UP TO PARLIAMENT

"Taxes are raised in the name of the sovereign and therefore she is not taxed," said Anson. "But she's always agreed to pay taxes if Parliament so wished."

The tax exemption is the result of many years of royal pressure on government. When income tax was introduced in 1842, Queen Victoria grumbled but paid up.

In 1910, George V persuaded

then-prime minister Lloyd George to lift taxation on the civil list — government money for the Royal Family.

Sometime between 1937 and 1952 — the date is unknown because the relevant file has been destroyed — the government agreed that King George VI didn't have to pay tax on his private investments.

In 1952, the year the Queen came to the throne, the government publicly confirmed that the monarch didn't pay any tax.

Like Hall, John Griffiths, emeritus professor at London University, believes the Queen's private earnings are taxable because they're not received on behalf of the Crown.

And even if the Queen has Crown immunity from taxation, she should disclose her private wealth — a move she refuses to do as a private person.

"It's inconsistent. Faced with taxation, she is the Crown," said Griffiths. "Faced with disclosure, she is a private person."

How much money the Queen

earns is unclear.

Estimates vary widely but most experts put the royal fortune at about the equivalent of \$14 billion Cdn and the Queen's personal wealth at over \$2 billion.

QUEEN OWNS CASTLES

The monarch's public resources include Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace and the Crown jewels. Her private properties are the Balmoral and Sandringham country estates, her 34 race horses and investments.

Late last month, the *Economist* magazine said the media have overestimated the Queen's wealth and arguments over her tax exemption are "small beer."

The magazine said her investments are worth only about \$110 million, producing an annual income of between \$2.2 million Cdn and \$11 million Cdn.

Those earnings would result in a tax bill of \$4.4 million at most.

Tax or no tax, the monarchy costs the British taxpayer over \$100 million a year. That includes \$17 million from the civil list for public duties and over \$44 million

to maintain palaces.

Royal supporters say the Queen is a priceless national treasure and, in strict business terms, generates millions of dollars for British tourism.

"Despite the criticism, there is an abiding interest in royalty," said Charles Kidd, editor of *Debrett's Peerage*.

"Most people think the Queen is a great leader with marvellous dignity and is worth every penny."



Elizabeth II... 'It's a job for life.'

Royal fortune totals \$14 billion

LONDON (CP) — Critics of the Royal Family are suggesting the Queen should pay income taxes. Here are facts and figures on the Queen's wealth, using Canadian dollar equivalents:

ROYAL FORTUNE: About \$14 billion; Queen's personal wealth, about \$2 billion.

MAJOR PUBLIC ASSETS: Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Crown jewels, art collection.

MAJOR PRIVATE ASSETS: Business investments, 34 race horses and two country estates in Sandringham and Balmoral, the latter worth over \$80 million.

ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR TAXPAYER: Over \$100 million.

— \$14 million allowance for public duties and staff.

- \$44 million for maintaining palaces and staff.
- \$16.5 million for royal yacht Britannia.
- \$20 million for Queen's planes and helicopters.
- \$4 million for royal train.
- Unspecified but heavy cost of security.

TAXES: Pays none.

HISTORY OF TAX EXEMPTION: 1910: George V gets first significant tax exemption. Between 1937-52: George VI gets approval to have tax waived on his investments. 1952: Government confirms that monarch pays no taxes.

CIVIL LIST: Government money for eight members of Royal Family for public duties and staff, totalling \$22 million in 1992. Top three: Queen — \$18 million; Queen Mother — \$1.4 million, Prince Philip — \$792,000.



Farm and Business

New Teleglobe boss scares some people

By John Davidson

MONTREAL (CP)—Charles "Charlie" Sirois loves fast cars and diamond-studded watches. At the age of 37, he's worth more than \$100 million.

As the recently appointed president of Teleglobe Canada, Sirois is also into outer space: he now runs the satellite-communications company which has a monopoly on over-

seas telephone calls from Canada.

Teleglobe's board voted this week to demote William McKenzie as president and replace him with Sirois, who owns 12 per cent of Teleglobe's shares.

The gregarious but unpredictable McKenzie has battled with his board ever since he bought Teleglobe from the federal government in 1987.

His sudden removal still came as a shock.

"People here are scared of Charlie Sirois," said Carlos Saldanha, president of the Teleglobe employees' union. "We're concerned he's going to tear this company apart and lay off a lot of people."

In person, the curly-haired Sirois — who resembles Mad Magazine's Alfred E. Neuman — is frank about his driving ambition.

He's extremely proud of his 12-cylinder Jaguar and his diamond-studded Faberge watch.

But he also points out he's a "classical Quebecois who was born in rural Chicoutimi, married at 19 years of age and has two children."

SPEEDY ASCENT

In a recent interview at the exclusive Club St-Denis on Sherbrooke Street, Sirois talked about his career which has been almost as speedy as the satellites he now controls.

"When I graduated from Laval University with an MBA in 1978, I went into business with my father in Chicoutimi. We ran a small telephone pager business called Setelco which had 70 customers.

"However, I'd studied the pager market in the United States and could see that smaller companies were quickly being bought up by larger firms.

"Canada was well behind that kind of concentration, so I decided to buy a few companies myself."

Sirois was the king of Canada's pager market seven years later after buying National Pageette, National Mobile Radio Communications Ltd. and T.A.S. Pageette.

In 1987, he merged with Bell Cellular to create BCE Mobile Communications. He was given a sizeable portion of the new company's stock and

agreed to run the firm for two years.

In 1990, Sirois quit BCE Mobile and put together his own telecommunications company called National Telesystem.

He also showed his wizardry at raising money when he formed his own merchant bank, Corporation Financiere Intermedia, which has \$100 million in capital and is designed to put Sirois into the telecommunications big leagues.

BOUGHT SHARES

Last November, Sirois bought eight per cent of Teleglobe shares from BCE — in exchange for cash and 1.4 million of his BCE Mobile shares. He then converted some debentures into shares and ended up with a 12 per cent stake in Teleglobe.

Because of his previous relationship with BCE, many analysts believe Sirois is under the

thumb of the giant holding company which controls Bell Canada and owns 22 per cent of Teleglobe.

However, Sirois vigorously denies he's working for anyone other than himself.

"I'm an entrepreneur, not a corporation man," he said. "I left BCE because I wanted to run my own company. My vision for Teleglobe is to build it, not destroy it."

"And I have no deals with BCE whatsoever."

While some analysts have doubts about that last statement, they do admire his ability to shake things up.

"Charlie Sirois is a very sharp guy," said Doug Cunningham, vice-president of BBN James Capel in Toronto.

"But Charlie works for Charlie... which is either the best or the worst thing that could happen to Teleglobe right now."



FINANCIAL PLANNING

By Frank Cameron
Chartered Financial Planner

RRSPs ideal way to split spousal income

Registered Retirement Savings Plans have become popular across Canada as a tax-sheltered means of amassing a pool of capital to be used in retirement as a supplement to your pension income.

However, although most Canadians know at least something about the benefits of an RRSP, far too few of them realize that it's an ideal way to achieve income-splitting between spouses.

Income-splitting means that a spouse in a higher tax bracket transfers some of his income to the spouse in a lower tax bracket. (We use "he" advisedly. It's a sad but true fact that men still earn more income than women, as a general rule.)

The way to do this income-splitting is to invest in a spousal RRSP. You may invest some or all of your maximum allowable contribution to a RRSP which is in your wife's name — and you claim the tax deduction from your income, when you make out your 1991 income tax return.

LEGAL PROPERTY
An important point to remember is that the money you put into the spousal plan immediately becomes the legal property of your spouse.

Your spouse can benefit in another way, as well. The money you put into a plan in her name does not affect her own personal RRSP contribution limit for the year. She may claim a tax deduction from her earned income for the amount she invests in her own RRSP.

The advantages of contributing to a spousal RRSP are twofold. First, it shows your spouse that you are confident the marriage will be a lasting one. That should enhance feelings of mutual trust within the marriage. Secondly, both of you will be able to reap tax savings at retirement through income splitting.

THINK TWICE
There are some special rules about cash withdrawals from a spousal RRSP. These should make you and your spouse think twice before making a withdrawal.

If you withdraw money from a spousal plan in a year during which a contribution was made — or in either of the two following years — the funds withdrawn will be added to the contributor's taxable income for the tax year the withdrawal occurs. This rule also means the funds withdrawn up to the total contributed during the year of withdrawal and the two preceding years will be added to the contributor's income.

However, if the amount withdrawn is greater than the amount contributed, the excess will be taxable to your spouse, not to you the contributor.

COLLAPSE RRSP

The Income Tax Act requires you to collapse your personal RRSP by the end of the calendar year in which you reach age 71. But you may continue to contribute to a spousal RRSP and claim a tax deduction if your spouse is younger than you are. You can keep up spousal plan contributions until your spouse reaches age 71.

The sooner you start contributing to a spousal RRSP the better, of course. The end result will be spectacular.

For example, if you start at age 28 to contribute \$2000 a year in a spousal plan at a 12 per cent per annum growth rate — by the time you are 65 the plan will be worth more than \$1.3 million. And that's not counting any tax refunds you may have received over the years by claiming the tax deduction for your RRSP contributions.

A lot of Canadians seem to think that tax shelters are just for the rich. That is not so. Middle-income Canadians should take full advantage of the RRSP tax shelter. It is a means of paying less tax today and ensuring a more comfortable retirement, when you start to draw out those accumulated RRSP funds.

Frank Cameron is a chartered financial planner with Investors Group.

By Clyde Graham

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Farm notes

WINNIPEG (CP)—This city's grain industry is getting ready for its annual Great Grain Relay.

"When you're in the middle of winter, as we are now, there's a tremendous need to get out of the doldrums and recharge the old emotional batteries," says race director Mike McAndless.

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Sirois worth \$100 million at 37

By The Canadian Press
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in an interview.

Mazankowski has already said he won't be able to meet a target of holding the deficit under \$25 billion in 1992-93.

But Reid said he should work harder toward that target.

Liberal finance critic Paul Martin was skeptical about the benefits of just a one per cent cut in the GST.

"A one per cent cut is not going to give anybody confi-

dence," said Martin.

"People have really lost hope."

He said moves to bring down the dollar and interest rates would go further to get the economy moving.

But NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin liked the idea.

"Reducing the GST would be a positive thing," she said. "Getting rid of it would be a very positive thing."

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Minority leagues to meet Secretary of State Mother worried about son's size

Minority language rights will be the theme of a meeting this Thursday in Toronto between Secretary of State Robert de Cotret and the presidents of official language minority associations across Canada. Myrna H. MacAulay will represent Townshippers' Association.

The meeting is a follow-up discussion to another held with the Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark and de Cotret on Jan. 14. At that meeting, the regional associations were encouraged by Clark's and de Cotret's response to their insistence that a new constitution include guarantees that the English-speaking community of Quebec and the French-speaking minorities in other provinces not only be preserved but also that their development be promoted.

This was also a major theme of the brief on the constitution presented this Monday by Townshippers' Association to the Special Joint Committee for a Renewed Canada, which

held meetings in Quebec City. The delegation, consisting of MacAulay, past president Marjorie Goodfellow, board member Michael Fox, and executive director Susan C. Mastine, was the only group representing an English-speaking region of Quebec during the one day of hearings.

Keeping in touch

By Townshippers' Association

Several representatives of Townshippers' Association attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Sherbrooke on January 23, when Ontario Premier Bob Rae was the guest speaker. They were Goodfellow, who was seated at the head table, Fox, Mastine and past president Mary Mitchell. The meeting provided a clear insight into the Premier's

views on the constitutional question.

BICENTENNIAL PROFILES Since Friday marks the anniversary day of the bicentennial of officially opening the Eastern Townships to settlement, today this column begins an ongoing series of historic notes about the Eastern Townships. It will begin by profiling some of the early settlers, featuring a different one each week.

The first permanent settlement occurred in 1784 when a group of loyalists cleared land and built cabins at Missisquoi Bay where Philipsburg now stands. They settled there despite the government's refusal to grant them land.

Among the settlers were members of the Best family. Hermanus Best was the grandson of a German Palatine refugee who settled in New York about 1709. German Palatines were members of a cultural minority who fled from religious persecution in a region of Germany, the Palatinate, in the

17th Century. Many came to the American colonies.

Hermanus Best was also destined to become a refugee, but a century later. As a United Empire Loyalist, staying loyal to England during the American Revolution, he joined a loyalist troop, which helped defend Quebec from Americans. Fleeing persecution of loyalists in the colonies, he came to Missisquoi in 1784 and established a farm along Missisquoi Bay just north of John Ruiters's farm. A nephew, sister-in-law, and her children lived with him.

Hermanus petitioned the government for land, eventually receiving a grant and was later one of the 20 people who requested construction of a Methodist chapel.

Next week, another pioneer from this early Loyalist settlement will be profiled.

Keeping in Touch is a weekly column presented by Townshippers' Association.

Dear Ann Landers: Our son who is 12 years old is maturing and growing in the normal way. I am referring to weight and height. I am concerned, however, about his genitals. The penis and scrotum are still the size of a toddler. His 6-year-old brother is larger than he is. "Ed's" physical education instructor says he takes a lot of kidding and that he doesn't like to go to class because of the showers.

I have taken this boy to a pediatrician and an endocrinologist. They both laughed the matter off and said, "Don't worry, Mom, he'll have plenty of girlfriends." I don't appreciate that kind of response. It seems to me that a joke is being made of something that is very serious.

I am deeply concerned, Ann. This boy's self-esteem is low enough without being ridiculed about his manhood. Furthermore, I know how important it is to be able to have a satisfying sexual relationship.

Ed is a sensitive child and I really do worry that this problem may ruin his life. I don't know who to talk to about this now that two doctors have laughed about it and made me feel foolish. Can you help? -- NO NAME IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ILLINOIS: Although the pediatrician and the endocrinologist meant to reassure you, they could have been more supportive. It should, however, be a relief to know the child has no physical problem and is just undersized.

Please be careful not to transfer your anxiety to the boy. This could be extremely damaging.

Sex therapists tell us that size has very little to do with satisfaction. Also, what appears to be undersized in the flaccid state can be much larger when there is an erection. And remember, he is only 12 and may be a late bloomer. So cool it, Mom. A lot can happen in the next five years.

Dear Ann Landers: I am an

in-home day-care provider. I drive Monday through Friday to my employers' home and work about 10 hours every day.

Ann Landers

I depend on full employment as I am paid hourly. My employers have two young children, both in diapers, so I have my hands full. I do the dishes, clean the house and at times do the wash. I take the kids on outings almost every day. I love my job, but it is not considered a *real* job to 90 percent of this world.

We day-care providers have no medical or dental insurance and no hospitalization coverage. We have no coffee breaks, lunch hours, sick days, personal days, unemployment pay, disability pay or pension plans. We get few holidays off and we are taxed but have no retirement plan and no profit sharing.

Grandma or Grandpa shows up every month on a day's notice for the kids, which means I am not needed and I lose a day's pay. If my employer decides to take a Friday off, I am not needed. There goes another day's pay. I have a family, Ann. I believe that if they take a day off or Grandma wants the kids, I should still get paid for that day. Am I right or wrong? -- AN IOWA PROBLEM

DEAR IOWA: The real problem is that you did not have that understanding with your employer from the very start. Now your best bet is to renegotiate. Tell your employer exactly what you told me and ask to be paid by the week or month.

Gem of the Day (Credit Rita Rudner): Have your children while your parents are still young enough to help take care of them.

Life Shorts

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP) — Kathy Bissett made her first quilt 14 years ago as a gift for her sister's child.

She hasn't stopped since. The self-described career-quilter has been named the 1992 folk-artist-in-residence at Joseph Schneider Haus museum in Kitchener.

"It gives me another avenue to explore in promoting quilting and sharing it," said Bissett, 49.

"It's like I've found another quilting family, so to speak."

Bissett, past president of the Oxford County Quilters' Guild and a member of the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild since she moved from London, Ont., four years ago, is also involved

with the Canadian Quilters' Association.

On its board for the last two years, she headed its 1990 annual conference in Waterloo, attended by 400 delegates, and in June she will become its new president.

A high school math teacher who left the classroom in 1968 to raise her three children, now aged 16 to 22, Bissett designs some of her quilts by computer.

As artist-in-residence, Bissett will put on a one-woman show to open May 13, organize workshops, write a column in the museum's newsletter and develop a resource kit on quilting for school children.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Rus-

sia is next on the travel agenda of B.C. adoptions champion Sonya Paterson because she fears her agency will soon be unable to operate in Romania.

She is sure the Romanian government is about to authorize adoptions by Canadians only through the federal government's national adoption desk and one Quebec agency.

Romania has a moratorium on international adoptions until April and they will resume only under new regulations.

Paterson, founder of the Langley, B.C.-based Romanian Orphans Support Group, has spent 15 months in Romania arranging adoptions for Canadians and Americans since her

first visit in March 1990.

"After two years of building an organization and placing 500 Romanian children with 300 families we're going to be left out of the picture," she said before leaving for a trip to Romania and Russia.

Philip Yang, director of the national adoption desk, which is part of the federal Health and Welfare Department, said from Ottawa he sees "no problems" in processing hundreds of Romanian adoptions in the future if the Romanian committee approves.

Community

Immunization clinics: Immunization clinics for children from Richmond and surroundings who will be entering kindergarten in September 1992 will take place during February, at the offices of CLSC du Val-Saint-Francois on Barlow St. in Richmond. Children will be seen at these clinics by appointment only. Parents must phone the CLSC before Feb. 10 at 826-3781 and are asked to bring their children's vaccination records along to the appointment. The CLSC will take the opportunity during the vaccinations to check children's eyesight and overall development.

Guard against dehydration

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP) — With winter in full swing and many illnesses on the go it is important to keep up your fluid intake, says a Charlottetown nutritionist.

Humans can live for many weeks without food but will last only a few days if deprived of water, said Irene Doyle.

Dehydration can happen quickly, especially in small children.

"The normal turnover of water in the body is about six per cent of the total body weight per day," she said.

"For infants, the turnover is 16 per cent — that is why it's really important to be concerned about children."

A prolonged fever dehydrates the body: the signs are a dry mouth and tongue, sore muscles, dry skin and lips and lack of urination.

If you're not up to drinking six to eight glasses of water a day, don't despair, said Doyle. You can also get it from milk, tea, juices, fruits and vegetables.

Treating Alzheimer victims with dignity

By Judy Creighton
The Canadian Press

Lisa and her father once shared a love for hockey and baseball. They'd go to games, argue over plays and debate endlessly about their favorite players.

Today, Lisa's 71-year-old father sits like a stone in front of the television as the figures of NHL players flit across the screen. He says little, and what he does say has no connection with what's before him.

Lisa's father, a widower, has Alzheimer's disease. There is no effective treatment for this degenerative brain disorder, which destroys memory and physical functions and eventually causes death.

For Lisa, a 46-year-old divorcee who asked that her surname not be used, the initial shock and sadness at her father's illness have given way to "the 36-hour day" of coping at home with an uncommunicative stranger.

The 36-hour Day is the title of a book written in 1981 by Nancy Mace and Dr. Peter Rabins for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients.

"Without communication between giver and receiver, nothing is left over to connect with and to exchange," says David Carroll in his guide *When Your Loved One Has Alzheimer's* (Harper and Row, \$11.95).

CONVERSING TIPS

Joseph Orange, a speech pathologist, is trying to help caregivers communicate with those who have the disease.

Orange, a 35-year-old native of Sudbury, Ont., is attached to the Centre for Geriatric Studies at Henderson Hospital in Hamilton.

In one of his studies, Orange delved into what hampered conversations — what patients did to signal communication

problems and what caregivers did to overcome those problems.

As a result of his findings, Orange now says there are certain ways that caregivers can speak which seem to "resolve the difficulty very quickly."

"By highlighting important words with stress or intonation patterns, we make sure that the patient perceives that indeed the message is important and imperative."

He adds that gestures, facial expressions, touches and physical closeness all affect communication.

SHORT SPAN

"Alzheimer's patients can't focus their attention for a long time," Orange says. "So it's unwise to make sentences long and complex."

As well, caregivers need to remember that the patient has memory difficulties, so it is best not to give them too much to understand or remember.

Orange says a number of studies have examined communication in an indirect way.

But "the underlying disturbance in Alzheimer's disease is impaired learning," he explains.

"You can't adjust their behaviors and hope to have them acquire this new behavior as you would with other individuals who aren't memory-impaired," Orange adds.

He believes specific programs can be designed for caregivers to improve the way they communicate with patients.

"We know that communication difficulties are well perceived by caregivers," Orange says, citing one woman who told him recently that her ailing husband often repeats himself.

"It's a language problem and a memory problem," explains Orange. "They (patients) don't recall what they've just said."

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Annual vestry meeting of Christ Anglican Church shows a successful past year in the Parish

STANSTEAD (IH) — Following the Sunday Eucharist service in Christ Church here, in the Greater Parish of Coaticook on January 26, several of the congregation adjourned to the Parish Hall for a luncheon and the annual Vestry meeting. The luncheon was arranged by the members of the ACW-Guild and served buffet style.

Later, Rev. Canon Curtis Patterson called the meeting to order by offering a prayer. Thelma Middleton was reelected Vestry Clerk and read her report from the vestry meeting in 1991.

Annual reports were given and indicated a successful but extremely busy 12 months. The old hall was demolished and the site leveled off. The new hall is much in use for different events.

Under the guidance of chairperson Rev. Roy Peirce the landscaping around the hall is about completed with shrubs etc. from the late Walter Peirce memorial funds and other memorial donations. The new Lillian Farrow Boucher red leather bound Memorial book lists names of persons remembered with memorials. Mrs. Boucher was born in England and came to Canada as a young woman and for years was a faithful member of Christ Church. She was born August 5, 1896 and died on March 10, 1990. It was she who turned the first sod for the new

Libbytown

Carl Mayhew

Dave and Mae Palmquist left for Arizona a few days ago. Dave has not been too well this winter and his friends hope that the sun and dry climate of Arizona will prove beneficial to his arthritis.

Our neighbours Frank and Kay Smith have certainly had a lot of bad luck lately. They were involved in a serious car accident which practically demolished their good car and put them both in the C.H.U. Hospital suffering from various serious injuries.

Frank's brother Alvin also had a session of five weeks in the Sherbrooke Hospital suffering from an attack of emphysema.

Tony and Kelly Schoolcraft have finished the re-modelling of their home in Libbytown, known to the old-timers as the Gordon Cass place. By all accounts they are very pleased with the result. Anyway there will be plenty of room for those three little girls to run around in!

Parish hall.

Other reports showed that the Wardens were busy completing the hall, for a safety rail has been built on the ramp into the hall by them, namely Alfred Middleton and Malcolm Molony and they were assisted with this job by Melvin Dustin who did the iron welding. The Wardens keep the building in good repair, the lawns mowed and the snow shovelled.

Malcolm gave the report of the Wardens and first thanked the ladies for the luncheon arrangements. The report included appreciation to all people who have an office, to Canon Patterson and the Team Ministry, to Deacon John Morrell, the ACW — Guild and all the congregation who work and contribute to the life of Christ Church. Rev. Roy Peirce voted a big thank you to these two wardens and their spouses Thelma Middleton and Frances Molony for all their many, many hours of voluntary labors.

A number of years ago a Book of Remembrance was established on the suggestion of the late Mrs. J.R.S. Scott, and from this fund of Memorials money is given to assist theological students and over the years several have been given a gift of assistance. The past 1991 year two gifts of \$500 were given to two deserving students who were recommended by the Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Although few in numbers in the ACW-Guild it is incredible what they accomplish. They generously support the church and they share with money and items wherever there is a need. They donated a sum of \$200 to the Customs Christmas baskets, plus contributions to CUSO, Meals on Wheels, Sunnyside School, Blind Mission, Douglas Hospital, Little Helpers, Boundary Swim Project, Wales Home, Shoe boxes to Seamen, clothing from the Thrift Shoppe which they operate and give to fire and needy family victims and last year they sent a large quantity of good warm clothing to the Old Brewery Mission in Montreal. Their endeavours are several and their labors include many volunteer hours.

The report noted appreciation to the people of the communities for their contribution of clothing from both French and English.

Frances Molony, Envelope secretary gave her report. In the absence of Jean West, Altar Guild, Secretary, her report was read by Thelma Middle-

ton. There are eight women in this Guild and they keep the altar and chancel beautiful for all seasons of the year.

The ACW-Guild secretary, Barbara Hospes, being absent, her report was given by Joan Peirce in detail. Mentioning the Thrift Shoppe in the Hall basement, she said this is a community service. All obligations were met to the parochial and the Diocese levels.

There were 30 boxes given for sailors' Christmas gifts. Resident Homes here and in Ayer's Cliff also received Yule-

tide gifts.

Deacon Morrell spoke about work being done with children and youth and said "things are looking up".

There were other reports, financial etc., all of which showed a successful and progressive year for Christ Church.

Alfred Middleton was appointed as Rector's Warden. Malcolm Molony re-elected People's Warden, all other officers remain the same with the exception of alternate delegate to Synod. It is with deep regret that Bill and Ann Milsom are

leaving Stanstead the end of March to reside in Kelowna, British Columbia, to be near their family. Bill has been very active in Christ church since coming to these communities. At a later date he will be replaced by a member of the church.

Thelma Middleton and Nellie Kezar will continue on the Committee of Concerns; Ivy Hatch, Custodian of the Book of Remembrance; Frances Molony, envelope secretary, Alfred Middleton, church treasurer, Thelma Middleton, organist, Fred Robertson, one auditor,

another to be named to replace Bill Milsom.

The budget for the Greater Parish of Coaticook was presented, also that of Christ Church, both were approved after discussion. There was high praise for the dedication and work of all officers and the congregation as shown by the reports.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Roy Peirce. Now begins another year within the life and activities of Christ Church in the Greater Parish of Coaticook.

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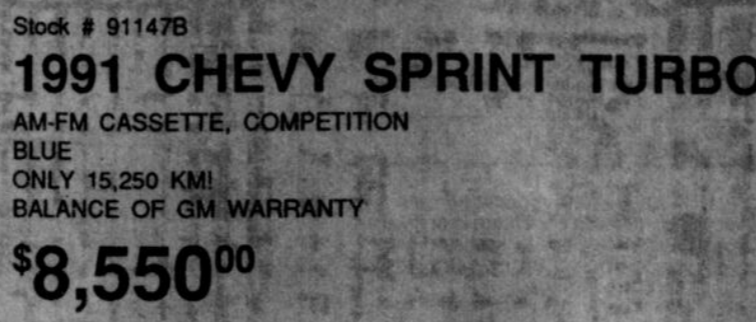


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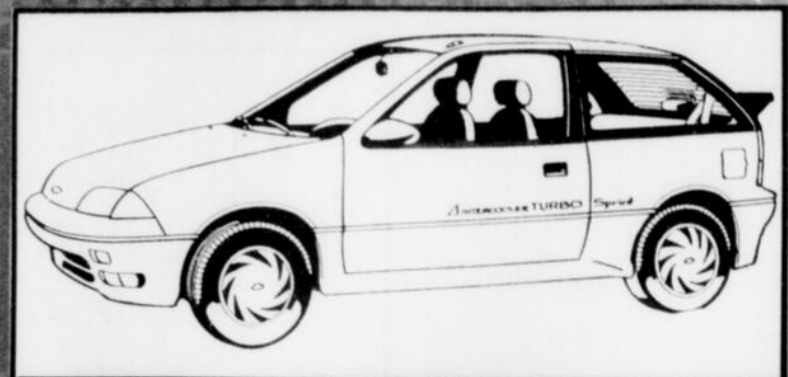


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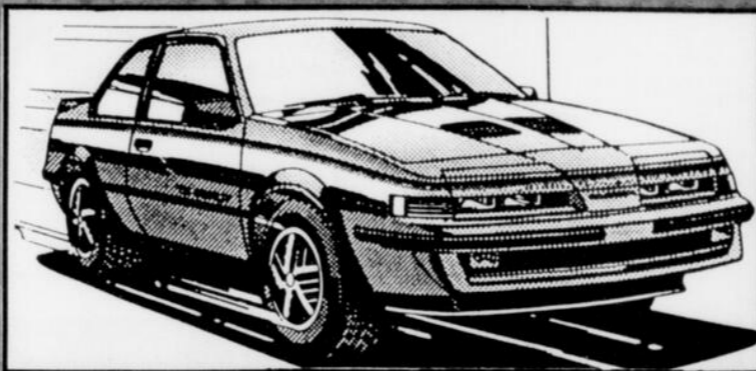


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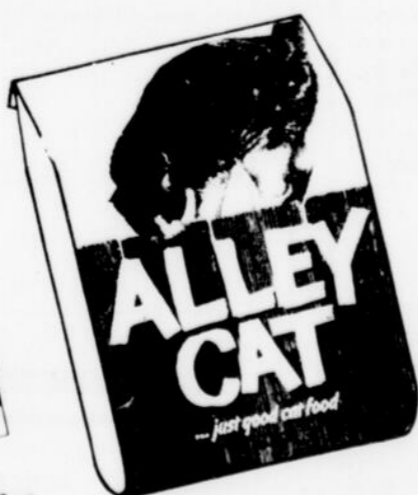
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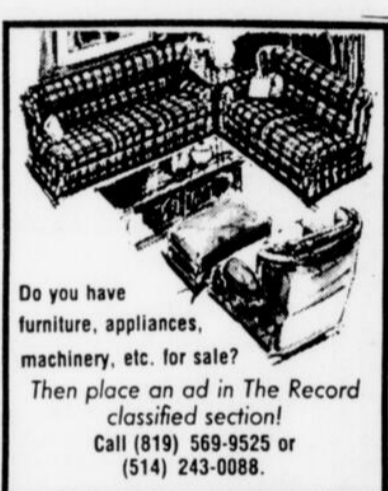
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STANSTEAD — The first coffee party in the new year was held on Friday January 24 at the home of Thelma Dustin with Ivy Hatch co-hostess. In spite of it being a very cold and stormy morning, many members and three guests attended: Helen Little, Gaby Paine and Geraldine Harvey. With the gracious help of George Hatch and Erwin Taylor all the ladies arrived safely at Thelma's.

As January 25 would be -Robbie Burns- Day, Lexie Rogers gave an interesting and humorous talk about his life and works. He was born on January 25, 1759, and died July 21, 1796, his father was a farmer and he came from a very poor family. Among his many accomplishments he taught himself to read the French language.

Ivy thanked Lexie for her talk and brought to everyone's attention that Lexie was wearing his kilt and Scottish jewelry. Ivy also wore her kilt and a pin of heather. Gertrude Ketcham was wearing her Scottish sweater.

The hostess prizes went to Theresa Wallace, Lexie Rogers, Leslie Thompson, Helen Little and Dina Leblanc.

Rheta Taylor, Regent of Stanstead Chapter, thanked Thelma and Ivy for the lovely refreshments and their kind hospitality in hostessing the party in such stormy weather.

A get-well card was sent to Margo Skelton wishing her a speedy recovery from recent surgery. Also a card to Olga Audet as she was unable to attend the party, due to the weather, now that she is living at Place Sanborn in Ayer's Cliff.

Sawyerville

Alice Wilson
889-2932

The Happy Gang Seniors met on January 28 with a good attendance and a new member joined. 500, Canasta and Tuck were played. All enjoyed a lunch and receiving gifts for marked serviettes were Lillian Laroche, Ernestine Hodge and Gerald French.

Paul Montgomery of Otterburn spent two days with his brother Dalton Montgomery.

Donald and Lillian Laroche visited Donald's mother and sister now residing at the home of Stuart and Judy Arbery, 295 Beaucage Rd., Sherbrooke.

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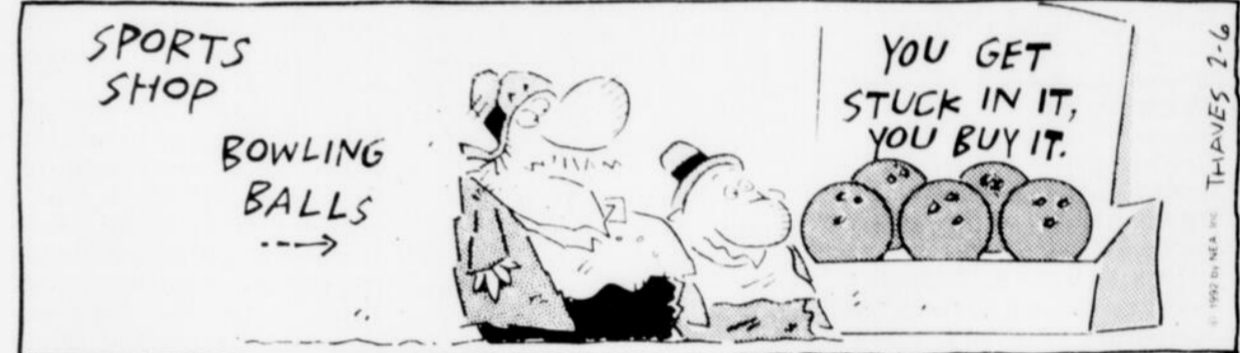
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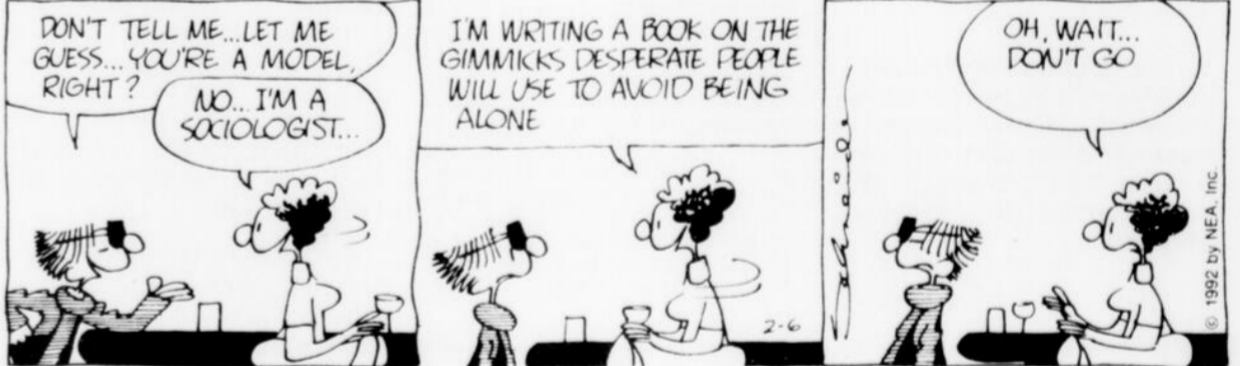
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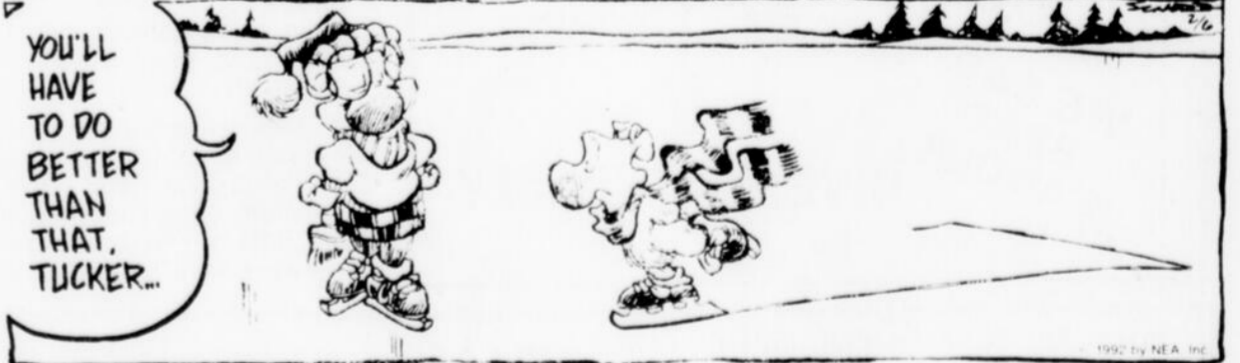
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Townships' Crier

RICHMOND

There will be a 500 card party at the Legion Hall, College Street, at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 7. Prizes and lunch will be served. Sponsored by the St. Pats Society.

BEEBE

Card party on Saturday, February 8 in Wesley United Church at 7 p.m. Admission charged. Sponsored by Unit II U.C.W. Also there will be another card party on March 7.

RICHMOND

La Leche League Richmond-Valcourt will hold its monthly meeting on February 11 at 8 p.m. at the C.L.S.C. Val St. Francois, 110 Barlow, Richmond. The topic will be: Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mom and Baby. All mothers-to-be, mothers and babies are welcome. For information call Lee at (514) 532-2979.

LENNOXVILLE

The annual meeting of Sherbrooke County Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at Uplands, 50 Park Street, Lennoxville (parking on Speid Street), starting at 10 a.m.

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold FREE Blood Pressure clinics on the following dates:

LENNOXVILLE: Tuesday, February 11 and 25, at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere Street, Lennoxville from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NORTH HATLEY: Friday, February 7 at the Town Library, 165 Main Street, North Hatley from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

WATERVILLE: Tuesday, February 25 at the Town Hall, Waterville from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MAGOG

Advance notice. Flea Market and Craft Sale at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, Magog, on February 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone interested in renting a table, call Pat at 843-7943.

GRANBY

Advance notice. The Granby United Church Women will hold a Soup-Dessert Luncheon at 101 Principale Street, Granby on Friday, February 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter by parking lot entrance. Admission charged. For reservations, please call 372-7558 or 372-3617.

ST. ELIE D'ORFORD

St. Mary's Chapel will hold a Pancake and Bean Supper on Sunday, February 9 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the St. Elie Community Center, 8th Range, St. Elie.

PHILIPSBURG

Once again, Philipsburg Branch 82 of the Royal Canadian Legion invites you to a Fish Chowder on Saturday, February 8 in their Legion Hall from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All you care to eat for a very nominal charge. Come and bring your friends.

BURY

Afternoon card party and salad supper in the Bury Town Hall on Wednesday, February 12 at 2 p.m. For the benefit of a Bury student's trip to London and Paris.

HATLEY

Card party on Friday, February 7 at 8 p.m. in St. James Church Hall, Hatley. Benefit of St. James A.C.W.

SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Christian Women's Club meeting will be held on February 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Le Baron Hotel, King St. West, Sherbrooke. The theme for this month is "Valentine's". Sweet Ideas by Leah Goode, of Sawyerville, will demonstrate sugar molded objects. There will be songs to keep your hearts in tune by our talented soloist Diane Warnholtz of Magog. Loving thoughts will be shared with us by our speaker, Shirley Nortcliffe, of Birchton. There will be a free nursery downstairs at Le Baron. Please make reservations for yourself and preschooler by Monday, February 10 by calling 875-3517.

SAWYERVILLE

Advance notice. There will be a St. Patrick's afternoon card party and supper in the Community Center on Saturday, March 14. Sponsored by Wilhelmina Rebekah Lodge No. 23.

HATLEY

Mission to Seamen talk on Monday, February 10 at 1:30 p.m. in St. James Church Hall, Hatley. The Rev. Glenn Stone will be present to talk about Missions to Seamen (Operation Shoebox). All welcome.

MAGOG

Advance notice. St. Luke's Women's Guild will hold a Bean, Ham and Scallop Potato Supper in the Church Hall, corner of Pine and St. Patrick Streets, on Saturday, February 29 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club will meet on Sunday, February 9 at 4 p.m. for Church in the Club. "Bless this House". Also there will be Mystery Night on February 12 at 6:30 p.m. "Guess What???" Be a 100% attender.

This column accepts items free or charge announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to THE RECORD, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number of person forwarding the notice. Telephone requests cannot be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Brookbury

Daisy Allison

Sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of the late George Lassenba, George Coates and Mrs. Edna Coates, three of our senior citizens who passed away in Bury within the last two weeks. They were all well known and had spent

most, or a part of their lives in Bury or Brookbury.

Evening guests to enjoy a game of cards at the home of Lionel and Daisy Allison were Reggie and Mabel Thompson, Betty and Jimmy Dougherty and Stacy and Jane Strapps.

Obituaries

RUIE ANN McNAMARA BELLOWS

of Dixville, Que.

On January 16, 1992, Ruie Ann Bellows passed away suddenly at her home in Dixville, Que.

Born in Coaticook, Que., January 8, 1906, she was the daughter of the late Martin James and Anna Alice (Jasmine) McNamara. Other children were two brothers, the late James McNamara of Chicago and the late Edward (Ted) McNamara of Coaticook and a sister, Mrs. Mae Gibson of Kingston, Ont.

On November 3rd, 1927, she married Gordon W. Bellows of Dixville, Que. who predeceased her in 1983. Of this union, two sons were born, Harold (Lena Champagne), Hudson, N.H. and Jim (Barbara Gill), Dixville, Que., five grandchildren, John (Cheryl) Bellows, Pelham, N.H., Louise (Roger Roy), Lowell, Mass. Peter (Gayle) Bellows, Kathy (Jean-Pierre Cloutier) of Dixville and the late Timothy James Bellows, twelve great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellows were well-known Jersey farmers for forty-four years until they sold the farm to their son Jim. They continued to live on the farm

until their deaths.

Mrs. Bellows was active throughout her life in church and community affairs. She was a member of St. Cuthbert's Church and St. Cuthbert's Guild, Dixville, a Life Member of St. Stephen's ACW, Coaticook. She supported St. Matthew Church, Dixville and was a member of the Dixville, A.F.E.A.S. She was also a member of the Coaticook Hospital Auxiliary, L'Amicale of the Presentation of Mary in Coaticook, the Senior Citizens of Coaticook and the Golden Age Club of Canaan, Vt.

She loved people and was delighted to welcome visitors to her home. She had a smile for everyone and, when she could no longer drive her car, she kept in touch by telephone or letter with old friends and new.

The funeral service was held at St. Stephen's Church, Coaticook on Saturday, January 18 with Canon Curtis Patterson officiating and Father Denis Grenier, Dixville taking part.

Bearers were Wilfrid Lepitre, David Ham, Dean Robinson, Roland Ouimette, George Peasley and Brian Lougee. Interment will take place in the spring at the Crooker Cemetery, Dixville.

ELLA MABEL WARD

Bury, Quebec

1892 — 1991

Ella Mabel Ward, Bury's oldest citizen, passed away at St. Paul's Home, here, on Friday, December 27, 1991 in her 100th year.

Miss Ward was born in Bury on July 26, 1892, daughter of the late Charles Henry Ward and his wife, the late Eunice Ann Paquet. She spent practically her whole life in the old home, (built by her grandfather George P. Ward), where she was born. She received her education at the Bury Model School.

She had taught school a total of thirty-four years in several one-room country schools: Bown, 1 yr.; Gould Station, 3 yrs.; Moe's River, 1 yr.; Ives Hill, 1 yr.; Canterbury, 1 yr.; Bown, 1 yr. (2nd time); St. Elie d'Orford, 1 yr.; Ames, 1 yr.; Kingsbury, 5 yrs. and Bury High School for 18 years. She retired in 1948.

Upon retirement, Miss Ward cared for her elderly mother until her death in October 1953, then continued to share the parental home with her brother Ronald, until just prior to his death in February 1989. At this time she entered the Chapman Home and St. Paul's Home in October 1991.

Miss Ward loved to visit, and often with the able assistance of her brother Ronald, would relate many interesting stories of life in Bury in by-gone days. They were both blessed with

keen memories until the very end. A wealth of history has been lost to posterity. Miss Ward also taught in St. Paul's Sunday School.

The funeral service was held on Monday morning, December 30 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, the Rev. Blair Ross officiating, Mrs. Laurel James presided at the organ. An augmented choir led in the singing of favorite hymns and the Nunc Dimittis as the casket was borne from the church.

The bearers were Peter and Bruce Bennett, great-nephews, Andy Gallichon (Sandra Bennett) and Bordon McLachlan (Joyce Dunsmore), great-nephews by marriage, Rosaire Roy and Denis Chapman. Burial will take place in the family lot at the Bury Cemetery in the spring.

Besides her parents: father in 1946 (95 yrs. - 1 month) and mother in 1953 (91 yrs.), she was predeceased by four half-sisters: Gertrude (Mrs. Ross Soward), Lottie, Bernice (Mrs. George Bennett), and Persis (Mrs. Ralph Farley); four brothers, George, Reginald (1947), Ronald (February 1989) and Arthur (December 1989).

Miss Ward is survived by her youngest sister, Merle (Mrs. Cecil Dunsmore), Vancouver, B.C., sister-in-law, Ruth (Mrs. Arthur Ward), Bury, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, also many other relatives and friends.

Birth

WRIGHT — David Wright and Tracey Beute are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their son, Daniel Harrison Harm Wright, born January 23, 3:25 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. Grandson for Don and Elizabeth Wright and nephew of Don and Mary Garfat.

Card of Thanks

HARTLEY — We wish to express our sincere and grateful thanks to Drs. Paulette and Cote, the second floor nursing staff and I.C.U. of the Sherbrooke Hospital for their excellent care and support given to our dear wife, mother and grandmother, Isabel Hartley. Our heartfelt thanks to Marie Brodeur, Palliative Care Unit of the Sherbrooke Hospital, for all her time and energy spent in providing us with the equipment we needed to care for Isabel at home. To Marsha Schwartz and her many volunteers for their time and loving support given to our entire family. Thank you to Dr. Bouchard, our family doctor, and Joanne Britton of the CLSC for their many visits to our home to assist us in caring for Isabel. Without the help of all these loving, caring people we never could have kept our wife and mother at home. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our relatives, friends and neighbours for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of Isabel. For cards, phone calls, visits, food brought in, flowers and donations to the Sherbrooke Hospital. Thank you to Cass Funeral Home for their excellent arrangements and to Rev. Deborah Laing for her beautiful service. Isabel's fight with cancer was short lived but hard fought. She was a brave, courageous and loving lady who will be dearly missed. God bless you all!

ROLAND (husband)
SANDY & JOHN
NANCY & DON
(daughters & sons-in-law)
KIM & SARAH
(grandchildren)

Bishopton

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The Christmas Club met with Mrs. Bernice Clarke on Tuesday evening with nine members present. The evening was spent playing games. Mrs. Irene Harrison won at Mille Bornes and Mrs. Madelyn Betts at Yahtzee. Mrs. Reta Downes claimed the prize for the marked saucer. Lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting with Mrs. Dorine Davis on February 11.

Friends of Mrs. Vera Willard are sorry she is not gaining as fast as could be wished. She is still a patient in the Sherbrooke Hospital, Room 216. All wish her better health soon.

Mr. Roy Harrison is not gaining and still remains a bed patient at his home since his return from hospital last July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harrison were supper guests of Miss Irene Harrison. Later in the evening Lloyd visited Raymond Downes while Irene attended the Christmas Club.

Friends of Mr. Gordon MacAulay are sorry to learn he suffered a severe fall on the ice on January 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Joyce were in Bury to attend the funeral of Mr. George Coates.



A New Spirit of Giving

Deaths

JACKSON, Gertrude (Coffin) — At the Sherbrooke Hospital, Sherbrooke, Que. on February 4, 1992 in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Jackson. Dear mother of the late Douglas Jackson, mother-in-law of Dorothy Jackson. Survived by grandsons Peter and Ian, also 3 great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Courtney and Tyler Douglas. Cremation. A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 7 at 2 p.m. at the Cass Funeral Home, 39 Dufferin Rd., Stanstead, Que., the Rev. Ralph Rogers officiating. In her memory donations may be made to the White House Residence, 1 Dufferin Rd., Stanstead, Que., J0B 3E0, would be greatly appreciated by the family.

KNOWLES, Eleanor-Anne — Suddenly at age 36, Eleanor-Anne Knowles, daughter of Ralph and Mary Knowles of Milton, Ont. She leaves to mourn her friends, Alexandre Hebert, Robert Lewis, Stacie Badger, Dr. Cecil Haver, Alfie Marsh, also many relatives and friends. A memorial service will be held in St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University, Lennoxville at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 1992.

In Memoriam

DEZAN, Annie — In memory of my dear mother who passed away on February 5, 1991. Always remembered and sadly missed by

VIOLET (daughter)
IDA (daughter)
BERNARD (son-in-law)
MAURICE (son)
JAN (daughter-in-law)

Card of Thanks

KERR — The family of the late Duncan Kerr wish to express their sincere appreciation to all who were so patient, kind and thoughtful during his long illness and for the many expressions of sympathy at the time of his death. We would like to thank the Wales Home staff, the nurses and doctors at Sherbrooke Hospital, especially to Marie Brodeur, Palliative Care nurse, for all her support and kindness to Dad and to us. For the delicious food, flowers, cards, donations in his memory and to those who came to the funeral home and attended the funeral. We also would like to thank funeral director Harold Willey, Rev. Scott Emery, the organist, the choir and Presbyterian Church Ladies for the delicious lunch served following the funeral. May God bless you all.

THE FAMILY

Sincere thanks to the Musicians and Cloggers who participated and helped to make the Jamboree, held at the Army, Navy & Air Force, Unit 318, Lennoxville on Sunday, January 19, such a success.

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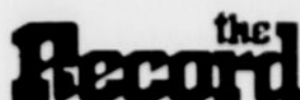
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Sports



Vikings defeat Crusaders again Mousquiri continues

By Larry Roman

SHERBROOKE — Same place, different time, similar outcome.

The Massey-Vanier Vikings edged the Bishop's College School Crusaders 4-2 in Eastern Townships Interscholastic Athletic Conference hockey action at the BCS arena Wednesday afternoon.

The Vikings shut out the Crusaders 9-0 five days earlier in the same arena.

The win was the seventh straight for Massey-Vanier, and raises their ETIAC record to 7-1. The Crusaders fall to 2-6.

Massey-Vanier got strong goaltending in the victories by two different Patricks. Pat Sherrer got the win Wednesday while Pat Robson shutout the Crusaders Friday.

Crusader head coach Al MacDonald said both Sherrer and BCS netminder Sebastien Lafaille played well.

"Both teams had other scoring chances, but both goaltenders were great," MacDonald said.

The Crusaders took a 1-0 lead in the second period, but the Vikings came back with two goals to take the lead. BCS added another to tie it again before the end of the second. The Vikings scored two in the final period to notch the victory.

SOME HARDSHIP

Viking head coach Kim Glover said Wednesday's win

came with some hardship. There were two reasons the score wasn't as lopsided as it was five days earlier, he said.

"They played a real good checking game," Glover said of the Crusaders.

The second reason he cited was different lines.

"I'm going to be losing four players," Glover said, and he had to change some of the lines around.

First-line right winger Scott Neil, second-line centre Andy Marshall, fourth-line forward and part-time defenceman Matt Greer and semi-starter Shawn Hadlock didn't meet academic requirements to

stay on the team.

"Once again the academic business is hitting me hard," Glover said.

In the first two periods, Glover tried players who hadn't played together on the same lines. Because they weren't used to each other's playing style, the team wasn't as effective, Glover said.

But in the third period, the Vikings changed back to their old lines and broke the 2-2 tie to win.

Glover was quick to give the Crusaders credit. He said BCS played a good, tight checking game, well suited to their smaller arena.

MacDonald said he was pleased

with the Crusaders performance this time around. He said the team had a few mental lapses, but played well.

"Now they realize they can compete with other teams," he said.

Chris Williams and John Doherty scored for the Crusaders. The Vikings were victorious 9-1 at home against the Stansstead Spartans Tuesday. Sherrer was in nets for Massey-Vanier.

The Crusaders' next match is against the Spartans next Wednesday. The Vikings also play Wednesday as they meet the Alexander Galt Pipers in Lennoxville.

SHERBROOKE (LSR) — The *Tournoi National Atome Mousquiri de Richmond*, which began its 29th edition Tuesday, continued with four exciting games Wednesday.

In Class C, the home town Richmond Islanders shutout the Asbestos Lougamis 2-0. The Yamaska-Missisquoi Vics took an overtime period to get by the Richelieu Express 2-1 in Class AA.

In Class Invitational CC, the Repentigny Olympiques squeaked by the Asbestos-Warwick Eagles 3-2. In the only lopsided game of the day, the Caravelles of l'Erable defeated the St. Eustache Patriotes 6-2 in Class CC action.

The tournament continues Thursday with four more games. In Class C there are two matches. Pharmacie Lavigueur Acton meet Caisse Pop.



of Coaticook and R. Bolduc of Drummondville faceoff against the hometown Richmond Olympiques.

In Class AA there are also two games. The Laval Senateurs meet Sherbrooke Metro (FWS) and the Drummondville JRD meet the Bois-Francis Cascades.

In all, 47 different teams are competing for trophies in five classes: Class AA, BB, CC, C and Invitation CC. The tournament runs until Feb. 16, when all five final matches will be played.

Rocket giving out advise

TORONTO (CP) — At the tender age of 22, Raghib (Rocket) Ismail finds himself cast in the role of wise old sage on the campus of Notre Dame.

"It's funny but now everybody's coming up to me like I'm an old man or something," Ismail said during a telephone conference call from South Bend, Ind. "They're coming up to me for advice about things and it's like, 'I'm just 22, dude, it's the same old me.'"

But a lot has changed since Ismail left the school as a freshman a year ago. He's earned more than \$4 million of

a four-year, \$18-million contract; he's lived for half a year in a foreign land; he's won the national championship of a football league few Americans know or care about after spurning the NFL.

It's that experience that has shoved the college senior and multi-millionaire wide receiver into the role of adviser.

Desmond Howard, the Heisman Trophy winner from Michigan who's giving up his final year of college to play pro football; several members of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish team who were teammates in

1990 and his brother, Qadry, have all received some words of wisdom.

"The advice is always the same: Football's business, get the best deal you can and do what's best for you."

Howard's CFL rights are held by the Calgary Stampeders and new owner Larry Ryckman says he'll actively pursue the wide receiver. Ismail, who knows Howard through the Michigan star's conversations with Quadry Ismail, a Syracuse University star, tells his buddy to get the most for his services.

Browning should be near 100 per cent

By Neil Stevens

ALBERTVILLE, France (CP) — It's great news for Canada's Olympic team: Kurt Browning's back problems are history.

The three-time world figure skating champion arrived in the Alps late Wednesday from Edmonton declaring himself physically fit and eager to get to the practice rink.

"I've been doing my long-program run-throughs without even thinking about my back so I'd have to say I'll be 95 to 100 per cent ready" when the men's singles event begins one week from today, Browning said.

"It's as good as I ever could have hoped, especially when three months ago I wouldn't have thought I'd be here at all."

Browning suffered a slipped disc in his lower back last November, was forced off skates for six weeks and had to skip the Canadian championships last month in Moncton, N.B.

"I've been doing a lot of skating lately, picking up the pace to get ready for this," he said.

No Canadian has ever won the men's singles gold Olympic medal. Browning, now that fears of a recurrence of the back problem have been dispelled, stands a great chance of becoming the first.

PROBLEMS SOLVED

There was also good news from Michael Slipchuk, Browning's Edmonton Royal Glenora clubmate who won the Canadian title in Browning's absence, and Elvis Stojko of Richmond Hill, Ont., who was second to Slipchuk in Moncton.

Slipchuk says nose bleeds that bothered him in Moncton have cleared up, and Stojko says a stress fracture in his left foot is healing and hasn't hampered his training schedule. Felt insoles in his skate boots have all but eliminated the pain Stojko was experiencing in twist movements.

"The inserts have really helped," said Stojko. "I won't be 100 per cent for a few weeks but I've been skating well lately."

The 16th Winter Olympic Games open Saturday. Browning says he's happy to be on site.

"This is a lot more relaxing than it was back home," he said. "Everywhere I went, it was: 'Gold medal this, gold medal that.' Every day at the Glenora, 50 or 60 people would be talking to me about the Olympics. People were banging on my car windows at stop lights. TV cameras followed us onto the plane. Now, we're finally here and we can melt into the Olympic village."

Browning said he won't try

his patented quadruple toe loop at the Olympics.

"I haven't had time to put it back together."

Coach Michael Jiranek said he and Browning have worked

slowly during the last month to return to top form.

"Right now, we're going at things normally," said Jiranek. "I'm not worrying about anything going wrong now."

Canada's Olympians will dress in purple

ANNECY, France (CP) — Sorry Canada. Red and white is passe.

When Canada's finest parade into Albertville for the Olympic Games' opening ceremonies Saturday, the team will be positively purple.

Gone are the red jackets and white cowboy hats of Calgary four years ago.

This year, Canadian athletes will sport a psychedelic purple motif from nearly head to toe, the Owen Sound Sun-Times said in a story from Anancy.

Although it is a guarded secret among Canadian Olympic officials here, word is the team will be decked out in long white coats for the ceremonies.

The light-weight dress coat features a large purple patch on the back, with a 30-centimetre reflective maple leaf superimposed on the

patch. "I don't even buy my own shirts. So maybe I'm not the person to ask," said Canadian speedskating coach Jack Walters. "But the suits look good to me."

The opening ceremonies' uniform will also feature a purple toque for men and a white imitation fur head band for women. Both men and women have been issued purple hiking boots.

"It's about 100 times better than the uniform we wore in Calgary," said alpine ski team member Lucie LaRoche of Lac Beauport. "I think it's one of the best team uniforms out there. We will definitely stand out in the crowd."

But why purple? "It's the hottest fashion color right now," said outfitting coordinator Mike Hines, adding "white and purple show up great on TV."

Scoreboard

NHL

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division

W	L	T	F	A	P	
Detroit	26	16	8	214	174	64
Chicago	24	20	10	175	161	58
St. Louis	22	22	9	182	184	53
Minnesota	22	24	4	164	176	48
Toronto	16	31	5	141	192	37

Smythe Division

Vancouver	30	14	8	196	149	68
Winnipeg	22	22	11	169	165	55
Los Ang	20	21	11	182	195	51
Calgary	21	24	7	194	187	49
Edmonton	21	26	7	196	206	49
San Jose	12	37	4	135	233	28

WALES CONFERENCE

Adams Division

Montreal	32	19	4	174	133	68
Boston	26	19	8	184	176	60
Buffalo	21	22	10	192	189	52
Hartford	15	26	8	151	175	38
Quebec	12	33	6	155	212	30

Patrick Division

Rangers	34	17	2	206	168	70
Washington	30	18	4	222	176	64
New Jersey	26	17	7	194	156	59
Pittsburgh	26	20	6	229	200	58
Islanders	20	24	7	196	206	47
Phila	17	25	10	152	179	44

Tuesday Results

Vancouver 5 Montreal 3

Boston 3 Winnipeg 3

NY Islanders 2 Los Angeles 1

San Jose 6 Hartford 5

Buffalo 7 Washington 3

New Jersey 3 Philadelphia 1

SCORING LEADERS

Unofficial NHL scoring leaders after Tuesday games

G	A	P	
Stevens, Pgh	36	47	83
Lemieux, Pgh	29	51	80
Hull, STL	29	52	79
Gretzky, LA	20	52	72
Messier, NYR	23	45	68
Housley, Wpg	20	48	68
Yzerman, Det	29	38	67
Oates, STL	10	56	66
Roenick, Chi	38	27	65
Hawerchuk, Buf	15	49	64
Leetch, NYR	12	52	64
Recchi, Pgh	31	32	63
Robitaille, LA	24	39	63
Mullen, Pgh	29	32	62
Fedorov, Det	20	41	61
Burridge, Wash	19	42	61
LaFontaine, Buf	30	30	60
Turgeon, NYI	25	35	60
Linden, Vcr	22	38	60
Coffey, Pgh	9	51	60
Bourque, Bos	14	45	59
Damphousse, Ed	27	31	58
Sakic, Que	18	40	58
Andrychuk, Buf	29	31	57
Gilmour, Tor	16	41	57

HOCKEY

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	F	A	P	
Fredrick	26	20	8	205	182	60
St. John's	25	22	9	227	200	59
Halifax	18	24	13	174	219	49
CalBretton	20	21	7	197	199	47
Moncton	19	26	7	179	197	45

Northern Division

Springfield	25	21	7	193	186	57
Capital D	23	19	8	172	174	54
Adirondack	25	25	2	214	208	52
New Haven	20	24	3	165	178	43
Maine	17	28	7	174	211	41

Southern Division

Binghamton	27	14	8	200	164	62
Utica	23	24	5	181	214	51
Rochester	21	20	9	177	163	51
Baltimore	22	21	6	186	174	50
Hershey	20	22	9	186	197	49

Tuesday's Result

Halifax 5 Moncton 2

Wednesday's Games

Cape Breton at Halifax

Fredrickton at Hershey

Utica at Capital Dist

Maine at New Haven

No games scheduled

Friday's Games

Halifax at Cape Breton

Fredrickton at Baltimore

Capital Dist at Adirondack

Hershey at Binghamton

Utica at Rochester

New Haven at Springfield

SCORING LEADERS

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (CP) — AHL

statistical leaders released

Monday

G	A	P	
Perreault, STL	32	64	96
Tooley, Her	25	39	64
Parks, CD	25	38	63
Vankloster, CB	21	42	63
McKim, STL	28	32	60
Purves, Bal	27	32	59
Currie, CB	30	28	58
Lebeau, Fred	26	32	58
Wheeldon, Bal	27	30	57
Shuchuk, Ad	24	33	57
Anderson, NH	23	33	56
Hawgood, CB	14	41	55
Ciavaglia, Roch	17	36	53
Tancill, Ad	26	26	52
Evens, Sgg	9	43	52
Johnston, STL	21	30	51
Loach, Ad	21	30	51
McRae, Hfx	21	29	50

NBA

Atlantic Division

W. L. Pct. GBL

New York	29	16	644	—
Boston	27	18	600	2
Philadelphia	23	23	500	6 1/2

Miami

22 25 468 8

New Jersey

19 26 422 10

Washington

15 30 333 14

Orlando

