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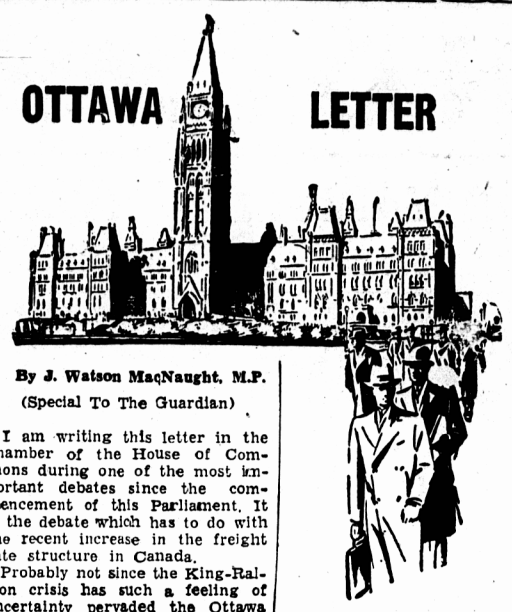

By J. Watson MacNaught, M.P.

(Special To The Guardian)

I am writing this letter in the chamber of the House of Commons during one of the most important debates since the commencement of this Parliament. It is the debate which has to do with the recent increase in the freight rate structure in Canada.

Probably not since the King-Ralston crisis has such a feeling of uncertainty pervaded the Ottawa atmosphere. The Press Gallery, which usually empties after the Orders of the Day are disposed of, is still full, indicating the interest they have in this debate. The honourable member from Greenwood, Denton Massey, is in his seat. I have noticed him in his seat on only two or three previous occasions during this session. The galleries are filled with eager spectators who are listening attentively to the proceedings.

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I may be interesting to recall just what precipitated this feeling of uncertainty. About three weeks ago demands were made by members of the various Opposition groups that a day be set aside for a debate on external affairs. The Prime Minister replied that, due to the pressure of more urgent business, it would not be possible to grant such a request at that time. About a week ago it was decided that a motion would be made to move the Department of External Affairs into Supply and that, when the first item in that Department's estimates was called, a full dress debate on external affairs would ensue. Accordingly, last Wednesday Mr. St. Laurent made the motion that the Speaker leave the chair to permit the House to go into Committee of Supply. The intention was that only one item would be called and that then the Committee would report progress. This would have permitted the Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of External Affairs and, since a general debate is permitted on the first item, this would have provided the opportunity for a debate on External Affairs. With this agreement the whole House seemed to be in entire accord.

The Rules of the House provide that on a motion for the House to go into Supply any member can raise any question of importance; since there are approximately twenty departments to be moved into Supply, ample opportunities are thus provided for the discussion of urgent matters. On this occasion, no sooner had the motion been made than Mr. Coldwell rose to discuss the freight rate question and, at the conclusion of his speech, moved an amendment that is a want of confidence motion. There is no doubt about this. If Mr. Coldwell's amendment carries, no supply can be voted and consequently the Government cannot carry on.

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As I said in the beginning, there is much speculation around Parliament Hill on the outcome of the vote on this amendment. Opinion seems to be that the amendment will be defeated with a substantial majority; but that the amendment which will likely be moved by the Progressive Conservatives may be more subtle and may unite all the Opposition groups and gain support from some Government members. I feel sure that the suggested amendment will gain the unanimous support of all the Opposition groups; but I doubt very much whether it will gain the support of more than one or two Government supporters.

Hasn't This Been Decided?

I think there is evidence already that the C. C. F. Party has lost some support from Labour because of their attacks on the increase It is obvious that, if the railways cannot get an increase in freight rates, then no increases in wages are possible.

The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Lionel Chevrier, has just concluded a closely reasoned speech on why the Government could not have followed any other course. To have followed some other course the Government would have had to substitute its own judgment for the judgment of the Board that had been appointed by Parliament to do this job.

I am sure that many will speak and that the debate will be an extended one. I feel confident, however, that, once the vote comes, the Government will be sustained.

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Sport Echoes from Prince County

Herb Schurman has been selected the new prexy of the Summerside Baseball League. Herb was the vice-president last year and helped a lot to make the season the success it was. Don Stewart, the retiring president, who refused re-nomination at the annual meeting, will not be lost to the management, as he has been elected to the executive in the role of past president. The new vice-president is Ralph Dodds who has taken a keen interest in both baseball and hockey for years. Ralph at one time headed the hockey organization in Summerside. John McNeill, who has done a fine job as secretary-treasurer, wanted to retire this year, but was persuaded to continue in office for another year.

It is confidently expected that the R.C.A.F. will field a much stronger ball team this year. True, they will lose their veteran second sacker, Harvey, who played a smooth game in the keystone position last year, improving afield and at bat as the seasoon progressed, but to offset this they have some smart youngsters who haven't been seen playing ball in Summerside. Freddie Foy, who made the All-Star hockey team this year, is reputed to be as versatile in baseball as he was in the winter sport. Rumor has is that he can play a smart infield game, can catch if needed, and in a pinch can take his turn on the mound. Caloren, a member of the Airforce hockey team, has done some pitching; LaChambre, recently posted in, has made a rep for himself on the baseball diamond, and there are several other newcomers who are expected to add punch to the Flyers' defence and attack. Harvey is leaving for Trenton, Ontario, shortly.

Standing of Summerside Community Bowling League: No. 1. Smallman's, 65; 2. Holman's, 60; Airforce No. 3, 58; Crystals, 51; Ink Spots, 47. Standing of first five teams in Ladies' League: 1. Happy Gang, 94; 2. Lucky Five, 81; 3. All Stars, 79; 4. Jolly Five, 64; Dodgers, 62.

There are only three players left in the "200 Club" in the Community League No. 2: Windy Clow 208; Leonard Gallant 204; Jerry Gaudet 201.

Regretfully we announce that Jimmie Hogan has resigned as Supervisor of the Kinsmen Juvenile sport program. Jimmie while with the boys did a first rate job and he will be missed. It is not known as yet whether a successor will be appointed.

We owe an apology to President Harold McIver of the Summerside Hockey League. We heard that the final hockey meeting was to be on Thursday of this week, and as we couldn't get in touch with Harold to verify the report we took a chance and published the unconfirmed rumor, which is a risky thing to do at any time, as Dame Rumor has no regard whatever for the true facts of a case. President McIver read the "Echoes" and thought somebody was calling a meeting over his head. It is not known as yet when the final meeting will be held.

Rumor has it, (there we go again) that Windy Steele will coach the Summerside Red Sox baseball team this year. We don't know what kind of a baseball coach Steele will make, but if he comes anywhere near his prowess as a hockey mentor he will do. He has a habit of bringing hockey teams home with the bacon. Last year he led the Moncton Hawks to a Maritime championship, and the Hawks without him couldn't repeat this year. In the season just finished Windy piloted Summerside to the first Island championship in nine years, and then to cap it all, brought his Dodgers of the Summerside League home in front in one of the most stunning upsets even seen in these parts. If he coaches the Red Sox the other teams better look out!

ST. RAPHAEL W. I.

Mrs. Emmanuel Arsenault entertained the members of St. Raphael Women's Institute for their regular meeting on April 6. Mrs. Toussaint Gallant presided and meeting opened by prayer; 14 members were present. Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed.

$19.85 were proceeds of bingo party held at school, and $25.00 from lottery of woollen rug, of which Alfreda Richard, St. Nicholas, was the winner.

Sick committee reported two sick persons visited and treated with fruits. School committee reported walls of school had been cleaned and looked very nice. Bills for same were presented and ordered, paid by motion. Correspondence was read and discussed. A blindfolded drawing contest was won by Mrs. Priscille Gallant and meeting adjourned.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Arsenault, and music during the social hour was furnished by Mrs. Donat A. Arsenault. Mrs. Hercules Arsenault invited the members to her home to finish the patchwork quilt. Wel.

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