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18 Shipwrecked Seamen Rescued From Rocky Ledge

Two Amendments In Combines Legislation Defeated In Commons

OTTAWA, Nov. 23 (CP) — A vote in the Commons today defeated two amendments to the Combines Bill. The amendments were proposed by the Opposition and would have allowed the Government to make public the names of the companies which had been investigated by the Competition Board. The amendments were defeated by a vote of 107 to 77.

Urges Renewal Of Pit Prop Buying

LONDON, Nov. 24 (Thursday) — (CP) — The Daily Express today launched an appeal to the Government to resume buying pit props from New Brunswick, the Province where the Express' Canadian-born publisher, Lord Beaverbrook, once made his home. Recalling a statement by Philip Lord, chairman of the Austin Motor Company, at a recent company meeting that while sales in the United States Canada is an open door for British exports, the paper commented: "If Austins have a sounder market in Canada than exists south of the border it is because of the British Empire and nothing else."

Move Amendment

Faced with the prospect of being confined within the limits of the specific points of the bill, the Conservatives moved an amendment. It proposed that while the Commons always is anxious to improve combines legislation, it should regret the "failure" of the Cabinet to comply with the law requiring publication of the combines report within 15 days. If this amendment had been allowed to remain, it would have had the effect of throwing open for debate the whole field of the combines controversy. The Speaker, however, ruled it out of order, contending that the amendment was not relevant to the bill under discussion. Extended debate on whether the amendment was in order preceded.

Coming Events

- All your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Regular Dance at Skyline, New London, each Friday night.
- Show—Morell, every Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, 8.00 P. M.
- Coop Meeting Cove Head Community Hall, Friday, November 25th.
- Reserve Wednesday, December 14th for Zion Candlelight Service.
- Pie Social and Dance in Brookvale School Friday, Nov. 25.
- Dance, Glenroy, November 26th. Burke's Orchestra, Door prize.
- Now buying Timothy Seed, Cleaned or Uncleaned, McGaughey & Boyle.
- Rummage sale, Market Building, Thursday, Nov. 24th, 3 p.m. West Royalty W. I.
- Dance, Mt. Stewart Legion Hall every Thursday night. Music by Burke's.
- Dance, Whim Road, Thursday, November 24th. Cliff Lilly's Orchestra.
- Film Showing, Mt. Mellick School, November 25th, 8 o'clock. Lunches.
- Show, "It Ain't Hay" starring Abbott and Costello in New Glasgow tonight at 8.30.
- Marshfield Girl Guides Cake Sale, Saturday, November 26th, at Moore & McLeod.
- Annual Meeting Memorial Lodge, Friday night. Election of Officers.
- Rummage Sale, Holy Name Hall, Saturday, December 3rd, St. Charles Auxiliary.
- Bean Supper, Central Royalty School, November 25th, in aid of Institute.
- A meeting will be held in Covehead—Stanhope Community Hall, November 25th, to decide on raising funds for Hall.
- In stock two cars Brantford shingles, all grades at special prices. Also arriving this week car of cement, P. J. Noy & Co.

Harcourt Kent Total Loss In Roaring Storm

By RUPERT JACKSON
(Canadian Press Correspondent)

ST. SHOTT'S, Nfld., Nov. 23 (CP) — Eighteen seamen were safe at this south coast Newfoundland village tonight after being rescued from a wave-washed cliff by rope as their vessel was pounded to pieces on the rocky shore. Crew members of the 107-ft motor ship Harcourt Kent abandoned the craft last night after she rammed aground at Mt. Rock, two miles west of here, during a roaring wind and snow storm. St. Shott's is near the southwestern tip of Newfoundland.

3 Provinces Critical Of Highway Proposals

OTTAWA, Nov. 23 (CP) — At least three Provinces have criticized the Federal Government's proposed agreement covering construction of the Trans-Canada Highway. The provinces of Quebec, Alberta and New Brunswick have requested changes in the agreement which Reconstruction Minister Winters sent out to the Provinces two months ago. Their views were contained in additional Trans-Canada Highway correspondence tabled today in the Commons. This correspondence showed no replies from other Provinces concerning the agreement. Correspondence with four other Provinces—Newfoundland, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Prince Edward Island — merely gave approval to table the exchange of letters previously made public. Mr. Winters said he has written to the Highways Ministers of Nova Scotia, Manitoba and British Columbia asking if highway correspondence exchanged with them could be tabled.

Judging Of Standard Silver Foxes Yesterday

Judging of standard silver foxes at the 19th annual live fox show, Exhibition Grounds, got underway shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning and continued until 4.30 when the fading light caused a halt in one of the most interesting day's competitions among fox ranchers witnessed in years. Surprisingly large classes, ranging to 26 and 29 entries, kept Judge George A. Callbeck a mighty busy man. With the exception of the dinner hour, there were only a few minutes interval between classes. Spectators were quite numerous, considering the difficult roads. Some were from long distances, all familiar faces to most of those present and several of them breeders of foxes in the days when the industry was at the height of its boom.

Claims U. S. Has Baby Atom Bomb

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP) — The London Daily Mail reports today that the United States "has developed a 'baby atom bomb' for tactical use in support of troops." The report comes from a source in Fontainebleau, France. No source is cited for the report. "This bomb, which could be dropped by close-support aircraft against tanks and infantry causing widespread devastation is a major step in strengthening the defence of Western Europe," the account says. It gives no information on how an armed force using the bomb could protect its own troops from deadly radiation.

Move To Put Steel Teeth In Atlantic Pact

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP) — The move to put teeth of steel into the North Atlantic Treaty began today in London. Defence Ministers of the five Brussels Treaty countries met to plan integration of their own military establishments into the broader defence scheme of the 12-country agreement. Behind well-guarded doors the Ministers of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg debated how far they can go in pooling their defenses with those of the other North Atlantic Pact countries. They will report their decisions Dec. 1 to a full conference of North Atlantic Defence Ministers in Paris. Military sources said there is some dissatisfaction with the slow progress made in converting the North Atlantic defences from a line on paper to one of men and steel backed by the billion-dollar military assistance grant of the United States. British leaders have advocated gradual absorption of the Brussels Treaty defences into the Atlantic Pact set-up. They have received strong support from American officials. But some of the continental members—especially France—have balked at the members' content that the 20-year North Atlantic treaty does not offer the same guarantees against aggression as does the 50-year Brussels Pact. Some sources say that continental members of the Atlantic Pact want to commit the United States to send ground troops into action if Western Europe is attacked.

N. B. By-election Called For Jan. 9

FREDERICTON, Nov. 24 (Thursday) — (CP) — A provincial by-election in Charlotte County Jan. 9 has been called by the Governor-in-Council, it was learned early today. Nomination day will be Dec. 26. The seat — one of four in the County — was left vacant by appointment of Hon. J. J. Hayes Doone, provincial secretary-treasurer, to the Senate last June. Present standing in the New Brunswick Legislature is: Liberals 46, Progressive Conservatives five, vacant one.

Small Industries Reported Hard-hit By Confederation

OTTAWA, Nov. 23 (CP) — Claiming Newfoundland has been shortchanged under Confederation, secondary industry of the Province today asked the Royal Commission on Transportation for a new and lower freight-rate structure for both rail and sea traffic. The Associated Newfoundland Industries, in a brief to the Commission, also called for subsidization of steamship rates along the lines of the Maritime Freight Rates Act, which gives 20-per-cent reduction on some freight hauls in the Maritimes and Newfoundland. J.B. McEvoy of St. John's, A.N.I. counsel and one of the Island's "Fathers of Confederation," told the Commission that only one-tenth of Newfoundland's transportation problem could be solved by the Board of Transport Commissioners under an Island Government application for reduced rail freight rates. In this application, the Government seeks to have Newfoundland's whole rail-rate structure eliminated and replaced by one at the same level as the Maritimes. Mr. McEvoy declared 90 per cent of Newfoundland's inbound freight came by sea, and it was chiefly on this traffic that the Island needed relief. (The Canadian National Railway's passengers-freight steamship link between North Sydney, N.S., and Port aux Basques, Nfld., is treated as part of a rail haul for rate-making. Privately operated steamships carry the bulk of Newfoundland's inbound freight from Halifax, Saint John, N.B., and Montreal.)

Gov't Asked Flour Millers For Portion Of Excess Profits

OTTAWA, Nov. 23 (CP) — Flour millers were asked to refund some of their excess profits to the Government during the war. Donald Gordon, wartime Prices Board chairman, suggested this move as a means to counter any possible criticism that the millers were making excess profits at the Government's expense. Evidence of this was contained in a two-page document tabled in the Commons today, along with other memoranda which disclosed that the Government had not intended to prosecute industry for wartime practices undertaken at the Prices Board's request. The documents were tabled by Justice Minister Garson as he defended the 10-month delay in tabling the combines investigation report on alleged price-fixing in the flour-milling industry. The delay brought the resignation of F. A. McGreggor, combines investigation chief.

Sask. Offers To Give Up Trucking Authority

OTTAWA, Nov. 23 (CP) — Saskatchewan today offered to yield to a Federal agency control over commercial trucking rates as a move for uniform regulation of highway transport. In making this proposal to the Royal Commission on Transportation, the C.C.F. Cabinet thus became the first Provincial Government offering to give up highway authority vested constitutionally in the Provinces. The Prairie Province stipulated enough control should remain in provincial hands to protect provincial highways and the revenues from them, but it said it now was willing to hand over trucking jurisdiction to the Dominion's Board of Transport Commissioners. At the same time, it urged that the board assume control over international trucking, about which there is considerable legal conflict on whether the Dominion has jurisdiction. The Federal Government never has assumed such control. In a 70,000-word brief the Saskatchewan Government also urged the use of Federal subsidies to finance reductions in freight rates on rail traffic moving into and out of the Prairie Provinces. It reiterated, too, an earlier proposal for a study of the possible contribution which public ownership of all railways might make to the solution of Canada's transportation problem, though it said unification does not appear to be an issue now. Though railway socialization is part of the C.C.F.'s national program, the Saskatchewan proposal did not go as far as that of the Liberal Prince Edward Island Government before the Commission. F. E. I. called for outright amalgamation with public ownership.

U. K. Unions Decide To Back Wage Standstill

LONDON, Nov. 23 (CP) — Leaders of Britain's trade union movement decided today to recommend a virtual wage standstill for 8,000,000 organized workers. By almost unanimous vote, the general council of the Trades Union Congress approved a statement urging its 187 affiliated unions to exercise "even greater restraint" in demands for wage increases. The pronouncement made it clear that the T.U.C. leadership intends to go along with the Government on measures necessary to meet "new and important problems" caused by devaluation of the pound. The 33-member Council said the "opportunities to be derived from devaluation must not be wasted. In urging "rigorous" restraints on wages, it indicated that unions with sliding-scale agreements will be urged to stabilize such contracts for about 12 months. As things now stand, these agreements guarantee workers more money for every rise in the cost-of-living index. Two large groups of unions holding such contracts represent the building workers and those engaged in the iron and steel industry. The steel workers have announced their readiness to waive claims for the time being, but no word has yet come from the builders.

NO POSTS FOR TEACHERS

LONDON, Nov. 23 (CP) — More than 200,000 teachers in Britain's state schools were told tonight there is no hope at present for the salary increases they have been demanding since last July. The Burnham committee, which sets salary scales for state-run schools, admitted there is "merit" in the teachers' case. But, it said, it could recommend no increase at present because of the economic state of the country and recent hold-the-wage-line appeals by the Government. The National Union of Teachers initiated a claim for a £150 annual increase last July declaring that many teachers are getting even less than the national average minimum of £7 a week. The present scales range from £300 a year for men and £270 a year for women, less five per cent for super-annuation.

Field Marshal Slim En Route To Ottawa

MONTREAL, Nov. 23 (CP) — Field Marshal Sir William Slim, chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived in Montreal by air today from the United Kingdom for a one-day visit in Montreal before going to Ottawa for defence talks.

Poultrymen Urge Egg Floor Price

OTTAWA, Nov. 23 (CP) — A "disastrous slump" in market prices will occur if Canada does not obtain a renewal of her egg contract with the United Kingdom, spokesmen for Canadian poultry producers said today. C. P. Luffman, chairman of the Canadian Poultry Council, and C. G. Groff of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, urged adoption of Government floor prices for eggs if a new egg contract with Britain is not obtained. The views of the poultry producers were presented at a meeting with A.M. Shaw, chairman of the Agriculture Department Prices Support Board. The producers' representatives said later that Mr. Shaw promised "full consideration."

Draws Jail Sentence For Death of Author

ATLANTA, Nov. 23 (AP) — Hugh D. Gravitt, taxi driver convicted of involuntary manslaughter for the traffic death of Margaret Mitchell, today was sentenced to 12 to 18 months in jail. Gravitt was convicted last Wednesday by a jury that recommended a sentence of not less than one year or more than 18 months. The author of "Gone With the Wind" was struck and fatally injured by Gravitt's car on the night of Aug. 11.

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Criticizes Russia For Small U. N. Contribution

OTTAWA, Nov. 23 (CP) — A Government spokesman cracked out at Russia today for boasting of her progress and at the same time failing to pay a fair share of the budget of the United Nations. A. D. P. Henney, Undersecretary of State for External Affairs, told a Commons committee Russia pays 6.34 per cent of the budget as compared to 3.20 paid by Canada, 39.79 by the United States and 11.37 by the United Kingdom. He said the Government "is convinced we are paying more than our reasonable and equitable share." He gave the statement in answer to questions by Gordon Graydon (PC-Peel) who promptly commented that "reasonably high percentage of the assessment should be charged to Russia to put the onus on her to prove it too high... she can't blow hot and cold on this business."

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First President Of Winter Fair Passes

W. A. Dryden, 69, the first president and one of the founders of the Royal Winter Fair, died recently, at his home, Maple Shade Farm, near Brooklyn, Ont., after a prolonged illness, which had confined him to his bed since September and forced him to miss the fair for the first time. Although Mr. Dryden had been president of the fair in 1921 and 1922, it wasn't until 1926 he became general manager. He had also been an exhibitor in the fair, and the short-horn cattle he raised on his farm won many awards.

Claims Overcharged

Mr. McEvoy, one of the negotiators and signers of this year's confederation pact, contended in his brief and in argument before the Commission today that sections of the union terms were not being implemented by Canada. As a result, he said, "overcharges" to the Island in rail freight alone were estimated at \$1,025,000 a year. This did not take into account rates on the far greater volume of ocean freight, which now were largely governed by the market rate level. Any "overcharges" in rail rates were reflected in steamship charges, he said.

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TORONTO, Nov. 23 (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 49, 33; Edmonton 31, 47; Regina 16, 24; Winnipeg 14, 16; Toronto 35, 40; Ottawa 13, 34; Montreal 17, 34; Quebec 8, 27; Saint John 13, 44; Moncton 9, 34; Halifax 25, 43; Charlottetown 18, 36; Sydney 27, 30; Yarmouth 27, 44; St. John's 36, 39.

HALIFAX, Nov. 23 (CP) —

Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax: Synopsis: Wednesday evening snow was spreading into the northwestern regions and there was rain in the southwestern part of the district. The disturbance moving eastward across Quebec that was causing the precipitation was also causing southerly winds to bring milder air into the Maritimes. Temperatures rose during the evening and can be expected to rise further during the night in many places. Cold air from the northwest will push into the district behind the disturbance. This will result in falling temperatures and snow-flurries Thursday. Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Thursday: Prince Edward Island — Cloudy with snowflurries Thursday. Turning colder Thursday. Winds shifting to northwest 20 gusty. Early morning and mid-afternoon temperatures at Charlottetown 40 and 30.

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