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Two Dwellings Destroyed By Fire, Third Damaged

Colonial Air Lines Silent At Hearing

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 — (CP) — Colonial Air Lines of New York pleaded today that a United States law, the Logan Act, makes it impossible for it to defend itself on a "show cause" order by Canada's Air Transport Board. But the board declined to adjourn its hearing on this point and went ahead.

At stake in the hearing is Colonial's 20-year right to provide an exclusive direct air service between New York and Montreal.

Before adjournment of a two-hour session, Colonial's three legal counsel argued that the Logan Act "renders null" any U.S. "citizenry" in this case. Colonial—on official disputes between the U. S. government and any other.

He held that such a dispute exists between Canada and the U.S. over the case in question and said they could not speak in Colonial's defence "until the (U.S.) ambassador speaks first."

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- York Point School concert, December 21.
- School concert Morell East, December 22 at 8 p.m.
- Anglo-Rustico Christmas Concert, December 21st.
- North Millon School Concert in School, December 19th.
- Discontinued buying timothy seed until further notice. McEgan and Boyle.
- Unloading today and tomorrow, car of oil cake, Wiltshire Dairying Co.
- New Wiltshire district Scarit Chapter, Brookfield hall, Dec. 14, 8.30.
- Unloading car of flour and feed. At Colville, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. Cecil Stewart.
- Women's Institute Dance and sale of Luncheon in Wiltshire Hall on Tuesday, December 13th.
- Christmas Concert in French River Hall, December 21st, beginning 8.30 P. M.
- Reserve December 29th for Hot Chicken Supper in Uigg School Hall.
- Bradabane tonight at 8.30. "Lumberjack" with William Boyd as "Hopalong Cassidy."
- Christmas Concert, Johnston's River School, Friday, December 18th.
- Booking for car Hog Grower to arrive this week. Stock up now for winter. W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.
- A story of a horse, "Black Eagle" plus short plus serial at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight.
- Come to Hot Chicken Supper in Sea View Hall, Tuesday evening, December 13th, in aid of Rink.
- L. O. B. A. Concert and Box Social, Crapaud Hall, Wednesday, December 14th.
- Institute dance and sale of luncheon, Wiltshire Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 13, Jimmy MacDonald's Orchestra.
- Meeting of Cornwall Junior Farmers December 19th, at 8.30. Films will be shown. Everyone welcome.
- Notice—All Bank accounts unplaced on December 31st, will be collected. O. H. Hicken & Son, Sturgeon.
- Buying dressed chicken, fowl, ducks and geese at our store Thursday, December 15th. Highest market prices. Contact us before selling elsewhere. Vernon River Co-operative.

Youthful Gunmen Get \$800 From Bank

ORMSTOWN, Que., Dec. 12 — (CP)—Two young gunmen today held up the Ormstown branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and escaped with \$800 in a taxi commandeered at gunpoint.

The bandits released taxi-driver William Hooker near Anderson's Corners where they fled from the car into a wooded area. Hooker returned to Ormstown, about 10 miles from the New York State border, and organized a posse.

Roy Urquhart, accountant and assistant manager, said the men, about 20 or 21 years old, entered the bank flourishing revolvers. Teller Raymond Laroche was ordered to "hand it over and be quick about it."

On leaving the bank the men jumped into the taxi, parked nearby, and ordered Hooker to drive them away. The wooded area where the men left the car is surrounded by farms. Reports said the farmers stood watch over their properties, waiting for the posse to move in.

The house was a large wooden structure and was the old homestead, formerly owned by the late David Cameron. Mr. Cameron lost his entire potato crop, which was stored in the cellar of the house. It is understood that there was a small amount of insurance on the residence.—S.

At Montrose
The dwelling of Fulton Gordon, Montrose, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The outbreak was discovered about 8.30. The Alberton Fire Department responded but by the time they arrived nothing could be done to save the building. Neighbors also gathered to render assistance, but the only thing they could do was save a few articles from the ground floor.

At Mt. Stewart
A practically new house owned by Mr. James Afleck, Mount Stewart, was almost completely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The origin of the fire, thought to have started inside the dwelling, was not determined. Time of the outbreak was about 4 o'clock.

Most of the furniture in the building was lost. The roof and upstairs of the house were completely burnt and only the lower part of the frame was left standing. The sustained efforts of the Mount Stewart Fire Department saved this part of the dwelling. One engine and its crew from the Charlottetown Fire Department took to the scene but the fire was extinguished before their arrival.

UNDECIDED ABOUT FAIR
OTTAWA, Dec. 12 — (CP)—Trade Minister Howe said Saturday he hasn't satisfied himself yet whether it's a good idea or not to hold an international trade fair in Canada. It's hard to tell how much good such events do, he told the Commons, but the Government is backing the fair in Toronto for one more year anyway.

Sub-Zero Weather In Wake of Prairie Storm

WINNIPEG, Dec. 12 — (CP)—Winter landed a sub-zero wallop today on residents in the 1,300-mile stretch between British Columbia and the top of the Great Lakes.

The weather man said no break in the cold is in sight. He predicted that Prince Albert, Sask., where the mercury is expected to dip to 35 degrees below zero, would be one of the West's "cold" spots tonight. Saskatchewan isn't expected to fare much better. Its predicted low for tonight is 30 below.

A snowstorm, which struck mainly at Southern Manitoba yesterday, receded towards South-eastern Hudson Bay today after slipping at Northwestern Ontario. The weather was held responsible for one death at Fort Frances, Ont., where a girl died from head injuries suffered in a spill while walking. In Winnipeg, city engineer W.

Coun. Johnstone Scores Failure To Comply With Law Re Civic By-Election

CHARGES of undemocratic and illegal practice on the part of the Mayor and City Council of Charlottetown were made by Coun. Edwin C. Johnstone and remained unanswered at the regular monthly meeting of the Council yesterday afternoon in the City Chambers.

On the reading of the minutes of one of the special council meetings, Coun. Johnstone rose to protest the "illegal meeting, the illegal discussion and the illegal motion" passed by the Council, requesting the Mayor not to call a by-election in Ward One, owing to the cost and the fact that an elected Councillor would sit only for one meeting before the City elections.

"I want to make it clear, that I have no interest whatever in the calling of a by-election," Coun. Johnstone said. "But I have an interest in keeping inviolate my oath of office. I wanted a discussion on this matter originally and was refused. You, Mr. Mayor, said you would decide. You have no right to decide whether or not there should be a by-election. The law states that a by-election shall be held under the circumstances."

Quotes Statute
"Further this matter was brought up at a special meeting and no previous indication was made to me that it would come up. I was given notice of the meeting of which we have just heard the minutes by telephone the day before the meeting and was told that it was for the purpose of discussing the proposed sale of some property to Mr. Simmonds. As it was very inconvenient for me to attend I did not do so and learned the following day in the press that the question of a by-election had been disposed of; although no notice either written or oral was given to me."

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 — (CP)—A protest against the spending of Federal money on the proposed Trans-Canada Highway was voiced by the head of the Canadian Pacific Railway today before the Royal Commission on Transportation.

George A. Walker, C. P. R. chairman, said he would "quarrel" with the expenditure of money by the Dominion to build a road to compete with its own line—the Canadian National Railways—and the Canadian Pacific.

He said it would provide a route for trans-Canada trucking, and there was no suggestion that truckers would pay even an "infinitesimal" part of the cost of new facilities.

(A claim of the Railways Association of Canada before the Commission has been that truckers provide unfair competition to the railways because they are "subsidized" by not paying their proper share of highway costs.)

Mr. Walker was on the witness stand all day as the Commission began the final week of its Ottawa sittings before taking a six-week recess. He delivered an introductory statement preliminary to the opening of the C.P.R.'s main case before the commission.

1. The C.P.R. is opposed to extension of Government controls over the railways. Controls might eventually mean the end of the Canadian Pacific as a private enterprise.

2. Higher freight rates are needed to meet increased costs of railway operation.

3. Capital revision of the C. N. R., sought by that company, would endanger the position of the C. P. R. if it were used to lower standards of railway returns.

Mr. Walker said the danger of injury to the Canadian Pacific through revision of the capital structure of the C. N. R. could not be too strongly emphasized. In view of suggestions that C. N. R. results might then be used as a "yardstick" for rate-making.

The danger would come if C. N. R. requirements should be used as a yardstick without assurance that it be allowed a "fair return" on its railway investment.

"Such a situation would inevitably prevent the Canadian Pacific from earning any return on the capital invested in its railway enterprise, permanently impair its credit and, it is not too much to say, would ultimately result in its bankruptcy," the railway chairman said.

Shipments Of Turnips Heavy In November

Shipments of turnips are still heavy while shipments of potatoes by C. N. R. are slightly below that of last year, according to the traffic figures for the month of November released from the office of the Divisional Superintendent, Charlottetown yesterday. Turnip shipments totalled 230 cars for the month as against 156 for a similar period last year. Potato shipments showed 1293 in 1949 to 1829 during November 1948.

There was a decrease in both the importing of coal for domestic use and railway coal. In 1949, 264 car loads of domestic coal imported during the month as against 342 in November 1948. Railway coal showed 29 cars imported in November 1949 as against 95 for the same period in 1948.

A decrease was also noted in the export of livestock as 108 cars were shipped during the past month in comparison to 126 in November, 1948. Vegetables also showed a decrease as there were no cars shipped in November, 1949 as against six during the corresponding period in 1948.

Total number of carloads imported and exported amounted to 3,235. Of this number, 1,387 were imported while 1,848 were exported. Imports for November, 1948, amounted to 1,579 and exports to 1,847.

Following is the shipment by carloads from Cape Tormentine to Borden for the past month with their corresponding figures for 1948 in brackets: Autos, 32 (29); empty bags, 7 (12); empty barrels, 0 (6); fruits, 9 (19); flour and feed, 162 (128); fertilizer, 33 (29); gas and oils, 157 (130); H. H. goods, 0 (2); hardware, 8 (3); lime, 65 (57); lumber, 40, (24); less carloads, 272 (253); meats, 17 (22); machinery, 19 (18); sugar, 18 (12); salt, 9 (8); aerated waters, 18 (19); miscellaneous, 149 (81); cement, 20 (27); railway material, 18 (35); canned goods, 18 (14); gravel and sand, 9 (186); hay 0 (4); trucks, 0 (2).

From Borden to Tormentine: butter and cheese, 5 (2); empty barrels, 0 (1); fish, 10 (18); H. H. goods, 1 (0); hides, 2 (3); less carloads, 86 (81); meats, 21 (13); oats, 2 (1); starch, 6 (6); miscellaneous, 53 (77); bottles, 6 (4); railway material, 4 (5); hay and straw, 17 (8); roughwood, 1 (1); moss, 2 (3); machinery, 1 (2); autos, 0 (1); feed, 0 (2); bags, 0 (1); lumber 0 (1).

Kills Man To Get Car For Honeymoon

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 12 — (AP)—Police said a bridegroom confessed today that he killed a man Oct. 29 and traded the victim's automobile on a new convertible to take a bride on a honeymoon tour of the south. Edward F. Wolfe, 25, was arrested this morning where he and his wife had checked in last night. Wolfe was charged with first degree murder in the death of Elmer J. Patten, 57, a boarder at Wolfe's home in Williamsville, near Buffalo. Police said Wolfe also would be charged with forging \$800 in cheques, using Patten's name, and with grand larceny in the theft of the car.

Heavy Fog Had Prevented Plane Landing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 — (AP)—A Capital airliner crashed into the Potomac River tonight with 23 persons aboard. Crash boys picked up 20 persons and took them to Air Force hospital. The condition of the majority was reported critical.

The plane was bound for Washington National Airport, flight 500 from Memphis via Norfolk. Unable to land in a peaspout fog, it flew about for an hour and then crashed into the river on a mud flat.

It came down just across the river from the Washington National Airport, near the Air Force's Bolling Field. That field was notified and six crash boats swiftly went to work.

Fog was heavy, even on the ground. Many other airplanes were "stacked up" awaiting a chance to land. The crashed plane itself, during its hour of circling, almost landed once. That attempt failed when the plane's radio lost contact, it was reported, and the ship climbed for another try.

Then all contact was lost. Attempts to track it in by a radar failed.

A short time later came word that it had been located in the river.

A partial passenger list issued soon after the crash showed that most of the passengers were U.S. Navy and Army personnel.

First reports were there were two or three dead. However, crash boat crews said they found no bodies, and that any others in the ship were trapped.

ESCAPE WHEN HOME BURNS
MINTO, N.B., Dec. 12 — (CP)—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bodechon and their two young sons escaped through a window early today while fire raged through their home at North Minto.

The fire awakened Mrs. Bodechon. She had difficulty in arousing her husband, who appeared affected by the smoke. Cut off from escape by door, she opened a window and suffered hand cuts. The parents dropped the boys from the first floor window and followed them to the ground.

Gardiner Says Better Agreement With Both U. S. And U. K. Needed

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 — (CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner today suggested that Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom are not in sufficient agreement to assure the Canadian farmer of prosperity.

"The Canadian farmer has some reason for being concerned about the future," he said in a speech before the opening session of the 10th annual Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference. The conference heard reports of possible increased farm output and declines in export markets and prices in 1950.

Fear of the future was based on two facts, said Mr. Gardiner. One was that the Canadian farmer no longer could depend on a "free market" in the U.K.

The other was that world markets may be closed to Canada if the U. S. continues to declare farm products surplus under Marshall-Plan Aid.

Under the European Recovery Program, recipient countries must spend the money in the U.S. if goods which they require from foreign markets are declared surplus in the U.S.

Requests for an allocation of funds by a recipient country first are "screened" by the U.S. Agriculture Department to see if those funds are surplus and can be provided from U.S. farm production.

Thus, the U.K. and other countries have been unable to buy Canadian cheese with Marshall-Plan funds, or dried eggs or flax.

The conference, attended by more than 100 delegates including 10 Provincial Agriculture Ministers, heard a report that bacon may be placed in this category, with grave repercussions in U.K. bacon-buying in Canada.

Some way had to be found "to create relationships" among Canada, the U.S. and the U.K., said Mr. Gardiner, "which would remove these fears" about the farmer's future.

If such relationships were found, "it would go a long way toward establishing confidence in the minds of our farmers that the experiences of the future will result in a prosperity at least equal to the present."

Island-Born Clergyman Dies At Pictou, N. S.

PICTOU, N.S., Dec. 12 — (CP)—Canon Innes Edwin Fraser died at his home here today after an illness of several months. He was 74.

A native of St. Eleanor's, P. E. I., Canon Fraser received his early education at Prince of Wales College at Charlottetown. After teaching school for several years, he entered Kings College, then at Windsor, N.S. He was ordained a Church of England deacon in 1903 and a priest a year later.

His first appointment was to the parish of Lahave, following which he served at Rawdon, N.S., French Village, N.S., and nearby New Glasgow. He ministered for 20 years at New Glasgow. Canon Fraser retired four years ago.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Sterns of Charlottetown and Miss Eva Fraser of Crapaud, P. E. I. Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

also touched briefly on the state of Anglo-Canadian food sales, but made no mention of new 1950 Anglo-Canadian contracts.

In a brief interview before the conference opened, he said no contracts had yet been signed for 1950.

He told delegates that the U.K. is buying food only with "available" dollars, and this amount was sharply lower than in previous years.

It was believed, however, that Canada will get new contracts with the U.K., at least for bacon and cheese.

The contracts may be announced before the conference ends on Wednesday. The difficulty in negotiations, it is understood, stems from the U. K.'s request for lower prices which Canada has been reluctant to meet.

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Teachers To Oppose Ontario Training Plans

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 — (CP)—A Canadian Teachers Federation official today described an emergency teacher-training plan suggested by the Ontario Royal Commission on Education as a "retrograde step."

George Croskey, secretary of the Federation which speaks for some 57,000 teachers across Canada, said in a statement that the commission recommendation "will meet with little support from those most vitally concerned with the educational welfare of young Canadians."

Canadian teachers from coast-to-coast would oppose "most vigorously" any attempt to put the commission's proposal into practice.

"At this time when parents and teachers recognize the need for improving the status of the teaching profession—when committees of many national organizations doing educational research are unanimous in their reports in the matter of raising the standards in the profession—this recommendation from the royal commission comes as a retrograde step."

The commission urged establishment of the emergency program to cope with the increasing shortage of qualified teachers in Ontario. It recommended that the Provincial Government provide financial assistance to qualified individuals seeking to take the course.

To qualify, candidates would have to meet prescribed standards of health, character and citizenship and hold at least grades 11 and 12 standing in education or the equivalent from experience gained during employment in other fields.

The teacher shortage would not be solved by "a watering down of standards," said Mr. Croskey. What was needed was a bold step by education departments, to put teaching on a truly-professional level which would attract the better graduates of universities and high schools.

"The solution lies in higher qualifications, better living and working conditions and, above all salaries that will enable teaching to compete with other occupations in attracting and retaining the right people."

Initial sessions of the conference were closed to reporters. A copy of Mr. Gardiner's speech was issued later.

It was learned that Mr. Gardiner

10 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

A GROWCH CAN GROW WITHOUT NURSING!

TORONTO, Dec. 12 — (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 31-37; Edmonton 15B-2; Regina 14B-5B; Winnipeg 6B-2B; Toronto 39-58; Quebec 29-48; Montreal 33-46; Ottawa 25-48; Saint John 22-50; Moncton 18-54; Halifax 31-51; Charlottetown 25-46; Sydney 17-45; Yarmouth 31-51; St. John's 27-37; B-Below.

HALIFAX, Dec. 12 — (CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis: The violent storm which swept northward from the midwestern United States to Hudson Bay will have no dangerous effect on the Maritimes. However, it is notable for the mild weather which it has brought to our district. The most outstanding departure from usual temperatures has been at Mont Joli where Monday's minimum of 57 was 28 degrees above normal for early December. Many other communities reached 50 degrees or higher during the day.

Colder air from the Prairies is approaching the district accompanied by clearing skies. By midnight Tuesday this clearing will extend eastward into Cape Breton.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Tuesday:

Prince Edward Island—Intermittent rain and drizzle, ending noon Tuesday. Cloudy in the afternoon, clear and colder in the evening. South winds 20, shifting noon Tuesday to west 15. Low and high at Charlottetown 42 and 46.

BORDEN - TORMENTINE FERRY WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9.10 A.M.	10.35 A.M.
1.00 P.M.	2.40 P.M.
4.50 P.M.	7.50 P.M.

SUNDAYS

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9.10 A.M.	10.35 A.M.
6.45 P.M.	8.00 P.M.