

Welcomes Rate Investigation Says C.P.R. Head

MONTREAL, May 5.—(CP)—W. A. Mather, president of the Canadian Pacific Railways, said today the company welcomes an investigation into Canada's general freight-rate structure and that the recent increase granted is still out of proportion to the company's 10-year cost increases.

Addressing the C.P.R.'s annual meeting of shareholders, Mr. Mather reviewed the recently published financial statement and spoke of the need for further improvement and expansion of operations to keep pace with Canada's development.

He also made formal announcement of acceptance by the company of conciliation board awards recommending a wage increase of seven cents an hour for employees.

Of the freight-rate investigation to be undertaken by the Transport Board, Mr. Mather said: "Your company welcomes the investigation of this complex problem which is under way. It will enter upon the inquiry with an earnest desire to remove any legitimate basis of complaint against the structure of freight rates and will, so far as it is able, expedite the preparation of the necessary data upon which the inquiry must proceed."

Although the company was granted a 21-per-cent increase in freight rates, effective April 8, "the level of freight charges in Canada remains lower than in any other country in the world."

Lacking application to grain and grain products within Western Canada, the actual increase "is only 16 per cent." At the same time, increases in wage rates and material prices since 1939 amounted to 46 per cent, while the freight-rate structure was last reviewed 20 years ago.

Mr. Mather said because of the need to keep the road modernized through heavier track, new signal systems, new rolling stock and other improvements, there is "a necessity for adequate railway earnings."

To replace the company's current rolling stock inventory would cost \$800,000,000 which is \$413,000,000

Rebekah Degree Team



Shown above is the Degree Team of Alpha Rebekah Lodge No. 10, I.O.O.F., Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

Front Row (left to right): Mrs. La Stewart, Mrs. Marjorie Cameron, Chaplain, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Vice Grand, Mrs. Alice Jewell, Noble Grand, Mrs. Loretta White, Junior Past Noble Grand, Mrs. Connie Williams.

Second Row (left to right): Mrs. Edith Bell, Mrs. Frances Teed, P.N.G. Mrs. Helen Turner, Mrs. Hilda Johnston, Mrs. Ruby Ross, Mrs. Dorothy Graham, Miss Muriel Roper, Mrs. Mae Adams, P.N.G. Mrs. Agnes Dickson, P.N.G.

Last Row (left to right): Degree Mistress, Miss Adelaide Sentner, P.N.G. Mrs. Ellen Hickox, Miss Myrtle White, Mrs. Annie Bradshaw, Musician Mrs. Helen McEachern, P.N.G.

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more than "the actual cost of the rolling stock now in service." Other comparisons show similar "inflationary increases in costs."

Freight operations of the company's steamship services are expected to be maintained "in good volume" through eastbound shipments under the European recovery program.

The United Kingdom's efforts to increase exports to dollar countries "may be helpful in providing westbound traffic."

Buyers Impressed At British Industries Fair

By NORMAN CRIBBENS

LONDON, May 6.—(CP)—Buyers from all parts of Europe, as well as from most countries of the British Commonwealth, today expressed admiration at the range and variety of British goods on display at the Olympia and Earls Court sections of the British Industries Fair.

The general opinion appeared to be that British industry now is better placed to meet export demands.

The question mark is whether British industrial firms can deliver goods overseas as promptly as claimed.

Twenty-six British Columbians and 10 trade representatives from Saskatchewan voiced approval of the consumer goods on display at the Olympia section and dominated by a glamorous display of diamonds.

"Considering the difficulties of reconversion, British manufacturers have obviously done a magnificent job," said Leslie H. Eyles, British Columbia Minister of Trade and Industry.

"The quality of the goods is undeniable. What will determine their success as export material are the questions of price and speed of delivery." As leader of the Saskatchewan delegation, J.H. Wesson said that the jewelry exhibit has "a credit to British enterprise and skill."

"British craftsmanship always has been recognized in Saskatchewan and if British manufacturers are able to deliver their goods in a reasonable time, I have no doubt that Britain's export trade to our Province will be increased," he said.

Of the thousands of buyers, the majority seemed drawn to the display of diamonds, jewelry, silver, cutlery, clocks and watches on view. The largest uncut diamond in the world—a 770-carat stone from Sierra Leone—was attracted a line-up of 300 yards long.

St. Louis Paper Wins Pulitzer Prize

NEW YORK, May 6.—(AP)—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch today won the 1947 Pulitzer Prize for the most distinguished and meritorious public service rendered by an American newspaper during the past year.

The award was for the coverage of the Centalla, Ill. mine disaster and "the follow-up which resulted in impressive reforms in mine safety laws and regulations."

"A Streetcar Named Desire," by Tennessee Williams, won the annual prize for an original American play.

The prize for distinguished fiction went to "Tales of the South Pacific," by James A. Michener.

Other journalism awards went to: Distinguished example of reporting of international affairs—Paul W. Ward of the Baltimore Sun.

Distinguished editorial writing—Virginia Dabney of the Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch.

Outstanding example of news photography—Frank Cushing of the Boston Traveler for his photograph "Boy Gunman and Hostage".

The other prizes in the field of letters were: Distinguished books of history of the United States—Bernard de Voto for "Across the Wide Missouri."

Distinguished American biography—Margaret Clapp for "Forgotten First Citizen: John Bigelow."

Distinguished volume of verse—W. H. Auden for "The Age of Anxiety."

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Ancient Village Needs Renovation

LAVENHAM, England, May 6.—(CP)—This ancient Suffolk village said to be mentioned in the Domesday Book and the place where Jane Taylor wrote "Twinkle, twinkle little star" is fighting hard to keep its name on the map.

Since it lost its grip on the cloth-making industry in the 17th century it gradually became a show place, but it is feared the quaint houses, some of them 14th century, will cease to be even that unless \$4,000 (\$16,000 for renovation) is found quickly.

Col. T. G. Gayer, president of a committee for the preservation of Lavenham, said: "We are getting our contributions from all over the country, the United States and Canada. But we have some way to go yet before we can save the place."

The National Trust has offered to take over but the village must provide some of the money needed to buy it.

Foreign visitors will be encouraged this summer. "They can get food in a 14th-century inn," said the colonel. "There is still one old family who makes tweeds on a hand loom. Unfortunately all the other looms now have been broken up."

"Lavenham has never indulged in commercialism, although it is probably one of the most outstanding examples in the country of a Tudor village."

The village has not encouraged visitors in the past. Americans, some of them trying to trace "Pilgrim" ancestors, would comb the parish registers, but were discouraged when they began to transport the ancient buildings complete to the United States.

Bank Statement

OTTAWA, May 6.—(CP)—Savings on deposit in Canada's chartered banks at March 31 last amounted to \$3,626,684,000 against \$3,690,547,000 Feb. 28 and \$3,619,326,000 the same date last year, the chartered bank statement for March showed today.

Call loans in Canada totaled \$64,656,000 against \$59,590,000 the previous month.

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Floods Continue Serious In Some Areas In West

WINNIPEG, May 5.—(CP)—Western Manitoba and North-western Alberta today were dark patches on an otherwise brightening prairie spring flood picture.

Ice jams at the confluence of the Pembina and Red River constituted a threat to Manitoba, 30 miles northwest of Edmonton, where low-lying farmlands were submerged and telephone communication with Edmonton cut off. Railway traffic still was moving through the district, though some bridges were nearly awash.

Whitecourt, 120 miles to the northwest and earlier threatened with inundation, was reported out of danger, ice jams in that region having broken up.

From Calgary came word that floods in Southern Alberta were under control, with the land beginning to dry under bright sunshine. Southern highways were reported open: The flood-stricken Drumheller valley district was returning to normal.

Operations at the Western Crown Mine at East Coulee, about 12 miles southeast of Drumheller, were almost at a standstill.

Flood waters were reported dropping steadily in Saskatchewan.

Say Prices Fixed In South Africa

DURBAN, South Africa, May 6.—(CP)—Price fixing by manufacturers is said to be defeating the prospects of success in the government's Redool (reduce the cost of living) plans. Clothing manufacturers, it is reported, are forcing retailers to keep up the cost of cloth. Some factories with a monopoly in "bread and butter" lines—shirts, sports jackets, flannel trousers and ready-made suits—are alleged to be imposing their own terms on their customers.

A small business man said that retailers of goods made by these manufacturers were required to sell at a profit of not less than 57-1-2 per cent and that those who sold to the public below the fixed price had their supplies cut off. This practice was convenient to the big stores, which

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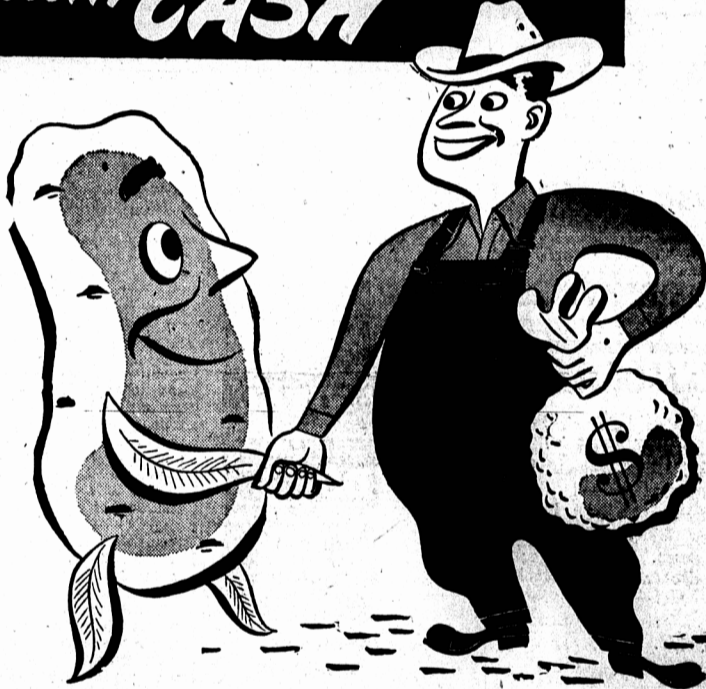
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RULES OF THE ROAD

WINNIPEG.—(CP)—Automobile drivers can't pass within 10 feet of a street-car while people are getting on or off, Police Inspector Robert Still said here. Even if the street-car is only slowing down to stop, all traffic must stop and remain stopped until all passengers are off the road.

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