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where it is sought.

RATES BOOST WILL COST MARITIMES \$3,200,000

Railways Get 8 Per Cent Increase In Freight Rates

Mixed Reaction To Rates Decision

(By The Canadian Press)

The eight-per-cent general freight rate increase is meeting with a mixed reaction across Canada. A Canadian Press survey last night showed that comments range from a British Columbia statement that the verdict was "very favorable" for that province to Alberta business men's claims that the rate boost "ruined" efforts to hold down living costs.

Satisfaction that the increase was not the full 20 per cent sought by the railways was expressed by Premier J. Walter Jones of Prince Edward Island. He said he felt opposition by the seven provinces, including Prince Edward Island, had been responsible for the decision to place the rate boost at eight per cent.

New Brunswick authorities said they were disappointed that the Transport Commissioners had refused to increase the principle of percentage increases applying equally to all parts of the country. Such increases were opposed by the Governments of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on the grounds that they are unfair to outlying regions.

Charles W. Brazier, British Columbia counsel in a tangled three-year battle over freight rates, said living costs in his province are not likely to rise appreciably as a result.

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British Parliament Called To Special Session

Howe Discusses Canadian Problems Of Devaluation

By HAROLD MORRISON

OTTAWA, Sept. 22 (CP)—An eight-per-cent general freight rate increase—expected to net the railways about \$30,000,000 in additional annual revenue—was granted today by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The board order, bringing the new rate into effect, likely will be issued within the next 10 days. The boost was pending further consideration of the carriers' application for a general increase of 20 per cent. With it, the board allowed an eight-cent-a-ton increase in shipping rates on coal and coke.

The eight-per-cent increase is the second rates boost in 18 months. A 21-per-cent hike was allowed in March, 1948. These increases shot the total freight rate climb up 20.88 per cent since March last year.

Resouces In Commons

The Board's award had resounded in the Commons. M. J. Coldwell, C. P. leader, asked if the Government would delay the increase until the Commons could discuss the issue and the provinces could appeal to the board. Transport Minister Chevrier said it was not the Government's practice to interfere with the board's rulings.

The 21-per-cent increase allowed in March last year—the Board's answer to the United Nations call for a 30-per-cent boost—was considered too high in the Transport Commissioners' majority report.

Chief Commissioner M. B. Archibald and Commissioner H. B. Chase said a 15-per-cent increase would have been sufficient to meet the Road's operational requirements.

Although allowed to stand, the 21-per-cent increase had a bearing in considering the new application, said the Chief Commissioner. The Transport Board official later explained that when the 20-per-cent application is again considered "possibly next spring—the fact that the 21-per-cent increase was considered too high will have a direct bearing on the board's final decision."

Minority Judgment

However, a minority judgment by Hugh Wardrop, one of the three commissioners considering the new application, said the 21-per-cent increase was not too high.

Mr. Wardrop had recommended a boost of 24 per cent in a minority report in March, 1948, on the original application for a 30-per-cent boost. He said he felt the award last year should not be altered.

He recommended an increase of

Charge Ex-Puckster After Death Probe



MRS. ANITA ROBERT

Charges have been laid by attorney-general's department against Tony Demers, 32, former National Hockey League player, in connection with death of Mrs. Anita Robert, 31, of Coaticook, Que. Judged criminally responsible for the woman's death by a six-man coroner's jury, Demers will appear in court at Sherbrooke, Que. for arraignment. Mrs. Robert died in hospital at Masco, Que. shortly after she was brought there by Demers. Battered and bleeding, she appeared to have received a "severe beating."

Will Debate Slash In Value Of English Pound

LONDON, Sept. 22 (CP)—Prime Minister Attlee tonight summoned Parliament to an emergency session next Tuesday for a debate on Britain's economic crisis.

The order went out after a long cabinet discussion. An announcement issued from 10 Downing Street said both Houses will debate last Sunday's slash in the sterling exchange rate from \$4.08 to \$2.80 U.S. and the Washington dollar conference of the United States, Britain and Canada that preceded the slash.

Meantime, the political foothold of Attlee's Labor Government appeared to be slipping. A source close to the Prime Minister expressed a private opinion the Government stands a 50-50 chance of being forced to call an election this autumn.

Herbert Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister, and the Labor Party's top political planner, will meet the party's political general secretary tomorrow to survey the country's reaction to devaluation.

On Britain's industrial front, meanwhile, only about 1,600 of London's 50,000 railroad workers were following the go slow orders of their Union District Council Thursday night and did not succeed in disrupting traffic or causing major hold-ups.

S. D. Hoskins, general secretary of the London District Council of the union, said he believes there will be no more trouble, at least until the special meeting of the N.U.R. called for next Thursday and Friday.

At the meeting, a decision will be taken about action over the rejection of the workers' 10-shilling (\$1.55 weekly) wage increase claim.

U. S. Senate Approves Huge Arms Aid Program

Highlights Of Freight Decision

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (AP)—The United States Senate tonight approved a \$1,314,010,000 program of arms aid for countries in the shadow of Russia's great military machine.

The vote was 55 to 24. Final passage came after administration forces defeated two moves to cut down the size of the aid program. The most potent of these, an amendment by Senator Walter George (Don. Ga.) to trim \$100,000,000 off the funds for Atlantic Ocean countries, lost, 46 to 32.

This action set the United States firmly on a policy of rearming friendly powers in the world-wide effort to bar the doors against Communist aggression.

In its final form the Senate bill authorized arms aid totalling: \$100,000,000 for the Atlantic Pacific countries in Europe; \$211,370,000 for Greece and Turkey; \$27,640,000 for Iran, Korea and Philippines; \$75,000,000 to be used in the China area at the discretion of the President.

The cash must yet be provided by appropriation. The bill also permits sending \$450,000,000 in surplus arms. The final amount which Congress will authorize for military assistance overseas remains to be decided by a conference of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The House approved an arms bill totalling \$869,505,000—\$444,505,000 less than the Senate bill. The differences will be worked out in conference.

In a warm debate before the voting Senate, Robert Taft (Rep. Ohio) protested that arming Western Europe "is likely to incite Russia to war." Senator Arthur Vandenberg (Rep. Mich.) replied that the arms program and other foreign aid voted by Congress to stem the spread of Communism are "the cheapest way to stop world war III before it starts."

Taft contended that the arms program abandons "all of the progressive steps we have made toward peace."

"This program is more likely to lead to war than peace," Taft said. "It's the old armaments race all over again."

Highlights Of Freight Decision

OTTAWA, Sept. 22 (CP)—Highlights of the Board of Transport commissioners freight-rates decision today:

Railways awarded temporary eight-per-cent increase on rates in effect July 27, 1948, by a majority decision of two of the three commissioners.

Any rates fixed by this judgment are temporary final rates to be set after the Royal Commission on Transport reports, probably next year.

Railways "entitled to some relief" as a result of "substantial increase in operation costs since March 30, 1948."

The award of a 21-per-cent increase to the railways in March, 1948, was too high, award should have been 15 per cent.

The fact that the previous award was too high was not taken into consideration in today's award of eight per cent. It will be considered when the board fixes final rates.

Effective increase in rates is 30.88 per cent above rates prevailing in March, 1948.

Mr. Justice M. B. Archibald, chief commissioner, and Commissioner H. B. Chase concurred in decision. Hugh Wardrop, assistant chief commissioner, wrote minority decision.

Mr. Wardrop said railways (Continued on Page 11 Col. 8)

Hard Coal Prices Up At Montreal

MONTREAL, Sept. 22 (CP)—Prices of United States anthracite went up \$1.25 a ton from \$23 today because of devaluation of the Canadian dollar.

Farm Income

OTTAWA, Sept. 22 (CP)—The cash income of Canadian farmers shot up to \$1,056,500,000 during the first six months of 1949, the Bureau of Statistics reported today. This is 14.7 per cent higher than the same period during the first half of last year.

Cash income in the Maritime Provinces, with income for the same period of 1948, in brackets: New Brunswick \$19,422,000; Nova Scotia \$17,278,000 (\$18,894,000) and Prince Edward Island \$3,494,000 (\$10,539,000).

HEAVY GRAIN SHIPMENTS

MONTREAL, Sept. 22 (CP)—Increasing numbers of lake ships bringing grain to Montreal today led harbor authorities to believe they may have to route some of them to other St. Lawrence River ports such as Sorel, Three Rivers and Quebec to prevent congestion.

Two Canadian Seamen Draw Prison Terms In U.K.

By H. L. JONES

LONDON, Sept. 22 (CP)—A judge at Old Bailey today told two young Canadians today that cowardly gang attacks with broken bottles as weapons will not be tolerated in Britain. He sent each of them to prison for 18 months for their part in a tavern brawl.

Convicted were Allan McIsaac of Harborview, N.S., and Gerald Doucette of Dartmouth, N.S., who were among the leaders of a Canadian Seamen's Union strike that tied up London's docks two months ago.

They were accused of causing grievous bodily harm to William Bell of Chatham, N.B., and Donald Hudson of Fort William, who returned to work aboard the passenger-freighter Beaverbrae before the strike ended, then were beaten up in a waterfront "pub" and badly injured.

Four other Canadian seamen involved in the case—which Mr. Justice Sir Geoffrey Streetfield described as "very serious"—were acquitted and discharged. They were Robert Easton, Vernon Walker, Arthur Fisher and William McPhedran. All claimed they were not at the tavern when the fight took place.

Coming Events

- "Lot 65 Hall tonight. Show, "Song of Bernadette" at 8:30.
- "Miracle of the Bell" at South Rustico Hall tonight.
- Dance, Little Pond Hall, Monday, September 26th.
- Dance, Iona East School, Friday, September 23rd.
- Regular Dance at Skyline, New London, each Friday night.
- Mail your Films to Garham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Come to the Legion Dance, North Rustico Hall, Friday, September 23rd.
- Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- Chicken Supper and Dance in Grand River Hall, Wednesday, September 29th.
- Now buying timothy seed. Registered, cleaned or uncleaned. McGulgan & Boyle.
- Dance, Ten Mile House School, Friday, September 23rd. Good music. Refreshments.
- Dance every Friday night at the Gordon Lodge. Good music. Dancing from 9 till 1.
- There will be a meeting of the Clyde River Finance Committee in the church tonight at 8 P. M.
- Don't miss the big Dance at Cowhead Race Track tonight. Music by McKernan's Orchestra.
- Show at North Wilshire tonight. "Forty Thieves" featuring William Boyd as "Hopalong Cassidy."
- Jimmy Power's new variety concert and dance, Millview Hall, Monday, September 26th. Millview W. I.
- Dance, New Glasgow P.E.I. Community Hall, Friday, Sept. 23. Dancing 8-12.30. Melody Boys Orchestra. Admission 50c.
- Hampton Hall - Hear Ches Cooper and his country cousins on Tuesday, September 27th. Sale of lunches by Women's Institute.
- Special price on Bran. Unloadings Thursday and Friday, one car of Bran slightly heaped, \$2.00 per bag. Beaton & MacRae, Phone 2214 Wincloe.
- Come to Chicken and Ham Supper in Brookfield Hall, Sept. 23rd. In aid of Princetown Road United Church. Serving at 5.30.
- Chicken and Ham Supper, Basar and Dance, Vernon River Hall, September 27th. Millview Orchestra. Supper served at 6 P. M. Proceeds parish work.
- The Annual Kings County L. O. L. Church Service at Murray River September 25th, at 3.30 P.M. Any one interested in bus transportation call Phone 2164.

Semi-Annual Meeting Of Red Cross Branch At Summerside Yesterday

A semi-annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Division of the Red Cross Society was held in the Olympia Restaurant at Summerside last evening and was addressed by Dr. J. P. O'Riordan, Halifax, medical director, Maritime Depot, Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service. This is the first time that a regular meeting of the Red Cross Division was held in Summerside. Mr. R.H. Rogers, president of the Division presided and the speaker was introduced by Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, past president of the Division.

In the opening remarks Dr. O'Riordan expressed his pleasure at coming to Prince Edward Island to speak and to meet the people who organize the blood donors' clinics and keep the service going.

A "Fine Tribute" He said that when he recently took over his present position he was told that there was no need to worry about P.E.I. He said, "that's a fine tribute and we are very happy about the support we have received in the past from this Island Province and we hope it will continue."

He held the gathering that he has seen blood transfusion services operating on the battle field, in the jungles of Burma and has seen it dropped from aircraft by parachute in the field of battle in Burma. During the war two and one half million bottles of blood were donated by the people of Canada.

At the end of the war the people were split in the U.N. So would together and decided to give the same service to the people of Canada. Many areas of Canada were (Continued on Page 13, Col. 8)

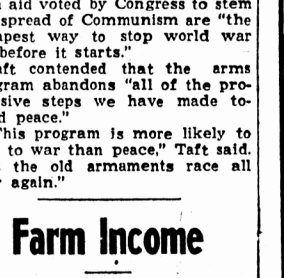
Moncton Thieves Carry Away Open Safe

MONCTON, N. B., Sept. 22 (CP)—Thieves who stole a 400-pound safe from a Moncton lunchroom last night carried it 100 yards from the building before discovering it was not locked. The safe contained more than \$400 in cash. Today police were seeking the thieves, who escaped with \$300 worth of merchandise in addition to the \$400 from the safe.

Widow Acquitted On Murder Charge

SARNIA, Ont., Sept. 22 (CP)—Mrs. Mary Jean Ange, 37, was acquitted by a Supreme Court jury today of a charge of murder in the shooting of her 28-year-old husband at nearby Port Lambton, May 8. The attractive, red-haired widow testified she shot her husband in self-defense after he had threatened to kill her. She said she had hit him on several occasions because of cruelty.

THE GUY WHO FIRST CALLED STOCKS AND BONDS, SECURITIES HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR!



Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Overcast with intermittent rain ending late Friday afternoon, clearing during the evening. Little change in temperature. South winds 15 diminishing Friday afternoon to light. Low early Friday morning at Charlottetown 50. High in the afternoon 61.

High tide today at 11:06 A.M. and 11:35 P.M. Sun rises this morning at 6:00 and sets at 6:12.

BORDEN - TORMENTINE FERRY WEEK DATES

Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 8.10 A.M. 10.35 A.M. 1.00 P.M. 2.40 P.M. 4.30 P.M. 7.30 P.M.

SUNDAYS

Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 8.10 A.M. 10.35 A.M. 1.00 P.M. 3.00 P.M. 6.45 P.M. 8.00 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS-CARIBOU DAILY FERRY

Leave Wood Islands 7 A.M.; 9 A.M.; 11 A.M.; 1 P.M.; 3 P.M.; 5 P.M. Leave Caribou 7 A.M.; 9 A.M.; 11 A.M.; 1 P.M.; 3 P.M.; 5 P.M.