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# Railway Unions Prepare Strike Ballot



**SPECIAL PRIZE FOR RUG**  
A special prize for a hooked rug at the Souris Exhibition yesterday went to Mrs. Lorne Dingwell of Fortune. Here the smiling winner receives the prize from Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman.

## Nasser Backs China In Formosa Strait Crisis

CAIRO (Reuters) — President Nasser Wednesday backed Communist China's position in the Formosa crisis and accused the United States of aggression in the area.

Speaking at the inaugural meeting of the executive council of the Union of Arab States (Egypt, Syria, and Yemen) on the eve of his meeting with Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations secretary-general, Nasser said world peace has been threatened by the United States choosing to interfere and join Chiang Kai-shek.

"Anybody acquainted with geography knows that Formosa belongs to China," Nasser said.

## Ella Leaves 5 Dead, 7 Injured

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The U.S. Weather Bureau at New Orleans said in its 7 p.m. ADT advisory Wednesday that tropical storm Ella was moving out into the Gulf of Mexico from Cuba.

The storm centre was located near the western tip of Cuba moving west northwest about 10 miles an hour.

The weather bureau said the storm, which has left at least five dead and seven injured in Cuba and Southern Florida, now is moving out into the Gulf of Mexico.

Continued west northwest movement at about 10 miles an hour were predicted for Ella Wednesday night.



**SOURIS RIVER CLUB AT THE FAIR**  
The Souris River Calf Club members attended the exhibition at Souris yesterday afternoon. Here they are seen with one of their animals. Members include: Gladys Howlett, David Mullally, Joyce McCormack, Joseph Howlett, Doreen McCormack, Leo Gillivary, Eugene MacDonald, Earl MacDonald, MacDonald.

## Gunboat, Trawler Collide

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — An Icelandic gunboat and the British trawler Burrell collided at sea in the fishing war Wednesday.

"Angry words were exchanged," said Iceland's coast guard.

The weight of the coast guard gunboat crushed the Burrell's trawling tackle. The British fishermen seized bottles and water hoses to repel boarders. It never came to a fight.

Up sailed the Royal Navy frigate Eastbourne, still carrying nine Icelandic coast guardmen plucked from a boarded British trawler Tuesday. Its guns were manned.

The gunboat, which charged that the Burrell caused the collision by swerving suddenly, didn't press the issue.

The incident was off the northwest coast within the 12-mile fishing limit Iceland set up Sept. 1 in an effort to keep foreigners out of fishing grounds traditionally trawled by ships of several north European nations.

A war of nerves continued meanwhile on land.

There were reports that the British trawlers operating inside the zone would leave soon. The coast guard said 24 of an original fleet of 60 still are fishing under British naval protection but are catching next to nothing.



**FORMER PROFESSOR OF Agriculture at England's famous Cambridge University, Sir Frank Engledow signs the distinguished visitors book at Charlottetown's City Hall. Mayor Edwin C. Johnson (left) and his nephew, Archie Johnstone of Burlington, look on.**

## Sees Dust-Free Roads Biggest Challenge Here

INGONISH, N.S. (CP) — Highways Minister Smith of Nova Scotia said Wednesday the greatest challenge facing the Atlantic provinces road-building industry is how to increase the percentage of dust-free surface.

Mr. Smith, addressing the opening session of the Eastern Canada Highways Association convention here, said that of 38,000 miles of road in the Atlantic provinces only 5,500 miles or 15 per cent is free of mud and dust.

"This is the greatest challenge the industry faces," he said. Ways must be found of providing "in a more adequate measure mud-free and dust-free surfaces on the 85 per cent of our mileage which now has no such surface."

## Retired Cambridge University Agriculturist Visits P.E.I.

Like all Englishmen visiting P.E.I. for the first time, Sir Frank Engledow, retired Professor of Agriculture at Cambridge University, was amazed at the striking resemblance between the pastoral landscape of this Province and the rural beauty of his native land.

"You have here a beautiful countryside with many historic associations," he said, adding that he was extremely impressed with the generally excellent appearance of this year's crop, particularly the oats and pasture showings.

Sir Frank, who retired in 1957 after 27 years association with the Cambridge agricultural faculty, arrived here from Toronto Tuesday evening for a three-day stay.

He came particularly to visit with two local farmers: Archie Johnstone of Burlington, and William Cairns of Free town.

## Commons Plans Friday Closing

OTTAWA (CP) — In smiling unanimity, all Commons parties agreed Wednesday to aim at a windup on Friday of the current parliamentary session.

If the goal is achieved, the session will be prorogued after 92 sitting days which have continued since May 12 without recess through the summer.

The Commons Wednesday sat 30 minutes overtime, by general agreement, to clean up the next-to-last items of the government's spending program.

All that remains are finance department estimates and a scattering of other expense items, together with the government's controversial tariff bill and a Citizenship Act amendment.

## MUST TACKLE ISSUE

"It is a problem which the taxpayers demand we must tackle and solve," the minister said the highway construction industry has become one of the biggest industries in the four provinces. During the fiscal year 1958, \$94,000,000 will be spent on roads.

More than 200 delegates are attending the fifth annual convention.

## PM Reports Queen's Tour Will Include All Parts Of Canada

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced Wednesday that the Queen's visit to Canada next year for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway will last about six weeks and encompass "all parts of our country."

Mr. Diefenbaker told the Commons that Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by Prince Philip, will arrive in mid-June and remain until the end of July. It is believed this will be her longest visit as sovereign in any single country outside the United Kingdom.

In inaugurating the seaway, the Queen would associate herself with a project of "profound" significance in Canada's national development, the prime minister said, adding:

"It will be a source of satisfaction to all Canadians that Her Majesty, in opening a new chapter in our history, will thus exemplify in a vivid fashion a characteristic of our constitution involving the close relationship between the Queen and her people of Canada."

Opposition Leader Pearson and CCF House Leader Hazen Argue welcomed Mr. Diefenbaker's announcement.

The prime minister's statement gave the first official details since the original invitation was extended to the Queen two years ago by former Prime Minister St. Laurent.

## STUDIED IN U.K.

Prominent in Island agricultural circles, both you men studied farming methods in the United Kingdom on a Farmer's Travelling Scholarship provided by the Nuffield Foundation of which Sir Frank is a director.

The former Cambridge professor spent yesterday with Mr. Johnstone and will visit Mr. Cairns today. He landed in Canada on August 1, and in the nine weeks he intends to spend in this country, he will see as many expeditions as it is possible for him to contact.

Each year for the past nine years the Nuffield Foundation has granted scholarships to ten farmers representing five Commonwealth countries, the English agriculturist noted. These include Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Kenya, and Southern Rhodesia.

On arrival in England the students are posted to various farms throughout the United Kingdom depending upon the particular aspect of agriculture in which they are most interested. In addition the young farmers are given every opportunity to travel in order to become acquainted with all phases of English rural life.

Mr. Johnstone was one of the Canadians selected to receive a Nuffield scholarship in 1955, while

## 3 Atlantic Premiers Oppose Suggested Freight Rates Hike

HALIFAX (CP) — Two Atlantic premiers Wednesday said a 20 per cent freight rate increase sought by Canada's two major railways would have an adverse effect on the Maritime economy.

Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia said the increase, if granted, "would adversely affect the province." While the Nova Scotia government has not had time to consider the announcement "it is expected the government would request the Maritime Transportation Commission to oppose any application."

Premier Matheson of Prince Edward Island said he would not favor any freight rate increase that would affect the economy of Prince Edward Island. "Successive increases have had a serious effect on our two basic industries, agriculture and fishing."

Both Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland and Premier Flemming of New Brunswick were unavailable for comment.

The railways indicated Wednesday they will seek the increase to meet on a "bare bone basis" wage demands of 130,000 non-operating employees.

FREDERICTON (CP) — Premier Flemming said Wednesday night the New Brunswick government "views with the gravest concern any proposal which would increase freight rates and we are especially concerned at this time of readjustment in the economy."

He was commenting on indicated intention of Canadian railways to seek an increase of possibly two per cent.

"In my opinion it should be the definite aim of everyone to contribute all possible to the stimulation of business by co-operating to keep freight moving satisfactorily and at no increased cost," the premier said.

## APEC Economist Suggests Increased Hog Production

HALIFAX (CP) — An Atlantic Provinces Economic Council economist said Wednesday the Maritime area should promote its hog production as an avenue toward a more prosperous general agricultural industry.

Arthur C. Parks of the University of New Brunswick conducted a survey of the Maritimes' hog industry from 1940 until 1957. His report was released Wednesday.

He said the industry should be promoted because:

1. The area now produces less than half the pork it consumes.
2. Maritime hog prices compare favorably with those in the rest of Canada.
3. Maritime hogs equal the best produced in Canada in quality.
4. Market facilities are being improved.
5. The hog industry can increase its economic production under existing regional conditions.

## Two Killed At Crossing

POINT TUPPER, N.S. (CP) — Two persons were killed and two others injured in a car-train crash at a level crossing here Wednesday night. They were all in the car.

Dead are Alex D. MacDonald, 52, prominent Port Hood, N.S. lawyer and former Crown prosecutor for Inverness County, and Donald A. Beaton, 44, of Hawthorne, N.S.

Injured were Frank Hugh Wellwood of Niagara Falls, Ont., and David Hermiston of Cobalt, Ont.

## SPREADER EXPLODES

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — One man was killed and two persons were injured Wednesday when a tar-spreading machine blew up in suburban Chili.

## Predict Wonder World With Radioactive Atoms

By ALTON BLAKESLEE  
GENEVA (AP) — A wonder world is coming in which radioactive atoms could:

- 1. Tell you whether it is going to rain—whether a \$10 bill is counterfeit—whether a young calf will later become a good milk producer.
- 2. Speed into your body for quick diagnosis of disease, then die out to avoid exposing you to harmful radiation.
- 3. Show how to preserve books or papers for 20,000 years without yellowing, prevent food decaying and automatically control petroleum refining.
- 4. All these are potential new jobs for radioactive isotopes, the "hot" atoms coming abundantly from atomic reactors, Dr. Willard F. Libby of Chicago, a member of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, told the atoms-for-peace conference Wednesday.

**OBTAINABLE SOON**

They could all be obtainable soon, expanding on the amazing jobs they are already doing, he said.

Radioactive isotopes now are saving American industry \$500,000,000 a year, and it will soon be \$1,000,000,000.

Russia is using isotopes in thousands of institutes and places, and they save Soviet industry up to 1,500,000,000 rubles in 1957, said Drs. A. V. Topchiev, I. T. Aladiev and P. S. Savitsky of the Soviet Union.

The Russian scientists said radioactive atoms are at work in such jobs as helping to find oil, automatically controlling some manufacturing steps and learning how nutrients move through plants, so that crops can be increased. This same kind of application is carried out in the United States.

**EGG REPORT**

In a chicken-and-egg report, the Russians said isotopes showed that calcium to form eggshells comes from a hen's skeleton.

Radioactive atoms could be used to track air and water masses and so help in weather predictions—and later perhaps even control the weather—Dr. Libby said.

Sticking harmless amounts of radioactivity into money could distinguish the real bills from phony ones.

Radioactive iodine can measure thyroid gland activity, and if seasonal variations in thyroid activity are related to future milk productivity, farmers can very early weed out uneconomic calves.

## Companies Stall Decision, Ask Freight Rates Boost

By ROBERT RICE  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
MONTREAL (CP) — The big contract squabble between Canada's major railways and their 130,000 non-operating employees moved Wednesday toward a head-on climax from two directions.

The railways, stalling a decision on a 14-cent hourly wage increase proposed by a conciliation board majority report, steered to Ottawa and the Board of Transport Commissioners in a bid for higher freight rates to meet a faster wage bill in the future.

And the unions, annoyed at the railways for what they called "beating around the bush," began preparing strike ballots to send across the nation.

The railways' move to get a 20-per-cent freight rate boost—enough to cover a \$60,000,000 wage bill—is expected to take at least eight weeks to reach a decision. The unions will take about the same time to compile the results of their strike poll and—if the need arises—set a strike date.

## UNION STATEMENT

The unions countered with a statement from their chief negotiator, Frank H. Hall:

"There was nothing in the conciliation board's report about the concessions to the employees being contingent on increases in traffic charges. The railways are seeking to avoid their responsibility in the situation and they are not making the contribution to industrial peace sought by the conciliation board."

The majority report was signed by board chairman Mr. Justice H. F. Thomson of Regina and union nominee David Lewis of Toronto. The other conciliator, company nominee Philip Vineberg of Montreal, rejected any wage increase at present.

The 14-cent increase proposed by the board would raise the average hourly earning of non-operating workers to \$1.77 from \$1.63. The unions originally asked for a 35-cent hourly increase.

The non-ops last went on strike in 1950 for nine days over the issue of the five-day work-week.

## REVERSES PATTERN

The unions accepted the report two weeks ago, but explained Wednesday that they did so in the interests of industrial peace even though they were dissatisfied with the award.

The railway action before the

## Provincial PC Leader Approves Road Plan

Commencing on the New Road Program for Prince Edward Island, Mr. W. R. Shaw, Leader Progressive Conservative Party expressed keen satisfaction, that arrangements have been finalized concerning this important work.

"I have known," said Mr. Shaw, "for some time, that monies were approved by the Dept. of Northern Resources and the Federal Government concerning a Roads to Resources program for this province. The announcement of the areas to be covered will be greatly appreciated, by our people particularly in areas, where little or no improved road or pavement has been supplied over the years."

"It is very gratifying too to know that the program provides for flexibility that can take in roads not now named. There are many routes not now included in the program of district tourist attraction, that can be brought under the program by mutual arrangement between Federal and Provincial agreement and I hope to see some changes or additions made in this respect."

"It is also very encouraging to know," said Mr. Shaw, "that other road projects are under consideration that when finalized will be a wonderful advantage to the farmer, fishing and business interests of this province. It is too early yet to state the details covering these projects, other than to state that plans are now being studied as Mr. J. A. MacDonald has intimated covering further Road assistance from the Federal Government."