

# New Rates Ruling Leaves Maritime Area Unchanged

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OTTAWA (CP) — The board of transport commissioners has modified a section of its 1954 decision under which a new system of basic freight rates is established. The modification, made public today, changes differentials between all-rail rates and water rates to and from eastern Canada and the head of the Great Lakes. It allows the railways greater flexibility in setting these differentials than the board had permitted in a previous judgment. The new rates, effective March 1, spread between all-rail and all-water or partial-water hauls.

**SUBJECTS TO REVIEW**  
In the decision announced today, the board left it to the railways to establish differentials — it previously had set these—but said that the railways' differentials will be subject to review on complaint from interested organizations. The decision indicated the board is taking this course because of the imminence of opening of the inland water shipping season. Otherwise, the 25,000-word "reasons for judgment" left unchanged the board's original order, laying down a method of equalizing "class" rates as between regions over most of Canada. That order became effective Tuesday. For territory between the Pacific coast and the Quebec-Maritime border, it establishes an equalized scale for the ceiling rates, which apply to about 20 per cent of Canada's \$900,000,000-a-year freight traffic. Other forms of freight are to be equalized later. Next move of the board, under a 1948 direction from Parliament, will be to equalize "commodity" rates that carry about half the traffic within Canada. This may take about three years.

## THREE MAIN EFFECTS

Meanwhile, the class rate equalization is expected to have these effects:

## In Memoriam

REV. COLIN N. MACNEVIN

GLACE BAY — Death of Rev. Colin N. MacNevin, B.A., 69, occurred at the family residence, 221 South Street, Feb. 7, following an illness extending over the past five years. Former minister of Chalmers United Church, Dominion, Rev. Mr. MacNevin was highly esteemed and respected throughout the district and his passing is regretted by a host of friends. During his ministry in Dominion he was active in the Glace Bay and District Ministerial Association and was at one time secretary of Sydney Presbytery. He took a keen interest in community affairs and gave time and energy to assisting in worthwhile projects. Rev. Mr. MacNevin was a popular speaker at public functions and his retirement caused by his illness was a loss to the community.

Rev. Mr. MacNevin was born at Desable, Prince Edward Island, May 31, 1886, the second son of John C. MacNevin. After finishing school, he attended business college at Charlottetown, P. E. I., and was employed for eight years at Moore and MacLeod's there. At that time he decided to enter the Christian ministry and attended Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, Dalhousie University and Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, graduating in theology in 1923. He held pastorates in West and Clyde River, P. E. I., under the Presbyterian Church. Following Church Union he served in Cornwall, P. E. I., Andover-Perth, N. B., Georgetown, P. E. I., Weymouth and Dominion, N. S. While in Chalmers', Dominion, due to ill health, he accepted semi-retirement in 1931, going out to supply in the quiet country church at Marion Bridge. While there his health failed rapidly and in November, 1954, he entered Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, for treatment, returning home early in January.

In the First World War Rev. Mr. MacNevin joined the Canadian Army Medical Corps and served overseas with the 25th Battalion. Deeply interested in sports, especially in distance running, he won the first "Pratt" Road Race held in Charlottetown and while in England was champion miller and half-miler for the whole Southern Command.

He is survived by his wife, the former Alice K. Alden, of Kent, England, two sons, Clarence of Truro, at present in town, Claude MacNevin, Glace Bay, and one daughter (Phyllis, R.N.) Mrs. Robert MacPherson, Glace Bay; two grandchildren, Graham and Judy MacNevin of Truro, and three brothers and one sister in Prince Edward Island.

Rev. Murray MacDonald, of Sydney, and chairman of Sydney Presbytery, presided at the services and brought the sympathy of Sydney Presbytery to the bereaved family. Rev. Mr. MacDonald also conveyed the regret of the Maritime Conference in the passing of Rev. Mr. MacNevin. He spoke for Rev. J. A. Fraser, of the Conference, who was unable to be present.

1. Rates in the western provinces will be dropped from their long-established levels. There may be no change from current levels because of an interim measure in 1953 the board ordered a general five-per-cent reduction in class rates, to be terminated when the equalization order came into effect Tuesday.

2. Rates within Ontario and Quebec will go up somewhat.

## Bristol

"Mr. Andrew Mooney, Souris Line Road, was a recent visitor here with his sister Mrs. Jennie McCarthy. Mr. Mooney, has been taking treatments in the city and stopped here for a few days to shorten the trips to the specialist during the week and also visit his sister.

Mr. Joseph Duffy, who has been a patient in the Provincial Sanatorium for quiet a long term, is expected home this week. Mr. Duffy's condition was very serious at one time and now his many friends will be pleased to see him getting home again and on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Ernest Rossiter was a business visitor to the city on Tuesday Mrs. Layton Coffin was in the city on Tuesday on business and also calling on some old friends.

Mr. Joseph W. MacDonald, who has been farming since the end of the war years when he purchased the old Lester McVarish property, has made other plans for future and is settling out. Joe has been residing alone on the farm since taking up that life.

Brother Joseph Kane, who has been in Rome for the past three years, is on a short visit to his parents in Charlottetown at present. He will leave next week for Ottawa. His old home is at Kanes Corner on the Morell road and is closed since his parents moved to the city. Brother Kane is not expected to have time to come to his old home port at this time we regret to learn.

The sincere sympathy of this vicinity is extended to Miss Emily MacDonald, East Point on the passing of her mother at the old homestead in Little Pond. Emily resided here for many years with her uncle the late R. B. MacDonald, and all her young friends of another day extended sincere sympathy to her at this sad hour.

The storm on Tuesday night piled a lot of snow on the Morell Rear Road. In some places three foot drifts blocked the road all day Wednesday until the obliging snow plough operator who was broke down got the machine in working order and opened the road in time for the bingo game. The plough came through about seven.

We understand the Bonnell family that were to leave this vicinity March 1st will not go until around the 15th and that one member of the family Miss Jane Bonnell, who is on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia here will remain here for the present at least.

Mr. James Arnold, that old war veteran, who has served many years on the dredges and boats attending the dredge, has reached the pension list and will not be on the job when the season opens again. Still hail and hearty Mr. Arnold won't stay idle. He will get into some line of work as has always been his policy.

Mr. Peter Phalen is getting around again after a spell on the sick list with the 'flu that took its toll of working hours this winter.

A number of people have been reporting seeing black robins around lately and on investigation we find these are a new type of winter bird that has been coming here and look considerably like the summer black bird but are not so jet black and have a shorter build.

The Manager of the Morell creamery reports business very brisk now with a good supply of cream coming in despite the early season.

Mr. Eph Malone is expected home from the Charlottetown Hospital this week after a stay of

# Murray Harbor North

Mr. Stanley Dumville, O'Leary, was the recent overnight guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Rae Kennedy.

Mrs. Harry Reid was a recent visitor to Charlottetown, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Diamond.

On Monday afternoon, February 14, the pupils of Murray Harbor, North School and pre-age children enjoyed a Valentine party. After the exchange of Valentines, the children adjourned to the local hall where they were entertained by films supplied by the National Film Board. With the serving of refreshments by their teacher, Miss Lorraine Jamieson and several of the older girls, a very enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close.

Miss Betty Ann Millar, nurse-in-training at the P. E. I. Hospital, spent the week-end of February 19 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Millar.

Mr. Warren Millar who has been employed in Charlottetown, for the past several months has returned home.

Mrs. Harry Millar was hostess to the Ladies' Aid Society at her home on Tuesday evening, February 15, with 19 members and one visitor present. Several aprons were handed in for a bazaar which will be held in the near future. At the conclusion of the festive period delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Matilda Millar and Mrs. Marvyn Johnston. Mrs. Hazen MacLure invited the members to her home for the March meeting.

The Murray Harbor North Sr. team defeated the Sturgeon Sr. team 3-0 at the local rink on Monday night, February 14, before a large crowd of fans.

Mrs. Nettie Millar, Murray Harbour, spent the past week-end with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Millar.

After the game on Monday night, February 14, members of the Y. S. gathered at the Mansie for a social evening. Games and contests were greatly enjoyed with prizes being awarded to the various winners. The serving of dainty refreshments brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The Sumerville Bonecrushers and Murray Harbour, North Do-Dads battled to a 2-2 tie in an exhibition game played at the Montague rink Thursday evening, February 17, before a large crowd of enthusiastic fans. Scoring for the Murray Harbour North, L. Jackson and W. Millar, with Wood scoring for Summerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Millar were among those who witnessed the capping and candlelighting exercises at the Cundall Home on February 23. Their daughter, Betty Ann was one of the students to receive her cap.

Mr. Carl Graham who has been employed in Charlottetown, for several months has returned to his home.

Mrs. Gavin Hicken, Pembroke, was a visitor to Charlottetown on February 23, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Proctor.

A large number of fans witnessed the first game of the Southern King's hockey schedule for the trophy donated by Mrs. C. G. Clay between the Bison Bombers and Murray Harbor, North, which resulted in a 2-0 win for the Bombers. The game was played at Montague on Saturday night, February 19.

Miss Jessie MacRae has returned to Murray Harbor North after spending several weeks in Charlottetown.

Mrs. Edward Millar, spent several days recently in Alberry Plains, the guest of her sister, Miss Abigail Collings.

A very enjoyable variety concert sponsored by the Peters Road West W. I., was held in the Murray Harbour North hall on Monday evening, February 21, before a capacity audience. Mr. George Johnston capably acted as chairman and introduced the various numbers which were heartily applauded. Mrs. Harry Butler and Mrs. Gerald Johnston were organ accompanists. At the close of the program, lunches were sold in aid of the community rink.

The many friends of Mr. Harry Millar are pleased to see him home again, after being a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital.

Several relatives and friends from Murray Harbour, North, attended the funeral service for the late Kenneth Thompson which was held from the Sturgeon Baptist Church, Wednesday afternoon, February 23. —AO.

several weeks following a serious operation.

Mr. H. S. MacEwen has returned from a business trip to the mainland. —N.

# Georgetown Legion Ladies' Aux. Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Georgetown Legion Ladies Auxiliary was held in the Legion Hall on February 26, with the president, Mrs. Walter Solomon, presiding. Nineteen members responded to the roll call.

The following committee was appointed to arrange for transportation to Montague meeting on March 21. Mrs. J. W. Lavera, Mrs. Howard Llewellyn and Mrs. A. H. Stewart. Sick committee reported by Mrs. F. J. DeLory, made four visits.

Lunch committee for next meeting will be Mrs. Joseph Sampson, Mrs. Howard MacLean, Mrs. J. A. B. MacConnell and Mrs. Charles Fraser. After the singing of the Queen, a delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge. The financial report was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Scully and showed a substantial balance on hand.

## Scientist Heard From After Four Years

MOSCOW, (AP)—The Soviet Union presented the long-missing atomic scientist, Bruno Pontecorvo, at a press conference Friday. Pontecorvo, an Italian-born scientist who worked in Canada, became a British subject, then disappeared with his family in 1950 while working at England's top-secret Harwell atomic research station. A letter by him in Pravda on Tuesday gave the world first official word that he was working with the Russians on their atomic projects.

"Today it is impossible to stand aside from life," he said. "The reactionary yellow press in capitalist countries tries to damper the brain of the common people, but there are things which are clear even to children.

## Death Of Counter-Spy

DEAL, England, (Reuters) — Britain's chief wartime counter-spy, 61-year-old Brig. William Hinchley-Cooke, died in the street of the little fishing village of Kingsdown near here Thursday.

He was one of the "brains" of MI-5, the branch of Britain's secret service credited with trapping at least 16 German spies during the Second World War.

As a military intelligence legal expert he also had the final word in deciding whether Britons should stand trial for treason—but never took part in the court trials. He played a big part in setting up the trial of the Berlin wartime broadcaster, William Joyce—"Lord Haw Haw"—hanged for treason in 1946. Although his name often made the headlines, photographs were banned to preserve his anonymity. One paper which published his photograph received a stiff protest from the government.

## Price Index Down Tenth

OTTAWA (CP) — The consumer price index dropped one-tenth of a point during January to 116.3 from 116.4 as lower food prices pushed living costs down for the third consecutive month.

Prices declined for coffee, lard, egg, beef and pork, outweighing increases for tea, oranges and fresh vegetables, the bureau of statistics reported today.

Rents also rose slightly to a new high, and hospital rates increased in eastern Canada, but these rises were insufficient to offset the food price decline.

## 4.9 POINTS BELOW RECORD

Other segments of the cost-of-living yardstick, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, remained unchanged.

The over-all decline of one-tenth of a point was small and the lowest that can be recorded on the yardstick. It followed a drop of two-tenths of a point in each of the previous two months.

But it was the first time in a year that the index had backtracked three months in a row.

# Industrial Prices Higher

The future direction of living costs is still uncertain, Governor James Coyne of the Bank of Canada told a press conference Wednesday that prices are not likely to rise where there are large pockets of unemployment.

However, wholesale industrial prices strengthened in February as the exchange value of the Canadian dollar declined and the price of some foreign goods in terms of Canadian currency increased. Canadian farm prices continued to decline.

## Pontecorvo Still British Subject

LONDON (AP)—Bruno Pontecorvo, the Italian-born British scientist who deserted to Russia, still is a British subject, the government said Thursday.

Conservative Capt. H. B. Kerby raised the issue in the House of Commons. He asked whether Pontecorvo, who two days ago revealed in Moscow he was working on Soviet atom projects, had been deprived of citizenship.

He told the House the government has the power to deprive the scientist of his citizenship, but until Pontecorvo's Moscow revelations there was no reliable information as to his activities on which action against him could be based.

"But," added Lloyd-George, "I have noted with interest statements recently attributed to him in the Soviet press and I am giving urgent consideration to the matter."

## Highest Court

The Supreme Court of Canada was established at Ottawa in 1875.

## Opened New Era

The radioactivity of uranium was discovered by Antoine Becquerel in France in 1896.

# Shelter, Covering Rents and Home-Ownership Costs

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