

# Important Issues Face Members Of Commons

## Bank Bill Seen As First Item

By RONALD LEBEL  
OTTAWA (CP)—Members of Parliament return to their Commons desks today to face a swarm of crucial issues.  
Legislation affecting the income and welfare of millions of Canadians will be debated in 10 hectic weeks before the Christmas recess.  
Adding to the intense activity will be the Liberals' first national convention since 1961, opening Monday; the Conservatives' first convention since early 1964, next Nov. 16-19; and a major federal-provincial conference next month on tax-sharing and education.  
When the Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. EDT, the first item likely will be the massive revision of the Bank Act introduced just before the July 16 summer recess.  
The cabinet and the Liberal caucus met Tuesday. Conservatives and New Democrats were to hold their caucus meetings today.

**WOULD DITCH CEILING**  
The bank bill would scrap the six-per-cent interest ceiling on bank loans and substitute a floating rate that could rise to seven per cent under present conditions in the money market.  
This proposal, generally en-

**STILL IN THE WORKS**  
Details of the new program for the aged still are being ironed out by the health department. Health Minister MacEachen announced in July that persons over 75 without outside income would receive \$105 a month.  
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**POSITION TO A DELAY**  
The anticipated date of the start of the medicare bill now before Parliament.  
"No I imagine many, like myself, regret that we found it necessary to postpone this program."

**OPPOSITION EXPECTED**  
He said Tuesday that strong opposition to this change was to be expected. It was not surprising that the Liberals were concerned and disappointed.

**THE STEP HAD BEEN TAKEN**  
because in the public interest it was necessary to have financial stability. Postponement was a only desirable to combat inflation and rising government expenditures.

**MR. SHARP MADE IT PLAIN**  
he plans to enter the Commons debate on the medicare bill and will speak strongly for proceeding with the program in July, 1968.

**INFORMANTS INDICATED THAT**  
the issue is far from dead after the caucus session.  
It is likely to make an appearance at the Liberal party's policy conference Oct. 10-13, probably before the Commons debate on the legislation begins.

## Truscott Review Due To Begin

OTTAWA (CP)—Some doubts about the conviction of a 14-year-old boy of a brutal sex-slaying in Clinton, Ont., seven years ago may be cleared today when the Supreme Court of Canada opens its review of the Steven Truscott case.  
The court has approved the calling of 34 witnesses to help it determine whether Truscott was the victim of a miscarriage of justice when he was sentenced to life imprisonment for the slaying of 12-year-old Lynne Harper in 1959.  
A main point in contention at the Supreme Court hearings will be the manner which the Crown established time of death of the victim. The Crown's evidence placed Truscott with the girl on or about the time of her death.

## Famine Is Threat

By ALEXANDER FARRELL  
UNITED NATIONS (CP)—The United Nations' economic chief repeated past warnings Tuesday that there is a real possibility that famine soon will occur in much of the world.  
Philippe de Seynes of France, UN undersecretary for economic affairs, said drastic declines in food surpluses, particularly in Canada and the United States, have helped to make the global balance between food production and population precarious.  
The latest UN estimate of total world population by the end of the century is 6,130,000,000—160,000,000 higher than the estimate made two years ago. The world population now is estimated by the UN at about 3,000,000,000.

**REPORTS FROM THE CLOSED MEETING**  
said that Mr. Sharp encountered dismay about the medicare delay and the fact that the MPs weren't advised beforehand of the cabinet's decision to scrap July 1, 1967, as the starting date.

**ON THE LETTER POINT,**  
Ralph Cowan (L-York Humber) commented briefly:  
"We were promised consultation until we were sick in the face."

**DODGES QUESTIONS**  
Prime Minister Pearson turned aside questions by saying "it was a wonderful caucus."

**MR. SHARP ACKNOWLEDGED**  
the discussion had been lively on the subject of medicare.  
He was asked whether the op-

**THIS BUSINESS IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE**  
and as yet the other companies are not subject to the same high wage increase we are," he said.

**THE STRIKE BY UNITED PACKING-HOUSE WORKERS**  
in six cities won them a three-year package increase totalling 55 cents an hour and fringe benefits with an estimated value of between 13-15 cents.

**THE WAGE INCREASE WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON PRICES,**  
the spokesman said, but when and how was difficult to calculate.

# Manpower Training Needs Stressed By Council Head

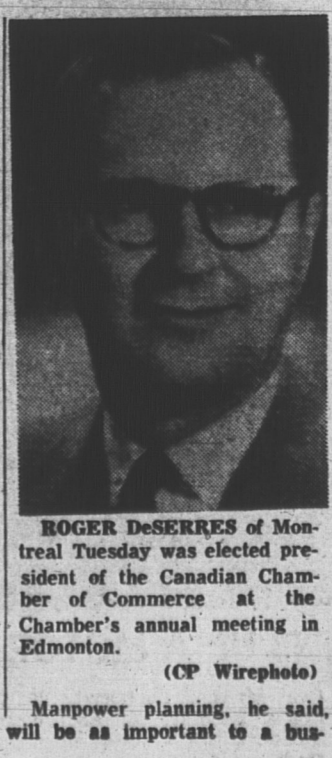
By KEN SMITH  
CANADIAN PRESS BUSINESS EDITOR  
EDMONTON (CP)—Canadian business will have to give high priority to planning its manpower needs if it is to achieve future growth, John Deutsch, chairman of the Economic Council of Canada, said Tuesday.

He told the 37th annual meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce that there are important gaps in manpower planning, even among some of Canada's largest firms.

"This is not surprising, perhaps, in view of the long period of slack which existed in the labor market in the late 1950s and the earlier years of this decade," he told the 800 delegates.

"At the present time, however, the pressure of a high level of demand of all kinds is revealing acute shortages of skilled labor."

"This reflects, to an important degree, the cost of past neglect in this vital area."



Manpower planning, he said, will be as important to a bus-

## Farmers' Share Of Food Dollar Shows Decline, Probe Informed

By JAMES NELSON  
OTTAWA (CP)—Percentage markups by wholesalers and retailers have a pyramidal effect in sending up the price of food, the joint committee of the Senate and Commons on consumer prices was told Tuesday.

S. B. Williams, assistant deputy minister of agriculture in charge of production and marketing, said this is one of the principal reasons food prices go up in the supermarkets and the farmer doesn't share in the increase.

Mr. Williams and a score of agriculture department witnesses appeared before the committee for its first discussion of specific prices.

Only he and A. D. Davey, director of the department's poultry division, took the witness stand Tuesday, however, before further discussion of food prices was adjourned to Thursday.

**RETAIL VALUE RISES**  
Mr. Williams presented statistics showing that while the retail value of food sales in Canada rose to \$5,929,000,000 from \$2,211,000,000 between 1949 and 1964, the farm value of raw food materials produced rose to only \$2,043,000,000 from \$1,234,000,000.

This meant, he said, that the farmers received in 1964 only 41 cents of the retail food dollar spent, compared with 58 cents in 1949.

Mr. Davey said the price of eggs to producers, to retail outlets, and to consumers generally fluctuate in waves based on levels of egg production. When supply is short, prices rise.

He and Mr. Williams said that when a price increase first takes place at the producer level, wholesalers and retailers may be slow to reflect the increase but once a higher price becomes established, the markups are tacked on.

Mr. Williams noted that most retailers charge the consumers a straight percentage markup on the retail outlet's cost, charged by the wholesaler.

**ADDITIONAL EFFECT**  
It is known that in turn, wholesale distributors of food charge a percentage markup on the prices they have to pay suppliers. This has an additional snowballing or pyramiding effect.

Max Saltzman (NDP—Waterloo South) said the markups on egg prices this year appear to be wider than those prevailing last year. Mr. Williams said this is true.

Mr. Davey, however, said egg prices at this time of year usually are over their annual hump and should be declining. He predicted that egg prices next year will be somewhat lower than this year, though higher than last year.

Mr. Williams said foodstuffs are affected by national and international trends more than other commodities. He noted

that sugar prices on producer markets now are about two cents a pound, compared with 12 cents at their peak.

**AFFECTED BY U.S.**  
The price of meats, particularly beef, are affected by U.S. market prices. All price quotations collected by the department of agriculture are at producer and wholesale markets. Retail prices are related, but do not necessarily go hand-in-hand.

"That may be true, but tell us what your wife tells you about food prices," Senator David Cross (L-Ontario), co-chairman, told Mr. Williams.

"Well, prices of certain processed products in recent times have not followed so closely as in previous years the upward and downward movement of producer prices," Mr. Williams said.

He also said there has been a major shift in recent years towards higher-cost protein foods and away from cheaper cereal foods. Housewives also want more processed foods and pay for more sophisticated packaging.

"It's just a personal opinion, but I suppose that is brought on by the higher percentage of women now employed outside the home."

"Well," said Richard Cashin (L-St. John's West), "I can tell you, based on my experience, that wives that don't work also prefer packaged and processed foods."



## PULLS WRONG WAY ACT

Mrs. Josephine Griffin, 60, Los Angeles, Calif., has a pert wave Tuesday at Chicago's O'Hare airport during a stop-over on a flight from London, England, where she ended up

thinking she was headed for Los Angeles. She came to Chicago two weeks ago to visit relatives. Last night she boarded a flight she thought was going to Los Angeles, but ended up in London. The airlines said there was a mixup with ticket envelopes and flight members and that her added mileage would be free. "My friends will never believe this," she said. (AP Wirephoto)

# Reduced Potato Yield, Strong Prices Predicted

By NEIL MATHESON  
A sharply reduced yield of potatoes and strong market prospects were suggested to The Guardian last night by two of the Island's most knowledgeable potato men.

Bert McCordle, Middletown, long recognized as one of the province's better growers, told The Guardian last night the crop in this area is running 25 per cent below normal.

Mr. McCordle normally gets 400 bushels to the acre, or slightly more. This year the yield will average 300 bushels, he said.

The Middletown man added that it's the same story all around his area, and that includes some

of the Island's best potato land. Horace Willis, Kingston, who planted more than 600 acres this year, said the yield will run perhaps 285 to 325 bushels per acre. Normally it would run 425 to 475 bushels, he said.

**MARKET LOOKS STRONG**  
Mr. Willis, a shipper as well as a producer, said market trends look strong. It's too early to establish a firm price, he said, but seed will probably run two cents per pound to the grower, and tablestock around \$1.10 to \$1.15 a bag delivered at shipping point.

But the market looks strong and the prices could easily go

far beyond that in a month or so, if certain developments occur. The tablestock spuds could be bringing \$1.35 to \$1.50 per bag in a month or so, he estimated.

If frost should damage the North Dakota and Idaho crop—their plantings are late—the price here could hit \$2.50 per bag after the freezeup, perhaps by late November.

That is speculative, but Mr. Willis was emphatic in his opinion. Continued on page 3 col. 5

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# Cabinet Okays Pipeline From Prairies Via U.S.

OTTAWA (CP)—The cabinet has reversed its ban on construction of a natural gas pipeline and natural gas export through it from Western Canada via the United States, Prime Minister Pearson announced Tuesday night.

The reversal was based on promises by Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. that their present Northern Ontario pipeline will remain the company's main pipeline to the east.

Mr. Pearson said in a statement that the company promised:

1. More than half the volume of western gas required to supply Eastern Canada will be transported through the Northern Ontario leg.

2. The company will aim at a target of 60 per cent of eastern requirements being supplied through the Northern Ontario line by Dec. 31, 1976.

3. A long-range objective of 65 per cent through the Northern Ontario line.

4. An agreement with the federal government to ensure that Trans-Canada could never dispose of its interest in Great Lakes Transmission Co.—the U.S. leg—without approval of the federal government.

Mr. Pearson said that the National Energy Board "after reviewing Trans-Canada's undertakings, has said that in its view these undertakings would remove the possibility that the Great Lakes line might become in effect the main line of Trans-Canada."

The government last August rejected Trans-Canada's bid to build a 36-inch line via the U.S. to export gas and help supply the eastern market. The Northern Ontario line now in operation is a 30-inch line.

Mr. Pearson said that following the government's decision Trans-Canada offered to make certain commitments to meet the government's objections.

These were sent to the energy board which found them "an adequate and acceptable response" to the government's objections.

Mr. Pearson said the company's new promises remove the government's basic objection and it approved the board's recommendations for construction, export and import permits.

# Inez Changes Course, Aims At New Targets

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane Inez, the end of her murderous rampage nowhere in sight, slashed and clawed through the Florida Keys Tuesday, then burst into the Gulf of Mexico and new targets for her wild winds.

Churning backwards from the heart of The Bahamas, the vicious, unpredictable storm lashed 65,000 square miles of sea and shore.

Along southeast Florida's Gold Coast from Fort Lauderdale to Miami, power transformers blew in showers of green sparks, palm trees bent and snapped and foaming surf cut streets and highways.

A teen-ager wading in the thundering surf in Fort Lauderdale was knocked down by a huge wave and disappeared. Police said they feared the youth, Charles Taylor, 17, had

drowned. Two elderly Miami Beach residents—Isaac Buzy, 84, and Miriam Radin, 74—died of apparent heart attacks while trying to rig shutters at their homes.

**PUSHED CUTTER ASHORE**  
Seventy-mile-an-hour gales and mountainous waves beached the 82-foot U.S. Coast Guard cutter Point Thatcher on a jetty just off the resort town of Miami Beach.

In a heroic act, 50 to 75 men, women and children waded into the towering surf and formed a human chain to help the stranded coast guard members reach shore.

With top winds hitting a 90-mile clip at Key Largo, the start of the 100-mile-long necklace of keys that leads from

# Arrest Is Made In Doctor Death

TORONTO (CP)—Donald Eugene Cooke, 28, of Guelph, Ont., was arrested Tuesday and charged with capital murder in the death of Dr. Rowena G. D. Hume, 88, Canada's oldest woman doctor.

Police said Cooke was arrested by detectives while walking along a Toronto street near the home of the widow.

Police said the man was registered for part-time work with a charitable organization patronized by Dr. Hume.

skull, broke her nose and cheekbone and fractured her jaw.

**HIRED TRANSIENTS**  
Friends of the slain doctor told police she often hired transient workers through a Salvation Army hostel to do odd jobs around her 15-room home.

Dr. Hume's home, lavishly furnished with antiques she collected during her long career, was untidy but police could find no evidence it was ransacked.

The body was found by a woman reporter who was to interview her. Police said hundreds of persons knew the frail, retired physician whose home was located in a district haunted by burglars, drug addicts and drunks.

DONALD EUGENE COOKE, 28, of Elora, Ont., is led out of court by a policeman after being charged Tuesday with death of Dr. Rowena Hume, capital murder in the beating 88. (CP Wirephoto)