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Government Preparing To Sell M. V. "Eskimo"

Recommendations Improvement In PEI Car Ferry Service

OTTAWA, March 15 (Special)—Recommendation that a second ferry capable of carrying automobiles be operated between Borden and Tormentine from June 15 to September 15 whether such operation is a paying proposition or not is a major recommendation made in the report of the Royal Commission on Transportation made public here tonight.

It is further recommended in the report that the Federal Government examine the traffic situation at the Prince Edward Island ferry frequently to determine the adequacy of the service, that ferry service "consonant with reasonable traffic requirements" be provided between Borden and Tormentine.

In its examination of evidence concerning improvement of the Wood Island-Caribou ferry service and the proposed West Point-Bucoute ferry, the Commission concludes that these matters should be placed before the Canadian Maritime Commission. It makes no specific recommendations in either case.

Commissioners found that the operation of the Borden-Tormentine ferry had not been satisfactory in the past and that the Province had established a clear case of the inadequacy of one ferry during the summer months. It recommended operation of a ferry shuttle service from June 15 to September 15 regardless of whether such operation was profitable or otherwise. It agreed with the contention of Prince Edward Island that:

1. The ferry service has been too closely tied to railway train schedules.
2. The ferry service is regarded by the railway administration as a part of the railway service rather than a transportation service to the people of the province, and
3. The attitude of the railway with respect to trucks and buses including the access of these latter to the ferry approaches and the excessive charges made until recently for trucks, is an indication of unsatisfactory conditions.

The commission expressed gratification that the C. N. R. had now agreed to remove pierage charges upon buses approaching the ferry.

4. Dependence of the Island on the ferry service is such that adequate ferry service must be established consonant with reasonable traffic requirements. Tourist traffic, the report states, is bound to be hampered if adequate ferry service is not provided in the summer months.

5. The province has established a clear case of the inadequacy of one ferry during the summer months and an additional ferry capable of transporting automobiles should be operated during the period June 15 to September 15 each year. The guiding principle should not be whether the operation of the second ferry is financially profitable, but rather whether the second ferry is reasonably required to meet the demands of traffic. Details of schedules can be worked out after operational experience."

Private Capital Will Take Over Says The Premier

The Provincial Government is going to sell the motor vessel Eskimo to "private capital," it was announced last night in the Legislature by Premier J. Walter Jones.

"We have interested private capital in taking over the Eskimo and we are going to give it to them," he said. "They will form a company first so that they may be eligible to obtain a subsidy from the Dominion Government."

He did not say who the prospective purchasers were.

"We want to get the Eskimo established in trade along the Northern coast of the St. Lawrence in places like Seven Islands which will have a population of 30,000 people."

Asked by the Leader of the Opposition if it was intended to compete for that trade the Premier replied "Yes, we are nearer to those places than Quebec City."

The boat was bought two years ago to develop outport trade in Newfoundland the Premier stated, leading up to his announcement. The outports liked the idea because they got their food cheaper that way.

Before the Eskimo visited the outports the people received their (Continued on Page 5 Col. 2)

Highlights Of Report

- OTTAWA, March 15 (CP)—Highlights of recommendations of the Royal Commission on Transportation:
- A national transportation policy calling for co-ordination of all transport agencies — railways, aviation, shipping, pipelines — under Federal jurisdiction, including perhaps interprovincial and international highway traffic.
 - General equalization of freight rates between all regions of Canada. A new Federal subsidy of an estimated \$7,000,000 a year to help cover the cost of moving goods between east and west across thinly-settled Northern Ontario.
 - A recapitalization plan for the Government-owned Canadian National Railways to give it a more stable financial structure.
 - No change in the Federal statute guaranteeing the West its lower, fixed "Crow's Nest Pass" freight rates on grain and grain products.
 - Modification of future freight-rate increases to lessen the impact on long-haul traffic and some commodities — of particular benefit to the West and the Maritimes.
 - No railway public ownership or amalgamation.
 - No Federal construction of the proposed \$100,000,000 Chignecto canal in the Maritimes.
 - No major change in the Maritime Freight Rates Act giving that area sub-normal rates.
 - Extension to Prairie points of part of the benefits of low "transcontinental" freight rates between eastern Canada and British Columbia.
 - Action to speed up the disposition of railway revenue (rate-increase) cases, with interim increases being granted where justified.
 - Closer scrutiny of co-operative economy measures taken by the two big railways.
 - Improvement in the C. N. R.'s car-ferry service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland.
 - No change in the existing system of the railways and their labor unions negotiating their disputes.
 - A more favorable freight-rate setup for Newfoundland (already largely implemented).
 - National transportation policy to ensure efficient and economic operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway as a private enterprise.
 - Uniform accounting and statistical methods to be adopted by the two major railways.
 - Greater freedom to be allowed the railways in abandoning unproductive lines and making other economies.
 - No change in the method of setting freight rates — as proposed by the C. P. R. — to make that company's investment value the basis of rates.
 - No change — as proposed by the British Columbia Government — to base the rate system more closely on the cost of hauling goods than on the present principle of value to the shipper.

Bandits Get More Than \$10,000 In Montreal Holdup

MONTREAL, March 15 (CP)—Two armed bandits, their faces muffled in dirty handkerchiefs and multi-colored scarves, scooped up between \$10,000 and \$14,000 today from an east-end bank branch in the city's 11th bank holdup this year.

Eyewitnesses said the two men burst into the bank about 11 A. M. while two women customers were at the two windows of the Banque Provinciale du Canada branch.

One bandit went to the office of manager J. L. Turcotte, poked a .45-calibre revolver under his nose and said: "Come on, come on."

Turcotte followed the bandit into the main office where the second gunman had herded the seven employees and two customers. They forced them into the vault, then started scooping cash from the tellers' cages.

Apparently fearing an alarm might be turned in from the vault, the bandits marched the nine prisoners out again and forced them to lie on the floor on their stomachs.

After stowing away all the loose money, the two fled, trampling over their prone prisoners on the way to the door.

Recommends Changes In Freight Rates Structure

By John LeBlanc
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA, March 15 (CP)—The Royal Commission on Transportation today recommended a new national transportation policy of co-ordinating all Federally-controlled carriers and a new deal in rail freight rates through Canada-wide equalization with the aid of a \$7,000,000-a-year subsidy.

The 200,000-word report of the three-man Commission, drafted after an historic two-year investigation, was tabled in the Commons by Prime Minister St. Laurent.

The Commission under Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland and former Saskatchewan Chief Justice, proposed a single body—instead of the existing three—to regulate and correlate rail, water and air transport, pipelines and such highway traffic as the Federal Government considers it has authority to control.

That would take in interprovincial and international truck and bus operations, a disputed field where the Federal and several Provincial Governments are fighting for jurisdiction. The issue now is before the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Commission said the new board should regulate the carriers so they would serve, individually and as a whole, in meeting the country's needs. It would replace the existing Board of Transport Commissioners (rail, some inland shipping, pipelines, telephones), the Air Transport Board and the Canadian Maritime Commission (shipping and shipbuilding).

For the equalization of rates—a demand of western governments for years—the Commission drew up a broad plan for levelling off the difference between eastern charges and the higher western rates.

Its aim would be to "treat all citizens, localities, districts and regions alike" in freight rates. It would be furthered by a subsidy of about \$7,000,000 a year to ease the cost of maintaining the east-west rail "bridge" across the thinly-populated northern Ontario region which produces relatively little rail traffic of its own and, railwise, serves mainly as a link between east and west.

Grain Rates Untouched

But the equalization scheme would not touch the two big statutory rate advantages granted the West and the Maritimes. These are the low "Crow's Nest Pass" rates on export grain and grain products moving in the West and the 20-per-cent reductions given on some Maritime hauls with the aid of a federal subsidy.

The Commission's recommendations, covering more than 70 aspects of all forms of transportation in Canada, were unanimous. Joining with Mr. Justice Turgeon were Dr. H. F. Angus, professor of economics at the University of British Columbia, and Dr. H. A. Innis, professor of economics at the University of Toronto.

Major points in the report, based on 7,000,000 words of evidence and argument in all provinces, included:

1. A recommendation for a drastic overhaul of the Canadian National Railways' capital structure, scaling down some of its abnormally-heavy debt and aimed (Continued on Page 13 Col. 4)

American Forces Move Into Deserted Hongchon

By Robert Emswiler
TOKYO, March 15 (Friday)—(AP)—American forces easily captured Hongchon Thursday. Most of the Chinese had pulled out of that Red stronghold on the Central Korean front.

Seizure of the town, 20 miles south of parallel 38, forced a firmer link in the chain of Allied arms stretching from liberated Seoul across the peninsula.

All along that 100-mile front, the Chinese and Korean Reds still were withdrawing northward.

U. S. soldiers rode tanks into Hongchon. They met only small-arms fire. Red mortar shells clumped into the town afterwards.

Five Civilians

On hand to greet the Americans were only five civilians. Hongchon once a town of 35,000, was in ruins. Until recently it was a major Chinese assembly area, but the Reds pulled north in a series of rearranged actions.

The Reds are believed massing at Ohunchon, 18 air miles northwest of Hongchon and 45 air miles northeast of Seoul. Correspondents said it seemed logical that the Chinese would make a determined stand at Chungchong.

For weeks the Reds have poured supplies into that town from the northwest and northeast. They had to move mostly at night to escape Allied fighters and bombers.

Chuncheon, on main highway routes to North Korea, is eight air miles south of the 38th parallel. The Canadian battalion, which pulled out of the line Tuesday in the west-central sector of the front, was taking it easy before a riverside camp. Their commanding officer, Lt. Col. J. R. Stone, said the Patricia's will resume training Friday to stay in shape for their next battle duty.

American and South Korean troops re-entered Seoul in force Thursday. The rubble old capital (Continued on Page 5 Col. 2)

Stork Proves Too Speedy For Plane

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 15 (CP)—An R. C. A. F. Canso speeding an expectant mother to hospital here today was overtaken by the stork 2,000 feet over this island's south coast.

Mrs. Everett Cox of St. Albans gave birth to a son after an emergency call from her doctor had started a mercy mission involving three Maritime air bases.

The Air Force had an amphibious Canso at nearby Torbay airport but no pilots experienced in water landings. A quick call to the R. C. A. F. Search and Rescue squadron at Greenwood, N. S., brought F-O Mike Pearson on his way in a Lancaster to intercept the Canso at Argentea last night.

F-O Pearson took over and picked up Mrs. Cox after landing on the Bay of St. Albans, but couldn't beat the stork. A public health nurse, Mrs. F. Robbins, was on board to look after the mother.

Mother and son were doing fine in hospital here tonight.

Cost-Plus Contracts Touch Off Debate In House Of Commons

OTTAWA, March 15 (CP)—Government use of cost-plus contracts—awarded without calling for tenders—may be in for another spell of parliamentary stage.

The system, core of many storms in the past, emerged as an issue in the Commons public accounts committee today with a Liberal member charging that it "stinks" and a Social Credit member saying it led to "tremendous waste" and "exaggerated costs" in the last war.

It will come up again shortly in discussion of handling of defence contracts.

It arose today over a 1949 \$30,000 cost-plus contract at the R.C.A.F.'s Chatham's N.E. fighter base which grew into a series of cost-plus contracts costing \$465,000 with a five-per-cent fixed fee for the contractor.

Watson Sellars, auditor-general, said the reason given for the system's use there was "the present emergency."

The discussion brought from George Orulickshank (L-Fraser Valley) the opinion that the figures were "startling" and that the majority of Commons members think that type of contract "stinks."

The Canadian Commercial Corporation, acting for the R.C.A.F., asked in this case that a \$30,000 cost-plus contract be awarded to rehabilitate buildings at Chatham, urging that tenders be skipped "on account of the present emergency" and saying that specifications were not available. The R.C.A.F. didn't move into the base until six months after the recommendation was made.

In the wake of the original contract, a series of others were awarded to the same contractor, on the same conditions on the grounds that, being on the ground, he could do the work more cheaply than anyone else. The final cost was \$465,000.

WOLKING, Surrey, Eng.—(CP)—A cycling club sent \$3 to the local church and received acknowledgment along with a scolding for holding race meetings on Sundays. "But they didn't return the money," said one of the cyclists.

Ceiling On Cattle Hides In The U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The Office of Price Stabilization tonight set price ceilings on cattle hides. Officials said the "general effect" will be prices "approximately" the same as now. They do not expect changes in the price of shoes.

YUKON PEAK

Highest Mountain on Canadian Territory is Mount Logan in the Yukon, 19850 feet.

Premier Discusses Trans-Canada Highway

"Trucks will be permitted of 18,000 pounds axle load on the new Trans-Canada Highway and they will be permitted on no other roads of the Province," Premier J. Walter Jones warned in the Legislature last night.

Scales will be installed at Borden, he intimated, to see that this regulation is enforced, and that trucks of over 18,000 axle load are kept off Prince Edward Island roads altogether.

"Freight trucks are getting bigger and bigger," he complained, and there are some with axle loads up to 22,500 and more. When vehicles of this kind go over a road, they do twice as much damage as a truck of 18,000 pounds.

"The auto and the smaller trucks such as farmers use are paying more than their share of the cost of the roads, and these heavy freight trucks are not paying their share at all. If they want to make them bigger, they will have to make their own highways."

The cost would be exorbitant to bring the roads in this Province up to the standard demanded for such trucks in other Provinces.

Outlining the specifications laid down by the Federal authorities for the Trans-Canada Highway, the Premier said it had been charged that he was acting more or less as a dictator in transacting this business himself. "But if one understands the nature of the work," he will see why it is that if you subject the members of the districts to the kind of pressure that has been put on with regard to that road, you would have a very tangled situation."

Strathgartney Hills

"It was mentioned that if we couldn't get across the Strathgartney hills, how could they get across the Rocky Mountains," the Premier continued. Actually, the objection raised by British Columbia was not to the grades but to limiting the width of the road, and some concessions were made in respect. The grade limit set by Ottawa is 6 per cent.

When they started building the highway here last year, in consultation with Federal engineers, it was decided to go through Tryon, and they ran into one section of about 200 yards, just beyond the village of Bonshaw which was very difficult. A grade of 7 per cent was required, and they finally obtained permission in this case. Otherwise, the road from Bonshaw to (Continued on Page 15 Col. 5)

Three Children Burned To Death

FLIN FLON, Man., March 15 (CP)—Three small children burned to death in their home today. Their mother, Mrs. Kay Torne, was across the street at a grocery store when she saw her home burning. Unable to get through the flames which blocked the doorway, she smashed a window and cut her arm badly in an effort to reach the children.

The dead: Ronald, 4; Patricia, 3; and Gary, 2. A fourth child, Cecil, 5, was outside playing.

Debate On Draft Address Concludes

The debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne which had been carried on continuously since Wednesday, March 7, was concluded last night.

Walker Jones, other speakers yesterday were: Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources, Mr. John MacLean, 1st King's and Mr. F. C. Ramsay, 1st Prince. The following bills were given first readings: An Act to amend the Village Services Act; and an Act to incorporate the society of Industrial and Cost Accountants. The House will meet this morning at 11 o'clock.

Local Lady Director Of Restaurant Ass'n

TORONTO, March 15 (CP)—Clarence L. Sorensen of Vancouver today was elected president of the Canadian Restaurant Association at the Association's seventh annual convention.

Other officers named were N.B. Kirby, Toronto, secretary; Nat Bailey, Vancouver, treasurer; D. W. Coburn, Fort William, C. H. Millburn, Toronto, and J. C. Sim, Ottawa, vice-presidents.

Directors elected include: New Brunswick—M. R. Colwell, Fredericton; K. C. Grass, Saint John.

Nova Scotia—W. A. Hart, Halifax.

Prince Edward Island—Mrs. M. Bell, Charlottetown.

Newfoundland—Mrs. Dorothy Frost, St. John's.

News In Brief

BUENOS AIRES, March 15 (AP)—President Juan D. Peron has ordered Congress into emergency session tomorrow to consider the situation arising from the 49-day shutdown of the anti-Peron paper, La Prensa.

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The House of Representatives armed services committee by a 32-to-3 vote today approved a bill for drafting youths at 18-1-2 years and setting up universal military training later.

TORONTO, March 15 (CP)—The Ontario Government today put an immediate peg on retail milk prices and announced that it will assume control of maximum milk prices to consumers. Milk here retails at 20 cents a quart.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., March 15 (CP)—Belief that the Dominion Government feels that Federal financial aid to education is inevitable was expressed tonight by George T. Crookery, Ottawa, executive secretary of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, in addressing the Saint John Teachers' Association.

Coming Events

- "Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- "Reserve Monday night, April 23, Dance in Millville Hall.
- "Special Easter Song Service in Princetown Road United Church, March 18th, 7:30 P. M.
- "The Grand River Dramatic Society will present their play in Grand River Hall, Saturday, March 17th, at 8:30.
- "Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Canada Packers Limited, until 12 noon each Tuesday. Robert Dawson.
- "Take my advice! Come and see Benevolent Irish Society of Emerald present their 3 act comedy drama "Take My Advice" in Emerald Hall March 17th. Also the best of Specialties by Frank Flood and others.

Iran Makes Move To Seize British Oil Firm

TEHRAN, Iran, March 15 (AP)—By unanimous vote, Iran's Parliament decided tentatively today to nationalize a British oil industry which would be a prize of any war between the West and Russia. Britain's 50-year control of the Iranian oil fields was repudiated.

Speakers in the gallery of parliament cheered the prospect that the Government will take over the powerful Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, which pipes millions of tons of fuel yearly to the armies, navies and air forces of the United States, Britain and other Western Powers.

Cold war implications were evident. Russia has accused past Iranian governments of being subservient to the "Western warmongers." Curtly denied permis-

Postmen Present Views To Postmaster-General

OTTAWA, March 15 (CP)—The Federated Association of Letter Carriers asked Postmaster-General Rinfret today to allow individual postmasters across Canada to use their own discretion in carrying out reduction of mail deliveries.

The elimination of some routes in reducing residential deliveries from two to one a day and from three to two a day in some business areas was "absolutely impractical," the association said in a brief presented to the Postmaster-General.

"Therefore we request that postmasters be given authority to use their own discretion in carrying out the order," the brief said. It was prepared at a Federation meeting held yesterday under the chairmanship of J. R. Chatterborough of Edmonton, president of the association.

The brief also asked:

1. That all overtime worked during the adjustment period be paid for either in cash or liquidated by time off.
2. That preference be given by the Civil Service Commission for letter carriers who lose their jobs because of the mail delivery cut.
3. That those displaced be returned to the postal service as soon as vacancies occur.

The brief said "we consider as most unsatisfactory the method by which letter carriers becoming surplus to letter carrier delivery requirements are being dispensed with and we request that a more comprehensive plan be adopted."

In a recent statement in the Commons on the mail delivery cuts, now being put into effect as a \$3,000,000-a-year government economy, Mr. Rinfret said some 1,200 postmen would become surplus. Many of them would be placed in other jobs in the Post Office Department and in other departments of the Civil Service. But some, starting with the junior men, would have to be released.

He said postmen who lost their jobs would be given first preference to return to the Post Office Department when vacancies occur. No carrier would be asked to work the equivalent of more than 44 hours a week—eight hours a day, six days a week, with every 12th week off.

A PROFESSIONAL BOWLER LIVES BY PIN MONEY



TORONTO, March 15 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 40, 44; Edmonton 20, 27; Regina 6B, 20; Winnipeg 20, 28; Toronto 33, 41; Ottawa 33, 34; Montreal 34, 34; Quebec 29, 29; Saint John 34, 37; Moncton 26, 37; Halifax 35, 43; Charlottetown 31, 37; Sydney 29, 36; Yarmouth 37, 49.

HALIFAX, March 15 (CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Friday:

Synopsis: Better weather was moving across the Maritimes this evening. The rain had ended in Prince Edward Island, Southern New Brunswick, and most of Nova Scotia. As the improving weather continued its northward movement, snow and rain in Northern New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec was expected to come to an end.

Air moving into the district was not very dry, however, and there will be considerable cloud on Friday, while a few showers or snow-furries are forecast for most regions.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island — Cloudy. Widely scattered showers. Clearing by evening. Mild. Light southerly winds. Low and high Friday at Charlottetown 35 and 45.

High tide today at 4:40 A. M. and 3:26 P. M.
Sun rises at 6:26 A. M. and sets at 6:18 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

Leave Borden 9:10 A.M.	Leave C. T. 2:40 P.M.
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SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Borden 6:45 P.M.	Leave C. T. 8:00 P.M.
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MCA AIR SERVICE

Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:20 A.M.—4:45 P.M.
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:25 P.M.—6:55 P.M.
Lv. Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:45 A.M. New Glasgow only: 1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax. Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax, 11:10 A.M. from New Glasgow only 4:20 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.
Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday.