

Anti-CNR Brief Filed By Maritime Motor Transport

The following brief was filed yesterday by the Maritime Motor Transport Association with the Legislative Committee on Transportation opposing the C.N.R. application for bus licenses:

"The Maritime Motor Transport Association was organized in 1950 and is an organization of operators of trucks, buses and other commercial motor vehicles in the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. It is concerned with the welfare of its members and with the development of free enterprise transportation on the highways of the three Provinces. The Association begs to submit its comments on the proposals of the Canadian National Railway Company to seek a bus franchise on the highways of Prince Edward Island and to further comment on the newly established motor truck service of the same Company.

"When Prince Edward Island entered Confederation in 1873 it was with the specific promise that the Island Railway and continuous communication with the mainland would be operated and maintained by the Federal Government to the extent that Prince Edward Island would not be at a disadvantage in transportation in comparison with the other Provinces of Canada. This was substantiated by statements of leading statesmen at the time of Confederation and by the evidence brought out during the hearings of Royal Commissions established since that time.

"All tend to establish the fact that these services were the right of this Province and were to be implemented with the cost factor as a secondary consideration. Since that time Prince Edward Island

Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

Baby deer when left alone will pretend to be logs, lumps, or dead animals. The white spots on the fawns are a valuable piece of protecting coloration much like the dappling spots of sunlight darting through foliage. For some days the fawn is thus hidden. By September the spots are losing their color, and in October, with the new coats, they usually disappear.

The tares of the Bible are a poisonous grass known to today's botanists and farmers as darnel. In its youth it is hard to tell from rye or wheat.

The most simple type of floral structure is found in the buttercup, with all the parts free from one another.

Cycads are the oldest of living seed plants.

If you should happen to find yourself in a pine woods on a very hot day in July or August you would hear tiny explosions all around you. These are caused by the cone scales opening and shooting their seeds, which are light and readily carried off by the wind. To aid them in their flight, the seeds are provided with tufts of hair.

In the Kew museum, London, may be seen the cross section of a Sequoia tree which is 1,335 years old. It was a mere sapling when King Alfred ruled England, a giant

the Board of Transport Commissioners and the Public Utilities Commission is resolved, and provincial authority over all highway traffic established unquestionably, the Government of Prince Edward Island does not feel justified in either accepting or rejecting the proposals of the Canadian National Railway for coordination of bus, truck, and rail service under Canadian National Railway management in this Province.

"In spite of this statement the Canadian National Railway Company have established a general trucking service. They have control of the rails and now seek to round out their transportation empire by the establishment of a provincial bus franchise.

Want Operations Confined

"It is the considered opinion of this Association that the Railways Company should confine its operations to the rails and should not be permitted to encroach on established highway services at this time. We believe that tremendous strides have been made in highway transportation through the resourcefulness and perseverance of private enterprise. To hand this growing industry to a state-owned corporation will inevitably result in the elimination of competition and the revival and strengthening of the transportation monopoly which this Province endured until ten years ago.

"Great Britain to see the effect of such a transportation monopoly. The Labor Government after nationalizing the railways expropriated all 'for hire' road truck transports and allowed privately owned trucks to operate in a radius of twenty-five miles. In spite of this monopoly the Government owned operation lost millions of pounds annually.

"We respectfully submit to you, Mr. Chairman and your Committee, that the replacement of 'mixed trains' with unit cars for passengers, mail and express, and the use of the present diesel engines for less carload lot and carload freight would improve the efficiency of the Railway service to the best advantage of this Province. The station employees and the running trades, the telegraph communication system and the wrecking and maintenance service would be used to its best degree of efficiency. Then the only all weather highway, the railway, would be in a position to give its best service to Prince Edward Island.

"We further foresee the aggravation of traffic dangers on our narrow highways by the addition of a further bus service, with more buses picking up passengers along the highway and icy condition of winter roads when they are open.

"We strongly recommend to your Committee continued prohibition of privately owned bus services through the Public Utilities Commission and the earliest enactment of Public Commercial Vehicle Regulations for the control of all 'for hire' commercial trucks within the Province, to the end that the highways of this Province be used to the best advantage and in the interest of all the people of Prince Edward Island.

"Respectfully submitted,
Maritime Motor Transport Association
Per: Keith MacKinnon, Director."

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The cattle family include such animals as the bison or buffalo, wild sheep and goats, antelope, mountain sheep, and musk-ox. The most important of these animals, the buffalo, was first seen by Cortez, the Spanish conqueror of Mexico, in the menagerie of Montezuma's capital, the city of Mexico. In the Eastern country the first sight of a buffalo is credited to an Englishman, Sir Samuel Segall. He also ate of its flesh and pronounced it "good".

From these times onward the lands of the buffalo were gradually brought under the white man's rule. We are told that they appeared in almost incredible numbers. Some writers say that in primitive times no fewer than 50 million head roamed the Western plains. By 1890 they had almost completely gone east of the Mississippi Valley. Less than a century later only 256 remained of the once mighty herds—all in captivity. It is strange that an animal which had existed and flourished in such numbers could have been exterminated utterly in its wild state in such a short span of time. Surely the white men's guns could not have accounted for all these noble animals that perished between 1800 and 1890. I rather suspect that blizzards and prairie fires took a heavy toll.

The "beaver robe" and the "white robe" were extremely rare and very valuable. Of the white robe it is said that a hunter considered himself lucky if he came by one in a lifetime. The white pelt was treasured by the Indians and they believed that no harm could come to them in battle while wearing it. Perhaps that's why the great Chief Roman-nose wore such a robe when he charged fearlessly at the head of his men who went down like ninetails under the hall of Forsyth's troops in 1868.

Some of the old buffalo trails may still be seen as one approaches

Wainwright, Alberta, from the Edmonton side. Sections of this winding, hilly country have not yet seen the plow. It is on these rugged side hills that the imprint of countless hoofs still remain.

On the plains of Southern Manitoba and in sections of Saskatchewan, the writer has examined bottles worn smooth from the scruffing given by these animals. Farmers living on the prairies told me that all the first telegraph poles across the country were either torn down or broken by the itching buffalo. New poles were set with short spikes to guard against this damage, but the big thick-skinned brutes seemed to get additional pleasure at the man set scratching posts.

Efforts have been made to domesticate the buffalo but not much success has been achieved thus far. Col. C. J. Jones of Kansas produced a hybrid from the buffalo and the common cattle to which the name "Cattalo" was

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

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band—too harshly in the first months of wedded bliss. Newlyweds live in a world of their own, and cannot be expected to conform to normal standards for the first few months, at least. Your sister-in-law sounds like a nice girl in spite of her foibles, and you should encourage your family to be patient with her until the settling-down process sets in.

DEAR MISS DIX: A friend of mine is expecting a baby in September, and I'd like to give her a shower. When is the best time to do this—just before the baby arrives, or after? What should be served and when? MARY

ANSWER: The best time for a stork shower is about six weeks to two months before the baby is due. I haven't the space to outline refreshments, etc., but your public library will have books on parties that will give complete information on the details for your affair.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a girl of 19, considered quite attractive. Over a year ago I had plastic surgery performed on my nose, which was a little long. As the change was slight, most people don't realize I had the operation and those who do say nothing about it. Recently I've been going with a boy who has proposed marriage, but as yet I haven't told him of my nose. I'm afraid if I do tell him he'll think everything about me is false. G. E.

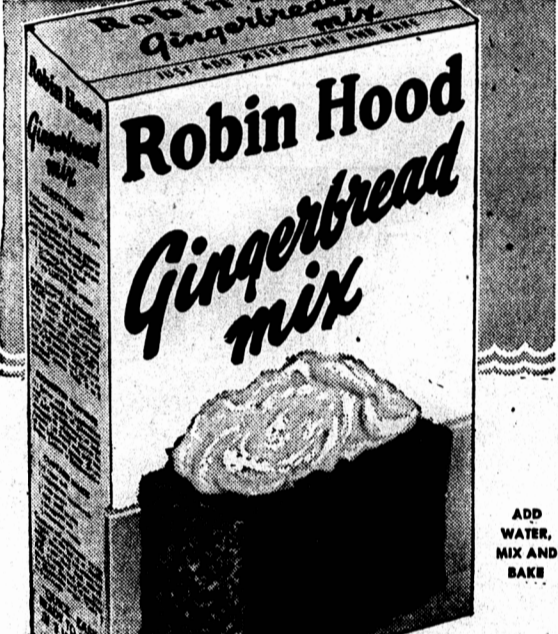
ANSWER: Your initial mistake was in shrouding the operation in so much mystery from the beginning. There is nothing humiliating or embarrassing in plastic surgery and you shouldn't have made your friends feel that it was a subject to be avoided. By all means tell your young man about it; he certainly won't think any less of you because of either the operation or your frankness.

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