

N.B. Firm 'Torpedoed' On Toronto Contract

TORONTO (CP)—Two youth-ful contractors from New Brunswick have been torpedoed by a \$475,000 construction job bid by the old guard of contractors doing business with the Metropolitan Toronto government. As a result of a squeeze play on the newcomers, nobody will get the pumping plant job this year on which they were low bidders. A side effect is that Metro loses \$50,000 in federal-provincial winter works subsidies.

George Roberts of Dynamic Construction Ltd. and Yvon Ro-

berts and Robichaud. With the project stalled, Metro's executive committee this week cancelled the Roberts-Ro-berchoud contract. It decided to defer the whole thing until next winter.

COLUMNIST CRITICAL
Columnist Ron Haggart commented in the Toronto Star Friday.

"The federal government's subsidy for winter jobs will, as a result, be spent somewhere else. A half-million-dollar construction project that was tailored especially to create winter-time jobs won't happen, at least not this winter.

"The case leaves two unanswered questions: Shouldn't the federal government be pretty unhappy when its job-making plans are foiled? And what would have happened if the two young engineers hadn't made this bid—would the taxpayers of Toronto now be paying out an extra \$181,000 to one of the

established companies of the plumbers' club?"

Mr. Roberts said Friday he and his associate will be in on the next round of bidding.

"I would not be pleased with them," he said. "We have certain action we intend to take, and we're going to crack this."

Interim Supply Is Criticized

OTTAWA (CP)—A Liberal back-bencher said he does not think his party can "tolerate much longer" continued interim supply motions without the support of the party's rank and file.

The motion now before the House, said John B. Giesler, (L.-Antigonish - Guysborough) brings to 10-12th the year's expenditures voted by interim supply.

"The time must come when this committee must very soon refuse to supply this government," he said. The House should have an opportunity to discuss the nation's economic situation.

He reflected the government for lowering the premium payments on hogs and for discontinuing the freight subsidy on corn to the Maritimes. The lowered hog payments, he said, caused "great hardships" on farmers.



GOOD GROWING conditions produced bigger crops across the Prairies this year. Photos show farmer Leroy Carlson of Estevan, Sask., with this year's crop (right) and last year's (left), ruined by drought and grasshoppers.

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In 1961 he planted oats. This year, on the same land, his crop of rye yielded 33 bushels an acre.

mands. However, if kept traditional customers satisfied by a rationing system and production in 1962 rose to 61,200,000 bushels from a meagre 14,500,000 in 1961.

NEW CHINA DEAL

Wheat sales to Communist China were a political issue during the year, but for the western farmers the economic aspects of the deal stood out. The wheat board reported the Chinese had met all commitments on their credit purchases. To the end of the year they had made firm commitments for 111,000,000 bushels of wheat and 27,000,000 bushels of barley, and a new deal was reported in process of negotiation.

During the 1961-62 crop year the wheat board increased its asking price for the top grade of Canadian wheat to \$1.84 from \$1.80. Nine cents of the increase resulted from devaluation of the dollar; seven cents from the board's own initiative.

William R. Diefel, assistant chief commissioner of the board summed up the 1962 marketing prospects this way:

"The wheat market has elements of both strength and weakness. The shortage of durum and low-grade wheat has continued to hamper sales well into this crop year, but this condition is rapidly being alleviated as this year's production reaches export positions.

"The production of wheat in Europe, and particularly in France, is very high this year. This is bound to result in France being a more aggressive competitor in world wheat markets and make sales to European countries more difficult.

"Indications are that Japan will again be a good customer for our wheat and likely will purchase more than last year. The total exports for the year will, of course, be heavily affected by the quantity purchased by China, and currently there is every indication that these purchases will continue to be substantial."

New Look Is Developing In West's Grain Industry

WINNIPEG (CP) The Western Canadian grain-growing industry enters 1962 amid discussions that indicate a new look is inevitable.

Forecasters of a change in the familiar pattern of the marketing system appeared with increasing frequency in the last year.

Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton poled a two-pronged fork into the Canadian bread basket late in the year, stirring discussion and controversy with proposals that Western farmers help finance credit sales and take on part of the tough selling job.

Donald Gordon, president of the Canadian National Railways, urged—in a Winnipeg speech that action be taken toward modernization of the grain-handling system. At the same time controversy was increasing over abandonment of non-economic rail lines that still play a major part in carrying grain to market.

Mr. Hamilton's proposals for

Grain companies are concerned about the future, one worry being what will happen to their investments in country elevator facilities along abandoned lines.

WANT POLICY STATED
The Alberta wheat pool, one of the three farmer-owned co-operatives, took the stand that there should be no further abandonment until a government policy on the question has been announced.

"There are 5,220 country elevators until a government policy on the question has been announced.

"The Saskatchewan and Manitoba pools recorded their opposition to piecemeal abandonment, saying there should be an integrated scheme.

"There are 5,220 country elevators at 1,842 shipping points across Western Canada. In the 1961-62 crop year 23 were affected by rail lines being abandoned. Since the new crop year began Aug. 1, seven more have been affected. Others may have to be closed.

Mr. Hamilton's proposals for

farmer contributions to a fund to back credit sales and for formation of a selling agency by the pools and the United Grain Growers provoked discussion.

One grain trade expert suggested the pools were disgruntled at the suggestion they change their traditional role of collecting grain and letting the government marketing agency, the Canadian Wheat Board, take it from there.

Whatever the feelings about these proposals, there was a question that western farmers had a generally good year on the land. The Prairie wheat crop was estimated at 538,000,000 bushels, compared with 296,000,000 the drought year of 1961.

Other yields, with 1961 figures bracketed: Oats for grain 431,610,000 (283,965,000); barley 165,285,000 (112,540,000); rye 12,644,000 (6,519,000); falseed 15,653,000 (14,131,000).

As winter closed in an expert said the moisture picture was measurably better than in the fall of 1961 when generally dry conditions prevailed.

Overseas sales of Canadian wheat in the 1961-62 crop year were the third highest, reaching 537,300,000 bushels. It was the first year since 1951 that the wheat board permitted unrestricted farmer deliveries to country elevators.

Exports were hampered in one way. The country lacked enough durum wheat, a type used in manufacture of macaroni products, to meet all de-

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Yank Judge Sees Threat To Freedom

CHICAGO (AP)—Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court says the freedom of Americans is threatened by what he termed intrigues by the Pentagon and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Douglas says facts are concealed from Americans for official and commercial purposes in violation of the spirit of the Bill of Rights.

Douglas' discussion of threats to individual rights was printed in a 48-page booklet, Freedom of the Mind, published Friday by the American Library Association and the Public Affairs Committee incorporated.

"The press does not cover the operations of the Pentagon adequately," he says. "Nor can it report truthfully on the Central Intelligence Agency.

"This agency has been more responsible than any other agency for foreign policy in the Middle East. Its movements are not known. The manner in which it intercedes in foreign elections with its money bags is never reported," he writes.

GENERATES DANGER
The reasons why it supports feudal regimes, the results of its policies, the dangers that it generates are not known even to many of the informed press.

The jurist says "secrecy of the CIA and Pentagon operations is defended on grounds of national security, and obviously matters of espionage and counter-espionage, as well as many matters of defense, cannot be successful if they are news items.

"Yet, who should the CIA efforts to influence elections abroad be a secret to the American people when they are the fortunes in the foreign nation?"

Douglas says that "the new centers of power are in the hands of those who control science; and one who traces the controls back to origins often finds the Pentagon in the central position.

"Those who finance the scientific revolution usually control those who work for them. The impact of this control on our universities is so great that their autonomy is threatened."

Prominent Dentist Dies

MONTREAL (CP)—Dr. John Simon Dohan, 79, one of Canada's foremost dental surgeons, died in hospital Friday.

He was elected president in 1957 of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, the first Canadian ever to hold that position.

He taught dentistry for many years at McGill University and was chairman of the university's department of prosthodontics. He organized Canada's first industrial dental clinic in Grand'mere, Que., in the early 1920s.

Dr. Dohan helped to organize the 5th Irish-Canadian Rangers in the First World War and was commissioned a captain and named company commander.

Born in Traville, Que., Dr. Dohan was educated there, and at Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Que., and McGill.

The average life expectancy of a girl born in Canada today is about 73 years compared with 61 for a boy.

Columbia River Deal Said Result of Lack of Facts

OTTAWA (CP)—H. W. Herdridge (NDP - Kootenay West) by introducing interim supply motions one month at a time with the estimates and budget not yet approved.

Mr. Caron also charged that recent pay increases for civil servants lacked "common sense."

Mr. Herdridge, speaking as the House debated an interim money supply bill, suggested that the reason Work's Minister Fulton was not in the chamber Thursday—when it was likely the Columbia issue would be raised—was that the government has repudiated his stand on power export.

Mr. Fulton was Canada's chief negotiator on the power and flood control project.

Robert McCleave (PC-Halifax), Mr. Fulton's parliamentary secretary, said the minister would be back Thursday and that Mr. Herdridge probably would agree that Mr. Fulton would not be absent "unless he had made plans beforehand.

Mr. Herdridge said he wanted to be fair; he was sure the minister wouldn't deliberately avoid the issue. "But I think he would feel somewhat gratified if he had other business to take away from the House this afternoon."

Mr. Fulton has announced he will seek the British Columbia SEVERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP.

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