



UNIONS, B.C. GOV'T. AT ODDS

Labor unions and the Provincial Government are at odds in British Columbia. Chanting "we want jobs," more than 400 placard-bearing trade unionists marched on the Legislative Building in Victoria for a mass lobby of Legislative members. After meeting Premier Bennett, union leaders said the Provincial Government was "callous and indifferent" towards unemployment problems. Thursday Labor Minister Lyle Wicks said labor and management must show responsibility in settling their differences. He hinted the government is considering compulsory legislation to see that they do.

Lumber Industry Losing Ground, Delegates Told

MONTREAL (CP)—Delegates to the Canadian Lumbermen's Association annual meeting were told again Tuesday that the industry is losing ground to other building materials, mainly because of failure to promote and develop the technical potential of wood.

Maurice Hecht of Toronto, former editor of the monthly Canadian Lumberman Magazine, said competing materials have taken some markets from lumber through technical superiority, but in many cases only by default.

He quoted a European survey which said "it may be doubted, for example, whether a fraction of the effort in design research and experiment has been expended on the wooden window that has been devoted to the development of the metal window."

RESEARCH PITIFUL

Mr. Hecht said "the pitiful amount of research being done in logging sawmilling is a disgrace to a country of this size, and to a country in which the woods industries are so vitally important."

R. W. Laidlaw of Weston, Ont., said an industry-wide program adopted here Monday to promote greater use of wood is seriously inadequate.

The program called for outlay of \$50,000 a year, to be raised by a levy of one cent per 1,000 board feet put out by companies willing to contribute.

The program, he said, suggested "sending a boy to do a man's job," and the proposed outlay was only \$182 more than his own group of companies would spend in 1959 on advertising and promotion.

MISSED BIG ORDER

Canadian lumber producers,

particularly in Quebec, missed the boat on an order for more than 26,000,000 board feet of railway ties for the Quebec Carter Iron ore mining development, R. D. Stanforth of Montreal reported.

He said Canadian producers were not told in time that ties of United States standard size were specified and most of the order was supplied from Texas at prices lower than those quoted in eastern Canada.

The ties are six inches longer than the Canadian standard. The company is building a 200-mile railway in northeastern Quebec.

Mr. Stanforth said loss of the order illustrated a need for an adequate program of contact, promotion and trade information reporting within the industry.

ASKS GREATER AID

Vernon E. Johnson, president of Canadian International Paper Company, called on federal and provincial governments to provide greater aid for forest industries.

"To the extent that we are tree farmers we ought to have the same kind of help and encouragement every other kind of farmer receives," he told the convention.

"The provincial governments are a little more generous—they should be since they own Crown land—but there is a similar gap between what they do for the producers of farm crops and the producers of forest crops," said Mr. Johnson.

COIN HISTORY

The Lincoln cent, first coined in 1909, was the first U.S. coin of a regular series to bear the portrait of an actual individual.

Coal Planned For N.B. Plant

OTTAWA (CP) — Resources Minister Hamilton reaffirmed Tuesday that Maritime coal will be used in the power generating plant at East Saint John N.B.

He said in the Commons the government had not changed policy in this regard. He was replying to H. J. Robichaud (L-Gloucester) who said the chief engineer of the New Brunswick Power Commission had stated that use of oil instead of coal would save more than \$300,000.

Mr. Robichaud also asked why there has been a delay in the signing of an agreement between New Brunswick and the federal government for construction of the East Saint John power plant.

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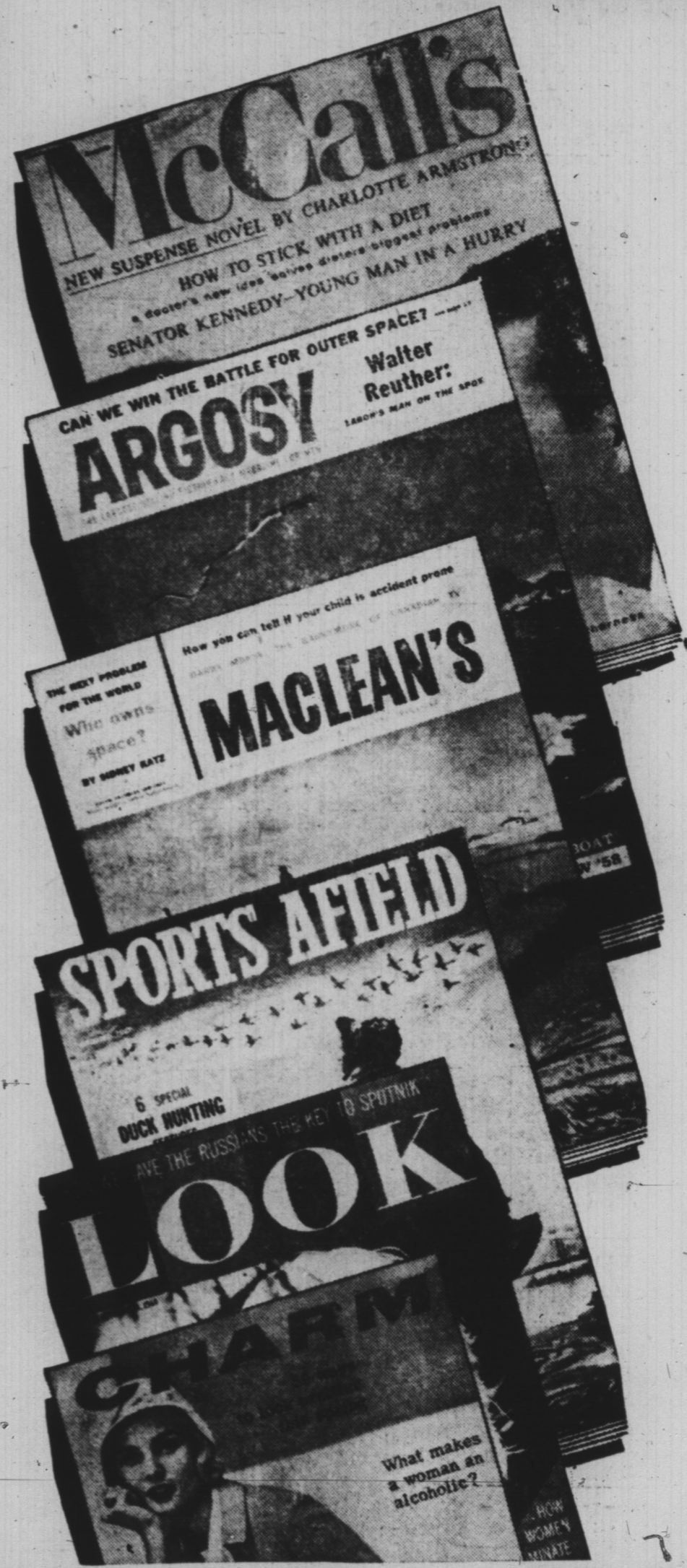
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