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## CNR PRESIDENT GIVES ASSURANCE OF FERRY OPERATION

### Nearly Half Defence Funds To Go To Air Force

### Estimates Indicate No Early Start On Dominion Building Or Local Airport Extension

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 — (Special) — Hope that a start would be made on the proposed Federal Building at Charlottetown this year faded from the minds of the joint members for Queen's today when Finance Minister Abbott tabled his main parliamentary estimates for 1953-54.

Instead of substantial amount being placed in the estimates for this long-talked-of building, the old vote of \$50,000 remained unchanged. Whether all or any part of this sum will be spent this year is problematical.

There is a mathematical chance that Works Minister Fournier will recommend an increased vote for the Charlottetown building in supplementary estimates to be tabled later this season. In the light of past estimates however, members on both Government and Opposition sides of the chamber feel the chance is remote.

A sum of \$110,000 is placed in the estimates for a public building at Kensington in Prince County of which \$40,000 is a revote and the balance new funds.

There is also \$75,000 allocated to a public building at Montague in King's County of which \$40,000 is to be revoted.

In the engineering branch of the Public Works Department estimates, a total of \$1,926,000 is earmarked for Prince Edward Island projects. These include \$33,000 to complete wharf reconstruction at Charlottetown; \$52,000 for breakwater extension at Fishing Cove; \$19,500 for breakwater repairs at Bay Fortune; \$33,500 for railway wharf repairs at Georgetown; \$15,500 for breakwater repairs at Miminegash; \$23,000 for wharf repairs at Montague; \$28,000 for wharf repairs at Montague.

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### Estimates For 1953 Tabled In Commons

### No Indication of Tax Cuts or Election Seen In Abbott's Figures.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 — (CP) — Canada's drive to build a crack jet fighter air force will soar to its crest in the next fiscal year with nearly half the entire defence budget pouring into the R. C. A. F. to buy hundreds of aircraft.

Government estimates tabled today in the Commons by Finance Minister Abbott indicated defence appropriations will level off in 1953-54 and that the already-unparalleled concentration on the air arm will be stepped up even further.

At Record High

However, actual defence spending will climb to record heights of roughly \$2,350,000,000 because the government proposes to tap funds voted in past years and still available.

The estimates contained nothing to indicate the government plans an election this year or that major tax cuts can be expected in the forthcoming 1953-54 budget.

The estimates for the year starting April 1 next provide for record peace-time expenditures of \$4,404,184, an increase of \$29,293,052.

Both totals included payments to the provinces under federal-provincial taxation agreements, now in effect with all provinces except Quebec. The payments were estimated at \$300,500,000 for 1953-54 and at \$284,778,187 for the current year.

The item covering this year's payments was not included in the main estimates when they were tabled a year ago, because legislation authorizing new taxation

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### Island Projects In Ottawa Estimates

The following amounts for public buildings, harbors and rivers in Prince Edward Island were contained in estimates tabled yesterday by Finance Minister Abbott in the House of Commons at Ottawa:

**Public Buildings**

Charlottetown — Public building (revote) \$50,000; Kensington — public building (revote) \$40,000; \$110,000; Montague — public building (revote) \$40,000; \$75,000.

**Harbors and Rivers**

Bay Fortune — Breakwater repairs and improvements (revote) \$19,500; Charlottetown — wharf reconstruction and improvements — to complete (revote) \$33,000; Fishing Cove — breakwater extension (revote) \$52,000; Georgetown — railway wharf — repairs \$33,500; Grand River South — wharf replacement (revote) \$21,000; Miminegash — repairs to breakwaters — to complete (revote) \$115,000; \$15,500; Montague — wharf repairs \$23,000; Murray River — wharf repairs \$28,000; North Lake — harbor improvements and repairs (revote) \$21,000; \$22,500;

Pinette landing — wharf improvements \$10,500; Point Prim — wharf repairs (revote) \$23,000; \$23,000; Rustico harbor — breakwater repairs (revote) \$15,500; \$25,000; Rustico harbor — towards harbor investigation and development \$100,000; Savage Harbor — improvements — to complete (revote) \$84,000; Souris — breakwater repairs (revote) \$92,000; Souris — railway wharf (revote) \$188,500; \$224,000; South River — wharf repairs \$21,000; Summerside — railway wharf — reconstruction, improvements and dredging — to complete (revote) \$224,000; \$1,029,000; Tignish — repairs to breakwaters — to complete (revote) \$26,000; \$37,500; Wood Islands — breakwater extension and repairs (revote) \$18,500; \$27,000.

### Scene Of Strike Talks Shifts To Ottawa

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 — (CP) — Railway and union chiefs tonight were called to Ottawa for direct talks tomorrow with Prime Minister St. Laurent and key Cabinet members on their dragging and strike-threatened dispute.

Labor Minister Gregg announced the summoning of the parties from Montreal to the capital tonight after their renewed negotiations had become slow down and some question had arisen as to when they might meet again.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has called a strike for Monday morning — just five days away — and Mr. Gregg said the "time element" resulted in the call for a meeting here.

The Minister, in telegrams sent tonight to the chief negotiators at Montreal suggested that they might confer here in the morning before meeting the cabinet on the possibility of making further progress.

No definite time was set for the meeting among the rail and union chiefs, the Prime Minister, Labor Minister Gregg and Transport Minister Chevrier, who is in charge of the Canadian National Railways.

Officials said that would depend on the outcome of any sessions between the disputants, who are expected to take an overnight train and arrive here early in the morning.

Invited here were A. J. Kelly and L. C. Malone, Canadian chief and secretary, respectively, of the Rail Brotherhood, the new general chairman of the union now at Montreal, and presidents Donald Gordon and W. A. Mather of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways.

In a statement announcing the proposed conference, Mr. Gregg added:

"Should the two parties wish to have another meeting with each other before seeing us, they are being asked to arrange that here in Ottawa in the morning. In that event, our meeting will be deferred accordingly."

The question of asking the negotiators to come to Ottawa to meet the Prime Minister — who made a similar move unsuccessfully during the 1950 pre-strike negotiations — is one of two courses of action understood by the cabinet in the last two days.

The other major move in hand — to be used only as a last resort — is the employment of legal means to keep the 22,000 members of the BRT at work.

The government has authority to do this under emergency powers legislation of 1951.

### Pledges Continuity Of Service Despite Threatened Rail Strike

Assurance that there will be no interruption of the Borden-Tormentine ferry service in the event of a railway strike was received yesterday by the Provincial Government from Mr. Donald Gordon, President of the Canadian National Railways.

Mr. Gordon's telegram, addressed to Premier Jones, was received by Hon. A. W. Matheson, Acting Premier, and communicated to his Cabinet colleagues before being released for publication. It reads as follows:

"For your information, there is no reason to fear interruption of ferry service in spite of the strike called for Monday, February 2nd, by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. We are taking all necessary steps to ensure continuity of operation."

Previously it was intimated that while the threatened strike involved only 16,000 workers employed by the C.N.R. and C.M.E., the companies had stated there would be a complete shut-down in the event of a Brotherhood of Trainmen walkout. This would cause small roads, known as "short lines", to close also, affecting a total of 196,000 railway workers throughout Canada, including 8,000 B.R.T. members in addition to the 16,000 directed to strike.

Mr. Gordon's assurance that the car ferry operation would be exempt from shutdown action was supplemented by the following C.N.R. news release from Montreal:

"S. F. Dingle, operating Vice President, Canadian National Railways, said here today that ferry services across Northumberland Strait will continue to operate for the transportation of passengers and motor vehicles if the threatened strike occurs next Monday."

It was also intimated that Newfoundland train operations would not be interrupted and that sailings across the Cabot Strait between North Sydney and Port aux Basques would be maintained as usual.



Mr. Donald Gordon

### Former Australian Prime Minister Dies

MELBOURNE, Jan. 28 — (Reuters) — James Henry Scullin, 76, leader of the Australian Labor Party from 1928 to 1935 and a former prime minister died today after a long illness.

Born in Ballarat, Victoria State, Scullin won his first seat in the House of Representatives in 1910. He was defeated in 1913, but re-entered the House in 1922 and held the seat until his retirement in 1949.

He was Prime Minister and Minister of Industry from 1929 to 1931.

### Sales Tax Concession For Fishermen Obtained

A change in the Sales Tax interpretation will prove of benefit to fishermen with the announcement that in future rope over 1 1/2 inches in circumference and wire rope or cable when used as fishing equipment will be exempt from the tax.

Word to this effect was received here yesterday by Mr. A. Walden Gaudet, secretary of the P. E. I. Fisheries Federation, ending a two-year fight for this interpretation by the Federation. Henceforth, word "equipment" will include such above mentioned ropes or cable used as fishing gear which is carried on the vessel.

It is felt that this is a matter of great importance to the Province, especially in view of the advent and the increasing use of draggers.

### Letter Service To Continue

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 — (CP) — Letter service will continue through-out Canada in the event of a rail strike, a ministerial spokesman said today.

But the Department will not accept newspapers or parcels, other than medical supplies, for handling through the mail service, he said.

Mr. Turnbull was elaborating on a departmental announcement yesterday outlining an emergency plan for curtailed operation of mail services in the event of a strike scheduled for Feb. 2.

The deputy said the department already has been in touch with United States and United Kingdom authorities to "choke off" shipments of newspapers and parcel post to Canada in the event of a strike.

All letters, however, would be accepted for handling and moved as quickly as possible, using commercial air lines, northern bush pilots and local trucking and bus services.

### Murder Trial Opens In Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 28 — (CP) — George Ledwell, 73, testified before a Supreme Court jury today that his son Thomas, charged with murder, had told him he knifed Plus Griffin in self-defense.

The incident occurred at Ship Harbor, a tiny settlement in Placentia Bay, Nov. 29.

The elder Ledwell told the court his son returned home that night and said: "I killed Plus Griffin with a knife in self-defense, he had me nearly choked."

He said his son, a cripple, had told him he warned Griffin "not to come at me — I only got one leg."

### Coming Events

- \*Auction and Dance, Millview Hall every Friday.
- \*Bingo, South Rustico Hall tonight.
- \*Variety Concert in Millview Hall, February 2nd.
- \*Kensington Hall, Friday, January 30th, Emerald players present their Variety Concert. Curtain 8:30.
- \*Try our Purina Finance plan, for feeding your hogs and chicks. Dillon & Spillett.
- \*Hockey Graham's Road Rink Thursday night, Stanley Bridge vs. Graham's Road.
- \*Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- \*Victoria Rink tonight, League game, New Haven Royals vs. Victoria Unions.
- \*Chicken and Hame Supper, Belfast Hall, Saturday, Feb. 14. Sponsored by Belfast Y.P.S.
- \*Our Store will be closed Monday, February 2nd, for stock taking. MacGuigan and Boyle.
- \*Card party, social evening, drawing for blankets, North Granville, Thursday, January 29.
- \*The Annual Meeting of the Wiltshire Dairymen Co., Ltd., will be held in Wiltshire Hall on Monday, February 9th, at 2 P. M. Nelson Matherley, Secretary.

### Striking Evidence Of P. E. I. Leadership In Bacon Hogs

The continued dominance of the Island-type Yorkshire bacon hog is amply demonstrated in a set of figures covering the first half of 1952 which were prepared by Mr. H. C. Senior Livestock Fieldman in the Federal Department of Agriculture. The figures show the Advanced Registry results across Canada.

Breeders in this Province entered 47 hogs for the Advanced Registry and 41 of them qualified, but there were 53 from that Province which failed.

Perhaps the most significant fact in illustrating why this Province is always leading on a percentage basis is the striking note that in all of Canada only 11 hogs qualified with a slaughter test of 90 or over. Of these 11 there were nine from Prince Edward Island. The other two came, one from

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### Commons Hears Plea For New Deal For Fishermen

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 — (CP) — A new deal for Canada's fishermen was urged today in the Commons and won support from members from the country's farming as well as fishing communities.

The debate hinged on a motion by A. Wesley Stuart, Liberal member from the New Brunswick constituency of Charlotte, who suggested fishermen had been neglected.

The motion asked the government to investigate the "economic condition" of the fishing industry with a view to recommending legislation providing assistance comparable with that now given agriculture under various acts.

It was approved by speakers from all parties and from Prairie farming points as well as coastal fishing areas. No one expressed criticism and many supported Mr. Stuart's view that fishermen should be provided with insurance, with floor prices of some kind and with marketing assistance.

The motion reached a vote. Fisheries Minister Sinclair spoke only two minutes before the House rose and at his suggestion the New Brunswick member withdrawing the motion on the understanding that the matter could be discussed again during study of the fisheries estimates.

### Coal Miners' Wage Talks Deadlocked

GLACE BAY, N. S., Jan. 28 — (CP) — Wage talks for a new contract covering about 10,000 Nova Scotia coal miners have reached a deadlock, union chief Freeman Jenkins said tonight.

Mr. Jenkins, president of United Mine Workers (CCL) District 26, also asked president Lionel Forsyth of Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation to come here from Montreal in an effort to reach some agreement.

The present contract with Dosco paying a basic daily wage of \$9.74, expires Jan. 31.

The union, with 13,000 members in the Maritimes, most of them working for Dosco, asked a \$3.36 daily increase and other benefits. The company countered with several requests, including one providing penalties for wildcat work stoppages.

### Case of Rabies Near Edmonton

EDMONTON, Jan. 28 — (CP) — A confirmed case of rabies has been found within 15 miles of Edmonton.

Dr. E. E. Ballantyne, Alberta director of veterinary services, reported laboratory tests showed rabies in a coyote killed four miles north of Montrose.

This was the closest to Edmonton a confirmed case has been reported since outbreak of the rabies epidemic which resulted in a federal quarantine in movement of dogs in Northern Alberta to 20 miles south of Edmonton.

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### Mother Saves Son From Hanging

LANCASTER, N. B., Jan. 27 — (CP) — A terrified mother sawed through a thick cord with a dull paring knife today to save her nine-year-old son from strangulation.

Unconscious, Roger Cashwell was cut down by Mrs. Fred J. Cashwell after a basement game of cowboys and Indians took the boy to the brink of death. A doctor said the youngster, taken to hospital, was in serious condition.

When Mrs. Cashwell reached him, Roger was hanging from a beam, playing the role of the "bad man" in a drama of the west. With him in the basement was his younger brother, Ricky, 5.

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### Plans Fast London To Tokyo Service

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Jan. 28 — (AP) — Sir Miles Thomas, BOAC chairman, said yesterday that BOAC Bristol Britannia 100-seater aircraft in 1955 will start flying from London to Tokyo in 16 hours with only one stop. The Britannias will fly westwards from London via Greenland, Canada and the Aleutian Islands. "We think we have a winner in the turbo-prop Britannia for long-range, low-cost tourist service," Thomas said.

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Calgary	2	4
Regina	13B	4
Winnipeg	13B	5B
Toronto	20	27
Ottawa	14	28
Montreal	15	33
Quebec City	15	28
Saint John	16	41
Moncton	8	34
Halifax	14	42
Charlottetown	11	32
Sydney	16	29
Yarmouth	16	46
St. John's	14	18

### Country Prepares For Threatened Rail Tieup

(By The Canadian Press)

The country is getting ready to do without its railways in case it has to next Monday.

The average citizen isn't worrying much yet. But the men whose businesses operate because of the needs of the ordinary fellow have their headaches.

One of the biggest is solving the problem that will fall into the laps of other transport systems when all the passengers, mail, express loads and freight the railways handle now like clockwork have no trains to rely on.

Big airlines, bus and trucking systems and independent transporters are making their plans to take on a share of the immense bulk of traffic that would overflow from idle railways.

The air and road transport concerns talk in terms of "essential goods" — food, medicines and fuel — and the priority methods they will have to set up to keep efficiency traffic in order.

Oil and gasoline suppliers and coal dealers, food handlers, dairy farmers, organizations with meeting dates set weeks ago, and hospitals are trying to see how they would fit into an emergency transport picture.

There is no simple answer because the country can't run long without its trains.

Edward C. Wood, chairman of the C.C.C. executive council, said today:

"A railway strike at this time of year could have a more serious effect than the stoppage in 1950."

Bad weather could impede trucking and there would be no lake shipping as there was in the summer of 1950 to help with emergency traffic.

The railways already have embargoed shipments of perishable foods and livestock that cannot reach their destinations by 6 A.M. Monday, the strike deadline.

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High tide today at Charlottetown at 11:15 A.M. and 10:20 P.M. High tide on the North Shore at 6:08 A.M. and 5:27 P.M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:38 A.M. and sets at 5:15 P.M.