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MAINE GROWERS ASK NEW BAR TO CANADIAN POTATOES

Telephone Co. Labor Dispute Before Utilities Commission

The 40-hour week leaves me cold; perhaps it is because I was born on a farm," said Mr. A. M. MacKay, president of the Island Telephone Company, when he appeared before the Public Utility Commission yesterday as it heard the request of Local Union 1811 of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for a raise in pay and a 40-hour week.

Mr. MacKay went on to say he could sympathize with an employee who maintained he was not making a living wage, but had no sympathy for an employee who says that 44 hours is too long for him to work.

The hearing opened before the full Commission with Judge C. St. Clair Trainor presiding as chairman. With him were Commissioners L. B. McMillan and W. R. Brennan and ad hoc Commissioners J. Lincoln Dewar and James Walker. Also with the Commission were Mr. Randolph W. Manning, Commission financial adviser, and Mr. Allison M. Gillis, Commission counsel.

Others attending included Mr. J. O. C. Campbell, Q.C., representing the P. E. I. Government, Mr. H. C. Tracy, International representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Agnes Dillon, International representative of the Electrical Workers, Arthur Holland, president of Local Union 1811, R. R. Bell, Q.C., counsel for the Telephone Company, J. E. Richardson, general counsel for the company, F. H. Doyle, general manager of the Island Telephone Company, A. M. MacKay, president, D. M. Gass, manager of the company, A. W. Gaudet, counsel for the rural companies and Bruce Judson, Alexandra, representing the rural companies.

Outlines Union Brief

The first witness called yesterday was Mr. Tracy who outlined the brief which had previously been presented to the Arbitration Board. He pointed out in response to questioning that the union was not present to aid in obtaining a

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Coming Events

* Belle River hockey dance every Friday.

*Crushing and Mixing every day. N. Aubrey Cutcliffe.

* Kelly's Cross Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 23rd.

* Wilmot Valley Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 22nd.

* Clinton School Concert. Clinton Hall, Tuesday, December 22nd.

* Rummage sale Clover Club Friday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.

* Dance in Winslow Hall Friday, Dec. 11 in aid of the Glasgow Road hockey team.

* Card Play, St. Peter's Bay Legion Hall tonight. Dance Saturday night as usual.

* Abegweit R. V. P. Kingston, Friday, Dec. 11. Visitation 11th degree.

* Hazelbrook Sunday School Christmas Concert, Hazelbrook Church, Friday, December 17th, 7 P. M. Sale of candy.

* Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday, "Carbine Williams" starring James Stewart and Wendell Corey.

* Stanley and Heckett L. O. L. visits Tanton L. O. L. Brookfield, Monday, 14th. Grand Lodge Officers expected.

* Our stores will remain open every night until Christmas, effective Dec. 14. Parker Canfield, Waddell Bros., Crapaud.

* St. Peter's Dramatic Club presents 12 vanderbilt acts, plus one 1-act play in St. Peter's Holy Name Hall, December 14th, starting at 8:45. Rain or shine.

* Meeting will be held of the Farmers' Hockey League at Stanley Bridge Rink Hall tonight at 7:30. All teams requested to have their representatives present.

* Royal Hog Grower 16% Protein and Royal Dairy Station, 16% Protein, contain no inferior local grains, weed seeds or feed screenings. Royal Feed Service, Grafton Street East.

* At Royal Feed Warehouse: Royal Hog Supplement 32 P. C. \$4.70. Dairy Supplement 32 P. C. \$4.70. Royal Dairy Station 16 P. C. \$3.85. Royal Hog Grower 16 P. C. \$3.85. Royal Pig Starter 16 P. C. With Aerofac \$4.10. Royal Feed Service, Grafton Street East Phone 8815.

16 Inches Of Snow Reported In Northern N.B.

HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather threw a haymaker at eastern Canada Thursday, dumping 16 inches of snow in northern New Brunswick and sending the temperature to record marks in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The weather office here said snow fell in northern New Brunswick and eastern Quebec, 16 inches of it at Campbellton. The temperature failed to pass 22 degrees at Seven Islands, Que. In the southern part of the area, however, things were different. Two inches of rain fell at Liverpool, 100 miles from here, during a 24-hour period.

Record temperatures were set at Halifax which had 60 degrees compared to 54 in 1938, Sydney which had 56 compared to 51 in 1928 and Charlottetown 55, compared to 50 three years ago.

In St. John's, Nfld., two inches of powder fine snow disrupted traffic on the hilly streets. Some movie houses cancelled their shows.

Labor Aiming At Defeat Of Churchill Gov't

LONDON, (Reuters)—Britain's Labor opposition will try to topple Prime Minister Churchill's Conservative government next week with a motion denouncing its colonial policy in Africa.

Conservative leaders are reportedly confident they will defeat the move through their over-all majority of 18 seats in the House of Commons. A Labor victory would mean the downfall of Churchill's administration.

The Conservatives are bracing themselves to meet a storm of criticism against Colonial Secretary Oliver Lyttelton when the centenary comes up for debate next Wednesday or Thursday.

Their attack probably will centre on Lyttelton's ouster last month of the kabaka (king) of Buganda province, whose young wife has appealed directly to Queen Elizabeth to end her husband's exile.

But Labor is also expected to attack controversial moves by Lyttelton's department, such as the "score-keeping" scandal in Kenya, where British troops allegedly were spurred on by cash rewards for each kill in their fights against anti-white Mau Mau terrorists.

"Overlooked" Record

Fresh fuel was added to the Kenya controversy Thursday with the revelation that a British officer found not guilty of murdering two natives previously was convicted on a serious morals charge.

War Minister Anthony Head Thursday admitted to the House that the war department had "overlooked" Capt. Gerald Griffiths' prison record when granting him an army commission in 1940.

Bermuda Incident

The London Star assailed the colonial secretary's "ham-handed" statement in the Commons Wednesday that racial discrimination in Bermuda is a necessity for the colony's booming American tourist trade.

Five Members Of RCMP In Province Decorated



A highly colorful and memorable ceremony took place at Government House yesterday afternoon when His Honour Lieut-Governor T. W. L. Prowse pinned long service and Coronation medals on five R. C. M. Police personnel. Included in the above picture are the police decorated left to right are: Premier A. W. Matheson, Inspector W. H. Nevin, Cpl. W. N. Beatty, Sgt. Percy Keyes, His Honour Lieut-Governor T. W. L. Prowse, Staff Sgt. D. A. Dunlop, Sgt. D. R. George, His Worship Mayor J. D. Stewart.

Urges Highway Improvements In PEI National Park Area

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—(Special)—An appeal to Resources and Development Minister Lesage to consider further construction of first-class roads in Prince Edward Island National Park was made in the House of Commons this afternoon by J. Angus MacLean, Conservative member for Queens.

Mr. MacLean also asked the Minister if he would later in the debate give assurance that the department would undertake large-scale construction of accommodation and thus compete unfairly with private persons operating summer hotels and tourist cabins for the convenience of the travelling public.

Referring to the P. E. I. Park in general, Mr. MacLean called the attention of the House to the fact that it has an excellent beach and fine tourist accommodation. In addition, he recalled that since its setting is described in a series of books by Lucy Maude Montgomery, it is on this account visited by many thousands annually from Canada and the United States.

Admitting that considerable progress had been made by the department in road-building, the Queen's member observed that there was still room for further progress in this direction before the Park could fulfill its function to the best advantage.

He noted that there are a number of fine summer hotels in the area, and requested that the Park authorities and the department be careful not to expose these establishments to unfair competition on the part of the Federal Government.

In concluding, Mr. MacLean expressed the hope that the Minister himself would visit the P. E. I. National Park in 1954, preferably in the summer season.

Take Action Against Automobile Union

WASHINGTON, (AP)—An alleged policy requiring South Bend, Ind., workers of Studebaker Corp. to buy Studebaker cars to keep their jobs has brought government action against both the company and union.

The National Labor Relations Board said Wednesday it has filed a formal complaint jointly against the corporation and Auto Workers (UAW) local No. 5.

Large Increase In Park Visitors

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (Special)—Number of visitors to Prince Edward Island National Park in 1953 was 122,250, an increase of 14,309 over the previous year, according to the annual report of the Department of Resources and Development tabled in the House of Commons today by Resources Minister Jean Lesage.

The increase is attributed in part to the advertising of Canada's National Parks in United States media and partly to the improvements in both transportation and accommodation made in the past two seasons. The Prince Edward Island National Park is one of the four in which there have been no fire losses in the past two years. It was also one of the two national parks to be visited by His Excellency the Governor-General.

A major improvement in the P. E. I. park was the laying of an asphalt-bound stone chip surface on the section of the coastal road between Rustico and New London Bay, there are 12 miles of first-class roads in the park, 2.5 miles of secondary roads and 3.5 miles of trails. Accommodation was augmented by the construction of five modern cabins on a suitable site within the park and by the laying of a new roof on Dalvay house. New kitchen shellshelters were built at Covehead and Stanhope.

Among other activities, limnologists of the department made an intensive field investigation of the birds of Prince Edward Island, the first complete survey of its kind to be made in the Province. The report of this study is now in preparation.

Murder Charge Is Withdrawn

TORONTO, (CP)—A charge of murder against Norman Beveridge 42, was withdrawn Thursday at the request of the crown attorney.

Beveridge had been charged with the slaying of Mrs. Sadie Davidson, 32, whose slashed and half-naked body was found Nov. 18 on the steps of a Jarvis street cleaning shop.

Beveridge will be held as a material witness in the case against Houghton. Bail was set at \$500.

Police said Mrs. Davidson, formerly of Sydney, N. S., was living with Houghton and Beveridge roomed in their apartment. The men were former army buddies.

Crown attorney Arthur Klein said: "Continual investigation" led to withdrawal of the charge against Beveridge.

Claim Prices Being Supported By Subsidy

N. B. Agriculture Dept. Denies Maine's Claim

FREDERICTON, (CP)—A New Brunswick department of agriculture official Thursday night denied a claim by Maine potato interests that the province had guaranteed potato growers a floor price. He said that Maine and other potato producers from the U.S. entering Canada duty-free had "killed our market last winter."

He was commenting on action of the Maine potato industry council in applying to the U.S. treasury department for a 45 cent a bushel duty on imports of Canadian potatoes. Maine interests were quoted as saying that the New Brunswick government had guaranteed growers a floor price of 45 cents a bushel for No. 1 potatoes in bulk.

While New Brunswick is not Canada's largest potato producer, the annual crop being well below that of Ontario or Quebec, it produces more for sale outside its boundaries than any other province and has a large interest in the U.S. market.

The official said that the New Brunswick potato marketing board was polling growers as to whether they wished to accept an offer of the federal government to set up a pool marketing system similar to that in effect in Prince Edward Island. Under the agreement, growers joining the plan would sell through the pool, with the federal government making up the difference at the end of the season if the tubers failed to return previously agreed prices. For N. B. growers, if sufficient numbers accept the plan, the prices this year would be 40 cents a bushel for potatoes sold up to Jan. 1, 50 cents to March and 55 cents after that.

He said there was already a duty on Canadian potatoes sold in the United States. Under a quota system based on the U.S. crop, there was a duty of 37 1/2 cents per hundredweight within the quota, doubled to 75 cents after the quotas for seed and table stock had been filled. On the other hand, only early U.S. potatoes coming into Canada paid any duty, and the United States sold Canada "more than three times the quantity" of fresh fruits and vegetables Canada exported to the U.S.

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Switched Career

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Red Demonstrators Mar Peace Prize Presentation

TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Location	Min.	Max.
Dawson	11b	
Victoria	40	46
Edmonton	27	35
Calgary	20	25
Winnipeg	15	27
Regina	20	27
Toronto	40	43
Ottawa	30	37
Montreal	32	41
Quebec	30	35
Saint John	38	53
Moncton	33	55
Halifax	39	60
Charlottetown	32	53
Sydney	56	58
Yarmouth	42	54
St. John's	24	31

and who contributed to the division of the world into two hostile blocks by launching his Marshall Plan and the Atlantic pact."

When things quieted down Gunnar Jahn, president of the Norwegian Nobel committee, calmly continued. Then he handed Marshall a cheque for \$33,840, a scroll and a gold medal encased in green leather stamped with gold.

The 1952 peace prize, omitted last year, was presented in absence to Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Alastair-horn philosopher, humanitarian and medical missionary, who had notified the committee he was unable to leave his hospital in French Equatorial Africa.

Lumber Plant At Ottawa Burned

OTTAWA, (CP)—Fire roared through the rambling frame building of the Clairson Lumber Co. Limited in suburban Eastview Thursday causing damage estimated at \$800,000. No one was injured. The property was reduced to a heap of ashes within two hours.

Royals Seguin, manager of the company said the mill and machinery were valued at \$250,000 and lumber and manufactured work also destroyed was worth \$500,000. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Gouzenko Agrees To Be Questioned In Spy Probe

OTTAWA, (CP)—Igor Gouzenko has agreed to be questioned by U.S. spy investigators, Justice Minister Garson announced Thursday in the Commons.

Mr. Garson said he communicated with Gouzenko by letter after the U.S. Senate internal security sub-committee agreed to Canadian conditions for a meeting with the former Russian cipher clerk.

Gouzenko "now has replied that he is prepared to meet the representatives of the U.S. government on the terms already agreed between the U.S. and Canadian governments," Mr. Garson said.

Canadian Navy Forms Minesweeper Squadron

HALIFAX, (CP)—The navy announced Thursday formation of the 1st Canadian Minesweeping Squadron under its Atlantic Command.

The squadron is composed of the minesweepers Gaspé and Chignecto, which arrived in Halifax this week from Lunenburg and Borel, Que. Its commander is Lt.-Cmndr. Bruce Carnall of Toronto, captain of the Gaspé.

Out Of Bounds

SUDBURY, Ont. (CP)—Juvenile court judge F. C. Pacer says he will ask city authorities to pass a by-law to prohibit youngsters under 16 years of age from frequenting bowling alleys. Four juveniles, appearing in connection with a series of thefts from female patrons of bowling alleys, had been accompanied during the escapades by two 16 year olds.

The Cowichan was built at Lunenburg. The three ships are among 20 of their type being built by Canadian shipyards. Six of them have been allocated to France under NATO's mutual aid program.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:04 A.M. and 2:35 P.M. in SSUNSWAN tides eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:41 A.M. and sets at 4:31 P.M.