

# Strike Brings To Halifax Flood Of Railway Traffic

HALIFAX (CP)—The CPR firemen's strike has brought the port of Halifax a flood of passenger and freight traffic akin to that of wartime.

The CNR, trucking companies and port officials continued to press their facilities to the utmost today to fill the transportation gap, left by the firemen's strike.

The tie-up caused by the firemen's strike left Halifax the only major eastern Canadian port still in full operation. Saint John, N.B., the other main Atlantic winter port, was partly crippled by the strike.

Cargo piled up on Halifax piers and ships diverted from the harbor added to the normal winter rush. Harbor Master Harold Tuzo said only one cargo shed was empty Wednesday.

Ships carrying Hungarian refugees added to the rush of passenger traffic.

Halifax is the eastern terminus of the CNR, while the main CPR port in the Maritimes is Saint John.

The tie-up of the Dominion Atlantic Railway—a CPR subsidiary serving western Nova Scotia and connected with the CPR by a Bay of Fundy ferry—added to the problems. Freight to Halifax normally moved by that route added to the CNR congestion.

Shipments of apples and barytes from the Annapolis Valley area had to be brought here by truck. The trucks carried coal back to the valley on the return trip. Some valley farmers reported they are running short of feed for their livestock as a result of the rail tie-up.

Port officials said cargo is still moving steadily over local piers despite the rush. Two more ships headed for Saint John were diverted here Wednesday to load cargo.

Port traffic will be augmented Friday and Saturday by the arrival of five passenger liners to land or embark more than 1,300 passengers.

## AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

Sooner or later any young country emerging from the pioneer stage must take stock of the material resources which nature has provided and take steps to insure that these resources will be maintained in fit condition and volume for the needs of the nation. In such a country as Canada with vast resources of soil, lumber, minerals, water and fisheries and with a comparatively small population scarcity has not been a problem. The time, however, has arrived when our Federal Government is considering the need for a national policy on conservation and rehabilitation.

Conservation and rehabilitation are of particular interest to agriculture as the soil unlike oil and minerals is a renewable resource. Soil can and has been maintained in good condition in some parts of the world for thousands of years. Much of the soil in Canada has been farmed less than a century and it is stated that one half of its fertility is gone. Such an approach to the handling of soil cannot be prolonged and it must be recognized that the percentage of good arable land to the total area of Canada is small. A national policy relating to this matter is a timely one and may even be overdue.

**LAND TENURE**

Associated with conservation and rehabilitation is the question of land tenure. This province has an interesting history in this respect dating back to 1770 when the province was divided into Lots and granted to landowners who bestowed upon land owners who were responsible for settlement and the development of a tenant system of farming. Tenancy or leasehold was not a popular form of land tenure with the Scotch and Irish who migrated from their native land in order to escape what they looked upon as a form of bondage.

Tenancy persisted in the province until 1875 with the passing of the Land Purchase Act, a piece of legislation which aroused the righteous indignation of the land owners who did everything possible to prevent the approval of the Act and talked at great length of the rights of property, British justice and human liberty. One of the more outspoken of the land owners referred to "the insane stupidity of the demand for freehold tenure" and the after he had been awarded \$75,500 for his estate.

Generally throughout North America it was thought that farms of from 100 to 150 were desirable but as the years went by and more and better equipment appeared and the farmer and his family improved their living standards it became apparent that larger holdings were indicated. Thus it will be seen that the system of land division set up for many years ago became almost a tradition and imposed difficulty upon those attempting to farm at a later time. The 100 acre farm is still the popular unit in this province, it likely always will be but more and more, operators will be acquiring one or two additional farms from which will disappear the mouldering house and the old barn leaning on the wind.

Generally the soil is used for two purposes in this province, either the production of field crops or the growing of trees which are now being harvested with great rapidity by a noisy little gasoline monster known as the power saw. It may be argued that in the light of this present condition the soil of Prince Edward Island has been reasonably well handled. Much of the soils in a higher state of fertility than at any time in its history. Much of the soil is still as good as it ever was and the portion that may have suffered overzealous cropping and bad husband-

ry is still capable of producing good crops of trees. There is little likelihood of Prince Edward Island every becoming a desert, adequate rainfall and the protection of the winter snows will always insure maintenance of either the grass or forest cover.

**POWER SAW**

Every age has its particular and typical features and the last few years has witnessed the advent in this province of a mechanical marvel which has freed the woodsman from the back breaking use of the pulp or cross cut saw. Our use of the latter implement leads us to believe that the word "cross" referred to the user. Thirty years ago a gas engine which developed 3/4 horse power might weigh up to 500 pounds and was only moved with considerable difficulty. Today a woodsman is able to put up in one hand and carries easily about a piece of equipment which weighs less than 20 pounds and which includes not only a ravenous saw but an internal combustion engine developing 5 horse power.

Not long ago we were told by a prominent New Brunswick Business man and farmer that the power saw had been responsible more than anything else for putting a great number of farmers off the land in that province. With hand labour a certain amount of pulp and lumber had been harvested each year and this together with the farming produced a reasonably income. With the advent of the power saw the pulp wood and lumber disappeared on these farms in about three years and the goose that laid the golden egg was no more.

Today in this province in the frosty calm of the morning or evening the power saw may be heard with its high pitched sound reminding one of a mighty misquibent on destruction. The woodland resources of Prince Edward Island are not inexhaustible and it is doubtful if the present rate of harvesting with power equipment can be maintained for an extended period.

**TO WORK OR NOT**

We are quite prepared to admit that our information on and knowledge of the points in the dispute between the Canadian Pacific Railways and its firemen are insufficient to pass judgment on the justification or otherwise of the present work stoppage. We have a great deal of respect and admiration for what labour unions

are accomplishing on behalf of their workers and regret that they have accomplished on behalf of their workers and regret that they have accomplished, all together aside from wage increases, receive very little publicity.

We read the statement of the CPR President on the points of issue and feel that his explanation was both logical and reasonable. We have waited for a similar statement on the part of the workers and feel that the Canadian public is entitled to it and have every right to expect an expansion from the union of the reasons which impelled them to take a step which has adversely affected that economy of the country and the livelihood of many thousands of people who are innocent onlookers in the dispute.

While we deplore the strike as an implement for obtaining concessions, we realize that without it workers would probably be in a very inferior earning position and Canadian living standards generally at a lower level. However, having said these things we would suggest to the union that should this strike be continued indefinitely public opinion will be against them. It is reasonable to require an employer to pay fair wages provide decent working conditions. It is not fair nor reasonable to expect him to employ anyone that he feels he does not need.

If there is a danger involved in the operation of equipment with one man rather than with two, this is the railway's responsibility and it is answerable to the public for what may occur. Therefore we feel that this strike should never have been allowed to develop, the issues at stake are not of sufficient moment to justify it and union, management and government are equally guilty in a misadventure which should not be tolerated and upon which the speediest of action should be taken for correction.

**OUR POSITION**

"Where do we, a young country, stand in relation to electronics... the element of control basic to the four great A's of the future? The Association of Canadian Clubs is dedicated to advancing the interests and welfare of Canada and undoubtedly this is the question which has crossed your minds by now.

"The figures are impressive. The annual gross electronic product is around one quarter of a billion dollars now. We can expect

this to increase to an annual figure of three quarters of a billion within the next ten years and in 15 years we will be well past the billion dollar mark.

**HOME ECONOMICS**

"The new electronic wave will be represented by electronic stoves... which will cook frozen foods from the electronic deep freeze... ready to be served in two to three minutes... by electric washing machines and dryers as a five to six minute automatic home laundry... by mechanical air conditioning... a non-electronic electronic climate control for every home.

"The transistor - replacing the conventional electron tube will eliminate the power cord from many home devices and the cartoonists may have to look for new material when the 'auto driver' takes over from the housewife and her male antagonist behind the wheel. Electronic controls for highways - at least for the most travelled ones - are a distinct possibility, providing safe and automatic travel to any selected point.

"There is hardly any field of social organization or daily living which will not provide a mark for electronic goods and technical devices. We have witnessed the impact of television - which in its present form has become a significant social force. Its influence will even widen out intercontinental television - which will be with us in a few years.

**FOREIGN INVESTMENT**

"There is no suggestion that a foreign investment in Canada should not be considered a good thing... It is a very good thing. What we are talking issue with has nothing to do with investment as such. It has to do with what we may call SUBSIDIARISM - namely, having a VITAL industry in our country under the control of foreign parents. This is being practiced in Canada today on a wide scale.

"It is distinctly possible to develop Canadian oriented companies - carrying out Canadian oriented policies - with the help of foreign investment - if this investment is available and desired.

"A Canadian oriented policy is necessary if the burgeoning world markets are to be shared by the Canadian electronics industry. These potential markets for electronic products are tremendous and a relatively small share of them could easily amount to many times the total Canadian electronics business today.

"The export potential for electronic products is shortly to be given a tremendous though unsuspected stimulus resulting from the practical production of the transistor to which I have already referred.

**FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES**

"The transistor, because of its extreme efficiency makes it possible to think of high exports of 'transistorized' radios to under developed countries before electrification.

For the first time in electronic history the power requirements of a radio receiver are so small (a couple of flash light batteries for a year) to immediately provide mass communication via transistorized radios to the Middle

**FUTURE CONFLICTS**

"A thorough appraisal of all these developments leads to only one conclusion: Future conflicts may be won or lost in the electronics sphere. Therefore, the highest expression of military superiority will be superiority in electronics.

"It is interesting to see how the so called older countries, countries such as England, who have been left behind in the forward movement of American technology - are punning on Atomic Power as a means of catching up.

**COMING EVENTS**

Dance South Rustico Friday, January 11th. Burns Orchestra.

Showing at Mt. Stewart Saturday: "Billy The Kid".

Auction and dance Vernon Hall Monday, Jan. 14th.

Cards and dance Millview Hall, Friday 11th, Millview Orchestra.

Week of Prayer Service tonight at 8 in St. John's Anglican, Millton with Winsloe United.

Cherry Valley Y.P.U. Concert in Millview Hall, Monday, January 14th, sponsored by Vernon Women's Institute.

Special meeting Vernon River Parish Hall, Tuesday evening, Jan. 15th regarding new killing and meet packing plant for P.E.I.

Regular skate at North River rink tonight. Door open Saturday morning School Hockey. Winsloe vs. New Haven, 9.30. Nipe Mile Creek vs. Wiltshire 10.30. Teams playing present line-up.

**U. N. CO-OPERATION**

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## FETED BY ASSOCIATES

Prior to his retirement after 40 years service with Canadian National Railways, C.C. Gratto, electrical maintainer, was honored today by his associates. Mr. Gratto served at Charlottetown for nearly eight years. In the above photograph J. L. McAulay (left), electrical maintainer, presents Mr. Gratto with a set of traveling bags. Looking on, at centre, is T. H. Dickson, electrical engineer, Moncton. (CNR Photo)

coined words and results from the marriage of Aviation and Electronics... a relationship in which Electronics takes on more and more the role of the senior partner.

"Avionics basically means guided missiles. From 50 to 75 per cent of the money spent for the design and construction of a guided missile goes for electronics. Within the next few years, when the inhabited aircraft as we now know it will become obsolete, guided missiles will make electronics the major factor in our defence.

"In 10 years perhaps the long range bomber will be superseded by the renowned intercontinental ballistic missile - the "ICBM" as the basic weapon of offence.

"A second quite logical technique in the electronic military chain is making its appearance in the form of electronic counter-measures... or ECCM. ECCM versus ECM, here you have the shape of our future preparedness pattern.

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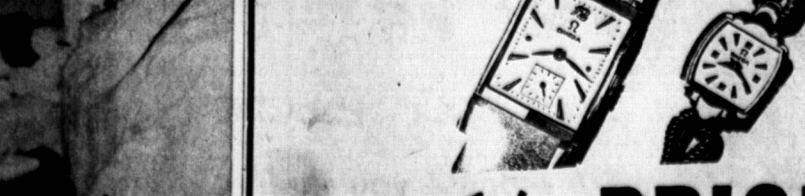
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