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DEFENCE MINISTER DEFENDS STOCKPILING ARMY GOODS

Rail Conciliation Board Cuts Union Demands

Legion Urges Gov't To Share Gasoline Tax With The City

A resolution concerning a request that the Provincial Government give consideration to giving the Charlottetown City Council a share of the Provincial gas tax was passed at a meeting of the Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion last night. It was the second time the resolution was presented and adopted.

Mr. Arthur King, who moved the motion, stated that the action if carried through would relieve a property holder from a "very unfair and unjust tax" levied for maintenance of streets, and indirectly reflect favorably on a tenant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allison MacLeod.

President C. M. Sinclair reported to the Branch that a special investigator of the federal department of labor had visited the City in connection with a resolution of the Provincial Command calling for the employment of more veterans on national defense jobs. A more definite statement would be forthcoming following the report of Mr. G. H. MacGee, special investigator, to his superiors.

The president also announced that the Branch would hold a "children's Christmas party" and urged all members to co-operate.

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Bishop Boyle To Speak At St. F. X. Anniversary

ANTIGONISH, N. S., Nov. 27—(CP)—St. Francis Xavier University opens a year-long centenary celebration here Dec. 3, the 400th anniversary of the death of its patron saint.

A full day's program of events, largely religious, will open the celebrations. Accent will be on solemnity, but a colorful academic procession will precede the main event.

Celebrant will be James Cardinal McGulgan of Toronto while Most Rev. E. Q. Jennings, Bishop of Charlottetown, and Judge W. F. Lane of Moncton will be chief speakers at a diocesan dinner.

Hockey will take the spotlight in the evening when the St. F. X. team takes to the ice against Laval University of Quebec, which has just completed its own centenary celebration.

The religious observance touches off a 12-month program which continues in May with the holding of annual commencement week ceremonies. Highlights include the National Conference of Canadian Universities which assembles in June for a three-day meeting on the campus.

Early in August the Diocesan Eucharistic Conference is expected to draw thousands.

The Jubilee Convocation Sept. 1-2, one of three planned for the centenary year, will have international representation.

Recommends 16 Cent Increase; Union Asked 45

By John LeBlanc

OTTAWA, Nov. 27—(CP)—The Federal Conciliation Board on the \$150,000,000-a-year railway-labor dispute, siding union demands sharply has recommended an average 16-cent-an-hour increase for non-operating rail workers.

The majority finding of the three-man board, made public today, proposed for the 144,000 union employees a little more than one-third what they asked in wage boosts, granted them two other demands and rejected two more.

The report, aimed at settlement of a four-months dispute between the major railways and unions that staged a paralyzing strike in 1950, is not binding on the disputants. It may form a basis for negotiation.

The majority finding was signed by Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock of the Supreme Court of Canada, board chairman, and Paul Smith, Montreal lawyer and nominee of the railways on the board.

A minority report by the board's union nominee suggested a 26-cent boost—the unions asked 45—and went along with other union points. It was written by David Lewis, Toronto lawyer.

Both Sides Silent

There was no immediate reaction to the findings either from head officers of the majority railways at Montreal or from a 100-member meeting of the general conference committee of the 17 railway unions in session there.

Both sides indicated there would be no official statement until tomorrow.

Meanwhile, some informants here said there was a good prospect that the railways would accept the majority finding.

Union observers thought it was certain the labor group would reject the majority recommendation. It was considered a likely bet it would accept the minority report, although it falls short by 19 cents an hour—or some \$69,000,000 a year over-all—from the union demands.

On the basis of company calculations during the negotiations, the whole cost of the 45-cent increase would have run to \$141,000,000.

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Meeting Favors Provincial Home & School Association

The naming of provisional committee of eight members was decided on yesterday at a preliminary meeting to discuss the forming of a Provincial Home and School Association. The committee will do the preliminary work of exploring and give a full report when a full organizational meeting will be held not later than the end of January.

Appointed to the committee are Mrs. Ruth MacLeod, Montague, and Mrs. Helen McIsaac, Souris, for Kings County. Mr. M. A. Hubley, Summerside, and Rev. Dennis Gallant, Tisbury, representing Prince County. The two members for Queens are Mrs. M. J. Doyle, North Rustico, and Mrs. Claire Teresa, Glenaladale. In addition two were named for Charlottetown, Judge C. St. Clair Trainor and Mrs. Helen MacDonal.

Presiding over the meeting held yesterday in the Vocational School was Mr. Bramwell Chandler, who briefly outlined the purpose of calling it. He stated that it was to determine the advisability of the many Home and School Associations in the Province having a central organization on a Provincial basis. He said the associations were springing up spontaneously with no directing force as people were realizing that there is a lack of war.

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Claxton Replies To Criticism By Opposition

OTTAWA, Nov. 27—(CP)—Defence Minister Claxton said today in the Commons that his department has been doing no more and no less than its duty in accumulating stores for the possible outbreak of war.

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Canada's Commonwealth Exports Down Almost 30 Per Cent During October

OTTAWA, Nov. 27—(CP)—Canadian exports to the Commonwealth which helped power a big trade expansion earlier this year, dropped by almost 30 per cent during October, flattening out Canada's foreign trade drive.

Exports to the Commonwealth declined to \$65,100,000, down \$26,600,000 from \$91,700,000 in October, 1951, the Bureau of Statistics reported today in a preliminary statement.

There were these other developments:

1. Exports to the United States were virtually unchanged from a year ago, but imports climbed causing another large Canadian deficit in U. S. trade.
2. Gains in exports were made among some of the smaller markets, but on the whole exports were just slightly behind imports, causing a \$300,000 deficit in total trade.
3. The trend indicated that the peak had been reached in Canada's foreign trade with soft spots showing up more prominently than in any previous month of 1952.
4. During the month, Britain, Canada's second largest market, reduced imports from Canada by \$14,600,000, with shipments declining to \$49,600,000 from \$64,200,000.

It was the third and largest monthly drop of the year. Sales to Britain were consistently higher in every previous month with the exception of July when exports declined by \$5,100,000 from a year ago and in September when they declined by \$10,300,000.

Trade With Britain

Imports from Britain, however, were slightly higher, increasing to \$36,900,000 from \$32,700,000. Britain's traditional deficit in trade with Canada was still there, amounting to \$12,700,000 for the month and bringing the 10-month total to \$33,400,000.

Sales to other Commonwealth countries declined \$15,500,000 from \$27,500,000. Imports also dropped—to \$16,600,000 from \$21,900,000.

This trend in Commonwealth trade contrasted with developments in the first nine months of 1952 when exports climbed by \$170,000,000 to \$784,400,000 from \$614,000,000 in the similar period last year. Imports declined by \$187,000,000 to \$401,800,000 from \$588,800,000.

Leaves For Montreal



Mayor J. D. Stewart leaves today for Montreal where he will attend a meeting of the National Executive of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities and will be part of a delegation from this body when they present their yearly submission to the Federal Cabinet, in Ottawa on December 5th.

Declares Tax Reductions Will Precede Election

OTTAWA, Nov. 27—(CP)—J. M. Macdonnell, Progressive Conservative financial critic, said today Finance Minister Abbott is preparing the ground for tax reductions next spring.

Mr. Macdonnell, member for Toronto Greenwood, said in the Commons that if next spring's budget does not contain tax reductions it will mean there will be no election until 1954.

The tax reductions would come before an election, not after, because a situation made them desirable, he said, when the taxpayers needed them.

"The ordinary taxpayer is tax-anxious, inflation-anxious and waste-anxious," said Mr. Macdonnell.

Probe Price Of American Cigaretts

OTTAWA, Nov. 27—(CP)—Revenue Minister McCann said today his department is investigating reports that American cigarettes are being sold by some chain stores in Canada cheaper than Canadian brands.

The investigations are being made to ascertain that all taxes and duties had been paid on these shipments of cigarettes.

The minister was replying to a question by Raymond Anderson (L—Norfolk) who asked if the Minister had seen the reports and if the government planned any action.

Mr. McCann said cigarettes do not fall in the class of imported goods which might be subject to dumping duties if sold in the importing country cheaper than in the country of origin.

Four-Day Holiday Planned In Moncton

MONCTON, Nov. 27—(CP)—Stores in this Maritime rail hub today agreed to give their staffs a four-day Christmas week-end. Owners decided to remain closed Dec. 27, the Saturday after the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays, stretching the vacation from Thursday to Sunday.

Ferry Requirements Presented Before Maritime Commission

OTTAWA, Nov. 26—(Special)—Representatives of Northumberland Ferries and of Prince Edward Island today conferred with the Canadian Maritime Commission on federal aid for extension and improvement of the ferry service between Wood Islands and Caribou.

The delegation was accompanied by J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal M. P. for Prince and Parliamentary Assistant to Fisheries Minister Sinclair.

A brief, setting forth public demand for improved service and indicating federal responsibility for aiding such service, was presented to the Commission by Arthur Peake, solicitor for the Northumberland Ferries, and both Mr. Peake and Marine Superintendent Capt. Hunter answered questions asked concerning the service.

The request was divided into two sections, first for immediate relief on a temporary basis, and second for a new and larger vessel to meet increased transportation needs.

Claude Lessard, chairman of the Maritime Commission presiding at the hearing and was accompanied by Capt. L. C. Audette, commissioner, Angus McGugan, commissioner, and Capt. J. A. Heenan, director of the subsidies branch. Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, spoke of the importance of the Wood Islands-Caribou ferry service as a link between his Province and Nova Scotia and of the needs as he knew them of strengthening that link.

Mr. MacNaught mentioned the importance of the ferries both from a commercial standpoint and that of tourist traffic.

A report on the subject will be made by the commission after it has opportunity of considering today's evidence and making any further investigation it may deem advisable.

Canada Urges Quick Approval Of Truce Plan

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 27—(CP)—Canada today appealed for quick United Nations approval of an Indian peace-plan for Korea in the hope the Chinese Communists and North Koreans want peace despite Russia's rejection of the compromise proposal.

While Health Minister Paul Martin of Canada spoke before the political committee of the General Assembly, the United States delegation announced it has thrown its full support behind the resolution to which it previously had strong objections.

The U. S. swing was based largely on the change made Wednesday night in the Indian plan by Krishna Menon, deputy leader of the Indian delegation. The amendment set a time limit in which prisoners who refuse repatriation would be turned over to the UN instead of remaining indefinitely the problem of a political conference to be called three months after an armistice.

Martin, who was the first to publicly outline the prisoners formula which became the basis of the Indian plan, said the committee should avoid "nagging" over a vote on the Indian plan is expected tomorrow.

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Other Canadian newsprint producers are also understood to have increased their customers of the increase.

None of the companies have yet made an announcement. The Abitibi increase was made known by customers who received notices.

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Brief Session Of Commonwealth Conference

LONDON, Nov. 27—(CP)—The conference of Commonwealth prime ministers got off to a slightly anticlimactic start tonight with a short session at 10 Downing Street.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill greeted delegates, including five other Commonwealth premiers, at his official residence in Whitehall. Tomorrow, the handshakes and the formal welcomes over, delegates get down to the real business of the conference.

Today's brief meeting was delayed seven hours by the late arrival of several delegates, including the Canadian party headed by Prime Minister St. Laurent and Finance Minister Douglas Abbott.

St. Laurent told reporters he is in a "hopeful mood" about the nine-country conference, officially described as a survey of the whole Commonwealth.

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All 14 had confessed to the charges, reciting their sins against Stalinism and President Klement Gottwald's Czech regime in a pattern that first became familiar to the Western World through the blood-letting Moscow purge trials of the 1930s.

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Coming Events

- **Riverdale school concert, Friday, Dec. 19.
- **Dance, Millview Hall every Friday.
- **The Annual Meeting Winsloe Road Hall, Monday, December 1st.
- **Kinkora Hall tonight, see "Young Tom Edison."
- **Dance, Howe's Hall, Breckley Beach, Friday, November 28th.
- **Try our Purina Finance Plan for feeding your hogs and poultry. Dillon & Spillett.
- **Dance every Friday night, South Rustico Hall. Music by the Charlottetownians.
- **Dance, Kelly's Cross School, Friday, November 28th, 9 to 12:30 only.
- **Highfield United Church, W. A. Pantry Sale, Moore and MacLeod's, Saturday, 2 o'clock, November 29th.
- **Master Feeds. Another carload has arrived at Prince Edward Island Fur Pool, Summerside. Feeders who keep records use Master.
- **Dance, St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Friday, November 28th from 9:30-1. Chaisson's Orchestra. Last dance before the big Midnight Dance Christmas night.
- **Monthly meeting Crapaud-Victoria Board of Trade will be held in Crapaud hall, Monday, Dec. 1st. Good attendance please.
- **See and hear at Mt. Stewart, Saturday, November 29th, at 8 o'clock, Dennis Morgan and Virginia Mayo "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine."
- **Tonight only. The Stars of "The 3rd Man" in a new exciting adventure Joseph Cotten and Willis in "Walk Softly Stranger" An R. K. O. Radio picture. Don't miss this show. It's good.
- **Special.—Last Dance of the season, South Rustico Hall, Friday, November 28th. Music by the Charlottetownians. Ice Cream and cake served free. Re-opening dance, Friday, December 26th.

Inquest Held In Tea Hill Traffic Accident

That John Louis Acorn came to his death in the vicinity of Tea Hill on the afternoon of November 21st by being struck by a half-ton truck driven by Leon MacPhee was the verdict brought in by a coroner's jury at an inquest held at City Hall last night, Coroner Dr. J. A. Ooady presided and Mr. J. P. Nicholson, represented the Crown.

In bringing in the verdict the jury stated that in their opinion the accident was unavoidable and that they believed the driver should be exonerated.

Members of the jury were: Messrs. Blake Wood, foreman, James MacEachern, James L. Wetherbie, William W. MacEachern, William E. Balderston, Harold L. Arsenault and Leigh Worth Kennedy.

The first witness called, Mr. Wil-

Suggests Koreans In Units From Commonwealth

OTTAWA, Nov. 27—(CP)—The United States Government has suggested to the Commonwealth countries that they accept South Korean troops into their units in Korea and it is considered likely that Canada will agree.

Bill Boss, Canadian Press staff writer with the Canadian troops in Korea, reported today that roughly 300 South Korean soldiers may soon be serving with Canada's 25th Brigade.

It was learned here that Canada is likely to agree to the American proposal as a way to help strengthen the United Nations front and hasten the day when a South Korean army will be able to take over an even greater share of the front line burden.

Canada would provide the South Koreans with food, uniforms, equipment and accommodation but would not pay them.

Sharp Cut In Telephone Rates To Newfoundland

OTTAWA, Nov. 27—(CP)—Long-distance telephone rates between Newfoundland and the Canadian mainland are being cut sharply, Transport Minister Chevrier announced in the Commons today.

The reductions will average a little more than 80 per cent, officials said.

Mr. Chevrier said the cuts will become effective Dec. 1, under an agreement by the six companies—including two crown concerns—that provide the service. The reductions will be borne proportionately by each company.

New rates, the minister said, will be based on mileage rather than the present charge of 7.20 for the three-minute call. As example, the rate between St. John's, Nfld., and Halifax will be \$3.20 (down \$4), and between Corner Brook, Nfld., and Moncton, N. B., \$2.65 (down \$4.55). Rates for calls between any Quebec points and Newfoundland will be reduced to \$4.50 from \$7.20.

Companies agreeing to the new

FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE

HALIFAX, Nov. 27—(CP)—John Francis MacDonald and George Guthrie today were sentenced to five years in Doncaster Penitentiary for theft. The pair pleaded guilty to stealing cash and savings bonds valued at several thousand dollars from an office safe. Leo Murphy, 28 of no stated address, was dismissed on a similar charge when the crown offered no evidence.

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HALIFAX, Nov. 27—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Friday.

Drier and slightly colder air from the West has entered New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec. The showers have ended there and the clouds are thinning out. On Friday the drier air will continue its way across the Maritimes, reaching Cape Breton by afternoon.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island—Cloudy with a few sunny intervals. Continuing very mild. Light winds. Low and high Friday at Charlottetown 42 and 50.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8:01 A. M. and 7:54 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 3:11 A. M. and 3:10 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:27 A. M. and sets at 4:35 P. M.