

## MR. WINTERS QUERIED IN HOUSE

# Federal Dept. Studying Cost Of Causeway Survey

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal engineers are studying the cost of surveying a proposed nine-mile causeway to link Prince Edward Island with the mainland, Works Minister Winters informed the Commons Friday.

He said he received a letter from Premier Matheson of P.E.I. in the last 10 days containing "certain information" about the proposal, based in part on a preliminary survey by a consulting engineer.

Mr. Winters did not elaborate, but said it was the first official communication he has received about linking the island province with New Brunswick across Northumberland Strait.

He said he has asked his department officials to study the information in Mr. Matheson's letter and estimate the cost of carrying out a full-scale survey. The officials had not yet reported any findings.

**ASKED OF CHANCES**

Mr. Winters was replying to Angus MacLean (PC—Queens) who asked about chances for proceeding with a survey of the causeway's feasibility.

The causeway, which would be about nine miles long across the narrowest part of the strait, has been suggested informally in several quarters in Ottawa. Unofficial cost estimates have ranged between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000.

Premier Matheson outlined the results of a preliminary survey of the project to the provincial legislature in February.

The last major Canadian project of this kind was the building of the Canso causeway, joining Cape Breton Island to the Nova Scotia mainland. The 4,000-foot causeway, built jointly by the federal and Nova Scotia governments, cost \$23,000,000. It was opened last August.

**BUILD NO BRIDGE**

Mr. Winters also informed the Commons that another suggested Maritime project—a bridge between Campbellton, N.B., and Cross Point, Que., across the foot of the Bay of Chaleur—will not be proceeded with "at this time."

He said the federal stand had been that if the Quebec and New Brunswick governments wanted to build the bridge the central government would be prepared to give it "favorable consideration."

However, in talks with Premier Duplessis and Premier Fleming it was "mutually agreed" the bridge would not be built now.

A. J. Brooks (PC—Royal) asked who objected to the bridge. He said it certainly would not be New Brunswick.

Mr. Winters shrugged and smiled but did not reply.

## Three Killed in Kitchener Shooting Affray

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—Gunfire cracked through a city factory Friday and three men were left dead.

Police said Frank Riem, former employee of the Waterloo Spring Company, Ltd., returned to the plant, shot Donald Huras, 26, and Fred Beilstein, 37, to death and then turned his .38-calibre rifle on himself.

Neither police nor fellow-workers could account for the incident. One employee said Riem, who left the factory about six years ago, and Huras, son of company owner, Edward Huras, were good friends.

Crown-attorney Harold Daufman ordered an autopsy to see whether Riem had been drinking.

Mrs. Donald Huras and Mrs. Joseph Wey, both employed in the company office, said a man entered the office carrying a rifle and strode into the office of Huras, company purchasing agent.

Said Mrs. Wey: "We heard the man say 'hello' and then he shot him."

Huras was found tumbled from his stool, a bullet wound in his chest.

The two other office workers, William Gerth and Frank Hauser, said they ran to Huras's office but the man with the gun had gone into the work shop.

Huras's brother, Roy, said he was working at the far end of the shop when he heard the shot.

"I turned around and saw Beilstein on the floor."

A moment later he discovered Riem's body crumpled against a door. The rifle lay beside the body. The pockets were stuffed with bullets.

## TRAVELLING EXPENSES

# Statement Made By Liberal Members Re Pay Increase

In clarification of reports concerning the increase of \$450 to Legislative members, passed just before prorogation of the House on March 29 last, the following joint statement was issued to The Guardian last night by nine Liberal representatives. The members issuing the statement were Messrs. Joseph Campbell, Third Kings; Harvey Douglas, Second Kings; George Kitson, Second Queen; Alex McIsaac, First Kings; Brenton St. John, First Kings; Harold Smith, Fourth Kings; William Acorn, First

Kings; J.A. Gallant, Third Prince Frederic Large, First Queens:

"At one of the first sessions of the caucus of the Liberal members the question of an increase in sessional indemnity arose. After some discussion, a sum of \$1,000 was voted upon, which carried by a majority of 15 to 7. The Premier asked to have the matter stand over for a future caucus, and at a later date another vote was taken on the same amount, and carried 13 to 11.

"The Premier informed the caucus that he was leaving for Ottawa, and asked that the members reconsider the matter. He

said he would abide by the decision on whatever sum was agreed upon, and bring into the House the necessary legislation to make it effective.

"At a subsequent caucus during the Premier's absence the sum of \$750 in addition to the existing indemnity was agreed upon by the private members.

"On the Premier's return this alternate proposal was reported at another Liberal caucus, and was upheld. At this meeting the Premier stated he had changed his mind and refused to bring in legislation for any amount.

"It might be pointed out that a private member is not permitted

to bring in a bill involving expenditure of government money, and therefore there could be no discussion on it in the Legislature.

"At a later date, following a discussion with the Provincial Treasurer and some private members, the sum of \$450 as travelling expenses was proposed for insertion in the contingent accounts. A precedent in this matter had already been established in 1947. The amount of \$450 is equivalent to each member of the Government for similar expenses.

"The Premier expressed his concurrence in the proposal to

bring the matter in as a contingent accounts committee recommendation. It was therefore no "surprise move" as alleged. The whole House invariably sits in private when it receives and discusses the report on contingent accounts, and this was the procedure followed in this case.

"The report in The Guardian of thirteen Liberal members having voted for an indemnity increase in caucus, and of the motion being defeated by one vote, is obviously incorrect as this would assume a caucus membership of twenty-seven, whereas at no time were there more than twenty-five members present."

## Toronto Truck Driver Found Guilty In Sex-Slaying Case

TORONTO (CP)—Robert Fitton, 21-year-old mail truck driver, Friday was found guilty of murder and sentenced to be hanged July 10.

Fitton, father of two children, was charged in the sex-slaying last Jan. 18 of Linda Lampkin, 13. An all-male jury was out three hours, 23 minutes before reaching its verdict.

It added a recommendation for mercy.

Fitton's counsel, David Humphrey, said he would appeal on the basis of the judge's charge to the jury.

Mr. Justice R. W. Treleaven told the jury: "I don't see how, on the evidence, you could have arrived at any other verdict."

The schoolgirl's body was found just before midnight Jan. 18, thrown over the curb in the downtown waterfront area. It precipitated a police search, culminating with Fitton's questioning and arrest shortly after he reported for work the next morning.

His 19-year-old wife attended several sessions of his trial.

Mr. Justice Treleaven told the jury it could choose from three possible verdicts: Murder, manslaughter, or innocent.

He advised it to consider carefully a statement Fitton made to police and which was read at the trial.

In it Fitton had said he grabbed Linda's scarf to scare her into getting out of his mail truck. She had gone limp and stopped breathing.

His wife screamed and fell weeping into his parents' arms. She was led from the court for the second time today.

## Says Canadians Are Too Timid

EDMONTON (CP)—A Toronto banker says Canadians are "altogether too timid" in taking investment risks and that complaints about foreign investment fall into the category of "biting the hand that has fed you."

A. G. Ashcroft, president of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, told a service club Thursday:

"We are inclined to let the other fellow be the entrepreneur and, when the returns start coming in, to complain that the plums have gone elsewhere."

## Extensive Dredging At Wood Islands This Year

OTTAWA, (special)—The Federal Government's dredging program for Prince Edward Island this year includes extensive dredging at Wood Islands and projects at North Lake (\$37,000); Launching (outside); Murray River; Panmure Island; North Cardigan; Cardigan Bridge; Rustico; Little Harbor; Egmont Bay; Launching; (inside); Poplar Point.

This was revealed in the Commons today by Works Minister Winters in reply to questions asked by J. Angus MacLean, Conservative M.P. for Queens.

Explaining the Wood Islands project, Mr. Winters said: "The situation is that the present dock is designed to accommodate a vessel with a 38-foot beam, and the new vessel which is to be in operation perhaps sometime late in 1956 or early in 1957 will have a beam of 54 feet and a free board of six feet five inches as compared with four feet five inches for the Prince Nova now in operation. The present ramp is placed to accommodate the present boats and would not be suitable for the proposed new ferry."

## Work On Public Garden To Commence At Earliest Date

At a special meeting of the City Council held last night, permission was given the Public Property Committee to proceed with the levelling of the ground West of Government Pond which the City proposes to make into a public garden.

Coun. MacDonald, chairman of the Public Property Committee said he had contacted the government of the Province for the use of some of their machinery but was told that the machines were undergoing overhaul and repairs after a heavy season of snow fighting.

Coun. MacDonald said it was necessary to have the work done immediately if the land was to be properly seeded out for the coming summer. He said a machine could be obtained from a private contractor at the rate of \$10 per hour, including the operator.

**SOFTRAIL DIAMOND**

It was also pointed out by Coun. MacDonald that the old tennis courts occupied by the Knights of Columbus have fallen into a state of disrepair. He informed the Council that a committee from the K of C waited upon him with the proposal that the tennis court be fenced in with a soft ball diamond. The work of changing the tennis court into a soft ball diamond, he said could be done by a heavy machine in about a half a day.

Councillors Gaudet and Gormley complained that the Park was being cut up too much and wondered when it was going to end. Coun. MacDonald explained that the proposed move meant that an existing small softball diamond would be enlarged and at the same time an unsightly portion of the Park would be removed.

**PICK UP TRUCK**

City Clerk James Fullerton called attention to the fact that a new half ton truck which had recently been purchased by the City from W.G. Barbour did not come up to the specifications of the tender. He explained that the tender called for a 12 volt electrical system while the one delivered to the street

Department had a six volt system. Coun. O'Neill who is chairman of the Tender Committee said he wanted a ruling from the Council in regard to the matter. As far as he was concerned, the vehicle delivered to the City did not come up to the specifications of that contained in the tender. He felt that it should be returned and the dealer be asked to supply the machine according to specifications.

Coun. Gaudet wondered whether it was the City's responsibility that they had accepted the machine and used it. Coun. MacDonald said the truck had been supplied at a very low cost to the City and according to information he had received, the only effect it would have on the machine is that it might be a little harder to start in the cold weather.

**UNFAIR REQUEST**

Coun. MacDonald felt that it would be unfair to ask the dealer to supply a new truck with a twelve volt system after the other had had about 270 miles on it and was therefore a second hand machine. He felt it was the duty of the City mechanic to inspect the vehicle to see if it came up to specifications and if it didn't, they should not have used it.

On motion of the Council it was decided to have the truck returned to the dealer and brought up to the 12 volt standard or in lieu of this a different truck be supplied in its place.

Coun. O'Neill reminded the Council that the dog menace was becoming quite marked in the City. He felt that the dog catcher should be brought back on duty at the earliest possible date. His Worship said he agreed with Coun. O'Neill on this point.

Councillors Foster and McCormac were not present for last night's meeting.

## HEARING NEXT WEEK

# Inquest In N.S. Murder

BRIDGEWATER, N.S. (CP)—Leroy James Llewellyn, accused of murder, was in the village of Italy Cross the night farmer William Cross was beaten to death in his home there, an inquest witness said Friday.

Alexander MacInnes of Italy Cross said Llewellyn came to his home about 9:45 the night of April 17. He said Llewellyn had been drinking and was trying to get someone to endorse a note.

The inquest jury heard six witnesses, two of them Llewellyn's young sons. The boys were heard without being sworn after cornered S. E. March decided they did not understand the meaning of an oath.

The jury's verdict said 76-year-old Mr. Cross died April 17 or 18 "as a result of being struck on the head by a heavy blow."

## SEEK NEW CONTRACT

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The United Steelworkers, preparing to seek a wage increase and other high-priced contract improvements for workers, Friday disclosed it has sent formal requests to 172 American steel companies for negotiations on a new labor agreement.

LONDON (CP)—Sir Winston Churchill, descendant of the Hudson's Bay Company's third governor, Friday was created the Grand Seignior of the Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson Bay.

"You have done me a great honor in giving me this unique and sonorous title," said Sir Winston. The title incorporates the company's full name. Sir Winston was presented with a large, hand-colored scroll by W. J. Keswick, present HBC governor. The company decided to create the title especially for Sir Winston so as "to re-associate his name with this ancient old company forever."

"It will be appreciated all the remaining years of my life," said the 81-year-old Churchill, described in Friday's special ceremony at Beaver Hall in London's City district as the world's "greatest living statesman."

"What has been done in Canada in the past is only the beginning," said Sir Winston.

The Hudson's Bay Company, formed under royal charter 255 years ago, had as its third governor John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough and an ancestor of Sir Winston. Port Churchill in northern Manitoba was named after the pioneer governor.

## H.B.C. Honors Sir Winston

"The traffic has developed in quite a substantial way there and during 1953 a total of 80,486 passengers, 21,072 autos and 6,816 trucks were ferried. There is, therefore, need to carry out some work to accommodate the larger volume of traffic. Construction of a span on the west side of the existing pier and three cellular steel sheet piles to protect the berth are contemplated.

"In addition a new loading ramp will be required as well as wharf lighting and improvements to the water system.

"At Point Prim, the amount shown in the main estimates is required to construct an extension to the wharf and an isolated rubble mound breakwater to provide better berthing facilities for the fishing fleet as well as protection from storms while at anchorage in the harbor. It is proposed to construct a 240-foot extension to the existing wharf with cross-tied timber.

## Wholesale Price Index Higher

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Six of the eight major component groups used in compiling the index advanced over February, one receded slightly and one remained unchanged.

## Barbed Comment By Nowlan On Port-Aux-Basques Harbor; Winters In Immediate Rejoinder

OTTAWA (CP)—Maritime Conservative George Nowlan Friday termed federal work to make the harbor at Port-Aux-Basques, Nfld., safe for the new luxury ferry William J. Carson "a travesty of errors."

After millions had been spent it was found the harbor still was unsuitable for the \$11,500,000 ferry. Now the government was experimenting with a scale model of the harbor, complete with a wave-making machine, to determine what more needs to be done.

The member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings got an immediate rejoinder from Works Minister Winters.

Mr. Winters said Mr. Nowlan could be as sarcastic as he liked, but that wouldn't change the facts. The federal government was bound by the terms of Newfoundland's entry into Confederation to operate a ferry between North Sydney, N.S., and Port-Aux-Basques but work was necessary to make that harbor safe for the new ship.

## Daylight Time Begins Sunday

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Daylight time arrives Sunday despite the grumbling of farmers and mothers of young children who say it is something they can well do without.

Clocks will be put ahead one hour in all provinces except Alberta and Prince Edward Island, where daylight time is banned by law. Clocks officially go ahead at 2 a.m., local time April 29.

Farmers have griped about fast time since it became a part of Dominion legislation in 1918, forcing them to stumble out to the barn an hour earlier in pre-dawn darkness.

Mothers, who ordinarily had trouble fighting their children into bed each night, contend the extra hour of summer daylight each evening makes things more difficult.

## Franco Ponders Labor Problems

MADRID (Reuters)—Gen. Francisco Franco Friday called his cabinet into session to consider Spanish labor troubles and the next public criticism of his regime voiced in many years.

The ministers discussed:

1. A lockout of 30,000 workers by factories in Bilbao. The workers are accused of "slowdown" tactics in support of their demands for a greater wage raise than the 20 per cent offered recently by the government.
2. Outspoken public criticism of Franco's Falange, Spain's only political party, and of the authorities. The criticism was made by late Jose Robles during a trial in Madrid Tuesday.

## Coming Events

- Buying logs daily 8 to 16 ft. Milton Mills, Milton.
- Cleaning grain daily. Elmer MacDonald, Craupaud.
- Watch for Wheatley River Community play—Coming soon.
- Canadian Legion card party North Wiltshire Hall May 1st.
- Fanningbrook variety concert, Spring Park Hall, May 1st, 8:30. Sponsored by Community Club.
- Reserve Wednesday, May 9th for Hampton Institute Concert and pie social.
- Opening dance at the Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night, May 1. Burns Orchestra.
- Will be operating Forano Seed cleaners till May 15th. Jack Howatt, Dartington.
- Darlington at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday: "Abbott and Costello Meet The Keystone Cops."
- Regular Saturday night dance. St. Peters Bay Hall, Messers. Orchestra.
- Don't miss the 4-H Club concert in Howe's Hall, Brackley Point Tuesday evening, May 1st. Curtain 8:30. Fun for everybody.
- Grand Bingo St. Andrew's Hall Mt. Stewart, Monday, April 30th, 8 p.m. Two special prizes, jackpot \$50.00. Door prize.
- Fanningbrook variety concert, Community Hall, Covehead, April 28 at 8:30 o'clock. Sponsored by Stanhope Women's Institute.
- Farmers, with Master Feeds its results that count. Enquire today about the Master Feeding Plan. L.J. Rossiter, Grafton Street East.
- Aaron Slick from Pumpkin Creek, 3eat comedy by Hunter River and Wheatley River Y.P.U. Wheatley River Hall Tuesday, May 1st at 8:30.
- The annual meeting of the Craupaud Hall Company will be held in the said Hall on Monday evening, April 30th at 8 o'clock. Brent Wood, Sec'y.
- Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton, Tuesday Brookfield 9 a.m., Milton 10, Railway Wharf 11, York 1 p.m., Bedford 2, Tracadie 2:30, Mt. Stewart 3, Pownal 4:30, Vernon River 5, paying \$21 a pair for good pigs over 35 lbs each, also buy smaller ones, Knud Jorgensen.

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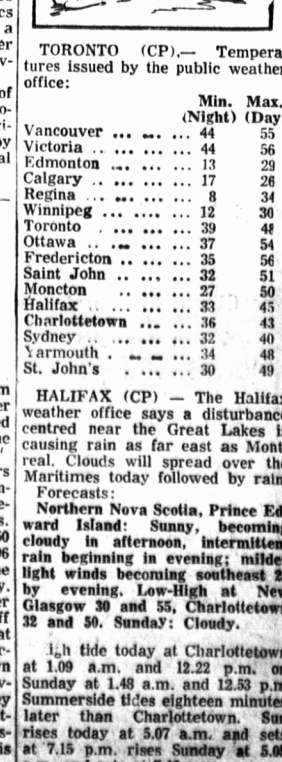
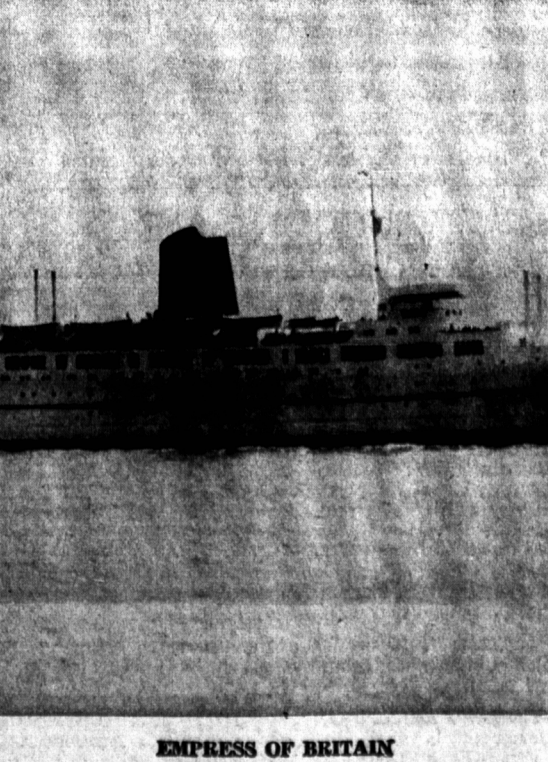
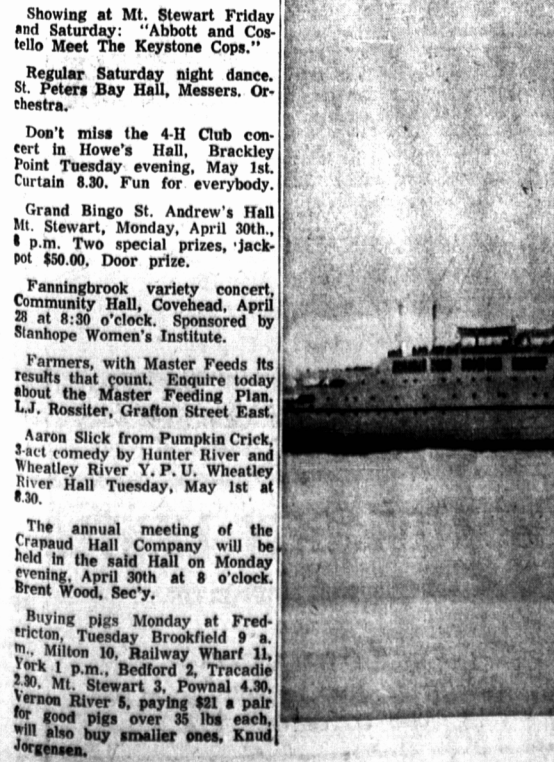
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# Empress Of Britain, New CPS Flagship Fine Craft

MONTREAL — Cruising down the river was nothing like the arrival here Thursday of the Canadian Pacific Steamships' Empress of Britain on its maiden voyage from Liverpool.

Moving leisurely up the St. Lawrence River from Quebec, the new flagship for the Canadian Pacific ocean fleet cut a pretty picture as it eased into the wharf here and despite a steady drizzle which covered the city a large number of citizens were on hand to welcome the vessel and greet the 1,000 passengers aboard.

The band of the Canadian Grenadier Guards played sprightly tunes as the giant — largest vessel ever to come up the St. Lawrence as far as Montreal — ended its run. N. Crump, C.P.R. President and other company officials

along with Pierre DesMarais, council leader representing the city of Montreal, boarded the vessel to offer congratulations and extend a welcome to Capt. S.W. Keay, O.B.E., master of the new vessel.

The maiden voyage from Liverpool was quiet for the most part, although some rough weather was encountered the second day. The Empress sailed Friday. The Denby-Brown stabilizers were put to use, and passengers reported the roll of the vessel as much less than would usually be expected for a ship of that size.

A party of Canadian newspapermen joined the vessel at Quebec City, and shared in the final leg of the voyage to Montreal. Leaving Quebec just before dawn, the big white Empress cut through the smooth waters of the river.

Navigating was a tricky problem for the 26,000-ton ship but river pilots reported the ship responded readily to the least spin of the tiller.

Mingling with the passengers and crew, the press party learned at first hand some of the details of operation of the Empress. There is accommodation for 150 first class passengers, and 896 tourist class. In addition, some 500 crew members are necessary. Feeding such a large number keeps members of the galley staff on the hop for about two hours at each meal time. In the tourist accommodation, the diners sit down in two groups of 450 each. Moving efficiently between the galley and the restaurant, some 60 waiters speed the meals to the passengers, and when one sitting is

HALIFAX (CP)—The Halifax weather office says a disturbance centered near the Great Lakes is causing rain as far east as Montreal. Clouds will spread over the Maritimes today followed by rain.

Forecast:

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island: Sunny, becoming cloudy in afternoon, intermittent rain beginning in evening; milder light winds becoming southeast 20 by evening. Low-High at New Glasgow 30 and 55, Charlottetown 32 and 50. Sunday: Cloudy.

Light tide today at Charlottetown at 1:09 a.m. and 12:22 p.m. on Sunday at 1:48 a.m. and 12:53 p.m. Summerside tides eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 5:07 a.m. and sets at 7:15 p.m. rises Sunday at 5:05 a.m. and sets at 7:15 p.m.



TORONTO (CP)—Temperatures issued by the public weather office:

	Min.	Max.
	(Night)	(Day)
Vancouver	...	44 55
Victoria	...	44 56
Edmonton	...	13 29
Calgary	...	17 28
Regina	...	12 30
Winnipeg	...	39 48
Toronto	...	37 54
Ottawa	...	35 56
Fredericton	...	32 51
Saint John	...	27 50
Moncton	...	33 45
Halifax	...	36 43
Charlottetown	...	32 40
Sydney	...	34 48
Yarmouth	...	30 49
St. John's	...	30 49