

### Shipping Case Nears Decision

HALIFAX (CP) — Counsel for three shipping firms and the federal government concluded arguments Friday in an Exchequer Court appeal case involving taxation of \$260,000 paid for charter cancellations by three shipping firms.

The case was heard by Mr. Justice Dumoulin of the Exchequer Court of Canada. The appeal was lodged by Halifax Overseas Freighters Limited, False Bay Steamship Company Limited and Bedford Overseas Freighters Limited. Harry I. Mathers of Halifax is president of the three firms.

Mr. Mathers said about \$130,000 income tax was claimed by the government on charter cancellation transactions involving about \$260,000.

A. G. Cooper, counsel for the internal revenue department, said the costs were a capital outlay and not deductible. H. B. Rhude, counsel for the shipping firms, said the payments had no effect on the fixed capital of the companies and could be charged to revenue account.

An appeal to the income tax appeal board last year was rejected.

### ELMSDALE

Mr. Donald Williams of the R. C.N. was a guest recently for a weekend of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Williams.

Mrs. Charles Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Dunn and family, were recent visitors to Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnett and family motored from the mainland, and spent a weekend with Ralph's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnett.

Mr. Ivan O'Brien who is training his race horses at Summerside, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. A.D. O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Hardy of Charlottetown were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Orwin Wallace.

Friends of Mrs. Roach O'Brien are pleased to know she is improving in Western Hospital, where she is a patient.

Friends of Mr. Charles Dunn who is a patient in Western Hospital, are pleased to learn of his improvement and wish him a speedy return to good health.

Friends of Mr. Patrick O'Connor, of Cape Wolfe, are pleased to know he is making a good recovery in Western Hospital.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Adams, regret to learn of their baby's illness in the Western Hospital and hope for a speedy recovery.

Friends of Mrs. Ada MacArthur regret to know she is ill in the Community Hospital, O'Leary and wish her a speedy return to good health.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smythe and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shea of Tignish, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Charles and family.

Friends of Mr. Leigh Griffin were sorry to learn of the illness which necessitated an emergency operation in Prince County Hospital, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn and family, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Keely.

The June meeting of the Elmsdale Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Adams on Monday, June 9th, with a good attendance of members and several visitors. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. James O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Keir Weeks of Toronto, were recent guests at the former's aunt, Mrs. Hazel Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bernard of Haverhill, Mass., have arrived to spend the summer at their cottage in Mill River.

Friends of Mrs. Alfred E. O'Brien, regret her illness in Charlottetown Hospital and wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Myra Callaghan and nephew Mr. John Cummings, from Bronx, New York, were guests on Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Brien.

The Misses Edna and Alfreda O'Brien are home to spend their annual summer holidays.

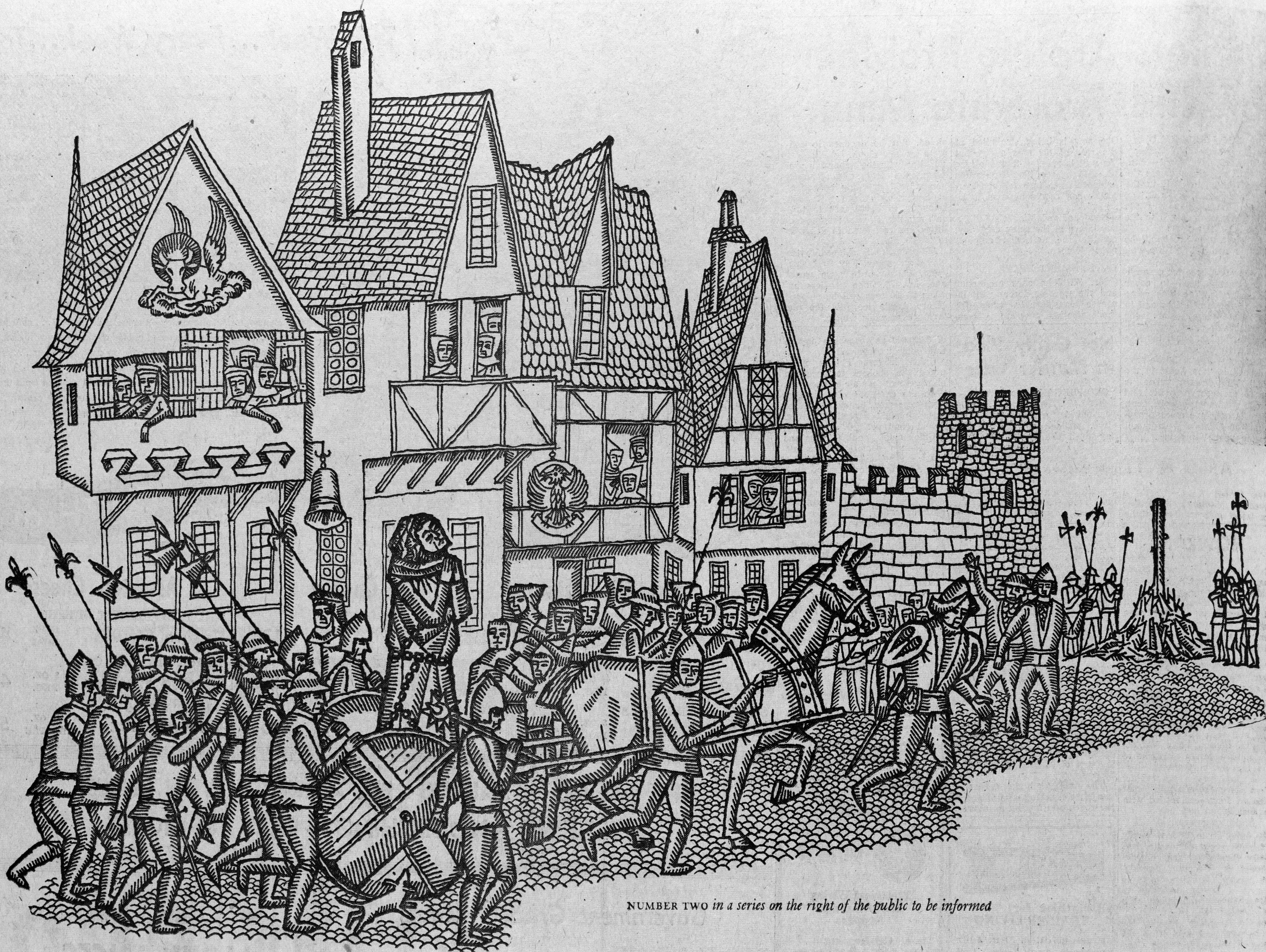
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert O'Brien and Mr. George O'Brien were Sunday guests at the homes of Mrs. A.D. O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. A.E. O'Brien. Y.

### BEDEQUE

Mr. Ralph B. MacCaul and Mr. Heber Myers, Carleton, were visitors to Sackville, N.B., on Friday, June 13th. While there they attended sessions of the Maritime Conference then being held.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Reid, Middleton, were in Toronto, over the week-end. They attended the wedding of their son David, which took place on Saturday, June 14th. They went by plane.

Miss Louise Callbeck, Miss Mildred Callbeck of Central Bedeque, Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Bedeque Village, Mrs. Kenneth Muttart, Sackville, and Mrs. John Myers, Carleton Place, left by motor on Saturday afternoon, June 14th. To spend a few days visiting points of interest in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.



NUMBER TWO in a series on the right of the public to be informed

## Literature for some future historian!

*"The witch Walpurga, evil and wretched woman, was sentenced to be led, seated in a cart to which she is tied, to the place of execution, her body first to be torn five times with red hot irons."*

Written by an unknown reporter for an obscure German newsletter, this paragraph was published in 1587.

Slavery was abolished long after witch-burning. Could it be that another terse passage in a newspaper of 1859 quickened the conscience of humanity? Here it is:

*"The auctioneer brought up Joshua's Molly and family. He announced that Molly insisted she was lame in her left foot although he did not believe a word of it. An eminent physician in Savannah had declared Joshua's Molly was only shamming. However, the gentlemen must judge for themselves and bid accordingly."*

*"So Molly was put through her paces and compelled to trot up and down the stage, to go up and down steps and to exercise her feet in various ways, but with the same result, the left foot would go lame. She was finally sold for \$695."*

The year 1958 marks the 370th anniversary in the history of newspapers.

The first, the English Mercury, was published in the same year Drake scattered the Spanish Armada. In 1632 the Star Chamber clamped down on newspapers.

But the right of the public to be informed; championed by newspapers, has survived repeated and outrageous assaults by the arrogant, the superstitious and the corrupt.

Conscientious reporting is the newspaper's weapon.

The eminent H. G. Wells reflected that great reporting is the product of an interrogative state of mind.

Heywood Brown said: "Every good reporter is writing literature for some future historian."

Matthew Arnold has described journalism as "literature in a hurry."

*"I am the voice of today and the herald of tomorrow," Robert H. Davis has said of the printing press. "I sing the songs of the world, the orations of history, the symphonies of all time. . . I weave into the warp of the past and the woof of the future. I tell the stories of peace and war alike."*

*"I make the human heart beat with passion or tenderness. I stir the pulse of nations, and make brave men do braver deeds. . ."*

*"I inspire the midnight toiler, weary at his loom, to lift his head and gaze with fearlessness, into the vast beyond, seeking the consolation of a hope eternal."*

*"I am the tireless clarion of the news. I cry your joys and sorrows every hour. . . I am the record of all things mankind has achieved. I am the laughter and tears of the world, and I shall never die until all things return to the immutable dust."*

In the cavalcade of episodes on history's broad esplanade, your newspaper, The Star, has championed the right of the public to be fully informed on all affairs; particularly those that pertain to Canada's social welfare.

The late J. E. Atkinson, owner and publisher of The Star, agreed whole-heartedly with Oliver Goldsmith's:

*"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey  
When wealth accumulates and men decay."*

Forty-four years ago in a Toronto address, Mr. Atkinson declared:

*"We have been accustomed to say that in Canada we do not have the problems of unemployment and a demand for a rearrangement of industry as they have in older countries, hence our legislators have paid practically no attention to them."*

*"From this comfortable state of mind the people of this city have found themselves lacking employment through no fault of their own. Their families have suffered, in many cases, to the utmost extremity."*

*"These workers receive wages that even in times of work are so close to the margin of sustenance that it is a mockery to ask why they do not save enough to tide them over those periods of non-employment which are as certain and almost as regular as the ebb of the tides."*

Through the years Mr. Atkinson campaigned for sickness and employment insurance, mothers' allowances and old age pensions.

There was a time when the infant mortality rate in Canada approached that of the most crowded cities in England — a disgraceful situation which The Star fearlessly exposed.

*As in the past the right of the public to be informed, and the interrogative state of mind which supports that right — both will be championed by your newspaper.*



Veteran newsman JAMES V. NICOL has stacked up over thirty years of newspaper experience. His by-lined Star stories have been filed from Europe, Africa and South America. A man who goes after his stories, Nicol once hired a dog sled and mushed 600 miles along the Arctic coast to cover a story on the Dew Line.