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Guilty Pleas Entered To Charges Of Theft

Pleading guilty to two charges of theft, and one of possession of stolen goods, William MacFarlane, Jr., Southport, was remanded until Sept. 4 for sentence by Magistrate A. J. Haslam in city police court Saturday.

Not represented by counsel, MacFarlane was first charged with the theft of a transistor radio, the property of Miller Bros. Ltd. The second count was the theft of a transistor radio, the property of Yonbom Music Store. The third charge is possession of a transistor radio, the property of Simpson & Sears Ltd., known to have been obtained by an indecent offence.

Charles M. MacEachern, Newtown Cross, and John A. Suberland, Morley, both pleaded not guilty to driving while intoxicated, and entered pleas of guilty to their charges. Their pleas accepted, the two accused, both consigned by

Lester P. O'Donnell, were each fined \$10 and costs or 30 days in jail.

Appearing for sentence on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, Robert Blair MacDonald, Charlottetown, was fined \$10 and costs or five days in jail.

A sentence of five days in Queen's County jail was given Joseph Smith, no fixed address, on the charge of vagrancy. Pleading not guilty to disorderly conduct, Augustus Quinn, Charlottetown, was remanded without bail until Sept. 4.

SPEEDER FINED
Convicted of speeding, south on Belmont Street, and west on Kensington Road, Roger Ford, Charlottetown, was fined \$5 and costs or two days.

Three persons charged with being drunk and incapable, one was fined \$20 and costs or 10 days, another was sentenced to 20 days, with the commitment being held until noon, after the accused promised that he would exit of the city by that time.

Two persons charged with driving for 30 days on a previously suspended commitment, which had been imposed Friday.

Traffic Report Receives Blast

By Neil A. Matheson
Provincial and Farm Editor
Frank Acorn who operates 27 cars, took sharp issue Saturday with some of the criticisms of Leslie Mannell, Oakville, Ontario, who was brought here as a traffic consultant.

"We're not in variance with the police" was his first comment, as he noted the charge they "taxi stand with a fleet of by-law and scream to the high heaven if they are charged with an offence." The charge certainly doesn't apply to our stand," Mr. Acorn said.

"Asked regarding the idea of a central dispatcher's office, Mr. Acorn said it would eliminate the initiative to look for business and to retain it, as far as any individual taxi office is concerned, and any taxi office that has built up over the years, a percentage of business through service, courtesy and attention to details would be asked to share it with the group Mr. Mannell would assign to this so-called central office."

He says now that our rates are fair, but he was going to tell us how to make "decent living", that we would have to zone the city for rates, etc.—taxi now operates anywhere within the city limits for 35 cents, which, in some cases, involves a return trip of two and one-half miles.

"My stand was," Mr. Acorn

said "that 70 per cent of our summer customers are the ordinary citizens who have no automobiles and that we would service three and four times a day. Increased rates would affect those people adversely, Mr. Acorn observed.

"This low rate, coupled by the fact that our many customers tolerate the allowance of additional pickups, accounts for us being able to maintain a service on which we pride ourselves as being the best and cheapest in Canada," he said.

"It's true, the taxi spokesman said, that this summer was exceptionally bad for traffic, but an expert was not needed to reason this out. The exceptionally heavy traffic "was caused largely by the fact that the many rainy days drove tourists into the city from the beaches, where they normally congregate, along with many people from our own province.

"We always advise our drivers to use the fringe areas of the city when possible. This helps them make better time on their trips and it also helps to ease the traffic problem in so far as is possible," he stated.

So far as the proposed bus system is concerned, Mr. Acorn said during the war years when there was a large number of armistees here, "we maintained a bus service to and from the airport, and had a pickup service within the city. Even in those

CBC Asked To Slash Capital Expenditure

OTTAWA (CP) — The publicly-owned CBC has been asked by the government to cut its \$10,000,000 capital budget by half as part of the austerity program, say informed sources.

However, the sources said the corporation feels it is unable to reduce its capital spending—all of it paid for from the federal treasury—by so much because it has already laid out for several projects.

It has made a counter-proposal to the cabinet on which no decision has yet been made. The corporation declined to disclose the precise amount or the nature of its own suggestion but speculation here was that days of restrictions on gasoline and vehicles, the city pickup was always below the cost of operation," Mr. Acorn recalled.

"Mr. Mannell's suggestion about a bus service being subsidized, is, unfortunately, like many other things today—an easy solution when you are using someone else's money," he criticized.

OPEN FOR INSPECTION
Asked regarding the charge that some terminal facilities can only be compared to the "Black Hole of Calcutta," Mr. Acorn said our premises are open to inspection at any time. The same thing can be said for the rest of the people in the business, he added.

"Our business was started in 1921 and the motto is still the same: "To maintain the goodwill of those we serve is the goal for which we strive," he concluded.

SOME MAY END
With this decline continuing, corporation officials said some programs may have to be erased on TV. The cuts, if any, would be in Canadian productions. On cheap imported American shows, the CBC actually makes money.

In any event, the programs affected would likely be those on some local CBC television stations or on regional TV networks. National network programming would not be touched, except as a last resort.

Even with a few local TV show eliminations, sources said that this fall and winter the CBC's Canadian content will continue to be well above requirements of the Board of Broadcast Governors. The BBG will require 35-per-cent Canadian content effective Oct. 1. It now demands 45 per cent.

Box Firms Given Blast In Probe

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's anti-trust law is being used to probe the big cardboard box industry should be stripped of its tariff protection in order to end its "long history" of price-fixing arrangements.

The drastic tariff move, which would open the industry to United States competition, was recommended by the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission in a report made public here by Justice Minister Fleming.

The commission said prices have been kept "needlessly high" on paperboard shipping containers — primarily corrugated cardboard cartons—and on the paperboard used for box-making companies.

It said the public had suffered from "the common system of pricing which has persisted... over many years" in the twin industries making containers and paperboard.

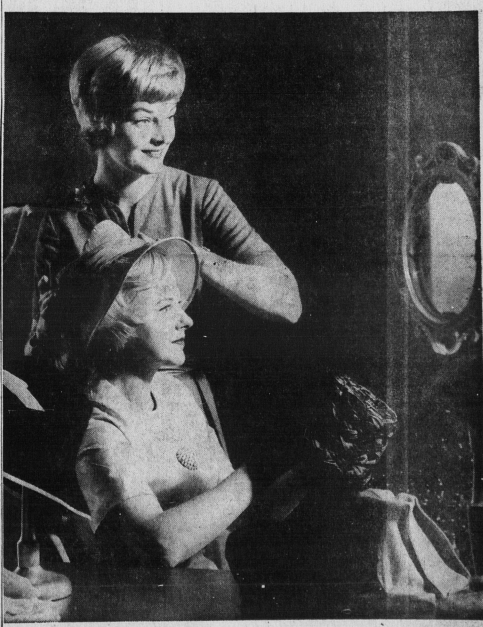
They were "among the most profitable" industries in Canada, the commission said, and removal of tariffs should restore "effective competition."

Conceivably, the government could ask the CBC to leave part of the grant unused if it seeks more of a cut than the corporation can make on the capital side.

But so far any program eliminations made by the CBC this summer or planned for the fall schedule stem not from austerity, but from general CBC belt-tightening due to a drop in its advertising revenues.

In the last year alone ended March 31, the CBC reported its revenues were \$10,600,000 to \$12,000,000 less than they would have been had the eighty-city private TV network and its affiliated stations not existed.

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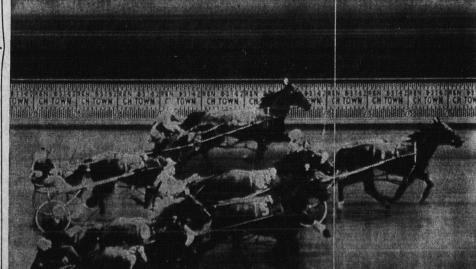
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