

## FOR NEW WATER RATE BASE

# Testimony Completed At Hearing On Water Commission Application

By JIM CULLEN  
That the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply have not only "paid their own way" but actually have a small surplus of payments into the city treasury was revealed yesterday by Randolph Manning, accountant, at a hearing before the Public Utilities Commission on an application for an increase in the water rates in this city.

However, heavy installation costs of new physical assets, including the new reservoir and larger water mains, meant increased financing over the past five years with the result payments made by the Commissioners to the city during the past two years had not equalled the amounts paid out by the city.

Under the present statutory arrangements the Water Commission is an independently elected body, but all bonds issued by it for capital expenditures are sold in the name of the city which is responsible for financing. The Water Commissioners annually turn over to the city treasury all surplus funds over operating costs.

It was this payment deficiency in recent years which led to a request for increased rates in order to prevent an increase in general city taxation. Water Commission chairman Sidney Green said.

Mr. Manning's statement showed from 1958 until 1961 the water commission had paid into the city a surplus of \$30,000 but the year 1965 saw this surplus almost wiped out and the end of that year saw approximately only \$5,000 surplus remaining.

Mr. Manning added that this appears a good time to correct the water rates if the commission is going to be forced to go into debt to the city at this rate.

Judge C. St. Clair Trainor presided at yesterday's hearing which was underway at 10.00 a.m. and concluded at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Present at yesterday hearing were: Randolph Manning, Gerald R. Foster, QC, representing the city of Charlottetown; William Brennan, member of public utilities board; Stewart Ives, member of public utilities board; A. Walther Gaudet, representing the water commission; from the city: Mayor Walter Cox; John Butler, city comptroller; William MacNeill, chairman of finance committee; Councillor Louis B. Johnston and Councillor Frank Zakem; from the water commission: Sidney Green, chairman of the commission; commissioner Joseph McKenna; commissioner Earl Taylor; department manager Frank Vandierstraen; assistant office manager Allan Rodd.

John R. Key, Halifax Engineering Services, was called by Mr. Gaudet as the first witness for the department of Sewers and Water supply.

**UNUSUAL SITUATION**  
When questioned by Mr. Foster about the unusual local situation where the water commission was a separately elected body, but city council had to do its financing Mr. Key said some cities used a water commission while others operated with a committee of council members.

Mr. Key added this was simply a difference in procedure caused by ancient statutes which had not been revised for many years.

# Boundary Commission Rejects Local Proposals

## Judicial Inquiry Ordered By Gov't

By RONALD LEBEL  
OTTAWA (CP)—An unprecedented judicial inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Justice Les Landreville of the Ontario Supreme Court was ordered Wednesday by the federal cabinet.

Hon. Ivan C. Rand, 81-year-old retired justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, was named commissioner to investigate Judge Landreville's dealings 10 years ago with Northern Ontario Natural Gas Ltd. or its agents.

The inquiry was set up at a cabinet meeting Wednesday and the move announced to the Commons by Justice Minister Cardin on the second day of the new session.

The commissioner was instructed to report saying if in his opinion, Judge Landreville's gas stock dealings constituted misbehavior in his official capacity or if the judge proved himself unfit for the proper exercise of his duties.

Commissioner Rand, who lives in Moncton, N.B., was authorized to hold hearings where and when he deems fit, hire counsel and staff and exercise all powers under Section 11 of the Inquiries Act.

**ASKS QUESTION**  
Opposition Leader Diefenbaker asked if the cabinet chose to act through an inquiry rather than Parliament.

Mr. Cardin replied that since a judge was involved it was felt a judicial inquiry would be the fair and proper procedure.

Mr. Justice Landreville, 55, was named to the bench in 1956 by the St. Laurent Liberal government after serving as mayor of Sudbury.

In 1964 he was charged with municipal corruption and conspiracy in the sale of his NONG shares. The charges were dismissed after a preliminary hearing. Evidence given at the hearing said he made a \$117,000 profit on the 1956 sale.

Mr. Cardin said last month a confidential report sent the federal government by the Law Society of Upper Canada found Judge Landreville unfit to be on the bench and recommended his removal.

Constitutional experts here say no superior court judge has ever been impeached for misconduct since confederation.

He was attorney-general of New Brunswick in 1924-25 and CNR counsel from 1926 to 1943.



LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies of Australia, LEFT, announced yesterday he is retiring after 16 years in office and Treasury Minister Harold Holt is expected to succeed him. Menzies, 71, did not disclose whether he also intends to give up his seat in Parliament. (AP Wirephoto)

## AT GEORGETOWN

# Kings Plant Expects Large Trawler Order

The largest single stern trawler order ever placed in Canada is expected to be awarded today to the Bathurst Marine Ltd. of Georgetown.

The amount of the loan is believed to be in excess of \$3,500,000.

The Loan Board according to Fisheries Minister Leo Rossiter will travel to Georgetown this morning to meet and consider the application in the Court House there.

The total cost of the ships could be in the vicinity of \$7,000,000. The order could be for nine stern trawlers, 128 feet long and equipped with reinforced bows for operation in ice during the winter months.

The ships are expected to be of steel construction and it is expected the order will take approximately three years before it is completed.

Mr. Rossiter said 50 per cent of the cost of the ships would be paid for under federal government subsidies. The company is required to pay a down-payment of five per cent, approximately \$382,000, with the loan from the Loan Board making up the remaining 45 per cent.

It is believed that Gulf Garden Foods has paid the money for the down-payment.

**BOARD MEMBERS**  
Members of the Fishermen's Loan Board meeting today in Georgetown are Leonard Beasley, acting chairman from Charlottetown; Ulrie Poirier, Arthur Village; Harvey Butt, Alberton; John MacNeill, Murray Harbour; Arthur Bruce, North

Prince Edward Island. Mr. Pearson is expected to outline details of the program when he speaks in the throne speech debate, probably today.

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# Reports Of Provinces Given To Parliament

By BEN WARD  
OTTAWA (CP)—A new electoral map that leaves only six of today's 263 federal ridings unchanged was presented to Parliament Wednesday in reports from 10 provincial commissions assigned to revise ridings in line with the 1961 census.

Only four provincial ridings escape revision under the proposals—Elgin and Niagara Falls in Ontario and Roberval and Verdun in Quebec. Yukon and Northwest Territories remain unchanged by statute.

The rest are reshaped, renamed—some wiped out. Redistribution cuts Commons membership to 264 from 265, juggles the representation of seven provinces and, among a host of commission proposals, eliminates two-member ridings.

There now are two of these, Quebec in Prince Edward Island and Halifax.

**TEN NEEDED**  
MPs have 30 days in which to call for debate on any of the provincial reports. A debate is automatic if 10 members join in a request for one. There is no time limit, but after debate the commissions have 30 days to change their proposals or restate them. Either way, their final decision becomes law.

The present ridings were drawn up in 1952 based on the 1951 census. Although there must be a revision after each census, various problems intervened to delay the job after the 1961 population count.

The work formerly was handled by a Commons committee, usually amid political uproar. Under a new system approved by Parliament late in 1964 the revision is handled by independent commissions in each province. They started work early last year and produced preliminary reports some months ago.

Public hearings were held. Some changes were made by the commissions before sending their formal reports to Parliament.

**GIVEN QUOTAS**  
Each commission was given a provincial quota of seats and a population quota for each seat. They were allowed a leeway of 25 per cent above or below this population quota.

Main effect of the changes is to increase urban ridings at the expense of rural ones, reflecting the population trend towards the big centres.

Here is how each province fares in the new division of ridings:

	NEW OLD
Newfoundland	7 7
P.E.I.	4 4
New Scotia	11 12
New Brunswick	10 10
Quebec	74 75
Ontario	88 85

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## Search Goes On For Two Students

HALIFAX (CP)—The search continues for two Chinese students missing from St. Mary's University for almost a month.

Halifax police and RCMP said the search will continue indefinitely for Raymond Wong and Frankie Chan, both in their 20s, last seen Christmas Day after leaving by car for Prince Edward Island.

No trace of the car has been found.

## Boy Is Drowned In South Nfld.

HARBOR BRETON (CP)—Three-year-old Joseph Augot was drowned Wednesday in the harbor of this southern Newfoundland fishing community.

Details were not available but it is believed the boy fell from the deck of a boat moored in the harbor. The body was recovered.

## ASKS RELIEF

Representation Commissioner Nelson Castonguay asked Parliament Wednesday to relieve him at this session of his other major post of Chief Electoral Officer.

Mr. Castonguay, 51, said he will be unable to assume his duties as the \$21,000-a-year Chief Electoral Officer at the next general election. He has carried the double load since 1963 and collapsed three times from exhaustion last year while working on the boundary redrafts and the election preparations. Mr. Castonguay plans to take an extended holiday in Mexico next month.

## Former President's Son Shot In New Eruption Of Violence

By JAMES PRINGLE  
SANTO DOMINGO (Reuters)—The son of former president Juan Bosch was in critical condition from bullet wounds Wednesday after a new outbreak of Dominican Republic violence in which the pope's nuncio narrowly escaped from a hail of gunfire.

Leon Bosch, 29, was found with five bullet wounds in a street near the scene of a terrorist attack here Tuesday night—one of several incidents in this strife-torn Caribbean republic.

Juan Bosch, ousted president who returned from exile at the end of a bloody four-month civil war last September lives in a closely-guarded home on the city's outskirts.

The pope's nuncio, 53-year-old Desales Martini, was forced to dive for cover to avoid heavy rifle and sub-machine-gun fire as he went to investigate the attack.

## Refugee Camp Attack Results In 33 Deaths

SAIGON (AP)—Misgivings about continuance of President Johnson's peace offensive were evident in Saigon today even as the lunar new year's eve brought the promise of another short-term lull in the Vietnamese war.

Savagery of a Viet Cong attack on a refugee camp for 2,000 Vietnamese early Wednesday cast a shadow over holiday celebrations.

Thirty-three persons were killed, 54 wounded and nine men kidnapped in the pre-dawn raid on the outskirts of Tam Ky, a provincial capital 350 miles northeast of Saigon.

It now is believed the U.S. embassy and military supports a belief of Premier Nguyen Cao Ky that a stepped-up war effort is the only logical way to get the Communists to a conference table.

Reliable sources said U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge is among those who would like to see heavy air raids resumed against North Viet Nam as soon as the lunar new year holidays end next week.

## Fire Kills Five In South U.S.

MELVILLE, La. (AP)—A mother and her five children died Wednesday when flames destroyed their three-room frame home in this south Louisiana saw mill town.

Her husband, Charlie Tunwar, 52, was severely burned.

Dornell said Mrs. Tunwar, 38, and four of the children were found in the ruins of the family's only bed.

The police chief said the fire erupted when Tunwar poured kerosene over hot coals in an old stove in an effort to take the chill out of the room before the family arose.

## Follow Nehru Policies Is Mrs. Gandhi's Aim

NEW DELHI (AP)—Mrs. Indira Gandhi, 46, pledged Wednesday as prime minister of India to follow the policies of non-alignment and socialism of her famous father, Jawaharlal Nehru.

The immense problems of India fell on the shoulders of the middle-aged widow when the Congress party elected her to leadership over Jorajal Desai, head of the Conservative wing, 355 to 169.

As party leader, the woman who was schooled in politics by her prime minister father will take over next week from Gulzari Lal Nanda, acting prime minister since the death of Lal Bahadur Shastri Jan. 11.

Mrs. Gandhi told a press conference she supported any move for peace anywhere. Asked whether she envisaged any important changes in Shastri's domestic and foreign policies, Mrs. Gandhi replied:

"Mr. Shastri was continuing the basic policies of my father and the accepted policies of the Congress party. I cannot naturally deviate from the policies which have been passed by our party."

## WANTS CLIMATE OF PEACE

"We should try to create what my father called a climate of peace. We should encourage the spirit of Tashkent... and see that we have peace at home and also abroad, if possible."

It was at Tashkent, in the Soviet Union, that Shastri died of a heart attack hours after signing an agreement with Pakistan President Mohammed Ayub Khan to seek peace for the subcontinent.

Immediately after her victory, she went to the presidential palace, where President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan asked her to form a government. He will wear her in Monday.

She will take the reins of a country faced with problems which include food shortages arising from the worst drought

## Pay Raise Announced For P.E.I. Civil Service

Salary increases for approximately 2,000 provincial government public servants, including hospital employees, will go into effect on April 1, 1966, it was announced by Provincial Treasurer Alban Farmer early yesterday afternoon.

A six or seven-month detailed survey of the public servants salary scale was completed recently by the Civil Service Commission to find what was necessary to update it.

There has been an increase in the basic minimum and other adjustments have been proposed throughout the salary structure of the public servants.

Mr. Farmer did not give any examples or figures illustrating the extent of the raises but he termed them "a reasonable increase."

The provincial treasurer also announced that the existing pension plan of the public servants will be integrated with the new Canada Pension Plan. The employees of the government will pay approximately five per cent of their annual income towards their pensions. One-point-eight

per cent of this amount will be their payment to the Canada Pension Plan and the remainder of the amount paid under their existing pension scheme. The province will also pay one-point-eight per cent of the employees' salary towards the Canada Pension Plan.

Mr. Farmer disclosed that the province will be able to borrow from the federal government the amount of money it pays into the Canada Pension Plan at very favourable interest rates of something like five and a half per cent. He estimated the amount available for this province would be in the vicinity of \$2,000,000.

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Mrs. Indira Gandhi and Morarji Desai meet in the central hall of India's Parliament in New Delhi before her election as India's next Prime Minister. Mrs. Gandhi polled 355 votes to 169 for Desai, her only challenger for the post. Mrs. Gandhi asked Desai for his blessing when they met in the hall. (AP Wirephoto via cable from New Delhi)