ICEBREAKERS HAVE TOUGH TIME

The icebreaker Montcalm struggles through heavy ice in the St. Lawrence River as she and the bigger d'Iberville attempt to free 13 foreign ships trapped in Montreal harbor. The first of the ships started downstream Monday and others are expected to be freed today.

Record Construction Year In Prospect, Is Forecast

MONTREAL (CP) — The construction industry seems headed for a record year in 1959, in the opinion of the trade magazine Canadian Builder.

On the basis of interviews with many qualified persons Canadian Builder in its year-end issues presents these forecasts:

Dollar volume of construction will be up, in a range of three to five per cent; building construction alone should top $4,000,000,000; new houses to be started will equal the 155,000 started in 1958, a figure which was 11 per cent better than any previous year.

Increase is also expected in construction of schools, hospitals, airports and other public buildings.

PREDICTS EXPANSION

The magazine quotes President Harold Ball of the Canadian Construction Association as saying the last few months of 1958 brought forth greater interest in commercial and industrial construction. He felt this was an important sign that industry and commerce are planning to expand their facilities during 1959.

Mr. Ball saw a possible new pattern for construction operations. More large contractors were rolling up higher annual volumes of construction by reducing the margin of overhead and profit.

This was done on the assumption that by turning over their capital 10 or 12 times a year a reasonable return could be realized. The smaller contractor had to bid on a greater number of jobs in order to ogtain enough work to keep his operations going.

There was also a tendency toward package-deal operation, often reducing or eliminating competition. Contractors felt enough work could be obtained this way to keep them busy and also realize a fair profit.

DISCRIMINATING BUYERS

Maurice Joubert, president of the National House Builders Association, was quoted by the magazine as saying that in spite of a demand for low - cost housing, builders will have a big merchandising job to do. House buyers have become a discriminating group and success of house sales would depend largely on good design.

Mr. Joubert doesn't anticipate a tight-money situation but said the house building industry must not depend on government sources and suggested private lenders will have to play a larger part in the money market in 1959.

President Stewart Bates of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation predicted more federal contribution for planning, urgan renewal and low-rental subsidy.

Mr. Bates said slum-clearance programs will move well in 1959. A huge Montreal project had followed one in Toronto. Now, he said, slum - clearance projects were taking hold in St. John's, Nfld., Halifax, Saint John, N.B., Windsor, Ont., Hamilton and Vancouver. Preliminary studies had also been made in smaller centres, such as Kingston, Ont., Moose Jaw, Sask., and Trail, B.C.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

AUCTION "45" Score Cards for sale at Guardian-Patriot Central Printing.

Organizations using this column to promote their meetings, entertainments events etc., are requested to place their announcements in the name of the sponsoring Organization.

BEGINNING CARD Parties January 14th. at Lower Montague Hall and every Wednesday night. Sponsored by Women's Institute.

MONTAGUE RINK, Tuesday night. Hockey, 7 Mile Road vs. Murray River. Hour skate after game.

LINDSEY FUNERAL — The funeral of Mrs. Margaret E. Lindsey took place Monday morning from the Hennessey Funeral Home, Charlottetown to St. James Church, Georgetown, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Owen Kiggins, parish priest, who also conducted service at the grave, assisted by Very Rev. Bennett MacDonald, who occupied a seat in the Sanctuary during the Mass. The pallbearers were: Dr. A.A. Kennedy, John D. Morrison, sr., John D. Morrison, jr., William Fitzgerald, Frank MacDonald, Colin MacDonald. Interment was in the church cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

FUNERAL HELD — The funeral of the late Mrs. Robert Docherty of Cardigan, was held on Jan. 1st. from the Presbyterian Church and was conducted by Rev. D.A. Campbell. Prior to the church service a short service was held at the late Mrs. Docherty's home. Hymns sung by the choir were "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Jesus Lover of my Soul". Miss Rachel Minchin was soloist. Pallbearers were Hugh MacEachern, Angus Docherty, John Ployer, Phillip MacDonald, and Kenneth Jay. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Harry Gillis, Truro, N. S., was a weekend visitor to Montague where she visited her brother, Mr. Joseph Vuozzo, who is ill in the Kings County Hospital. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Thompson, Halifax, N.S.

Mrs. Spencer Llewellyn and Miss Audrey Llewellyn, returned to Montague after visiting relatives in Toronto, Ontario.

His friends are pleased to hear that Mr. Everett Buchanan, Montague, is convalescing satisfactorily after his recent illness in the Kings County Hospital.

Kidnapped Baby Restored To Mother; Woman Is Held

By GEORGE W. CORNELL

NEW YORK (AP) — A baby stolen new-born from her hospital basinet on the night of Jan. 2 was restored Monday to her tearful, happy mother. A vague, distraught woman who herself had borne eight children was held as the kidnapper.

The alleged abductor of baby Lisa Rose Chionchio was 43-year-old Mrs. Jean Iavarone, who is to appear in Brooklyn felony court today. She is charged with kidnapping, punishable in New York State by a maximum of 20 years to life in prison.

Police said Mrs. Iavarone wanted a new-born child to pass off as her own to put pressure on an unidentified boy friend into marrying her. Divorce and death had shattered her two previous marriages and scattered her seven living children, the youngest three years old.

REUNION WITH MOTHER

"It feels wonderful to have her in my arms," said Lisa Rose's mother, Mrs. Frances Chionchio, 26, as she cradled the baby in her arms. The reunion took place in St. Peter's Hospital in Brooklyn, where the child had disappeared 2½ hours after its birth.

Despite the ordeal to which the Chionchio family was subjected, its members expressed sympathy for the abductor.

The child's father, Frank, a 28-year-old lawyer, recalled that at the height of the kidnap search he had promised to share the child with the abductor if it was not harmed. He said Monday:

"I sympathize with her feelings and longings. We still feel that she can come to see the baby if she wants. We always felt this way."

PHONE TIP-OFF

Police had set up a special telephone line for taps on the kidnapper. Over this on Sunday night came a report from a carefully guarded source. It led officers to Mrs. Iavarone's neat but humble Brooklyn apartment where she lived alone, only 14 blocks from St. Peter's hospital.

There, asleep in an old-fashioned wicker crib, was Lisa Rose, safe and healthy.

Mrs. Iavarone had to be half-carried into police headquarters for fingerprinting.

HEARING RECESSED

Later, as she appeared in Brooklyn felony court in a long black coat, she seemed in a trance. The hearing was immediately recessed until she could obtain a lawyer.

When Mrs. Iavarone was seized with the baby she insisted it was hers and said she had borne it herself Jan. 2. But after blood tests, medical examinations and footprint comparisons, assistant District Attorney J. K. McCabe said:

"There is no doubt, on the basis of scientific evidence, that she took the child."

Curling Draw For Montague

Curling draw for Montague, today.

7 P.M.

East ice: P. Sinclair vs. J. S. DesRoches.

West ice: L. MacDonald vs. E. Cudmore.

9 P.M.

East ice: N. Hooley vs. Wm. MacLean.

West ice: H. Clair vs. P. Sullivan.

Hospital Group Holds Meeting

MONTAGUE — The regular monthly meeting of the Kings County Hospital Ladies Auxiliary was held at the nurses residence Friday evening, with the president, Mrs. Byron Stewart, in the chair.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Leon Johnston read the minutes of the last meeting and presented the financial report.

Mrs. R. G. MacDonald reported that towelling had been purchased for the hospital. On motion, it was decided to purchase two dozen cereal bowls, Mrs. MacDonald to attend to this matter.

A bill for sewing and one for treats which had been given to the patients and staff at Christmas were ordered paid.

Plans for holding an auction sale at the February meeting were discussed and each member was asked to bring a friend.

Twenty four holiday mite boxes were distributed and it was decided to obtain an additional quantity for the February meeting.

Solvency

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about by a deduction agreement with dairy plants throughout the province. He was sorry to report however that two plants made no deductions while a third made deductions on the basis of the old agreement. He suggested that every effort should be made to reach a working agreement with the three plants involved before another year.

The federation secretary expressed disappointment that not all member organizations had seen fit to increase their dues. He recalled that the member groups were actually the founders of the federation and "must have had quite different ideas as to the use they intended to make of it".

$10,000 BUDGET

A bbudget of $10,000 was the amount which Mr. Dewar predicted would be required for the coming year's operation. He said the fact that the federation is now largely supported by individual members should not in any way lessen its value to the oganizations and their responsibility to it.

The accident insurance program, Mr. Dewar said, continues to be accepted by a substantial number of the members. He said there was a slight increase in the number of policies during the past year. The increase was from 665 in 1957 to 690 last year.

Speaking of the federation's operations, Mr. Dewar said that probably "a disinterested observer" might criticize the organization for being over centralized and lacking self initiated activity at the county level.

LITTLE COMPENSATION

Mr. Dewar explained that "too many" of the directors are not closely in touch with the federation and the inability of the organization to pay travel expenses to meetings presents a serious handicap from the standpoint of attendance.

"Certainly considerable interest and enthusiasm is necessary on the part of directors who must do without a per diem allowance in addition to travelling at their own expense", he added.

Mr. Dewar reported that since his appointment last March to the advisory committee of the Stabilization Board, he attended four meetings of the committee in Ottawa. He is now chairman of the advisory committee.

He said the federation has maintained a close liaison with APEC of which he is an executive member. He said these connections went to show that the influence of the federation in the province is exerted in a variety of places.

DAYLIGHT TIME

The president of the federation, Mr. Waugh renewed his strong stand against the institution of daylight time in the province. He said, "This is an agricultural province and the farmers in common with farmers across Canada, in the United States, Great Britain and elsewhere demand standard time".

He said it had always been a mystery to him, "why a minority of the people living in a couple of the towns of this province should continue to disregard the wishes of the farmers by agitating for fast time".

The president said there had been nothing during the past 40 years that had caused more hard feelings between rural and urban people than "this continual feud over time".

WRONG IMPRESSION

He said some people would try to convince the population that the Island is the only place on the North American continent that does not have fast time. "The people who will tell you this are either ignorant of the facts or they are not holding squarely to the truth", said Mr. Waugh.

Continuing, Mr. Waugh stated that from inquiries which he had made, he found that only one province of Canada and two states of the United States have legislation for fast time during the summer months. In the other provinces or states, he said they had legislation for standard time or made it optional.

Mr. Waugh further stated that daylight time was fast losing its appeal in North America. As an instance he referred to the cities of Windsor and Detroit where they have a population of twice the three Maritime provinces. He said these two cities for a few years went on fast time throughout the summer but now remain on standard time throughout the whole year.

The federation president had words of commendation for some of the towns and many of the prominent business people in all the towns "who realize the importance of agriculture to this province and who realize that many of our farmers are not having it too good financially and that daylight time would add yet another hardship to the many already experienced. They fully realize that farmers of this province are capable of drawing up sound agricultural policies for this province and to those people we owe a debt of gratitude, friendship and support in all their undertakings".

Montague Council Votes $100 To Garden Of Gulf Museum

MONTAGUE — Mayor Bruce H. Yeo presided at the regular meeting of the Montague town council last night at which councillors Clements, Nicholson, Fraser and town clerk G. Arnold Wightman were present.

The building committee reported that the three doors in the fire hall were now completely installed and that work on the exterior would not begin until warmer weather. It was reported by the chairman fo the fire board that the new fire truck had been painted and was in A-1 condition for fire-fighting.

In conjunction with the town by-laws, Melvin MacLellan has been authorized to ticket illegally parked cars. It was also decided to replace the railing on the steps at the legion hall corner which had been removed during the repairing of streets and sidewalks.

The town clerk presented the bills which were ordered paid.

$100 TO MUSEUM

The council voted $10 to the Garden of the Gulf Museum to be used in decorating and repairing the second floor of the building. When completed, the floor space used for display will be almost double it's present size.

It was decided to place "no parking" signs on streets leading to the wharf where traffic tends to become congested.

The illness in the Kings County Hospital of Joe Yuozzo who has been a faithful, efficient fireman of the town for a number of years, was greatly regretted by the council and it was the feeling of the councillors that some assistance should be extended to him.

Previous to adjournment, the town clerk advised that Tuesday, January 20th was Nomination Day.

Spud Hearing Adjourned After 10 Witnesses Heard

A total of 10 witnesses were heard in the preliminary hearing of John Henry Reid of Charlottetown last evening. The hearing was further adjourned until January 19th at 7.30 p.m. Gilbert A. Gaudet, Q. C. presided.

Reid is charged with the unlawful possession of 245, 50-pound bags of potatoes, the property of the Gulf Potato Company in New Wiltshire, knowing them to be stolen.

The first witness was Joseph Elmer Richard, of Dorchester Street, a CNR employee who works as a part time cook at Johnny's Fish and Chips.

Mr. Richard told the court that he had been employed at the restaurant since August, 1958. He said that he has nothing to do with potatoes and that he only makes sandwiches. The chips are made up front.

On the night in question, December 3rd, he was working in the establishment along with two girls, Johnny Reid was not there, he said.

The next witness was Eric Chester Jay of Gerald Street, who is employed as a baggage master with the C.N.R.

Mr. Jay stated that on December 3rd he went into the establishment at approximately 9.30 p.m. for "a couple of cups of coffee". He did not see Johnny Reid.

NOTHING STRANGE

Before entering the restaurant he said he thought he saw a truck parked in back of the building. He said he saw nothing strange about the vehicle and saw no one around it.

Parker MacPhee, Hampshire service station attendant, identified a photograph of a one-ton as one similiar to the one that was at his station between 8 and 9 p. m. on December 3rd.

He said he saw two men in the vehicle which was loaded with paper bags. He did not know what was in them.

Everett Bertram Clow, Hampshire merchant, also indentified the photo of the truck as one similiar to the one which stopped in front of his place of business on December 3rd. He said one man went into his store inquiring directions as to where they could get some air for the rear tire of their vehicle.

Mr. Clow said he directed them to the MacPhee service station, located about one-quarter mile down the road.

INSPECTED POTATOES

Lyn Campbell Ramsay, Mount Edward Road, department of agriculture seedling inspector, told the court that he inspected potatoes at the RCMP barracks and identified them to be Sebagoes. He also took tubers of the potatoes which he planted at the eye indexing plant as the Experimental Farm.

Sergeant Donald S. Davis, R. C.M.P., stationed at Charlottetown testified that he was in charge of the investigation and that on December 4th, 1958 he first saw the accused at his home on Dorchester Street.

He said he asked Johnny Reid for permission to search his restaurant for stolen potatoes.

Reid then made a phone call and said a search warrant would be required.

Upon leaving the premises he said he noticed a quantity of straw by the snow in the vicinity of a window located near the back door of the restaurant premises. Later he obtained the required search warrant and searched the building with Constable William A. Wilson.

POTATOES IN BULK

In the basement of the establishment, he said he saw a large pile of potatoes in a corner. The potatoes were not bagged; they were in bulk.

He said that during the search he did not see any potato bags or bags of potatoes.

He returned on the 4th Constable Paul Davis and under the authority of a new search warrant a more thorough search was carried out. During the first search, Sergeant Davis said that Reid told him that he had bought the potatoes from William Darrach of Clyde River or New Haven.

On the second visit Johnny Reid was apprehended on possession of stolen goods by way of potatoes, Sergeant Davis said. On the way to Queens County jail, Reid again stated that he had bought the potatoes from William Darrach for a sum of $196, of which $15 had been paid. He also stated that the potatoes had been purchased in bulk.

SEIZED POTATOES

Constable Robert E. Williams, RCMP, stationed at Charlottetown testified that he was at Reid's establishment along with Sergeant Davis, Constable Davis, Constable Brooks and several members of the Gulf Potato Company, during which time he seized a quantity of potatoes.

In the process of bagging the potatoes in 75-pound bags Constable Williams stated that he found pieces of paper and two pieces of wire. Out of the 171 bags of potatoes which were bagged, 170 were stored in the Gulf Potato Warehouse at the Railway Wharf and one was taken to the Mounted Police Barracks.

Constable James D. Brooks, RCMP, stationed at Charlottetown, corroborated the evidence given by Constable Williams.

UNSUCCESSFUL

Constable Paul A. Davis, RCMP, stationed at Charlottetown, told of attempting to locate William Darrach. He said he drove to Clyde River and made some enquiries there but was unsuccessful in his attempts to lacate Darrach.

The last witness, Constable William A. Wilson, RCMP, stationed at Charlottetown, said that he first came into the investigation on December 4th, when he received a complaint from Jerome O'Brien. He said that he and Sergeant Davis went to O'Brien's Office on Water Street, and later went to the Reid establishment. He later helped search the building.

Allison Gillis appeared for the accused.

PIONEER ROUTE

Lake Champlain on the Quebec-U.S. border was a main water route in pioneer days.

Massey-Ferguson Plans To Buy Tractor Plant

LONDON (Reuters)—The Canadian agricultural machinery firm of Massey - Ferguson today disclosed plans aimed at buying out the tractor - producing interests of Standard Motors, one of the big five in the British automotive world.

Massey - Ferguson's financial advisers announced in London that negotiations are under way aimed at allowing the two companies to "go their own way, independent of each other."

Standard has been producing Massey - Ferguson tractors at Coventry. The Canadian firm holds about 8,000,000 shares in Standard, about one - quarter of its capital.

Massey - Ferguson apparently hopes to make this shareholding part and parcel of the deal, leaving the automotive section to standard while they take over the tractor interests. It was learned that no development is likely for at least two weeks.

Globemaster Found; All Aboard Dead

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Wreckage of a missing United States Air Force Globemaster was reached by rescuers Monday high on an Alaskan glacier. There were no survivors among the nine men aboard.

The crippled C-124 cargo plane crashed late Sunday while trying to reach the airfield at Homer, beyond the Kenai Peninsula mountain range it failed to hurdle. The wreckage was sighted by a civilian pilot Monday, demolished when it hit Petrof Glacier between the 3,000- and 4,000-foot levels.

Helicopters lifted a rescue team to the spot. Three of the nine bodies were recovered and efforts were continued to bring out the others.

The Travis Air Force Base Calif., plane, limping across the Gulf of Alaska with two engines out, was being shepherded by two coast guard amphibians toward an emergency landing at Homer, the nearest landing field, when it disappeared in a cloudbank.

Better Trade Relations To Be Theme

MONCTON (CP) — Improved trade relations between the four Atlantic Provinces, the West Indies and the New England States will be the main theme of discussions at the annual meeting of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade in Saint John June 14-16.

This was the major decision reached at Monday's quarterly meeting held here under chairmanship of president L.G. Desbrisay, Moncton.

In view of the increasing interest being shown by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in these two potential markets, it was felt that an "international" flavour should be lent to the MPBT annual deliberations.

Previous to the MPBT meeting, held in the afternoon, the Maritime regional committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce met in the morning under chairmanship of Victor Deb. Oland, Halifax, committee chairman.

LOSING COUNT?

TAIPEI (AP)—For the fourth consecutive day, the Reds withheld fire against the Quemoy Islands Sunday. This was an odd-numbered, or shelling, day under the pattern the Reds introduced 10 weeks ago. It was the second odd-numbered day on which the Reds had withheld fire, Friday having been the first.

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Student Strike Has Ended But Future Left In Doubt

LITTLE CURRENT, Ont. (CP, A student strike at the high school in this Manitoulin Island town has ended after one day.

What happens next seems to be in doubt.

Some 60 students who stayed home from school Friday and said they would not come back until the principal was fired, returned to their desks Monday

They had said the principal, H. W. Becking, was not fit to carry out his duties.

Dean Lockyer, a grade 13 student, said: "We have been told that the situation now is in the hands of the Department of Education and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation. We hope it will clear up soon."

RECEIVED NO REQUEST

The board said during the weekend it had asked the department of education to intervene but Ontario Education Minister Dunlop said Sunday he had received no such request, although he would help if asked.

The principal said Monday he has prepared a report on the situation for the board.

The situation, which developed before Christmas, came to a head Friday with the strike and a board of education meeting attended by parents.

PRINCIPAL'S ACTIONS

The parents said they had been told that the principal reprimanded teachers in front of their classes, that a girl was disturbed by his habit of "coming ranting and raving into a classroom," and that some teachers made disparaging remarks about him to pupils.

The students said they planned the strike in order to draw publicity to the situation.

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