



JUST MISSES TRAIN

Pull for the ditch or strike the train was the only choice left for Barry Campbell of Montague yesterday evening about 4:15 p.m., when the brakes of his car failed to catch at the Roseneath railway crossing. Neither he nor his passenger Emmett Murphy of Montague were considered seriously injured although Mr. Murphy's head punctured the windshield. The car stopped about ten feet from the train after leaping the ditch. Several cars were soon on the scene to help the occupants. The Montague detachment RCMP investigated the accident.

Estimates By Departments Are Considered In House

The passing of departmental estimates began in the afternoon sitting of the Legislative Assembly yesterday. The estimates of the department of agriculture were the first read and these were completed in about an hour. The department of education were begun, but not completed before the Assembly adjourned for supper break at 5:30. The section on ARDA received the most comment during the passing of the agriculture estimates with members of the opposition expressing the opinion that the government was not allowing enough money to take full advantage of the ARDA programs. In the agriculture department's estimate \$255,200 has been allotted for ARDA programs and Andrew MacRae, minister of agriculture, told the Assembly that he hoped to have another \$60,000 available for ARDA through the sale of some equipment in the Farm Improvement Service. Mr. MacRae also pointed out that there was another \$141,000 listed in the capital expenditures, plus \$98,000 for parks to be developed under ARDA, also listed under capital expenditures. William Acorn (List Kings) and Alex Campbell, leader of the opposition, both pointed out that there was \$750,000 available from the federal government through ARDA if the province matched this amount and they were disappointed that the province was not making an effort to obtain more of this money. Mr. Campbell also expressed his disappointment that the department of agriculture was not receiving a larger share of the provincial budget. After dealing with some resolutions the Assembly got back to departmental estimates after the supper break. EDUCATION In considering the department of education's estimates the opposition raised the question of free school books being supplied to the pupils in the province. The government now subsidizes the supplying of school books by a grant of \$200,000 and Dr. George Dewar, minister of education, claims it would cost approximately a million dollars to establish a program of free books and about \$150,000 per

Causeway Question Sidestepped

OTTAWA (CP)—Renewed opposition questioning about the fate of the Prince Edward Island causeway project failed to obtain a direct answer in the Commons Tuesday. Prime Minister Pearson said he could assure Melvin McQuaid (PC-Kings) there would be "no delay in completion of the project." But he sidestepped Mr. McQuaid's request for assurance that the government would not adjust the construction timetable, as asked by the P.E.I. legislature in a unanimous resolution. Mr. Sharp announced in his budget Tuesday that the \$148,000,000 causeway linking P.E.I. and New Brunswick would be among projects re-scheduled to ease strain on the construction industry.

59 Million Bushel Wheat Sale Announced To Communist China

OTTAWA (CP)—The sale of 59,700,000 bushels of Canadian wheat to Communist China under an enlarged long-term agreement has been made by the Canadian Wheat Board. Finance Minister Sharp told the Commons Tuesday. Mr. Sharp tabled in the Commons a press release by the board announcing that a long-term agreement signed last year has been altered to permit a maximum sale during the three-year period starting Aug. 1 this year of 200,000,000 bushels worth about \$550,000,000. Originally the agreement provided for a maximum sale of 186,700,000 bushels and a minimum purchase of 112,000,000. The new minimum level is 168,000,000 bushels. Pacific Coast ports are to ship 37,300,000 bushels of the first sale and St. Lawrence and Atlantic ports 22,400,000. The wheat for the first sale is to be delivered between Aug. 1 and the end of December this year. Grades are to be mainly No. 4 Northern and No. 5 wheat, with limited quantities of No. 3 Northern and durum wheat. same as for previous sales contracts. The federal government is backing a guarantee to the wheat board to make possible the deferred payment. Mr. Sharp also announced the quotas on goods which Chinese export organizations may ship to Canada for the year beginning Aug. 1. When the long-term wheat agreement was signed it was agreed the ceiling for these goods would be \$10,000,000, with individual product quotas to be worked out later. Largest section of the quota list is for textile products. The list also covers such items as plywood, table flatware, button vacuum flasks, paint brushes and leather gloves. Alvin Hamilton, former Conservative agriculture minister, urged that the government renege the pledge of the former agriculture minister, Harry Hays to have the Chinese set up a trade office in this country. He said he would go a step

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Commons Rejects Move To End Death Penalty

LEGISLATURE IS UNANIMOUS

Car Ferry Rates Increase Protested In Resolution

Members of the Legislature yesterday gave unanimous support to a resolution protesting "any increase in the rates on the CNR ferries operating between Borden and Cape Tormentine for passengers, automobiles or trucks." When yesterday's sitting began, Highways Minister Philip Matheson moved that the ordinary business of the House be suspended so that "an important matter could be discussed." He introduced a resolution protesting the proposed rate increase. The preamble to his resolution referred to a news report which stated "a rate increase for autos and passengers on the CNR ferries would be put into effect when the summer schedule starts in June." Mr. Matheson said he had learned that return tickets will no longer be sold on the ferries with all drivers being required to buy one-way tickets. He said the return fare was \$3 per trip but the new arrangement will mean that a round trip will cost a driver \$4. "This is a very subtle way of increasing the fare," he said. GRAVE CONCERN Premier Walter R. Shaw said "this is a matter of very grave concern to all the people of the province. If the rates are raised, it will be an extra impediment in the way of production by our farmers and fishermen. This thing is against the province of Prince Edward Island. I cannot understand why this comes following the announcement of the slowing down of causeway construction. One suggestion is that rates should be lowered instead of increased." Former opposition leader Alex Matheson maintained that the resolution was not properly drawn. "What about the Wood Islands ferries?" he asked. "Tickets on this service are interchangeable. How will this work out? If the rate goes on at Borden it will go on at Wood Islands as well." It was suggested by government, however, that emphasis (Continued on page 3 Col. 2)



DR. JAMES JOHNSTON

PC Party Director Appointed

OTTAWA (CP)—The Conservatives Tuesday gave the party's top managerial post to an Ontario-born economist who joined the headquarters staff only last year. James Johnston, 39, the quiet-spoken son of a United Church minister, has the title of acting national director, but there's no indication it's anything but permanent.

He succeeds Richard Thrasher, a 43-year-old lawyer who stepped down following the Nov. 8 federal election. Mr. Thrasher was later appointed a magistrate in Windsor. Mr. Johnston, the holder of three university degrees, fills a job that reached an influential pinnacle under Alistair Grosart in the 1957-62 period when the Conservatives were in power.

It's importance at the policy level of the party has declined since then. But party officials say the job is what the incumbent makes of it. It can be merely administrative or much more. Mr. Johnston's main job is to run the party organization and keep it in shape for elections. The former newspaper man joined the party's head office staff just in time to plunge into the fall election. He was in charge of television and advertising during the campaign.

He embarked on the new career after selling his flourishing printing and publishing business in Aurora north of Toronto. He had built it up from a weekly newspaper. After writing for the Financial Post, he became assistant to the publisher of the Stratford Beacon-Herald before buying the Aurora Banner.

Motion Is Lost By 143 To 112

OTTAWA (CP)—A motion to abolish the death penalty and substitute life in prison was defeated 143 to 112 in the tense climax to a five-day Commons debate Tuesday night. Solicitor-General Pennell, an abolitionist, looked grief-stricken and appeared to be weeping as it became evident during the roll-call vote that the resolution would be defeated. He is the man who must recommend to the cabinet whether it should commute death sentences. There now are 15 men on death row in Canada. The solicitor-general buried his head in his hands as the vote came to a close. With the verdict, he hurriedly left the Commons. Prime Minister Pearson, Opposition Leader Diefenbaker and New Democrat Leader T. C. Douglas voted for abolition. Eighteen members of the cabinet were for abolition and six, among them Justice Minister Cardin, against.

Voting for abolition were 73 Liberals, 17 Conservatives, 23 New Democrats and one Social Credit member. Voting for retention were 51 Liberals, 77 Conservatives, all nine Creditistes, four Social Credit members and the two independents.

AMENDMENTS DEFEATED Three amendments that would have modified the resolution were defeated, two of them Tuesday. The closest vote, 138 to 113, was on a proposal for a five-year trial period of abolition. A move for partial abolition was defeated 79 to 74. A Creditiste amendment to retain the death penalty for those who killed while serving a life sentence was defeated Monday 159 to 23.

Last speaker in the debate was Reid Scott (NDP-Toronto Danforth) and he said there was little doubt about the outcome. He criticized what he called three key men—Prime Minister Pearson, Justice Minister Cardin and Mr. Pennell—for not entering the debate and making their views known. Only two cabinet members spoke during the five days—Immigration Minister Marchand for abolition and State Secretary LaMarsh against.

Only two Conservative front-benchers—Richard A. Bell (Carlton) and Walter Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris) voted with Mr. Diefenbaker. Creditiste Leader Real Ca-

Transport Minister Promises Enquiries

OTTAWA (CP)—Transport Minister J.W. Pickersgill said in the Commons Tuesday he will make enquiries whether a return fare for a car and driver be done away with, making it necessary to buy two single fares at \$2.50 each instead of a return fare for \$3.90. The Prime MP said that by increasing the rates in this way the Canadian National Railway may be trying to circumvent the Board of Transport Commissioners and avoid holding a hearing. He said if the CNR is allowed to change its ferry rates to do away with the return fare, that the privately-owned ferry service to and from the island would probably follow suit. He plans to keep after Mr. Pickersgill in the hope that the proposed rate structure will be sent to hearings by the board before it is given approval.

Three Opposition Resolutions Considered In Legislature

Three resolutions introduced by the Liberal opposition in the Legislature were quickly disposed of last night. A resolution moved by former opposition leader A.W. Matheson asking that the government give

Flying Saucers Will Be Probed

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—A panel of U.S. scientists is being set up to investigate reports of flying saucers, a congressional committee was told Tuesday.

Air Force Secretary Harold Brown told the armed services committee 95 per cent of the reported cases of unidentified flying objects could be explained as natural phenomena. But the remaining five per cent were so far unexplained and would be studied in depth by the panel.

He estimated that more than 10,000 unidentified flying objects have been reported in recent years, but only about 100 were photographed. Referring to the recent increase in reports of flying saucers, he said people who photographed them have so far refused to give the negatives to the air force for inspection.

Wilson Cabinet Has Few Changes

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Wilson presented Britain with an old-look cabinet Tuesday night. Wilson kept his pre-election cabinet virtually intact and promoted eight members of Parliament and three peers to junior government posts outside the cabinet. The only surprise cabinet appointment is Richard Marsh, 38, as minister of power—an office that oversees the electricity, gas and coal industries and would take charge of fulfilling Labor's long-shelved pledge to renationalize the steel industry. Marsh, formerly parliament secretary to the Labor and technology ministries, replaces Fred Lee, 59, a Wilson ally in the party leadership struggle of three years ago. Marsh's old non-cabinet job as

Portugal Warned

LONDON (AP)—Britain has warned Portugal if it breaches an international oil ban on the African colony of Rhodesia the United Nations may use force against the Rhodesian white-minority regime. Portugal indicated it would ignore the warning.

The move by Prime Minister Wilson's Government Tuesday followed the dawn arrival of the 12,920-ton Greek-registered tanker Joanna V at Beira, the oil terminal in Portuguese Mozambique for landlocked Rhodesia.

The third resolution gives approval was promoted by Harold Smith, Quebec County Liberal, and asked that the government give immediate consideration to "improving the plight of truckmen in this province."

The preamble to this resolution stated that since 1959 truckmen have been faced with steadily rising costs in the purchase of new trucks, tires, repairs and gasoline and trucking rates for government projects have not increased in comparison with the steadily rising costs to the truckmen. One of Mr. Smith's main points in speaking on the resolution was that sub-contractors should be forced to pay government rates on trucking projects.

2 Manitoba Towns Empty As Flood Waters Pour In

WINNIPEG (CP)—Two towns in southern Manitoba's Red River Valley will be empty of all but emergency crews today. Lesser evacuations were under way at smaller centres in the path of rising flood waters.

Flood control authorities decided on a mass clear-out of Emerson and Morris rather than risk leaving the populace behind emergency dikes that may be holding back eight feet of water within a week. It is hoped the dikes will keep the towns dry. Emerson, a town of 930 adjoins the Minnesota border on the east bank of the Red and was partially flooded last year when the river peaked at just below its present level. Morris, with a population 1,370, is about 26 miles downstream to the north. About 150 men—army personnel and civilians under army discipline—will be left behind at each centre to patrol dikes and take whatever emergency measures are necessary as the waters rise. Expected to remain safe is Lethell, a village on higher ground a mile east of the river.

HOPE WORST OVER

From south of the order came encouraging word that the Red may have passed its crest at Grand Forks, N.D. In Manitoba this was the river picture Tuesday: Emerson—2.4 feet above bank level and rising, but at a reduced rate from Monday. Dikes, capable of being raised, protect five to seven feet. Peak of five to eight feet expected April 9-13. Morris—4.2 feet above bank level and rising. Dikes protect to 10 feet. Peak of nine to 12 feet expected April 10-17. Winnipeg—16.7 feet above winter ice level, 1.3 feet below bank level, and rising. Primary dikes built since the 1950 disaster, protect to 39 feet. Peak of 26.25 feet, compared with 30.3 feet in 1950, expected April 12-22.



FLOODING BECAME more than a threat at Morris, Man., Tuesday as the Red River spilled over its banks, half-submerging buildings and cars.

The Red was four feet over flood level Tuesday morning but is expected to rise another five feet before cresting some time between April 10 and 17.

Evacuation of this town of 1,370 began Tuesday and is expected to be completed by Wednesday night. Morris is 35 miles south of Winnipeg.