

# Transportation Seen As Highest Maritime Problem

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OTTAWA (CP) — A dearth of markets and the unending necessity for long expensive hauls are twin shadows darkening the economic future of Canada's Atlantic provinces.

This unhappy situation, plaguing the development of an area in some ways rich with natural resources, formed an essential part of the picture placed before the Gordon economic commission at its Maritime hearings last month. The five-man body, set up to forecast the shape of the Canadian economy in the next 25 years, now is preparing to move into the west. The western hearings open in Winnipeg Nov. 14.

But it appears likely now that the commission has become so impressed with the essential need of resolving some of Canada's complex transportation problems that it will go further than to merely forecast haulage trends. It may seek and propose solutions.

**SPECIAL POST**  
A specialist in this entangled field, J.C. Lessard, former federal deputy transport minister and now a company executive in Montreal has been specially charged by the commission with the job of advising and reporting on the transportation picture.

Maritime prospects are not all bleak. But president Lionel Forsyth of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation bluntly told the commission last month that the industry would pick the Maritimes for production of finished goods because of high transportation costs to the central markets.

The Atlantic economic council described the transportation problem as the Maritimes' "greatest natural disadvantage" and a "major obstacle to the development of Atlantic manufacturing."

The council, which represents all major organizations in the east, said there is need for a new national transportation policy, giving each region the greatest opportunity to contribute and receive an "equitable share" of Canada's economic prospects.

"Could it not at the same time adopt, both as a regional benefit and national policy, the comparatively tiny project of improving shipping and power facilities here?" While F.E.I. complained of its power and shipping problems, Nova Scotia cited the declining market for coal as its major obstacle to economic expansion. It asked for a speedup in research on a proposed coal-fired gas turbine locomotive.

Canada's newest province—Newfoundland—felt there is great need for federal aid in exploring and exploiting the provinces' hinterland of resources. All Maritime provinces agreed a greater outpouring of public and private investment is needed if the Maritimes are to catch up with the other provinces economically.

**CONCERNED OVER SEAWAY**  
The Maritimes were concerned over the impact of their own coastal trade of the St. Lawrence seaway, allowing ocean-going ships to move into the Great Lakes. Why, asked the provinces, could not the federal government also aid the Atlantic folks?

"The national government is heavily committed to the St. Lawrence seaway which will bring innumerable advantages to the central provinces," said Premier Matheson of Prince Edward Island.

## O'LEARY

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jelly, O'Leary, were visitors on Sunday to relatives in Union Corner.

Miss Elga Ellis has returned to her home in O'Leary, after being employed in Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis have returned to their home in O'Leary, after spending some time in Halifax where Mr. Ellis was a patient in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meggison and son of Summerside spent the weekend with relatives and friends in Knutsford.

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Brenton MacDonald, O'Leary underwent an operation in the Prince County Hospital on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dalton have returned to their home after a trip to the United States, where they visited with Mr. Dalton's sister, Eva and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. J. Matheson, who has been visiting at Stanley Bridge for the past few weeks, has returned to her home in O'Leary.

Mrs. Beulah MacWilliams, O'Leary has taken up home nursing.

Miss Olive Jelly, Summerside, spent the weekend in O'Leary at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jelly.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burleigh and family, Ellerslie, were Sunday visitors to the home of Mrs. Burleigh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jelly, O'Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman MacMillan of Summerside were Sunday guests of Mrs. MacMillan's mother, Mrs. L. Stinson, O'Leary.

Mr. Jack Ellis and Mr. John Moreshead, who are employed in Summerside, spent the weekend at their respective homes in O'Leary and West Point.

Douglas Smith, O'Leary, spent the weekend in West Point, guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith.

Mr. Leigh Gilgash, who is employed at Borden, spent the weekend at his home in Glenwood.

Mr. William MacDonald of Locke Road is confined to home with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Paugh Woodstock, have returned to their home after a visit with relatives in Bangor, Maine, and Weymouth, Mass.

Mrs. Phillip Thompson has returned to her home in O'Leary, after visiting with relatives and friends in Amherst, N.S. and Moncton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Pickering Borden, spent the weekend with Mrs. Pickering's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cooke in Cape Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem O'Connor, of Cape Wolfe, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Phillips and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sentner have moved to Black Banks, where Mr. Sentner has accepted the position as teacher of the school there. CP

## DOCK W.I.

The annual meeting of Dock Women's Institute was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Chester Hayes. The opening of the meeting followed with the creed, roll call and minutes, correspondence was given attention. A year of useful activity in the community was reported by the secretary, Miss Margaret Forsyth. The president gave a brief address, thanking members for their co-operation during the year and outlining some of the aims and objectives of the Women's Institutes.

Officers are: first vice-president, Mrs. Howard Clark; second vice-president, Miss Shirley McArthur; secretary-treasurer, Miss Margaret Forsyth; directors, Mrs. Edgar Forsyth; Mrs. Erskine Clark and Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie; auditors, Miss Shirley McArthur and Mrs. Chester Hayes.

Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie and Mrs. Erskine Clark were appointed to represent the institute on the Alberton Film Council. Plans were made to hold a pantry sale on November 26th. Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie, Mrs. Erskine Clark and Mrs. Chester Hayes were named a committee to consider with the school board to consider whether it will be possible to procure a music teacher for the school.

The Christmas meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie with Miss Shirley McArthur and Mrs. Margaret Forsyth on the lunch committee. Refreshments, served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Erskine Clark, included an attractive birthday cake made by Mrs. Clark.

## PINTER DIES

WINNIPEG (CP)—George Henry Saults, 93, one of Canada's oldest printers, died in hospital Friday. At the time of his death he was editor of the publication McLean Brothers Ltd., trade compositors and advertising typographers of Montreal. He worked in job plants and on weekly and daily newspapers in Canada and the United States.

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## NORTHAM

The large number of sorrowing relatives and friends from different parts of the Province who attended the funeral of the late Mrs. (Rev.) Vance MacLean on Wednesday afternoon October 26th testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Sympathy is being extended to the bereaved husband, mother and sister, and other relatives in their hour of sorrow.

The Northam United ladies Aid held a Halloween party at Northam school on Friday evening Oct. 28th. A large crowd were in attendance and all were loud in their praises for such an evening of entertainment.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Nelson Shoen on Thursday October 27th with a large number of members present and a number of visitors

make welcome. Luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by the committee in charge.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frowse Yeo whose marriage took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Lot 14 United Church. Mrs. Yeo was the former Miss Clara MacLean daughter of Mrs. Havelock MacLean and the late Mr. MacLean.

A large number of people from this vicinity attended the annual goose supper in the Victoria West Hall on Thursday evening Nov. 3. The supper was sponsored by the Shell L.O.L. and was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

Rev. A. J. MacDonald, Minister of the Tyne Valley United Church, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday morning, Oct. 30th in the presence of a large congregation. He concluded his inspiring sermon by referring to the kindly manner in which he had been received while in this charge; and expressed the hope that he would again be privileged to meet the many friends who made his ministry here a rare and pleasing experience.

Mr. Lloyd Ellis who is employed at Camp Gagetown, N.B. spent the weekend with his wife and family.

Mr. William MacKay, student at P. W. C. spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacKay.

## LOCKE ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View were in O'Leary on Monday November 7th.

Fred Arsenault of Howlan was in O'Leary on Monday November 7th. Matt Griffin of the Locke Road was in O'Leary on Tuesday, November 8th.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Sweet of Forest View pressed the hope that he would again be privileged to meet the many friends who made his ministry here a rare and pleasing experience.

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on Tuesday evening were Mr. Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ellis and family of Springfield.

The ladies of St. Anne Club Howlan held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. C. W. Wedge of O'Leary. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jerry Gallant of Howlan.

John Wedge of Forest View was in O'Leary on Tuesday, November 8th.

OTTAWA (CP) — Fewer Canadians went to the movies last year and motion picture exhibitors saw their receipts drop for the first time in more than 20 years, the bureau of statistics said Monday. Paid admissions numbered 237,264,804, a drop of 8.5 per cent from 259,340,837 the previous year. Receipts dipped to \$105,515,563, off 1.3 per cent from \$109,072,538 in 1953.

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