

# Merchant Marine Supported

By DON ANGUS  
HALIFAX (CP) — Establishment of a Canadian merchant marine would accelerate the economy, ease the balance of payments problem and even contribute to national defence, a Toronto shipping executive said here.

J. D. Leitch, president of Upper Lakes Shipping Limited, told the annual Atlantic Ports Day conference a government subsidy of ship construction in this country would make the building cost of a Canadian vessel comparable with any foreign-built ship.

Ninety years ago Canada had an ocean going fleet of 7,000 vessels, Mr. Leitch said. "Today our ocean-going fleet, apart from that used for fishing and coastal work, amounts to four vessels."

He said construction of one ship would mean employment for 300 men, create demand for 10,000 tons of steel and develop electronic and machinery-producing industries.

**POSITIVE METHOD SEEN**  
He said "it would be difficult to imagine any less offensive or more positive method in which the balance of payments problem can be attacked," and win the growth of technical development in the shipping industry, more skilled personnel would be available for defence purposes, if needed.

Sir Errington Keville of London England, chairman of Furness Withy and Company Limited, said Britain's merchant fleet is still the largest in the world, but "we are witnessing the determination of many of the developing countries, including Communist nations to develop their own merchant navies."

Sir Errington said he had confidence in and respect for the quick cargo-handling and speedy turn-around facilities of the Atlantic ports of Halifax and St. John's, Nfld. He said his company's new cargo-passenger ship Newfoundland would arrive here sometime this week on her maiden voyage, and would soon be joined by the recently-launched Nova Scotia.

**Marcotte Trial Is Supported By Defence Lawyer**  
MONTREAL (CP) — Yves Mayrand, lawyer for convicted police killer Georges Marcotte, agrees that the Crown should proceed with Marcotte's trial on a second murder charge.

He was commenting in a statement here by Attorney-General Claude Wagner, who said Marcotte would be tried on a second charge of killing a policeman during a 1962 bank robbery, "unless we are advised by the federal cabinet that irrespective of the outcome, he will not be executed."

Marcotte was saved from the gallows Thursday when the federal government commuted his sentence to life imprisonment and called a free vote in Parliament next session on the question of abolishing capital punishment.

Mr. Mayrand said Saturday that a second trial is in effect what he has been seeking for Marcotte. He said Mr. Wagner should insist on the second charge being pressed "whatever the sentence—if there is to be a sentence—might be."

Marcotte was convicted and sentenced to death for the machine-gun slaying of Police Constable Claude Marineau. He was also charged, but has not yet been tried, in the slaying of Constable Denis Brabant.

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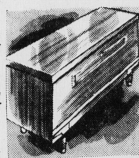


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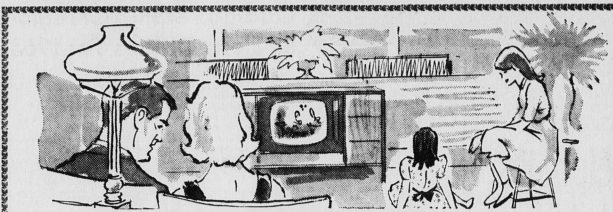
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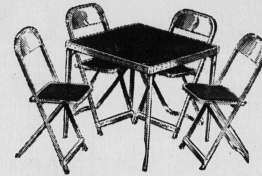
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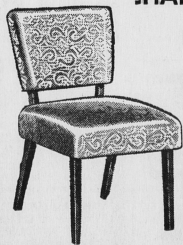


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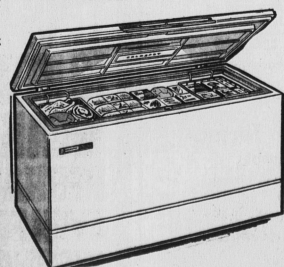
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