HELICOPTER CAB TRIES OUT IN VANCOUVER

An Okanagan Helicopters Ltd. machine makes a trial run over Vancover in preparation for a taxi service between the downtown area and surburban municipalities and the international airport which starts April 1. Fares will range between $7 and $15. The taxis will land at two waterfront locations in the downtown area and at small heliports in the suburbs.

Labor Leaders Seek Action In Ease Automation Impact

By ROBERT RICE

OTTAWA (CP) — Labor leaders have demanded that the federal government act to protect the "victims of technological progress."

As organized labor opened its two-day assault, on Parliament Hill, the cabinet heard:

1. A proposal from Quebec's Confederation of National Trade Unions for new legislation to protect workers hit by the effects of automation.

2. A plea from the railway brotherhoods that the railways take into account "some humanities" in abandoning unprofitable services, providing compensation for workers displaced by the streamlining process

In return, the labor delegations heard Labor Minister Starr hint that a new approach will be forthcoming aimed at bringing technological dislocations "within reasonable control."

STUDIES UNDER WAY

Mr. Starr told the 45-member CNTU delegation that a number of studies are under way on the impact of automation on industry This information will "form the basis of an approach to this problem whereby we hope to be able to bring the attendant dislocations within reasonable control."

He asked for the full co-operation of labor and management in coping not only with automation but also with other problems of mutual interest.

"We do not believe in proceeding by way of regimentation or by placing both labor and management in an economic strait jacket."

Three labor groups — the CNTU, representing some 110,000 Quebec trade unionists, the International Railway Brotherhoods, speaking for another 110,000 rail workers. and the 1,070,000-member Canadian Labor Congress — each present their legislative programs to Prime Minister Diefenbaker and the cabinet every year. The CLC brief will be delivered today.

SEEK LEGISLATION

To meet the problem of automation, the CNTU called for federal legislation to provide for compensation for workers displaced by technology, for retraining courses and for other action.

It also urged a royal commission investigation of the after-effects of automation.

The government is already spending millions of dollars to develop vocational training and is encouraging youngsters to stay at school to develop new skills.

The railway unions urged creation of a new transportation authority to regulate not only the railways but also interprovincial trucking.

DISCUSSES SHIPBUILDING

During discussion of the CNTU brief, Transport Minister Balcer forecast full employment in Canadian shipyards this spring when a total of 150 ships valued at about $125.000.000 should be under construction.

Mr. Balcer, who recently announced 110 ships valued at $108.000.000 were under construction. said 40 more ships valued at more than $16.000.000 are expected to be approved for construction shortly.

He also said he hopes to introduce soon legislation limiting St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes coastal shipping to Canadian vessels. The approval of the last two Commonwealth countries to reply—sierra Leone and Nigeria—to a Canadian request for withdrawal from the Commonwealth shipping agreement was expected in two weeks.

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OBITUARY

Inserted by relatives and friends as a tribute to the deceased.

SAMUEL DRAKE

After a short illness, Samuel Drake, age 73 years, passed away on February 27th in the P.E. Island Hospital. He was the eldest son of Wallace Drake and the former Annie Ings, Millview.

Although the past few years his health may have been wanting, his death was a shock to his relatives and many friends Mr. Drake was highly esteemed in Millview where his lifetime was spent. People from his community and beyond often came to his home for counsel, consolation or for a social chat and never went away dissatisfied. His philosophy seemed to be "to do all things worth doing well," which he applied to his every day farming occupation, as well as to his friendships and in offering a willing hand to anyone in need.

The sympathy of all goes to his wife, the former Mary Tayor, who survives. An only child Elmer, predeceased him by 28 years, Also surviving are three sisters and three brothers, Edith (Mrs. David Fraser, Vernon), Anna (Mrs Ernest Ings, Hazelbrook), Prudence (Mrs. George Vanderstine, Calgary), Macmillan, Cheadle, Alta., John, Hazelbrook, Robert, Millview, Albert, Millview. passed away March, 7th.

A large crowd gathered for the funeral service which was conducted by Rev. G. A. D. Elliott assisted by Dr. A. S. Reid and Rev. T. R. Goudge. A solo "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" was feelingly rendered by Eric MacGregor.

Pallbearers were Parker Ings, Pearly Taylor, Lorin Drake, Wendell Drake, Douglas Drake, John Taylor.

Pallbearers Edison Storey, Ernest Collings, Amborse Featherbie, Francis Drake, Alfred Drake, Joseph Smith. Interment was in Birch Hill Cemetery with Dr. Weir and Rev. Goudge officiating.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the Samuel Drake wish to express their sincere thanks to Dr. Gillis, the clergy and those who sent letters, cards, floral tributes and the many expressions of sympathy shown during their recent bereavement.

Vocational Training Is Defended By Starr

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Starr defended the government's vocational training assistance program in replying to opposition charges that the plan is poorly planned and badly misdirected.

"We know where we are going," he said as the Commons ended its three-day debate on a $28,400,000 supplementary appropriation for the federal-provincial plan, under which Ottawa pays for 75 per cent of new vocational training facilities built by the provinces.

The amount later was approved and the labor debate moved onto an item to lend $25,000,000 to the declining unemployment insurance fund. It is part of the $115,647,429 in supplementary spending currently up for item - by - item study.

Opposition MPs have said that the vocational training plan puts too much stress on high school-level training, does not provide for teachers to man the new classrooms being built and expands courses which are rapidly becoming obsolete.

Mr. Starr said representatives of labor and industry, along with federal and provincial government groups, helped to set the policy for the plan. The aim was to reduce future unemployment by training more workers in the skills needed by the expansion and modernization of industry.

SHORT OF NEED

Chesley W. Carter (L—Burin-Burgeo) said the proposal for training teachers falls far short of need. The classrooms being provided in Ontario within the next year would require 3,500 teachers. But at the rate of teacher training it would take 10 years to provide that number.

Turning to the unemployment insurance item, Mr. Starr said it will not be used unless the fund runs out of money before June.

At the end of January the balance in the fund was $135,877,305. The flow of payments in January had been 17 per cent less than a year earlier.

W. H McMillan (L—Welland) complained that the minister was being evasive about the present condition of the fund. He wanted to know how much more money was going out of the fund than was going in.

J. W. Pickersgill (L—Bonavista-Twillingate) said the government had boasted in 1957 and 1958 that no one would go on unemployment relief. Now it was boasting in a party pamphlet that it had increased relief by 800 per cent—"surely the queerest boast of all."

Itinerary Is Announced For Queen Mother's Tour

OTTAWA (CP)—Queen Mother Elizabeth will arrive in Montreal by air June 7 to open her 10-day visit to Canada, it was announced here.

Governor-General and Mme. Vanier, Prime Minister and Mrs. Diefenbaker and Quebec officials will be on hand to welcome her at a scheduled arrival time of 5 p.m. EST.

Her visit is to mark the 100th anniversary of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada.

Friday, June 8, Her Majesty will be guest at a luncheon held by Premier Lesage of Quebec, and in the evening will attend a mess dinner of the regiment.

The Saturday program includes presentation of new colors to the regiment, of which she is colonel-in-chief, and a dinner given by Mayor Jean Drapeau.

ATTEND SERVICES

Sunday, June 10, the Queen Mother is to attend services at the regimental church, an afternoon garden party for officers and former officers of the Black Watch and an evening concert during the Festivals de Musique du Quebec.

She will fly from Dorval Airport to Ottawa Monday to be the guest of Governor-General and Mme. Vanier. There will be a state dinner and reception at Government House that night.

Tuesday, June 12, she will place a wreath on the National War Memorial in downtown Ottawa.

The next day Her Majesty will visit Upper Canada Village, a restoration of a pioneer community near Morrisburg, Ont., have lunch on a naval frigate and tour some St. Lawrence Seaway installations.

Thursday is highlighted by a civic luncheon given by Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa.

The Queen Mother will be in Toronto Saturday, June 16, to attend the running of the Queen's Plate at New Woodbine. She will leave by air from Toronto to return to Britain.

Nfld. Gov't Is Planning To Build New Feed Mill

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A new animal and poultry feed mill to be operated and eventually owned by Robin Hood Flour Mills Limited will be established by the Newfoundland government in the St. John's area, Premier Smallwood said here.

Mr. Smallwood, moving second reading in the legislature of a bill allowing for the establishment of the mill, said it was probable the mill would be located near St. John's.

The bill, given approval in principle, would allow for the formation of a crown corporation to establish the mill.

But Mr. Smallwood said the plan was for the government to build the mill at a cost of $500,000 on a buy-back plan over a period of 15 years. Robin Hood would purchase the mill during that period.

The plan would also call for the establishment of silos at at Long Pond, Manuels, in Conception Bay, where grain would be unloaded and stored. These would cost about $300,000 and become Robin Hood property under the same system.

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Steel Company Spends Heavily On Improvements

HAMILTON (CP) — Steel Company of Canada has spent more than $300, 000,000 onadditions and improvements to plants and mining properties in the last decade, says V. W. Scully, president.

Writing in the company's annual report, Mr. Scully said there are outstanding commitments amounting to $88,000,000 and it is likely that further large expenditures will become necessary in the years ahead to keep pace with market growth and technical development.

Expenditures on plants and mining properties in 1961 amounted to $38,753,937 compared with $33,289,640 in 1960.

Mr. Scully said the company's dependence on iron ore from Lake Superior deposits in the United States will be greatly reduced when Wabush mines in Labrador comes into production. The company's share of bringing the property into production is approximately $50,000,000 of which $12,000,000 has already been spent. Two Canadian companies, five American companies and one Italian company are sharing in the cost of the bringing the mine into production.

Net profit in 1961 — as reported earlier — was $27,378,241 or $5.41 a share compared with $21,355,651 and $4.92 in 1960.

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SAINT JOHN RINK WINS AWARD

This is the J.A. Wittrien rink from Saint John, N.B., that captured the Morrison and MacRae award at the Confederation Bonspiel here Saturday and finished as runner-up to Pete Sinclair's quartet in the Maritime Central Airways trophy. From left to right they are: J.A. Wittrien, Jimmy Gray, Walter F. Lord and Frank MacInnis.

OTTAWA JOTTINGS

House Of Commons Layout Is Explained By Kings MP

By MRS. MARGARET MACDONALD
MP for Kings

This week I thought I would try and explain partially the House of Commons.

The House of Commons is the central point of our parliamentary democracy. The Chamber where the Members of Parliament sit while the House is in session, is sometimes called the Green Chamber. This is because the carpet and the curtains are green. There are 276 desks on the floor of the Chamber,—made of Canadian oak,—188 on each side—with 16' between the front benches. The walls of the room are built of Tyndall limestone.

The Chamber's size is 92' x 54' and it is air-conditioned as Parliament often sits long hours during the heat of the summer.

At the north end of the Chamber in the centre of the room is the Speaker's chair. This chair is a replica of the one that was in Westminster that was destroyed in a bombing raid in 1941.

Immediately about the Speaker's chair is the Press gallery where the nation's business is recorded by the various newspapermen from all across Canada.

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At the South end, there are also two separate galleries,—the first being the diplomatic gallery where visiting Embassy personnel sit, and directly above this another public gallery.

On the East side of the Chamber the gallery consists of one section for the executives of the various Ministers who take down notes or questions that are put to their Minister and other data which they will need later on in the day.

Right next to this is a section for the Leader of the Opposition's staff and his personal visitors.

Next to this is a section called Members' gallery for visitors of the Opposition Members.

On the East side starting at the North end is the Senate gallery section where members of the Senate sit and their friends. Then comes the Speaker's gallery where the Ministers' wives and friends sit and also visiting Ministers of the Crown and other countries. Next to this is the Members' gallery for wives and visitors of the Government to sit.

These galleries are so arranged that you look down on what is called the floor of the House where the Members sit.

Right in the middle section of the Chamber on the floor directly in front of the Speaker's chair is a table here clerks of the House sit. It is at the end of this table where the mace is placed signifying the House is in session.

Several feet farther down sits the Hansard reporters,—one being English and the other French, and it is their duty to record every word that is spoken in the House.

At the South end sits the Sergeant-at-Arms. His duties are to lead the Speaker's procession at the beginning of each day when the House opens, and also to place the mace on the table and to remove it at night when the House closes, to keep it safe. He also carries out all the orders given by the Speaker.

Canadian Salt Reveals Profit

MONTREAL (CP)—The Canadiant Salt Company Limited has repeated net earnings in 1961 were $1,220,847, or $1.63 a share, compared with $1,514,607, or $2.02 a share, in 1960. Calculation of per-share earnings in 1-60 took into account a three-for-one stock split in 1961.

The company's annual report said a "gratifying increase" in sales of consumer products occurred in 1961.

The report said "abnormal expenses" in developing the company's new rock salt mine at Pugwash, N.S., helped reduce earnings.

"Earnings in 1962 should compare favorably with 1961," the report said. "The severe weather and substantial snowfall experienced during January and February of this year have resulted in substantially heavier sales of rock salt than a year ago."

Shipments from a depot built at Pugwash were started in the fall of 1961, the report said, and are expected to increase in 1962.

Consolidated earned surplus at the end of 1961 amounted to $13,955,276, compared with $12,784,429 a year earlier. Working capital increased by $475,441 to $4,792,131.

Lever Brothers Profits Decline

TORONTO (CP) — Lever Brothers Limited had net profit in 1961 of $1,757,000 compared with $2,004,000 in 1960.

Net sales were $59,756,000 compared with $53,385,000 while net profit as a percentage of sales was 2.9 per cent compared with 3.8 per cent.

A total of $47,069,000 was paid for raw materials, advertising, supplies and services compared with $41,048,000 in the previous year, while the amount paid employees and payments for ther benefits was $8,541,000 compared with $7,700,000.

Microwave Job Award Firm

MONTREAL (CP)—RCA Victor Co. Ltd., says it has been awarded a $12,000,000 contract by Candian National and Canadian Pacific Telecommunications for the supply and installation of a 660-channel microwave system linking major cities between Montreal and Vancouver.

The system was announced jointly by CP-CN earlier this week.

John D. Houlding, president of RCA Victor, said the contract, together with existing ones, will provide a total of 250,000-man-days of work for the company's Montreal plant.

The system is expected to be in operation by the end of 1963.

McGill Graduates Elect New Officers

MONTREAL (CP) — C. H. Peters, president of the Montreal Gazette, was elected president of the McGill University Graduates Society.

Dr. Newell Philpott, a Montreal obstetrician, and Robert Shaw of Toronto, executive vice-president of Foundation Company of Canada Limited, were named first and second vice-presidents respectively. The new alumnae vice - president is Mrs. R. Lundy Grout of Montreal.

Also named to the executive committee were Ralph M. Johnson of Ottawa, honorary secretary, and C. Alex Duff of Montreal, honorary treasurer.

CHANGE OF SCENERY

REGINA (CP)—R. L. Bloore, director of the Norman Mackenzie art gallery at the University of Saskatchewan in Regina, has been granted a senior arts fellowship for 1962-63 by the Canada Council to make a painting tour of Mediterranean countries.

City Of 75,000 Is Shocked By Deaths Of Six Children

By TOM BENTON

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (AP)—Shirley McPeek is a calm, slow-spoken woman who loves children.

She lost two at birth but then came Clay, who will be four in August. With her husband, George, she eagerly awaited the arrival of another.

Barry John McPeek was born March 2. His mother fed him regularly with hospital formula for the first six days of his life. Early on the seventh day he died.

In a tumultuous weekend that most of this city's 75,000 residents will not soon forget, six other babies in the maternity and pediatrics section of Binghamton General Hospital also died.

Of the seven, six had been fed from batches of formula in which somehow salt had been dissolved instead of sugar.

30 GOT FORMULA

In all, said hospital officials, 30 babies received the salty formula. Most, apparently, did not consume enough to affect them seriously. Four who gave doctors the greatest concern made steady progress last week although, according to a specialist danger remains of brain damage.

The hospital, according to one city official, has posed problems for decades. As a result of a reorganization, an operating profit was shown in the past fiscal year, the first in recent history.

Tax support has been halved —to about $200,000 a year—and confined to capital improvement.

One local resident looked at newspaper pictures of two galvanized cans, the kind often used at General Hospital to store salt and sugar.

"If that's what it takes to get the hospital in the black," he said, "it might better cost the city a little dough to operate it."

It was from one of the two cans that a practical nurse filled the sugar container for the formula room on Tuesday, March 6. Daily batches of formula requiring granulated sugar were mixed from this five-pound container for the next five days.

When another nurse broke a hospital rule and made coffee in the formula room on Sunday, March 11, she used what she said she assumed was sugar from the container. She discovered and reported the salt.

In the state capital, Albany, Health Commissioner Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe recommended revision of the state sanitary code to ban salt and other hazardous substances from hospital areas where food for infants is prepared.

Dr. Hilleboe said any disciplinary action against the practical nurse involved is up to the hospital. She is under suspension.

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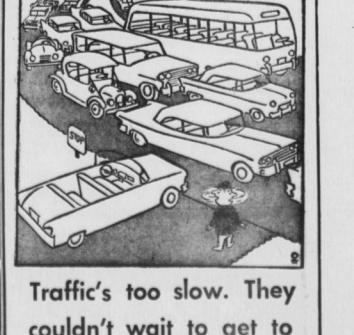

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