

TRANSPORT BOARD ORDERS NEW FREIGHT RATE SCALE

Additional Police On Guard In Washington

A change in the method customarily employed in selecting standing committees was instituted yesterday afternoon by Premier A. W. Matheson during the opening of the Fifth Session of the 47th General Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island.

In the past, pointed out the Premier, it was customary for the Leader of the Government and two of his colleagues to name standing committees. This year, according to a resolution passed yesterday, five members will select the various standing committees.

Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources, was appointed chairman of this five man committee. The other members include Hon. J. W. Arsenault, Minister without portfolio, Messrs. J. George MacKay (Liberal, Fourth Prince), John A. Macdonald (P.C., Third Kings) and Frank Myers (P.C., First Queens).

This committee will appoint standing committees for the following: Agriculture, Public Accounts, Private Bills, Legislative Library, Engrossing Bills, Contingent Accounts, Standing Rules and Orders, Revising the Journal and Education.

The committee has power to examine and inquire into such matters as may be referred to the House and may report on their observations. They may study the actions taken by the standing committees, pass their opinions and send for papers of persons necessary to their work.

Three members of the committee will constitute a quorum. Before introducing the resolution Mr. Matheson stated he studied the record for the past 50 years and found that from 1901-10 the different members named each committee. That was changed in 1910 to the Premier and usually two colleagues making the selection.

St. Laurent Enjoys Visit To Ceylon
KANDY, CEYLON, (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent, whose world tour has gone almost four of its six weeks, enjoyed the peace and quiet of the breezy Kandy hills Tuesday.

Pope Pius XII Quietly Observes Anniversary
By FRANK BRUTTO
VATICAN CITY, (AP)—Pope Pius XII quietly observed the double anniversary of his 78th birthday and the 15th of his reign Tuesday. Messages from many parts of the world arrived with wishes for his recovery.

Change In Appointing Legislative Committees

Look For Wider Plot In Monday's Shooting Incident

By ROGER D. GREENE
WASHINGTON, (AP)—Extra guards were thrown around the White House and the halls of Congress as police attempted Tuesday to discover whether Monday's wild gunfire assault by Puerto Rican nationalists in the House of Representatives was part of a wider plot.

In New York, police reported they had found Communist literature in the apartment of Rafael Miranda, 28, one of the four gun-wielders whose indiscriminate fire from spectators' gallery wounded five members of the House.

The most seriously wounded, Alvin Bentley, multi-millionaire Republican representative from Michigan, was reported slightly improved after an emergency operation.

All four assailants, including Lolita Lebron, 34, fiery ringleader, are held on charges of assault with intent to kill. Bail has been set at \$100,000 each but has not been posted.

Police said none of the four, all of whom came from New York, has shown any sign of remorse.

FBI Called In
New York authorities, announcing discovery of the red propaganda, said they had been asked by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to help to discover whether the shootings were part of a bigger plot linked with the fight by fanatic Puerto Rican nationalists for independence for their island homeland.

Speech Forecasts Improvement Educationally And Industrially

Opened House

The appointment of an Economic Development Council to promote agricultural, fishery and industrial development, re-examination of the present educational system and establishment of senior high schools in select rural areas with assistance in construction and equipment of classrooms, payment of teachers and provision of scholarships or prizes for Grades Eleven and Twelve, are forecast in the Speech from the Throne delivered by Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse at the opening of the Legislature here yesterday.

Other important measures include a detailed plan for rural electrification and legislation to provide for exploration on completion of the geological survey now being made in the Province by the Federal Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

Following is the full text of the Throne Speech:
"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island:
"It is with pleasure that I welcome you today as you resume your duties in this the fifth session of the Forty-seventh General Assembly of our Province.

"During the past year my Government has conducted the administration of the affairs of the Province with every possible economy consistent with the efficiency of public services. Financing has been carried on at favourable interest rates and the sinking funds are maintained at a high and satisfactory level. In the preparation and passing of estimates for the present year, it will be necessary that every care should be exercised towards maintaining economy and continuing that sound condition of finance.

"The Tourist Industry continues to grow in importance and to provide increased employment and revenue for those actively engaged in catering to tourists as well as furnishing a home market for the products of our farms and fisheries. My Government continues to encourage in every way this important industry.

Tourist Industry Bill
"In conformity with my Government's desire to promote the Tourist Industry a Bill will be introduced to provide for consolidation of present loans to provide a program for additional accommodation in keeping with modern trends.

Special Pass Needed For Visitors To U. S. Congress

Mr. Speaker

Hon. Forrest W. Phillips
Speaker of the Legislature

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON, (AP)—Nobility could get into the House of Representatives gallery Tuesday without a special pass, signed by his representative.

This was to prevent a recurrence of Monday's shooting, in which four Puerto Rican fanatics wounded five congressmen.

Down through the years there have been a number of violent flareups in the halls of Congress, though none quite like Monday's. Visitors who had turned into potential killers have in most cases fallen into these general categories:

1. Fanatics, like the Puerto Ricans.
2. Mental cases, like the man who waved a gun around in the House gallery in December, 1932 and said he wanted to make a speech on how to end the depression. Representative Melvin Mass (Rep. Minn.) talked him into dropping the gun.

3. The disgruntled, who feel they have some sort of personal grudge. Into the third classification falls the July 12, 1947 attack on Senator John Bricker (Rep. Ohio) a former capital policeman fired two shots that missed.

And in March, 1921, Senator Charles B. Henderson (Dem. Nev.) was shot through the arm by a man who felt he had been wronged in a Nevada land deal.

Equalization Becomes Effective March 1, Next Year

OTTAWA, (CP)—A new freight rate scale aimed at leveling off the costs of rail hauls in different parts of Canada was ordered Tuesday by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The shakeup in basic rates, longest slide to date in a continuing inquiry into freight "equalization" begun in 1948, is to become effective March 1, 1955.

It adjusts the ceiling rates under which about one-fifth of Canada's \$1,000,000,000-a-year freight traffic is carried and to which many other rates are linked indirectly.

Generally, the main effect of the complex adjustments is that freight rate levels in the West and in the East will be brought closer together; the objective is parity. Historically, the western rates have been higher.

The board order—distributed Tuesday to the railways and other interested parties—is the first solid step in implementing an "equalization" order-in-council by the federal government in 1948 and parliamentary legislation of 1951.

Allow Extra Time
It is a firm follow-up to a somewhat similar but tentative rate scale issued by the transport board in December, 1952. This was to have gone into effect last Jan. 1, but after hearing representations across the country, the board later retarded the date to Jan. 1, 1955.

Has Confidence In Canada's Economic Future

MONTEREAL, (CP)—Gordon R. Ball, president of the Bank of Montreal, said Tuesday he has confidence in Canada's economic future despite signs of problems ahead.

In a speech prepared for delivery at the chemical engineering-petroleum convention of the Chemical Institute of Canada, he predicted a brighter future for the petroleum industry than for the "economy as a whole" and said the period ahead will be "a test of time."

Mr. Ball said the immediate future will bring widespread economic adjustment with a levelling out or decline in industrial production, employment, income, retail sales, exports and government expenditures.

"There will be greater competition," he said, which will affect export markets and domestic and imported products.

He suggested Canada face, rather than fear, competition, and the months ahead will bring a period of consolidation which was an essential stage in economic growth.

Speech From Throne
Following the reading of the Speech from the Throne and His Honour's departure from the House, the Speech was read again by the Speaker, Hon. Forrest W. Phillips.

Fog Continues Over Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., (CP)—The weatherman came out Tuesday night with his most pessimistic forecast since the fog lowered on this North Atlantic port city nine days ago: "Little change is expected until Friday, at least."

The fog, he said, is so thickly settled around the province's northeast coast that it would take an intense storm to move it out.

Meanwhile, about 150 airline passengers stranded here—some since last Tuesday—are becoming worried about their finances. It seemed their tune had changed from cursing the weather to counting their money.

Abolition Of Two-Zone Potato Rates In P.E.I.
The following press release was issued yesterday from the general offices of the Canadian National Railways at Montreal:

"An agreement has been reached between the Canadian National Railways and the Province of Prince Edward Island which settles the long standing dispute over the question of a two-zone freight rate now in effect on the Island.

60 Men Reported Laid Off At Amherst

AMHERST, N. S., (CP)—Sixty men have been temporarily laid off at the Robb Engineering Plant here, manager W. D. Hagen announced Tuesday. He said the reason for the layoff, probably for only a month, was because of delay in shipments of shell-making machinery. The plant normally employs 225 persons.

Sentenced For Book Swindle
HULL, Que., (CP)—Two Montrealers who swindled Hull merchants out of more than \$1,000 through promotion of a proposed book on the life of Cardinal Paul-Emile Leger were sentenced Tuesday to jail terms.

Christian Carle, 37, was sentenced to 14 months and Alban Guerin, 45, to one year. Both pleaded guilty to charges of false pretenses.

Both men obtained letters of homage to the cardinal from government leaders and used the letters to entice business men to buy space in the proposed volume for similar messages to the Montreal prelate.

KIDNAPPED FOR NIGHT
TORONTO, (CP)—Eight-year-old Dorothy Anne Nancekivell Tuesday said a man and woman in a car picked her up and kept her all night in a house near her suburban Scarborough home. Her 16-hour disappearance caused an all-night search in a blinding snowstorm by 300 volunteers and a dozen policemen. She was found walking along a street three blocks from home.

House Formally Opened By Lieutenant Governor

There was a large number of visitors in attendance at the formal opening of the Provincial Legislature yesterday by His Honour Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse.

His Honour made his appearance promptly at three o'clock, accompanied by his private secretary, Dr. L. E. Prowse and his aides, Capt. J. J. Connolly, V.R.D., Lt. Col. A. W. Rogers, E.D., and Wing Commander A. G. MacMillan, D.F.C., Brigadier W. W. Reid, D.S.O., representative General E. C. Plow, General Officer Commanding Eastern Command.

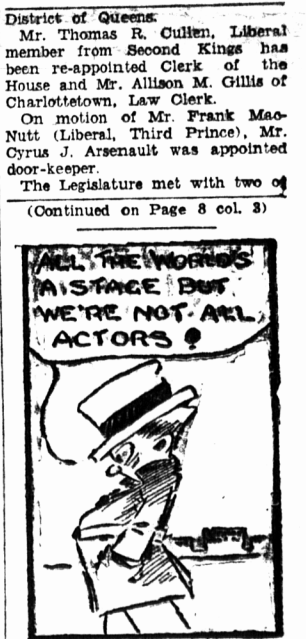
On his arrival at the Provincial Building, His Honour inspected a guard of honour, and also the Recce Band under the command of Major R. J. Mahar. The sixty-man Guard was commanded by Captain Gerald Foster. Other officers of the Guard were Lieut. H. B. Carr, Lieut. H. H. Simpson and Sgt. Major Warren S. Farrar.

Major Mike Campbell commanded the gun crews of the 28th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment at Victoria Park at three o'clock. Other officers included Capt. Whiston Smith and Medical Officer R. D. MacNeill.

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Premier Matheson then gave notice that the Speech would be the first order of the day when the House resumes this afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. J. Brenton St. John of Souris will be the mover of the reply to the Throne Speech and the seconder will be Mr. Harold Smith of Pownal from the Fourth



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	9	23
Vancouver	26	45
Victoria	26	47
Edmonton	5b	7
Calgary	11b	14
Regina	6b	3
Winnipeg	1b	2
Toronto	25	38
Ottawa	32	35
Montreal	34	42
Quebec	33	38
Saint John	33	40
Moncton	33	40
Halifax	36	39
Charlottetown	32	43
Sydney	32	43
Yarmouth	32	43
St. John's	35	49

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says drier air has spread into the southwest part of the district and will continue northeastward across the remainder of the Maritime Wednesday. A fine, extremely mild day is forecast for most regions.

Regional forecasts:
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; extremely mild; light winds. Low-high at Fredericton and Saint John 32 and 40. Edmundston and Campbellton 31 and 42. Moncton 35 and 40. Charlottetown 35 and 45.
Bay of Fundy: Light westerly winds; clearing, with visibility 10 miles; continuing mild.
High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:48 a. m. and 9:14 p. m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:48 a. m. and sets at 6:02 p. m.

Coming Events
*Variety Concert, Millview Hall, March 8th, sponsored by Vernon River Institute, Curtain 8 o'clock.
*Reminder, get your entries in before March 13th, for the debating competition and crokinole competition. Apply now, Box 9, Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown.