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HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES PRICE-FIXING BILL

Plan Closer Scrutiny Of Freight Rates; Provinces Pleased

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 — (CP) — The Board of Transport Commissioners today served notice it is going to make a closer scrutiny of some of the railways' freight rates and financial practices.

As hearings on the carriers' application for a 10-per-cent rate increase neared an end, the Board also made known it is going to make it easier for shippers to get their freight-rate complaints dealt with.

Mr. Justice J.D. Kearney, chief commissioner, told the railways and provincial counsel opposing the current increase that the board:

- 1. Is going to conduct spot

Coming Events

- *Rummage sale, Trinity Social Hall, Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m.
- *Emyvale Christmas Concert in Lot 65 Hall, December 21st.
- *Uing Christmas Concert, December 20th.
- *Springton School concert Wednesday, Dec. 19th.
- *Christmas Concert, St. Teresa's Hall, December 20th.
- *Reserve Dec. 18th for Irish-town Christmas Concert.
- *Reserve December 21st, Hazelbrook School Concert, Curtain 8.15.
- *Reserve Friday, December 21st, for Springfield Lot 67, Variety Concert.
- *Come in and talk over our Purina finance plan for your hogs and poultry. Dillon & Spillet.
- *Reserve December 20th for Brookfield School Concert in Brookfield Hall.
- *Dance in Malpeque Hall, Tuesday, December 11th. Sponsored by Malpeque Farm Forum.
- *Dance postponed tonight. Islanders Country Club, Traveller's Rest.
- *Marshfield School Concert, Friday, December 14th, Marshfield Hall, Curtain 8.15.
- *Get your Christmas Curl now at Rogerson's Beauty Shoppe, Craapud. Will close for winter months December 31st.
- *For Snapshots that will not fade mail your Films and Negatives to Garnum Photo Studios Charlottetown.
- *Buying live fowl and chicken daily. We weigh and pay at farm. Write or phone collect for pick up service. Smith Bros., Pownal.
- *Farmers, ask about the Shur-Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- *Bazaar, fish pond and lunch, Breadalbane Hall, Saturday evening, December 8th. Sponsored by the Ladies Lodge.
- *Hot Chicken Supper in Morell Hall, Wednesday, December 12th, starting at 5 o'clock. Sponsored by Marie United Church.
- *Annual Meeting of Kingston Telephone Co., in Kingston Hall, December 15th, 1951. Edgar Newson.
- *Annual Meeting of Covehead Community Hall, December 10th, at 8:00 o'clock. Three districts please attend. If not fine, Tuesday.
- *Sale of articles suitable for Christmas gifts at the Sacred Heart Home, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 13th and 14th, afternoon and evening.
- *Buying live chickens and fowl Monday and Tuesday 9 until 12. This will be our last buying days for live poultry. R. L. Dickson, New Glasgow.
- *All interested in Lorne Valley Cemetery Improvements, please attend a meeting Tuesday, December 11th, at 8 P. M. in the Church.
- *Buying pigs, feeder cattle, young horses and foals. Monday at Fredericton. Paying \$20.00 a pair for good pigs over 40 pounds. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgenson.
- *Poultry Producers — Will not be buying geese or ducks remainder of season. Require large quantity of dressed and live chicken. Best prices. Central Egg and Poultry Station, Grafton Street, Charlottetown, Phone 2522.

checks of rail competitive rates, with a view to determining if these low charges — largely concentrated in Central Canada — are justified by competition.

2. Is going to make spot checks of the railways' maintenance expenditures to investigate the claim of provincial counsel that the Canadian Pacific Railway — the "yardstick" line on rates — is charging too much of these expenses against current freight rates rather than financing some by borrowing.

3. Wants the railways to make it easier for shippers to get complaints dealt with. If shippers didn't get satisfaction from the railways, they would be welcome before the board.

Counsel from eight provinces opposing the rate increase — all except Ontario and Quebec — expressed satisfaction with the announcements. They had been complaining on the three points for some years.

Spokesmen for the two trans-continental railways promised full co-operation.

The Chief Commissioner, hearing his first rate case since he took office a few weeks ago, also told participants the board would not be able to deal fully in the present case with variety of requests from shippers for special treatment, as the application had to be disposed of quickly.

Go To Railways

He advised them to take up their complaints with the railways and then, if these were not adjusted, to come to the board for a hearing.

By-election In Bennett's Old Riding Monday

CALGARY, Dec. 7 — (CP) — Voters in Calgary West constituency, the seat held for 14 years by a former Prime Minister, the late R.B. Bennett, will choose a new member of parliament Monday in the 12nd federal by-election since the 1946 general election.

It is a three-way fight between Liberal, Progressive Conservative and Social Credit candidates for the traditionally Conservative seat.

The candidates are oil journalist Carl Nickle, 37, Progressive Conservative; veteran educationist Dr. Frank Gordon Buchanan, 65, Liberal; and Arthur Johnson Dixon, 32-year-old real estate man carrying Social Credit hopes.

The by-election was made necessary by the resignation last summer of A. L. Smith, Calgary lawyer who quit due to ill health after holding the seat for the Progressive Conservatives since 1945.

There are 44,556 eligible voters, 9,256 rural and 35,300 urban. In the 1946 general election, there were 38,231 qualified voters. Although the new Indian Act allows voting by treaty Indians, none have indicated they will give up tax-exemption privileges to do so. The 199 polling stations open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

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Servicemen Can Send Home Duty Free Gifts

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 — (CP) — Canada's fighting men serving abroad will be allowed to send home gifts duty free under an order-in-council passed today by the government.

The order, tabled in the Commons by Prime Minister St. Laurent, provides for admission to Canada free of customs and excise duty personal gifts from servicemen abroad not exceeding \$25 in value.

The gifts cannot include cigars, tobacco or alcoholic beverages. At the same time the army put a great big crimp in the soldier's favorite pastime—scrapping souvenirs.

Army Headquarters issued strict orders prohibiting the "appropriation" of most types of captured enemy material including just about everything from works of art to planes and jeeps. The order applies to Canadian troops serving in operations theatres such as Korea or Germany.

Army spokesmen said the order results not from any intensive "souvenir hunting" on the part of Canada's troops abroad, but rather to bring Canadian regulations in line with United States orders in Korea. The U. S. regulations forbid home-bound GI's or other Allied troops taking any souvenirs with them except those legitimately purchased.

Island Soldiers En Route To Europe



These five Prince Edward Island soldiers, members of the Highland Battalion now are en route to L. G. MacPhee, Charlottetown; Cpl. N. E. MacFarlane, Southport; Pte. L. J. Murphy, Charlottetown; Pte. J. W. Gudmore, of Boashaw, P.E.I., and Lt. K. L. Mollison, Summerside.

(National Defence Photo).

Luxurious New Quarters For Navy Men At Halifax

HALIFAX, Dec. 7 — (CP) — Did you think that joining the navy was a matter of sleeping in hammocks and grabbing a hot cup of tea on heaving decks?

If so, you should see the new living quarters that were opened at H. M. C. S. Stadacona here today. Sumptuous is the word.

The superior service now has a spot that sailors will write home about. And in this case, the "silent" service admitted frankly that its new "block" is "believed to be the most modern armed forces barracks in Canada."

There is, for instance, the "Mermaid's Arms," where many a man will sit and quaff his pint of beer. But the kitchen and the dining hall drew most "ohs" and "ahs" from the visitors.

Chief Petty Officer Alfred Shano, in charge of the huge eatery, says its the best he's ever seen. He knows something about these things, because he's already opened five dining halls for the navy, although he's only 34.

Some 800 men will move into the building tomorrow—nearly 200 of them from the old "The Hotel" because of the appointments. The dining hall seats some 600 men. The 200 roomy four-man-bed-cabins are a far cry from the navy's swaying hammocks.

In wartime, plans provide for placing double bunks in the cabins and to add another storey—for a total of four—to more than double the complement.

Commodore Adrian M. Hope, recently retired as commander of Stadacona, opened the building officially. Besides the cabins, cafeteria and wet and dry canteens, the build-

ing boasts five laundry and drying rooms, complete with washing machines, a lounge, recreation hall, chapel, and shops for the tailor, shoemaker and barbers.

Distribution of keys was one of the major jobs of Lt.-Cmndr. A. F. (Tony) Benton, in charge of the moving job. He had well over 2,000 to hand.

News In Brief

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 7 — (CP) — The Ford Company of Canada today flatly refused to reinstate 26 men whose firing Monday touched off a strike which has idled 10,000.

VIENNA, Dec. 7 — (AP) — A purge reaching "from the lower ranks up to the highest level" of the Czechoslovak Communist Party was announced tonight by the Prague radio in a Russian-language broadcast.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 — (CP) — The government has not yet withdrawn the permission given to the Ming Sung Company to fly the Canadian flag on seven ships in oriental waters. Prime Minister St. Laurent told the commons today.

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 8 — (Saturday) — (AP) — Snow and rain in the Korean war front Friday reduced ground action and halted the record 11-day series of jet air battles. It was one of the quietest days since the Reds invaded South Korea June 25, 1950.

Slow Progress In Truce Talks

MUNSAN, Korea, Dec. 8 — (Saturday) — (AP) — Korean truce negotiations inched along Friday with some "progress—but not much—on a compromise proposal for policing an armistice.

Sub-committee delegates return to Panmunjom today for another session at 11 a.m. (9 p.m. EST Friday) in an effort to iron out differences on two points.

In the wilderness of words attendant to the talks, these points were: 1. Whether both sides should designate an equal number of representatives on an armistice commission; 2. How to limit troops during an armistice.

Although the delegations still sharply disagreed, observers at this Allied camp said they might reach a compromise solution on the supervision problem within a week.

Once that is disposed of, the next question is exchange of prisoners.

The Reds have again rebuffed an Allied suggestion that a sub-committee start work on the prisoner item at once.

Adjourns To Jan. 29

LONDON, Dec. 7 — (AP) — Parliament adjourned until Jan. 29. The 53-day holiday was decreed by Prime Minister Churchill to give his new Conservative Government a chance to work up its legislative program.

Urges Action To Prevent Price Wars

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 — (CP) — A Government proposal to make resale price maintenance illegal was adopted today by a special parliamentary committee and recommended for approval of Parliament.

Resale price maintenance is the practice whereby a manufacturer or supplier sets the retail price at which his product will be sold to the consumer.

The committee's report, containing the recommendation, was tabled in the Commons as it adjourned for the week-end.

Summarizing three weeks of stormy discussion, the committee said some groups feared price wars may be started by big retailers to kill off the little stores and urged vigorous enforcement of a section of the Criminal Code dealing with price discrimination.

Would Ban Price Cutting

The committee's report said it does not believe any "substantial" loss-leader selling—selling at below cost to attract customers—will develop as a result of the proposal to ban price maintenance. In any case, vigorous enforcement of the Criminal Code should be sufficient.

However, if other predatory price-cutting did take place, "the Government should then consider placing before Parliament further amendments of the Combines Investigation Act or the Criminal Code prohibiting such other types of predatory price cutting and providing adequate penalties for them."

The Criminal Code's price discrimination section says any one convicted of an offence is liable to a \$1,000 fine or one month's imprisonment, or a corporation, a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

Reject Proposal

In recommending vigorous action on the Criminal Code section aimed at traders who sell at "unreasonably low" prices to eliminate a competitor, the committee rejected a proposal by David Croll (L-Toronto Spadina) that new legislation be drafted to cover loss leaders.

His proposal was discussed openly earlier today and then behind closed doors. Members, while agreeing that some action should be taken to protect the little trader, disagreed with Mr. Croll's definition of a loss leader as anything sold below five per cent above cost.

His motion was defeated, as was another by E. D. Fulton (PC-Kamloops) to have the committee report that the whole subject should be considered further, along with a study of the fair trade laws of the United States.

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Will Keep Check On Vegetables Offered For Sale

In an effort to ensure that the consumer obtains a good article at present high prices, a closer check is to be made on stocks of potatoes and vegetables offered for sale in stores. It was stated yesterday by Mr. C. E. Shaw, of the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service.

His department is willing to investigate reports of inferior quality, Mr. Shaw said. He added that housewives have been checking very closely on quality and grade before purchasing and some adverse reports have been received and checked.

The small consumer pack for potatoes is in good demand locally with several stores handling a considerable quantity. Greater care is required on the part of the producer and shipper in packing the smaller article with even one slightly defective potato readily discernible. A fair quantity of this smaller pack is also being exported by rail, mainly from the western end of the Island.

Compensating Benefits For Island Urged In House By Mr. McLure

OTTAWA, Dec. 7. — (Special) — Prince Edward Island should be granted benefits in the form of federal public works and improved transportation in exchange for its support of the St. Lawrence Seaway project.

This principle was voiced in the House of Commons today by W. Chester S. McLure, Conservative member for Queen's in the course of the seaway debate.

On the basis of Transport Minister Chevrier's address to the House on the seaway and power development, Mr. McLure said, there was not a single ray of hope that Prince Edward Island would or could benefit directly from the seaway. It was even uncertain if the Maritime Provinces in general would receive some compensating benefits concurrent with construction of the waterway and power establishments.

If such compensating benefits were granted, he said, Prince Edward Island would gain indirectly because it shares the general prosperity of Canada's eastern seaboard. What he wanted, Mr. McLure emphasized, was not vague promises but guarantees in black and white that the Government would do something for the Maritimes to even up the immense prosperity it proposes to bring to Ontario through building of St. Lawrence development.

Specific works asked for by Mr. McLure were improvements to the Charlottetown harbor and its maintenance in the improved state; immediate construction of a railway marine slip at Charlottetown; new public buildings and improvements to existing ones, and aids and improvements to the transportation system of the Island.

On the indirect side, Mr. McLure

Urges Canada First Policy

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 — (CP) — A Progressive Conservative member today told the government it should adopt a "Canada first" policy in the development of this country's resources.

The suggestion came from Howard Green, lawyer member from Vancouver-Quadra, in continued commons debate on legislation to set up a crown agency to construct the St. Lawrence.

The house later adopted a resolution to a bill providing for establishment of the agency and the bill itself was given first reading.

Similarly advanced was legislation covering an agreement with Ontario for the \$400,000,000 development of power resources on the international section of the St. Lawrence River. The cost of the power development will be shared by Ontario and New York state.

Mr. Green said the Canadian people should get the first chance to use their own resources. For instance, iron ore should be turned into steel in Canada and not exported in raw form to the United States and elsewhere.

Iron ore from two deposits in British Columbia now was being shipped to Japan and bought back in the form of steel. Japan paid about \$10 a ton for the ore and Canadians paid about \$200 a ton for the finished steel.

Airman's Courage Saves Life Of Injured Eskimo

HALIFAX, Dec. 7 — (CP) — Courage, skill and science saved the life of an unidentified Eskimo—unidentified because he speaks his own language only and can't tell his name.

The R.C.A.F. told tonight how Lt. L. B. (Mike) Pearson of Woodstock, Ont., took a chance when he landed his amphibious Canso aircraft on the water beside Hebron, far in the Labrador northland, yesterday to pick up the injured Eskimo.

Floating ice and the skimpy size of the landing run made the touch-down hazardous, so Pearson dropped a portable radio set so that those below could tell whe-

Preliminary Inquiry Into Murder Charge At Geo'town

A preliminary inquiry in the case of Joseph Gabriel MacDonald, Chepstow, charged with the murder of Mrs. John C. Mary (Ann) MacKinnon at her Little Harbour home on the night of November 8 last was opened yesterday in Georgetown Court House before King's County Stipendiary Magistrate Joseph MacDonald.

A total of 13 witnesses was heard before the inquiry was adjourned until next Friday, December 14. Mr. J. O. C. Campbell, K.C., and Mr. S. S. Hessian, K.C., appeared for the Crown while Mr. H. F. McPhee, K.C., and Mr. James Johnston represented the defence.

Dr. Harold Shaw, Provincial Pathologist, the first witness called, stated that he had performed a post-mortem examination on the body of Mrs. MacKinnon the day following her death. He said he found evidence of bleeding from a small, round, penetrating wound a half inch behind and below the left ear. The direction of the wound in deviation from an imaginary straight line would be 10 degrees downward and 5 degrees backwards. There were no powder burns.

The deceased showed a slight abrasion on the chin, witness stated, but there was no evidence of organic disease nor pregnancy. Tests made for the presence of alcohol were negative. He had removed a "missile" fragment of lead from the head of the victim. In his opinion it was the object which caused death. He turned it over to the R.C.M.P. in this city.

Cross examined by Mr. Johnston he said he took the missile from the opposite side of the neck from where it entered. The bullet had been locked in a cabinet and the key retained on his person at all times until it was handed to the police the next day. The witness could not state definitely from his memory if there had been a blood test for alcohol. He thought it had been done, but could verify the fact from his records.

R.C.M.P. Constable George Cass said he had received the missile from Dr. Shaw on November 10 at the police barracks. He put it in a bottle in a cupboard which he locked. He went to Ottawa

the next day and turned it over to S/Sgt. William Wallace Sutherland. It was the same object he had accepted from Dr. Shaw. Staff Sgt. Sutherland testified that he was a member of the R.C.M.P. and was employed in the Detection Laboratory at Rockcliffe. He had been connected with firearms identification for over 7 years and had received special training in that field at Ottawa, Saskatchewan and New York City.

He had received the jar containing the bullet from Cnst. Cass in Ottawa on November 12 and the jar and bullet now bore his own markings. At this point in his testimony he stepped down from the stand as Constable Cass was recalled.

Rifle In Evidence
He testified that he had also given the staff sergeant a .22 calibre rifle the stock of which had apparently been sawn off. He had received it from Constable Ralph Sandberg of the Souris Detachment along with a small bottle containing three live rounds of ammunition. Defense attorney McPhee objected to the relevancy of the rifle "at this stage."

S/Sgt. Sutherland said he was familiar with this type of rifle which was a Cooby, made in Cobourg, Ont., and was a Sure Shot repeater with bolt action. He described the rifling of guns and said he had fired this one. He examined the bullet he had fired and made a comparison with the bullet presented.

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